

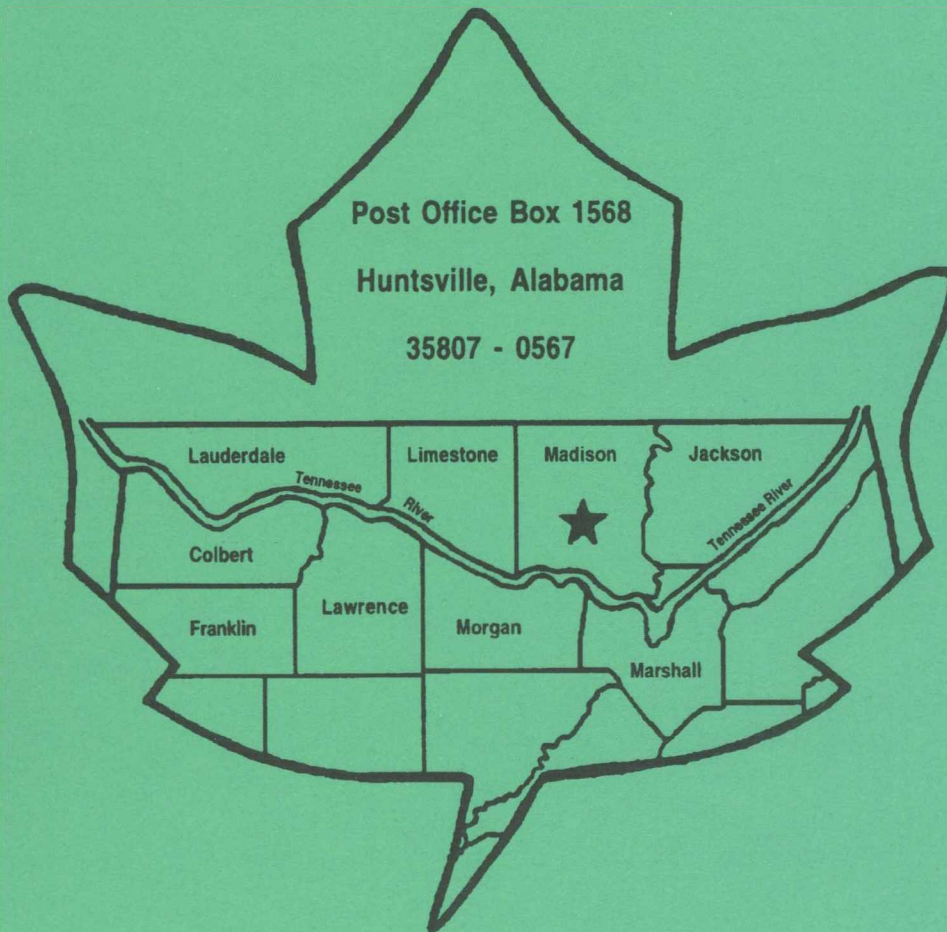
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**Mark Your Calendar**  
**March 28, 2002**  
 Dorothy Scott Johnson will teach us how to locate our ancestor's land on maps and how to abstract deeds. Mrs. Johnson is a well-known genealogist with many books to her credit including one in which she has abstracted the first five deed books of Madison County, Al. Handouts will be given but bring your pencil for notes.

**Meetings**

TVGS meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of July, Sept., Jan., March and May. There is no November meeting due to the Thanksgiving conflict. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library (915 Monroe St.) unless announced otherwise.

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## President's Page

Dear Friends,

If you missed our January meeting, you missed a wonderful program presented by Ms. Frazine Taylor from the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Ms. Taylor talked to us about the resources at the Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, and about their new web site. Information is being made readily available to those doing research in Alabama without having to travel to Montgomery. We thank Ms. Taylor for making the trip to Huntsville to tell us all the exciting things that are being planned to help Alabama researchers.

We have begun to try new methods to reach membership and to publicize our meetings and programs. At the last meeting we welcomed many new faces as a result of opening new avenues of advertising. In the future, we plan to continue with some of these new ideas and hope to see many more new faces at each meeting.

Jim Maples, our program chairman, continues to do an outstanding job bringing in excellent speakers. For the March meeting Dorothy Scott Johnson, "Dot," will teach us how to locate our ancestor's land on maps and how to abstract deeds. You will each receive a valuable hand-out for this hands-on work session so bring a pencil.

Annewhite Fuller is our Spring Seminar Chairman this year and plans are progressing nicely. This year's seminar will be presented by the Atlanta Division of the National Archives and attendance is a must for anyone researching in the Tennessee Valley area (see our centerfold in this issue). Mary Evelyn Tomlin of the Genealogical Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, will speak on Tennessee Valley Authority records, including relocation of cemeteries affected by the building of dams on the river and subsequent development of lakes and reservoirs along the way. An explanation of the records housed in the Georgia facility will be given. I hope you will be able to join us on May 4, 2002 in Huntsville for this most enlightening seminar.

Charlotte Hazel  
President

# Colbert County

## 1860 LaGrange Military Academy Students

(Part 7 – Final)

Cash per Mrs. E. F. Coles (\$56.34) and A. G. Inman (\$126.38)	182.72	
Cash per J. W. Rutland (\$10.10) and Mrs. McClung (\$76.25)		96.35
Cash per F. W. Sykes (\$59.50, \$28.00) and Mr. Clun[?] (\$100.81)		160.31
Cash per L. Perry per order	100.00	
Dec 28 Cash per Chandler Smith & Co.,	1030.00	

### Fraser, John, Athens, Alabama

1860 (p. 54)

July 5 Board, tuition of son, 5 <sup>th</sup> session	100.00	
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### Malone, J. H., Athens, Alabama

1860 (p. 54)

July 5 Board Tuition etc of ward, 5 <sup>th</sup> session	100.00	
Sept 5 Paid freight	.25	
Nov 22 To ward	1.00	

### May, W. T., Guntersville, Alabama

1860 (p. 55)

July 4 Board, tuition and cof., 2 sons 5 <sup>th</sup> session	200.00	
July 19 Cash to son W. W. May	2.50	
Aug 2 Cash to son W. W. May	7.50	
Sept 9 Cash to son W. W. May	7.00	
Sept 18 Cash to son W. May, coats & etc	16.00	
Oct 23 Cash to son W. W. May	5.00	
Oct. 27 Cash to son W. May	5.00	
Nov 23 Cash to sons to go home	11.00	
Nov 24 Cash to sons to go home	3.00	
Nov 27 per letter		20.00

### Ross, Capt. W. J., Huntsville, Alabama

1860 (p. 56)

July 9 Board, tuition & etc of son, 5 <sup>th</sup> session		
Oct 13 Cash to son	1.00	

### Eldridge, Mr. J. M., guardian, Meridianville, Alabama

1860 (p. 60)

July 5 Board, tuition etc of ward, C. Hancock for 5 <sup>th</sup> session	100.00	
Nov 22 Drawn by hand	10.00	

**Lile, Mr. Thomas, Trinity, Alabama**

1860 (p. 61)  
July 25 Board, tuition & bal. of 5<sup>th</sup> session for son 91.35  
Nov 22 Absence of 7 weeks at \$3.75 26.25

**Bradley, Col. Joseph C., Huntsville, Alabama**

1860 (p. 62)  
July 31 Board, tuition & etc. for son for bal. of 5<sup>th</sup> session 88.00  
Sept. 17 Cash for son to go home 6.00  
Oct. 23 Cash for son to go home 5.00  
Nov. 21 Cash for son to go home 5.00

**Drake, Mr. J. R., Huntsville, Alabama**

1860 (p. 63)  
Aug 1 Board, tuition & etc for son for balance of 5<sup>th</sup> session 88.00  
Sept 28 Cash to son 7.00

**Wiggins, Mr. R. A., Madison Station, Alabama**

1860 (p. 64)  
Aug 2 Board, tuition & cof. for son for bal. of 5<sup>th</sup> session 85.00  
Cash in person 85.00

**McClung, Mrs. Margaret, Huntsville, Alabama**

1860 (p. 66)  
Aug 4 Board, tuition & etc for son for bal. of 5<sup>th</sup> session 85.00

**Martin, Mr. Joseph, Huntsville, Alabama**

1860 (p. 68)  
July 11 Board, tuition, etc for ward for 5<sup>th</sup> session 100.00

**Scruggs, Mr. J. H., Huntsville, Alabama**

1860 (p. 70)  
Aug 23 Board, tuition & cof. for son for bal. of 5<sup>th</sup> session 70.00

**Martin, cadet**

1860 (p. 71)  
Sept 5 Freight .25  
Note: Nothing else on ledger

**Watkins, Mr. W., Guardian**

1860 (p. 73)  
July 17 Board, tuition & cof. for ward for bal. of 5<sup>th</sup> session 100.00  
Aug 12 14 weeks absence of ward at \$3.75 52.50

**Drake, J. T., Fayetteville, Tennessee**

1860 (p. 73)  
Aug 7 Board, tuition & Cof. for son bal. of 5<sup>th</sup> session 81.00

**McGuire, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 76)  
Oct 23 Cash per Mr. Cribbs 80.00  
Nov 10 Cash for coat (\$7.50) and cash to go home (\$18.50) 26.00

**Ferguson, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 78)  
Oct 23 Cash 2.00  
Dec 27 per letter 20.00

**Deason, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 78)  
Oct 23 Cash 2.00

**Russell, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 78)  
Oct 27 Cash 2.00  
Nov 24 Cash 24.00

**McLain, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 78)  
Nov 18 Cash per Sykes for Coats [?]

**Wright, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 78)  
Nov 21 Cash .50

**Spivey, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 78)  
Nov 22 Cash 1.50

**Danson, Col. N. H. R., guard. of B. Taron [?], Selma, Alabama**

1860 (p. 79)  
Amt. brought forward from page 39 [Note: Page 39 missing] 299.00 200.00  
Nov 2 Absence of ward 11 weeks at \$3.70 41.25  
Nov 24 Check on N. O. [New Orleans] 70.00

**Rogers, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 79)  
Nov 22 Cash 1.00

**Kirkland, Cadet [No location given]**

1860 (p. 79)  
Nov 22 Cash to go home 20.00

**Callahan, Cadet A. J. [No location given]**

1860 (p. 79)  
Dec 27 Cash to go home  
12.00



**Heulett, Cadet D. H., [No location given]**

1860 (p. 79)

Dec 17 Cash paid freight .25

**Account of monies received & expended for 1860**

1860 (p. 82)

Cash per:

Feb 5	J. C. Baker (\$95.) and P. Pointer (\$95)	190.00	
N.	Beaumont (\$25.) and W. P. Pullen (\$95.)	120.00	
	P. L. Wade (\$95.) and J. H. Russell (\$95.)	190.00	
	J. H. Callaway (\$95) and W. D. Collins (\$95)	190.00	
Feb 6	Jno. R. Harris (\$95) and W. H. Garbough[Garlough?] (\$95)	190.00	
Feb 7	L. Moore (\$190) and E. R. Stanley (\$95)	285.00	
	R. S. McReynolds (\$95) and W. H. Turner (\$95)	190.00	
	R. J. Nance (\$95) and W. F. Sykes (\$95)	190.00	
	J. D. Rather (\$95) and F. S. Norman (\$95)	190.00	
Feb 8	E. Isbell (\$95) and W. P. McMahan (\$95)	190.00	
	W. McGregor (\$90) and P. W. McVay (\$95.)	285.00	2110.00
	T. W. Fellin (\$86.50) and J. W. Rutland (\$9)	181.50	
	L. P. Guy (\$95) and Thos. Pope (\$95)	190.00	
	James Jackson (\$95) and J. H. Thompson (\$95)	190.00	
	James Mullins (\$90) and J. D. Battle (\$95)	185.00	
	J. P. Jones (\$95) and F. H. Norman (\$190)	285.00	
	E. F. Coles (\$95) and J. Dement (\$95)	190.00	
	D. B. Friend (\$95) AND a. Messinger (\$95)	190.00	
Feb 9	G. W. Drake (\$95) and C. W. Strong (\$95)	190.00	
	Jno. Kirlen (\$95) and J. P. Gray (\$95)	285.00	
Feb 22	J. W. Pruet (\$190) and V. S. Pruet (\$95)	285.00	
	J. S. Nopin (\$95) and Jas. Eakford (\$95)	190.00	
	O. King (\$95) and W. Hooks (\$90)	185.00	
Mch 13	Mrs. C. Rand (\$70) and Jas. Siles (\$95)	165.00	
Mch 31	C. Cross (\$80) and Jos. T. Harrison (\$80)	160.00	
Sep 2	N. H. R. Danson (\$80) and J[?] H. Gordon (\$95)	175.00	
Apr 4	Charles Womble	59.00	
Apr 9	W. Adams (\$86.25) and R. Coles (\$50)	136.25	
Apr 28	S. S. Hunnegan (\$285) and Mayer R. T. Jones (\$72.50)	357.50	
Apr 23	A. Eason (\$50)	50.00	
May 7	J. Lightfoot	90.00	
Apr 2	Hunt, R. T. (\$66) and E. Martin \$50)	116.00	
Apr 9	S. S. Davis (\$52) and J. S. Davis (\$68)	118.00	
Mch 6	T. C. Vinson for son (\$20), for Nolen (\$40)	60.00	

End LaGrange Military Academy Students

# Franklin County

## Marriage Record Book 3

1902 - 1907

Part 7

Copied and contributed by Oscar Glover

No.	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	Officiated by:
086	Chaney, L. O.	Romans, Mary A.	3 May 1903	W. B. Hutchens, MG Married at Russellville, AL; Mr. S. J. Romans gave written permission for bride to wed. Bondsmen: L. O. Chaney and B. F. Britnell.
087	Gorman, John (c)	Mulwee, Henrietta (c)	3 May 1903	O. C. Watts Married at residence of Andia Gorman. Bondsmen: John Gorman and A. W. McCollum
087	Mack, Henry (c)	McClellan, Bell (c)	3 May 1903	W. L. King MG Married at Russellville, AL Bondsmen: Henry Mack and W. A. James.
088	Barksdale, John	Rollins, Azerlee		Returned unexecuted
088	Scales, Eugene (c)	Ford, Mary (c)	4 May 1903	E. F. James (Rev.) Married at Russellville, AL Bondsmen: Eugene Scales and Norwood Goodson.
089	Lackey, A. J.	Warhurst, M. L.	10 May 1903	W. A. Austin, MG Married at Russellville, AL; G. M. & S. M. Warhurst gave consent in writing for their daughter to wed. Bondsmen: A. J. Lackey and W. J. Romans.
089	McLeskey, H. L.	West, Rosa E.	7 May 1903	M. J. Frost, MG Married at Residence of J. A. West who gave consent in writing for his daughter to wed. Bondsmen: H. L. McLeskey and D. H. McLeskey.
090	Crowell, C. A.	Porter, Mollie O.	14 May 1903	James W. Clark, MG Married at residence of R. T. Kennedy. Bondsmen: C. A. Crowell and J. D. Amos.
090	Williams, Carroll	Burleson, Mattie	10 May 1903	W. B. Hutchens, MG Married at Russellville, AL Bondsmen: Carroll Williams, S. A. Blankenship and P. Blankenship.
091	Goddard, G. W.	Bull, L. M.	19 May 1903	W. H. Austin, MG Married at Russellville. Bondsmen: G. W. Goddard, W. I. Bullock and Geo. C. Almon.
091	Griggs, J. A.	Arnold, Ida D.	20 May 1903	H. B. Foster (Rev.) W. M. Arnold made affidavit that Miss Ida D. Arnold was over age of 18 yrs. and that J. A. Griggs was over age of 21 years. Bondsmen: J. A. Griggs and W. M. Arnold.

- 092 McKernal, Abe (c) Hawkins, Charity (c) 22 May 1903 W. H. Austin, M.G  
Married at Russellville, AL; T. H. Hawkins made affidavit that Charity Hawkins is  
over age 18. Bondsmen: Abe McKernal and J. H. Hawkins.
- 092 Rogers, V. F. Tidwell, Vick 23 May 1903 T. D. Newell, MG  
Married at residence of James Williams. Bondsmen: V. F. Rogers and R. M. Berry
- 093 Gross, Will Riggs, Ermmie 29 May 1903 S. B. Ramsey  
Married at residence of N. M. Long. Bondsmen: Will Goss and Wm. Long.
- 093 James, William H. Hurley, Mary 31 May 1903 W. H. Austin, MG  
Married at Russellville, AL; J. T. Hurley gave consent in person for bride.  
Bondsmen: William H. James and B. F. Britnell.
- 094 Mansell, John Chadwell, Bettie E. 31 May 1903 T. E. McCulloch, JP  
Married at home of bride. Mr. G. T. and Mrs. D. A. Chadwell gave consent in  
writing for Bettie to marry. Julia Mansell gave permission in writing for John  
Mansell to wed. Bondsmen: John Mansell and A. C. Frederick.
- 094 Williams, N. B. Baggett, Mary (Mrs.) 2 June 1903 W. H. Nix, JP  
Married at residence of Mary Baggett. Bondsmen: N. B. Williams and Thomas Nix.
- 095 Jones, Will (c) Dawgins, Lucy (c) 1 June 1903 E. F. James  
Married at Russellville, AL. Bondsmen: Will Jones and John Pike.
- 095 Lee, John T. Jr. Woodruff, Ida 17 June 1903 T. E. McCulloch, JP  
Married at home of bride. J. C. & W. F. Woodruff gave permission in writing for  
bride. J. T. Lee gave consent in person for his son. Bondsmen: John T. Lee Jr. and  
John Lee.
- 096 Lewis, Robert M. Meroney, Ocie 21 June 1903 T. E. McCulloch, JP  
Married at home of bride. Patrick Meroney, Sr. and Louisa Meroney gives consent in  
writing for their daughter. Bondsmen: Robert M. Lewis and G. F. Chadwell.
- 096 Sims, J. T. Kennedy, S. J. 21 June 1903 R. F. Goldin, MG  
Married at home of bride. Mary Sims, mother of groom gives permission in writing.  
D. M. Kennedy gives permission for bride in writing. Bondsmen: J. T. Sims and T.  
E. Burch.
- 097 Broaderick, J. F. Capes, Callie (Mrs.) 19 July, 1903 A. J. Barnett, NP/JP  
Married at Admara Bulls's residence. Both parties had been previously married.  
Bondsmen: J. F. Broderick and S. R. Bingham.
- 097 Cornelius, W. J. Chaney, Mattie 23 June 1903 J. T. Hurley, MG  
Married at bridegroom's residence. R. Chaney, father of bride, gave consent in  
person. Bondsmen: W. J. Cornelius and R. Chaney.
- 098 Green, Henry Hamilton, Rontelie E. July 1903 I. L. Graves, JP  
Married at bride's father's residence. J. M. Hamilton, father of bride, gave consent in  
person. Bondsmen: Henry Green and J. M. Hamilton.
- 098 Thomas, Mathew J. W. Warhurst, Mary L. 1 July 1903 T. D. Newell, MG  
Married at bride's home. Fathers of both parties gave consent in person (not named).  
Bondsmen were Mathew J. W. Thomas and L. T. Thomas.

- 099 Bolton, Clarence Cooper, Flora Ann 5 July 1903 J. O. Hester, MG  
Married at residence of T. E. Cooper. T. E. Cooper gave consent for daughter.  
Father of groom gave consent in person. Bondsmen: Clarence Bolton, H. J. Bolton  
and J. D. Crawford.
- 099 Gray, James DeLaney, Mattie Jane 5 July 1903 W. L. DeLaney, MG  
Married at W. L. Delaney's residence. Bondsmen: James Gray and W. L. DeLaney.
- 100 Borden, Wiley Reason Franks, Ferby 12 July, 1903 R. J. Moody, J. P.  
Married at Russellville, Al; parents of the bride, Allen T. & Melviney Franks, gave  
permission in writing for bride to wed. Bondsmen: Wiley Reason Borden and D. D.  
White.
- 100 Gann, F. R. Seay, Doomy 22 July 1903 J. W. Doss, JP  
Married at Mrs. Seay's residence. Bondsmen: F. R. Gann and Wm. Trapp.
- 101 Bohanan, J. W. Lindsey, Mary Alice 22 July 1903 J. M. Thorn, JP  
Married at the office of Probate Judge, Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: J. W. Bohanan  
and N. A. Reid. Bride and groom both married previously.
- 101 Grissom, James L. Varnella, Hettie 20 July 1903 R. J. Moody, Pbt. Jg.  
Married at office of Probate Judge in Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: James L. Grissom  
and R. M. Berry.
- 102 Cleveland, Albert B Grissom, Catherine 22 July, 1903 R. A. Nix, MG  
Married at R. A. Nix's residence. Fathers of both parties gave consent in person [not  
named.] Bondsmen: Albert B. Cleveland and J. G. Cleveland.
- 102 Lawson, G. W. (c) Peters, Julie (c) 21 July 1903 W. L. King, MG  
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: G. W. Lawson and Frank Sheffield.
- 103 Bolding, James T. Weatherford, Shellie B. 2 Aug 1903 B. H. James, MG  
Married at bride's home. Both parties had been previously married. Bondsmen:  
James T. Bolding and John T. Ezzell.
- 103 McCollum, Louis (c) Grubbs, Onie Bell (c) 22 July 1903 James Hampton, MG  
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: Louis McCollum and Bennie Hamilton.
- 104 Bartlett, B. J. Devaney, Mary E. 5 Aug 1903 R. J. Moody, Prb. Jg.  
Married at Russellville, AL. Bondsmen: B. J. Bartlett and J. R. Taylor.
- 104 Bums, [Burns?] T. R. Finch, T. A. 11 Aug 1903 Jos. A. Dosier  
Married at Pleasant Site, Al. Bondsman: T. R. Burns and W. P. Jordan.
- 105 Gilbert, G. T. Wallace, Lydie 17 Aug 1903 W. B. Hutchens, MG  
Married at Russellville, Al. Mother of groom gave consent in person. Bondsmen:  
G. T. Gilbert and J. C. Overcast.
- 105 Vandiver, M. A. Fisher, Ada 15 Aug 1903 R. J. Moody, Prb. Jg.  
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: M. A. Vandiver and B. F. Fisher.

- 106 Quinn, Archie Britton, Worth 19 Aug 1903 Josiah J. Jones, MG  
Married at bride's home. Written permission given by Mrs. Ross Malone for Worth Britton as she was under age. Witness: Bryce Graham. Order proven by affidavit of Bryce Graham. Bondsmen: Archie Quinn and Bryce Graham.
- 106 Townsend, John Farned, Jessie 23 Aug 1903 R. T. Wear, MG  
Married at home of bride's parents. Bride had been previously married. Bondsmen: John Townsend and I. M. Richeson.
- 107 Arnold, W. M. Dye, Dellar 25 Aug 1903 S. R. Crumpton  
Married at Free Will Batis [sic] Church, Bethel. Written consent by B. A. Dye for his daughter's marriage. Affidavit proven by J. D. Arnold. Bondsmen: W. M. Arnold and J. D. Arnold.
- 107 Morrow, John William Boyd, Sarah J. 23 Aug 1903 W. O. Vinson, JP  
Married at bride's home. Bondsmen: John William Morrow and W. R. Stanphill.
- 108 Long, T. F. Allen, Clara 30 Aug 1903 S. B. Ramsey  
Married at Sill Long's. Written permission given by Nannie Allen for daughter's marriage. Witnessed by Low Allen. Bondsmen: T. F. Long and Silmon Long. Father of groom gave permission.
- 108 Rea, A. L. Hutcheson, Mary 30 Aug 1903 R. A. Nix  
Married at res. of Mr. Hutcheson. Written permission given by N. P. Hutcheson for his daughter's marriage. Bondsmen: A. L. Rea and W. M. Oliver.
- 109 Davis, J. W. Underwood, Mary E. (Mrs.) 1 Sept 1903 W.A. Kimbrough, MG  
Married at bride's home. Both parties have been previously married. Bondsmen: J. W. Davis and H. W. Roberts.
- 109 Henley, J. F. Barrett, Elena Elizabeth 30 Aug 1903 T.E. McCulloch, JP  
Married at home of the bride. Father of bride gave consent in person. Bondsmen: J. F. Henley and F. H. Henley.
- 110 Edwards, R. W. Haynes, Mary E. 3 Sept 1903 B. J. McLesky, MG  
Married at residence of H. R. Haynes. Written permission for license given by H. R. Haynes and L. L. Haynes. Bondsmen: R. W. Edwards and H. D. Allen.
- 110 Romans, William A. Warhurst, Josephine 30 Aug 1903 W. H. Austin, MG  
Married at Russellville, Al. Written permission given by G. H. Warhurst for his daughter's marriage. Father of groom gave consent in person. Bondsmen: Wm. A. Romans and S. J. Romans.
- 111 Hand, Henry Byrd, Aquilla 3 Sept 1903 B. H. James, MG  
Married at bride's home. Written permission for Aquilla Byrd by J. W. Byrd and Losa A. Byrd. Father of groom gave permission in person. Bondsmen: Henry Hand and William Hand.

- 111 Meherg, J. T. Thacker, Clodie C. 4 Sept 1903 J. W. Clark, MG  
Married at residence of J. A. Thacker. Bondsmen: J. T. Meherg, W. W. Meherg and J. B. Camp.
- 112 Oliver, Z. C. Wooten, Nancy M. E. 8 Sept 1903 J. J. Dillard, N.P.J.P.  
Married at the William Wooten residence. Bondsmen: Z. C. Oliver and W. C. Wooten.
- 112 Malone, McGary Green, Mary 9 Sept 1903 J. T. Self  
Married at Isbell, Al. Written permission given for McGary Malone by his father, John A. Malone. Ed Martin made affidavit that Mary Green was over age of 18. Bondsmen: McGary Malone and Ed Martin.
- 113 Baker, J. W. Shellnutt, L. C. 9 Sept 1903 J. W. Doss, JP  
Married at residence of William Shellnutt who also gave permission for daughter's marriage. Bondsmen: J. W. Baker and J. T. Trapp.
- 113 Finch, Ellis Marvin Nelson, Alton May 10 Sept 1903 J. S. Dosier, minister.  
Married at Pleasant Site, Al. Bondsmen: Ellis Marvin Finch and B. E. Finch.
- 114 Wynn, W. N. Thomas, Margaret E. 20 Sept 1903 T. D. Newell, MG  
Married at res. of Lee Thomas. Written permission by L. T. Thomas and Martha Thomas for the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Evaline Thomas. Bondsmen: W. N. Wynn and J. F. Lauderdale.
- 114 Yocum, C. R. Frost, Swillie D. 10 Sept 1903 Porter Duboise MG  
Married at Porter Duboise's residence. John Yocum gave written permission for son. Bondsmen: C. R. Yocum and J. B. F. Smith.
- 115 Frost, Z. A. Jones, Mollie 13 Sept 1903 Porter Duboise, MG  
Married at the W. H. Jones residence. Bondsmen: Z. A. Frost and John M. Jones.
- 115 Pace, J. C. Pace, Emma 16 Sept 1903 B. H. James, MG  
Married at bride's home. The father [not named] of J. C. Pace gave consent in person for his son. Bondsmen: J. C. Pace and L. N. Pace.
- 116 Barton, Simon (c) Bates, Mary (c) 17 Sept 1903 Rev. C. A. Crump  
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: Simon Barton and Grant Porterfield.
- 116 Davis, C. V. Childers, L. D. 25 Sept 1903 L. M. Bailey, JP  
Married at res. of T. K. Childers. Written permission given by T. K. Childers for his daughter's marriage. Bondsmen: C. V. Davis and W. E. Childers.
- 117 Gober, Oscar L. Tiffin, Alice 24 Sept 1903 G. W. Sims, NP/JP  
Married at res. of E. Tiffin. Bondsmen: Oscar L. Gober and W. R. Jordan.
- 117 McRight, D. S. Brewer, Victoria 23 Sept 1903 I. B. Bradley  
Married at bride's residence near Isbell, Al. Written permission for Victoria Brewer given by S. A. Brewer. C. J. McRight gave written permission for D. S. McRight. Bondsmen: D. S. McRight and J. C. Brewer.

- 118 Tenson, Frank (c) Smith, Lizzie (c) 27 Sept 1903 James Hampton, MG.  
Married at Russellville, Al; G. W. Smith and Matildy Smith gave permission in  
writing for their daughter Lizzie to wed. Bondsmen: Frank Tenson and Bide Grubb.
- 118 Winfield, Polk (c) Burgess, Annie (c) 24 Sept 1903 James Hampton, MG.  
Married at Russellville. Bondsmen: Polk Winfield and Webb White.
- 119 Roden, V. S. Hacker, Mary L (Mrs.) 6 Oct 1903 W. P. Scott, MG  
Married at V. S. Roden's residence. Both parties married previously. Bondsmen:  
V. S. Roden and Jas. W. Bolton.
- 119 Thompson, J. H. Woodall, Liddella A. 2 Oct 1903 Porter Duboise, MG  
Married at W. H. Jones's residence. Bondsmen: J. H. Thompson and J. W. Woodall.
- 120 Pace, Simon James, Mary H. 8 Oct 1903 T. M. Johnson, MG  
Married at residence of bride's father. B. H. James gave written permission for his  
daughter to marry. Bondsmen: Simon Pace and J. M. Pace.
- 120 Suggs, George (c) Harris, Julia (c) 8 Oct 1903 David Harris, MG  
Married at residence of G. W. Suggs. Bondsmen: George Suggs and Will Harris.
- 121 Bass, O. J. Pinkard, Savannah E. 10 Oct 1903 W. Y. Taylor, MG  
Married at bride's residence. Bondsmen: O. J. Bass and S. V. Bass. S. V. Bass made  
affidavit that Miss Savannah E. Pinkard was over the age of 18 years. Father of O. J.  
Bass gave consent in person.

-To be continued in the June 2002 issue of *Valley Leaves* -

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### Did William Dickson pay too much tax in 1864?

An Act for the Relief of William Dickson - 1864.

Franklin County commissioners are required to determine what, if any, state and county tax of William Dickson was improperly or illegally assessed for the year 1863 and what amount of state and county taxes Dickson has paid over and above what he should have paid for that year.

If, upon investigation, the court of county commissioners find William Dickson has paid 1863 taxes to the county on an illegal and improper assessment, it is the duty of the court to order such overage to be returned to him out of the county treasury. If it is found that he paid more state tax than he should have paid, then the comptroller is to draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer to repay Dickson. [Source: *Acts of the General Assembly of Alabama, 1864.*]

# Jackson County

## Bridgeport City Court

Contributed by  
Judge William D. Page

Continued from the previous issue of *Valley Leaves*.

### Looney

6 September 1906

The grand jury of Jackson County charge that Ol [Al?] Looney did buy, receive, conceal or aid in concealing two silver dollars and one silver fifty cent peace [*sic*], the personal property of Clarence Bynum and Otis Bynum. Looney did so knowing the money was stolen and had no intent to return it to the owner.

Witnesses were Clarence Bynum, Jesse Boggess and J. W. Barnett. Looney's defense was based on technicalities. [Outcome of case not shown.]

### McCord et al

vs

### Cicero Holcomb

Fall term 1902

Henry McCord and Flora Chattin who are adults, and James D. McCord, Mary J. McCord, Cornelia McCord and Harvey D. McCord who are minors, sue in this action by their next friend John H. McCord, plaintiffs

vs

Cicero Holcomb, defendant

The plaintiffs sue to recover possession of the following tracts of land, to wit:

W/2 SW/4 Section 12-5-6E  
NW/4 SE/4 Section 11-5-6E  
NW/4 SW/4 Section 14-5-6E  
SW/4 NW/4 Section 14-5-6E  
NW/4 NW/4 Section 14-5-6E  
SW/4 NE/4 Section 11-5-6E  
NE/4 SW/4 Section 11-5-6E  
E/2 NW/4 Section 14-5-6E  
NW/4 NE/4 Section 14-5-6E  
SE/4 SW/4 Section 11-5-6E.

All of said lands in Jackson Co., Alabama. All lands were in possession of plaintiffs and the defendant entered said lands unlawfully and now withhold same from plaintiffs.

W. H. Norwood, Attorney for plaintiffs

A piece of paper in this file states, "Comes the defendant and pleads not guilty and statute of limitation of ten years." It was signed by J. H. Gregory and J. E. Brown. No date. It was a jury trial but the outcome not shown.

### Sam M. McCreary

16 March 1901

The grand jury of Jackson County charge that Sam McCreary unlawfully engaged in card playing on Sunday.

### E. J. D. Kennedy, J. P.

### Docket Report

(Beat 25)

27 August 1898.

"To the Grand Jury of Said County, Fall term 1898: The following is true and correct report of all criminal cases that have come up before me in the last 6 months, and the disposition of the Same, as Shown by my Docket, to wit:"

27 May 1898. State vs James Dodson. Stealing horse. Complaint made by Alex May. Warrant of arrest issued.

28 May 1898. Subpoenas for Alex May, Murple Burks, and Polk Burks, witnesses, were issued and returned executed. Other witnesses not found.

"After hearing testimony and there failing to be sufficient evidence produced to sustain the Total



(-Docket Report continued-)  
Total costs, \$5.90."

14 August 1898. State vs Tom J. Maddux. Abusive and insulting language. Complaint by J. L. Jones. Warrant of arrest issued. Subpoenas issued for T. J. Jacks and I. B. Aldridge<sup>1</sup> as witnesses for the state.

27 August 1898. "Warrant and subpoenas returned executed and defendant arranged for a hearing. Defendant waives examination before Justice of the Peace and is bound over to Circuit Court, Fall term 1898." \$50 bond given with W. T. Maxwell and M. S. Crowell as sureties. J. L. Jones, T. J. Jacks and I. B. Aldridge bound over as witnesses to go before the grand jury to indict said T. J. Maddux. Total cost \$5.05.

### Tom J. Maddux<sup>2</sup>

14 August 1898.

On 14 August 1898 Tom Maddux did enter on the premises of J. L. Jones and then and there in the presence or hearing of members of the family cursed and used abusive language by calling him rough and hard names.

27 August 1898. "We, J. L. Jones, T. J. Jacks, and I. B. Aldridge as witnesses in a case against T. J. Maddux on a charge of using abusive and insulting language agree to appear at the fall term of the Circuit of Jackson" Co., Alabama. "Said term to begin on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1898 and there to remain until discharged by law. [They are] to give evidence before the Grand Jury against the said T. J. Maddux on said charge." Maddux waived examination before a Justice of the Peace. If any of these witnesses fail to appear they are to pay to the State of Alabama One hundred dollars.

On 1 September 1898 the grand jury found that "Thomas Maddux did enter into or go sufficiently near to the dwelling house of J. L. Jones and in the presence or within the hearing of the family or a member of the family of the

occupants thereof and made use of abusive, insulting or obscene language."

### John J. Moody

vs

### Alexander Finny and Alonzo Cook

Statement from John Moody to A. G. Cook:

27 Aug 1872. Hauling & putting up 1250 rails (75¢) = \$9.37

Drawing out & removing 324 rails from one fence to another & laying rails, 324 rails = \$1.20

Resetting & repairing 20, paint five on hillside, 160 rails - 60¢

Total \$11.17

17 March 1873

Before L. C. Coulson, a notary public and exofficio justice of the peace, appeared John J. Moody who says that Alexander Finny and Alonzo G. Cook are justly indebted to him from 1872 in the sum of \$63 for which he has commenced suit. Coulson believes the process of garnishment against McCutchen and William R. Larkin [bondsman?] is necessary to obtain satisfaction of indebtedness

19 May 1873

Witnesses for defendants summoned were J. H. McCutchin, Robert Hughes, Hampton Yancy and J. W. Moody. Outcome of case not given.

### James S. Neyman

vs

### Margaret C. Neyman & Sarah E. Neyman

20 Jan 1802

Plaintiff sues to recover the W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 36-3S-8E in Jackson Co., Alabama. No details. Outcome not noted.

### Jake Oliver

26 September 1900

<sup>1</sup> Also written Alridge and Arlidge.

<sup>2</sup> Also written Maddox

An indictment was found against Jake Oliver at the Fall 1899 term of the circuit court of Jackson County for the offense of assaulting Julia Brandon with a stick. On 4 February 1900 he was ordered found and committed to jail. His bail was set at \$150 and bondsmen were S. M. Trice and G. W. [?] Green. Witnesses called were W. W. Campbell, Julia Brandon and Wallace Brandon. Outcome of case not given.

### Drew Oneal

17 April 1894

An indictment was found against Drew Oneal at the Spring term, 1893, of the Circuit Court for carrying a pistol concealed about his person. The case was set for hearing 20 April 1894 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. and bond set at \$200. Oneal failed to give bail and was committed to jail.

Witnesses called on behalf of the State were William Henderson and J. W. Moss. Witnesses for the defendant were Miles Howell<sup>3</sup>, Cordelia Howell, Sweeny Brown, Billy Smith, Reps Otanger, S. D. Mason and R. E. Mason. Reps Otanger not found.

Outcome of case not given.

### Drew Oneal

17 April 1894

Drew Oneal and Jack Odell did commit the offense of unlawfully and maliciously breaking, cutting off, or carrying away from its moorings or landing, a ferry boat, flat boat, canoe or other vessel, the property of Pierce Porter. Bond was set at \$100, made and approved.

Witnesses subpoenaed on behalf of the state were Arthur Car, J. W. Moss and William Henderson. Witnesses subpoenaed on behalf of the defendants were Bob Davis Sr., John Davis (Stephenson), P. D. Smith (in jail), Chris Holt (near Stevenson), Sweeny Brown (near Stephenson), Will Presley (near Stephenson), Judy Brown (near Stephenson), and Cordelia Smith (near Stephenson). The witnesses were summoned 20 April 1894.

Outcome of case not given.

<sup>3</sup> Written Miles Howard in one place.

### Overdeer & Goff

8 June 1882

In the Circuit Court, Spring term, 1882, the grand jury of Jackson County, Alabama charge that Gus Overdeer, a man, and Mary Goff, a woman, did live together in a state of adultery or fornication. Roe Rowley and Martha Rowley were witnesses. No other information.

### Fred Iler/Oyler

12 December 1884

Fred Iler sold or gave spirituous liquors to James Snider, who was at the time a minor, without the consent of his parents or of the person having the control of said minor and without the prescription of a physician for medical purposes. \$200 bond set. Witnesses were James Snider and James Free. Bondsmen were Fredrick Oyler, W. S. Allen and J. B. Westmorland.

12 December 1884 (a second charge)

Fred Iler sold or gave away spirituous liquors at Bolivar Switch, an election precinct, on election day, to wit: 4 August 1884. \$200 bond set. Witnesses were James Snider and James Free. On 11 March 1885 Fredrick<sup>4</sup> Oyler, W. S. Allen and J. B. Westmorland became bondsmen.

Outcome of cases not shown.

### James Cooper

vs

### William Polk

5 February 1894

To the sheriff: You are hereby commanded to summon William Polk<sup>5</sup> to appear at the City Court of Bridgeport to plead or demur to the complaint of James Cooper. Cooper claims \$200 damages for the wrongful killing of two of his mules. J. E. Brown, attorney for plaintiff.

22 Feb 1894.

Comes the defendant and for his plea says he is not guilty of the matter and things alleged in the plaintiff's complaint.

Signed by W. F. Kirk, attorney for defendant.

<sup>4</sup> Also written Fred and signed Fredric Oyler.

<sup>5</sup> Also written Paulk and Palk.

### Joe Parks

27 September 1893

An indictment was found against Joe Parks in the Fall term, 1893, of the Circuit Court of Jackson county for the offense of retailing spirituous liquors without a license.

W. B. Kennemer was summoned as a witness on behalf of the state.

Dora Wilcox, George Barley, and J. W. Barley were summoned as witnesses on behalf of Joe Parks, defendant.

### Will Patton

10 April 1895

The city court of Bridgeport found that Will Patton did feloniously take and carry away a chicken of the value of twenty cents, the personal property of \_\_\_ Jordan.

The state further complains that William Patton did feloniously take and carry away a chicken of the value of twenty cents, the personal property of J. L. Gentry.

The state further complains that William Patton feloniously took and carried away a chicken of the value of twenty cents, the personal property of George W. Brooks.

The state further complains that William Patton feloniously took and carried away a chicken of the value of twenty cents, the personal property of J. Phil Seiter.

Witnesses included Charles Wiseman, Ann Take, G. W. Brooks, J. P. Seiter, Ella Wood, Mrs. Jordan, J. W. Barley, She. I. Hellum, J. L. Gentry and G. W. Gilliam (Col.). Also called as witnesses were Ella Wood, Shed Hellem and Mrs. Joe Hughes.

Ann Tate failed to appear as a witness and was ordered arrested

Outcome of case not given.

### Mrs. Alice Pemberton

vs

### Thomas Starkey

Attorney J. F. Proctor for plaintiff; Molo. Moody for defendant.

Cause of action: "Indetinue for a Specific cow."

This cause was continued to 17 June 1905 by the defendant because of absent witnesses.

On 17 June 1905 came the parties ready for trial. The court stated: "The allegations and proof being heard, it is adjudged by the court that the defendant have the cow sued for & recover of the plaintiff all cost of said suit."

Plaintiff's witnesses were John Bass, Tom Stutts, Fraly Bass, M. Lewis, James Wilson, James Lewis, J. P. Ledbetter, Thomas Beavers and a Mrs. \_\_\_ Boyd.

Defendant's witnesses were William Walker, Eve Farris, Tom Beavers, Sam Roe, John Casen, Tom Going, Walter Cagle, Guy Moonaham and W. M. Wright.

Allice Pemberton appealed 27 June 1905 the case to the Jackson County Circuit Court. I. E. Sanders, J. L. McCary [McCrary], J. P. Ledbetter and W. I. Kirk signed Allice's appeal bond.

Outcome of case unknown.

### Sam Porter

22 December 1893

An indictment was found against Sam Porter at the Spring term, 1891, of the Circuit Court in Jackson County for the offense of shooting across a public road. The sheriff was ordered by the court to arrest Sam Porter and commit him to jail unless he gave bail.

Will Porter, Arthur Carr and Boge Hill were ordered summoned as witnesses. The sheriff was unable to find Boge Hill.

### Silas Prince

3 March 1893

The grand Jury for Jackson County found that Silas Prince sold spirituous, vinous or malt liquor without a license.

An indictment was found against Silas Prince at the spring term, 1893 of the Jackson County Circuit Court for selling liquors without a license. The sheriff was ordered to arrest and keep him unless he gave bond.

Prince gave a \$200 bond with J. A. Green and A. J. Harper his bondsmen on 8 October 1892.. Charges were preferred against Prince by Alfred Moore, Constable.

Outcome of case not known.

## Minutes of the Circuit Court Part 6

Continued from the December 2001 issue of *Valley Leaves*. Contributed by Wendell Page of Scottsboro. For a complete introduction to this material please see Vol. 35, No. 2, December 2000. 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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Allison Anderson & Co. )  
)  
Manning Matheny & Co. )

Case No. 822. 10 April 1866. Continued by Defendant.

B. M. Noel & Bro. )  
vs )  
McCollum & Wilson )

Case No. 850. 10 April 1866. Defendant Wilson is dead. The court orders the case revive in the name of Wilson's admin. when known.

W. A. Austin )  
vs )  
Talley & Rash, Admrs. )

Case No. 783. 10 Apr 1866. Continued.

Alexander McKinzie )  
vs )  
Samuel Mead )

Case No. 950. 10 April 1866. Continued.

J. B. Arendale )  
vs )  
James A. Fagg )

Case No. 999, 19 Apr 1866. Comes the plaintiff by his attorney and moves that this case be dismissed. The court so orders. The Court to have Judgment to recover of the plaintiff the costs in this behalf expended.

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James A. Fagg )  
vs )Detinue<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Detinue is an action to recover personal property from one who acquired it lawfully but retains it without right, together with damages.

Joel B. Arendale

Case No. 1000. 20 April 1866. Plaintiff dismisses his suit. Court ruled that officers of this court be reimbursed the costs expended.

J. W. & W. H. Evans )  
vs )  
Joab Wilson, defendant, & )  
J. A. Coffey & J. K. Webb, )  
Gar. )

Case No. 1008. 10 April 1866. Continued.

John M. Taylor )  
vs )  
Samuel Mead )

Case No. 1032. 10 Apr 1866. Continued.

Permelia Fagg )  
by her next friend, )  
William Scruggs )  
vs )  
Joel B. Arendale )

Case No.1038. 10 Apr 1866. Comes Permelia Fagg and dismisses this suit. It is ordered that the officers of the court have judgment to recover of plaintiff the costs expended.

A. S. Bibb )  
vs )  
Memphis & Charleston RR )

Case No. 1061. 10 April 1866. Continued.

A. S. Bibb )  
vs )  
Memphis & Charleston RR )

Case No.1062. 10 Apr 1866. Continued.

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Samuel Mead )  
vs )  
D. H. Fullington )  
Case No. 1104. 10 April 1866. Continued.

James P. Dodson )  
vs )  
James C. Austin )  
Case No. 1123. 10 April 1866. Continued.

S. E. Paston )  
vs )  
J. G. Blackwell, Defendant )  
J. K. Webb & Thomas Davis, )  
Gar. )  
Case No. 1124. 10 April 1866. Continued.

Lavina Kirby )  
vs )  
John W. Smith )  
Case No. 1129. 10 April 1866. Continued.

Mary Laurence )  
by her next friend )  
vs )  
Robert Johnson )  
Case No. 1142. 10 Apr 1866. Plaintiff Mary Laurence has intermarried with Jefferson Moon. It is, therefore, ordered by the Court that said Moon be made a party plaintiff in said cause. Upon motion of plaintiff the Court ordered that this cause be dismissed. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the officers of the court have judgment to recover of said Jefferson Moon the costs in this case expended.<sup>2</sup>

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George F. Jones )  
vs )  
Barton B. Smith )  
Case No.1200. 20 April 1866. Continued.

<sup>2</sup> The female plaintiff was a minor who had to sue by her next friend. When she married Jefferson Moon she could sue through her husband who was responsible for the court costs.

Barrons & Evans )  
vs )  
James J. Sims, Deft., )  
A. C. Stevenson, Gar. )  
Case No. 1204. 10 April 1866. Case dismissed by plaintiff. The court to recover its costs from plaintiff.

S. E. Paston )  
vs )  
Thomas Davis & Jesse K. )  
Webb )  
Case No. 1210. 10 April 1866. continued.

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W. R. Larkin, Admn )  
vs )  
R & J. Kirbey, Deft. )  
F. M. Kirbey, Gar. )  
Case No. 1221. 10 Apr 1866. Upon motion of the plaintiff the Court orders that garnishee make further answer and that this cause stand continued.

James M. Burgess )  
vs )  
Memphis & Charleston RR )  
Case No. 1229. 10 Apr 1866. Continued.

Martin Morriss )  
vs )  
S. E. Poston )  
Case No. 1233. 10 April 1866. J. W. Barron, one of the defendants in this case, has died and this case is continued.

Macey & Hamilton )  
vs )  
J. B. Talley, Jordan Peacock, )  
G. M. & H. C. Ingalls )  
Case No. 1236. 10 Apr 1866. Case continued.

To be continued

# Lauderdale County

## Civil Register of County Officials 1832 – 1844

Contributed by  
Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.

The earliest Register of Civil Appointments found in the Alabama Department of Archives and History is from 1819 – 1832. That series was run in Volumes 5 and 6 of *Valley Leaves*. For an introduction to that series, see *Valley Leaves* Vol. 5, No. 1, page 22.

The current series (1832-1844) is from the Civil Register of County Officials, Volume II. It is housed in the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Gilliam, past president of TVGS and editor of *Valley Leaves*, for obtaining and contributing this information.

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b><u>Page 162</u></b>			
Baugh, George A.	Justice of Peace	9 Feb 1834	Vice: Larance Womble
Snead, George W.	Justice of Peace	24 June 1834	Vice: Danl. McNeil
Kirk, Simeon	Justice of Peace	25 Jan 1834	Vice: John A. Baugh
Farrer, Elias	Justice of Peace	15 Feb 1834	
Richardson, Henry	Justice of Peace	15 Feb 1834	Vice: Alexr. McDougall
Dougherty, John T.	Justice of Peace	3 April 1834	
Weldon, Jesse	Justice of Peace	29 April 1834	Vice: Wm. E. Dancy, Senr.
Gibson, Anderson L.	Justice of Peace	29 Sept 1834	
Boston, James	Justice of Peace	29 Sept 1834	Vice: Jesse Tate
Chennault, Morris	Justice of Peace	17 Nov 1834	Vice: William Erwin
Snead, George M.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Fields, John G.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Haraway, Walter	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Looney, David R.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Kirby, William M.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Allen, Sutton F.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Sharp, Otha	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Greene, Michael	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	Removed

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Tate, Jesse O.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Barton, James M.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Neal, John	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Pettis, Winston P.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Ross, James	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Jones, Samuel C.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Dancy, William E.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Willett, Richard H.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Collins, Lewis D.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Wilson, Thomas	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Leechman [?], Charles	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Huddleston, Joseph	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Phillips, Thomas	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Ferris, Elias	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Garrard, Thomas	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Huggins, James M	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Caine, John	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Wilson, John S.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Guest, Joseph	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Melton, Jesse M.	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Richardson, Henry	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Sheffield, Ephraim	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Scruggs, Finch	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	
Sullivan, John	Justice of Peace	26 Mar 1835	

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Houston, George	Judge 4 <sup>th</sup> Cir. Ct.	12 July 1832	Executive appt. Vice: J. L. Martin
Arnett, William	Clerk Circuit Ct.	12 July 1832	Vice: Jesse P. Waddell
Haraway, John T.	Judge County Ct.	26 June 1837	Vice: L. C. Posey
Hawkins, Wiley T.	Clerk County Ct.	19 Aug 1839	
Harraway, John T.	Judge County Court	19 Aug 1839	
Benham, V. H.	Sheriff	11 Sept 1841	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Hawkins, W. T.	Clerk of City Court	26 Aug 1842	
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Baugh, Richard B.	Clerk city court	26 Aug 1842	
Deck, Reuben	Constable	26 mar 1835	
Cowan, John J.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Yancey, James M.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Bell, Nathan	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Hood, William	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Bourland, Joseph	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Campbell, James E.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Kirk, Henderson	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Carr, Robert E.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Haraway, George W.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Harrison, John L.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Barton, William G.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Davidson, William R.	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Hough, William	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
White, Thomas	Constable	26 Mar 1835	
Wilson, James	Constable	26 Mar 1835	Resigned
Love, William	Justice of Peace	21 Apr 1835	
Lee, Martin	Justice of Peace	21 Apr 1835	
Lee, Hiliry	Constable	21 Apr 1835	
Owen, Aaron B.	Constable	28 Apr 1835	
White, George M.	Constable	28 Apr 1835	
Priest, Benjamin Jr.	Constable	28 Apr 1835	
Swoope, Edgar M.	Justice of Peace	28 Apr 1835	
Points, J. G.	Justice of Peace	28 Apr 1835	
Moore, Wm. K.	Justice of Peace	28 Apr 1835	
Martin, J. E.	Justice of Peace	28 Apr 1835	
Cornelius, Ira E.	Justice of Peace	28 Apr 1835	
Priest, Benjamin Senr.	Justice of Peace	28 Apr 1835	



<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Stamps, J. D.	Constable	12 June 1845	
Hamer, James	Constable	12 June 1845	
Jackson, William	Constable	21 July 1835	
McGhee, William	Constable	21 July 1835	
Snead, George W.	Notary Public	24 Aug 1835	
Borland, Bailis E.	Justice of Peace	23 Jan 1836	
Carr, John	Constable	10 Oct 1836	Vice: Charles C. Jones
Tucker, Hiram	Constable	10 Oct 1836	
Spencer, Saml. P.	Constable	10 Oct 1836	Vice: J. L. Harrison
Walker, Archilaus W.	Justice of Peace	10 Feb 1836	Vice: W. M. Kearly
Carr, Charles L.	Constable	23 Feb 1836	
Wilkes, Samuel N.	Constable	17 Mar 1836	Vice: William Huff
Romine, William	Constable	17 Mar 1836	Vice: J. J. Cowen
McNarly, William	Constable	17 Mar 1836	Vice: W. McGhee
Rust, Robert	Constable	17 Mar 1836	Vice: W. G. Barton
Brown, Elisha	Justice of Peace	18 May 1836	Vice: J. Sullivan
Joiner, Drewry	Constable	18 May 1836	Vice: E. S. Pekill [?]
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Harrison, John	Justice of Peace	23 Mar 1841	
Bailey, Richard	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Richardson, Henry	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
McDugal, Joseph	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Bates, William	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Whitehead, Alexander	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Milton, Jesse	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Gists, Joseph	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Young, Thomas R [K?]	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Huddleston, Joseph	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Bowdon, Thomas	Constable	23 Mar 1841	

To be continued

# Lawrence County

## Richard Bailey Revolutionary War Pension Application

Source: Abstracted from the microfilm, No. M804-108, in the United States Archives. This claim application is to obtain the benefits given by an Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832. "The act provided that every officer or enlisted man who had served at least two years in the Continental Line or State troops, volunteers or militia, was eligible for a pension of full pay for life." [Howard W. Wehmann, *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives*, Bicentennial Edition, (Washington, D. C.: National Genealogical Society, 1976), p. xi]

Richard Bailey's first application was made 6 April 1836 in Lauderdale County but was rejected probably because he had served only 21 months and 24 months were necessary to get a pension.

His second application was made on 7 Feb 1842, seven years later, and was based on the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832 which allowed eligibility for soldiers with at least six months in service, but less than 24 months. The pension was less than full pay.

Both claims say about the same thing. In order to conserve space but to relay all pertinent information, I have chosen to combine the two statements. He was 75 years old when he made his first application on 6 April 1836 and 81 when he made his second on 7 Feb 1843 in Lawrence Co.

Richard Bailey entered the army on 4 March 1779 in Fauquier County, Va as one of 14 or 15 men, who were substitutes, for a period of 18 months.

He was marched to Alexandria, Va. on the Potomac River under command of Captain George Wales, a regular officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Virginia Continental Line. Bailey was appointed orderly sergeant

From Alexandria, they marched to Fredericksburg, Va., then on to Spotsylvania, Va. There, all the substitutes were mustered into actual service, that being the rendezvous. There, the soldiers drew their regimental clothing. They marched to Williamsburg then on to Petersburg on the Appomattox River in Dinwiddie, Va., arriving there 3 June 1779.

At Petersburg, Col. Abram [Abraham] Buford<sup>1</sup>, a regular officer of the Virginia line, took command of the "18-month men." They remained at Petersburg until 29 March 1780

when orders came to march to Charleston, South Carolina where the command under Col. Heath had become broken by disease and desertion.

They went to Charleston, S. C., under Capt. Lamb, to form the division of the army under Gen. Lincoln. Then they marched from Petersburg to Lanaw's<sup>2</sup> Ferry on the Santee River, 30 or 35 miles from Charleston.

Near the first of May 1780, they got to Lanaugh's Ferry on the Santee River near Charleston, S. C. General Lincoln was confined by the British within the City of Charleston.

The British forces had blockaded that town.

Richard Bailey, with Col. Blewford, remained there until the British took it. They then marched to Salisbury, N. C. but was too late.

While on their march to Salisbury, a British officer, Benjamin Tarlton with his large force, overtook and defeated their corps at the hanging

<sup>1</sup> Written Blewford in his 7 Feb 1843 application.

<sup>2</sup> Written Lanaw in the 1836 application and Lanaugh in the 1843 application.

rock near the Warsaw Meeting House in South Carolina.

On 29 May 1780, Bailey and a small remnant of their troops, 72 out of 400, made their escape. They recruited until the first of September 1780 when Col. Blewford and troops were ordered on to Hillsborough, North Carolina.

After that they marched to Chesterfield Court House where the regiment was reinforced.

About the first of September 1780, they marched to Hillsborough in Orange County, North Carolina where the regiment was discharged on 25 October 1780.

When Bailey's term of 18 months was nearly over. Col. Blewford wrote out Bailey's discharge at Hillsborough, N. C. Bailey gave it to Capt. Smith of the Maryland line.

Bailey was one of 25 soldiers who took charge of a party of British prisoners of equal number, at Hillsborough when they arrived on 25 October and delivered them to the officer in command at Richmond, Virginia. Capt. Smith then gave Bailey's discharge (dated 25 October 1780), paper back to him but it has since been lost.

For about ten months of the 18 months of service, Bailey was acting as orderly sergeant in Capt. G. Walises [Wallace's?] company.

On 7 April 1781, then a Fauquier County resident, Bailey substituted for Benjamin Crane who was drafted for three months into the Virginia Militia. He was mustered into Col. Edmonds' Regiment, Capt Jennings' Company.

Bailey was marched to the main army command by General Lafayette where he acted in the capacity of orderly sergeant in Virginia until discharged.

He was under Capt. James Simmeral who was ordered to the Winchester Barracks to guard British prisoners. The prisoners were "given up" at the time Wallace was taken at Little York in 1781.

A place of rendezvous for Bailey and company was Richmond, Va. After remaining there two or three weeks they were driven north by the British under Connally. Bailey's group was joined by General Wayne in the edge of Culpeper County when they turned about and

went in pursuit of the British to lower Virginia, in the neighborhood of Jamestown.

They were discharged 7 July 1782 after scouting about the county a short time. Gen. Lafayette himself discharged Bailey after the expiration of the three months enlistment. Bailey had been appointed orderly sergeant by Capt. James Simmeral and continued as such until discharged.

Richard Bailey was born 22 January 1762 in Fauquier Co., Va and was living there when he first entered service.

His discharges have been lost.

He moved from Fauquier Co., Va. to Mecklenburg Co., N. C., and from there to Jefferson County in East Tennessee, then to Lauderdale County, Alabama and then to Lawrence County, Alabama.

While living in Lauderdale County, he made application (under the Act of 18 March 1818)<sup>3</sup> The lawyer, Provasco [?]<sup>4</sup> Esq. helped him and It was sent to Joshua L. Martin, their Congressional Representative in Washington, D. C., but it was rejected as it did not appear to embrace him Revolutionary service.<sup>5</sup>

Bailey does not know of anyone who could verify any part of his above statement. He has full knowledge of the death of Col. A. Blewford near Lexington, Ky.

/s/ Richard Bailey

Witness: William A. Milam, J. P.

A. L. Stovall, a clergyman and resident of Lawrence Co., certifies he has known Richard Bailey for the last ten years. Bailey is 81 years old and "we have no doubt of his being a Soldier in the army of the Revolution and that he served as he states." Stovall further states that Bailey is "known to be a truthful" man and a man of "punctuality ever since he resided in the neighborhood."

<sup>3</sup> This Act granted pensions to veterans for service from which no disabilities resulted. Before then soldiers or their dependants were granted half-pay only if there was a disability or death of the soldier.

<sup>4</sup> Probably spelled wrong as I could not find it in the 1840 Alabama census.

<sup>5</sup> He had only served 18 mo. and to draw a full pension he had to have served 24 mo.

/s/ A. L. Stovall  
/s/ James W. Stu . . . [?]

Witness: Wm. A. Milam

**April 6, 1836 Lauderdale Co., Alabama**

Richard Bailey, has been a citizen of Lawrence Co., Al for the last three years, and a citizen of Lauderdale Co. the preceding 14 years.

Bailey was 75 years old on 22 January 1836. He applies for benefits due him by an Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.

He entered the army on 4 March 1779 in

During that part of the 18 mo. he served under Col. Buford he was also a Sgt.

Bailey did not apply for the benefit of the pension before this because he has resided in Lawrence Co. Alabama, in a remote quarter, only three years and has only a few acquaintances. He is generally acquainted in Lauderdale County having lived there about 14 years prior to coming to Lawrence County.

Bailey knows no one who can verify his statements.

6 April 1834 /s/ Richard Bailey  
Witt: Wm. Arnett, Clk.

Henry Garrard, a clergyman, who resides in Lauderdale Co., Al., says he is well acquainted with Richard Bailey and believes Bailey to be 74 years old; that Bailey is reputed in the neighborhood to be a soldier of the revolution.

22 Feb 1843

George S[L?] Houston, a member of the National House of Representatives, wrote a letter begging to have Richard Bailey's claim paid as he "is justly entitled to something. He is a worthy, but helpless, old man and if you can possibly relax the" requirements, "please do it in this case. Every consideration demands the kindest and best indulgence to that poor, but honest, old soldier."

**Pamela B. H. (Jeffries) White  
Dies**

**19 Aug 1831 Courtland Herald**

Died at Courtland, Al on the night of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. At the residence of her father, Rev. Charles L. Jeffries, Mrs. Pamela B. H. White, wife of Mr. Thomas E. White.

She was born in Mechlenburg Co., Va., 20<sup>th</sup> June 1814. She lost her mother at a very early period of her life, emigrated with her father to Gallatin, Tenn., where she was married 20 April 1830 before she had completed her sixteenth year.

Circumstances having induced her father to change his residence to this place [Courtland], such was her filial affection, as, not being able to endure a separation from him, she prevailed on her husband to change his plans and co-operate with her father in the teaching of the Female Academy here, to which she lent her most strenuous endeavors, to the cares and fatigue of which may be mainly attributed the cause of her premature decease.. (Continues at length.)

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Case No. 102

White & Lynn            )  
vs                            )  
James A. Francisco        )

Suit continued at defendant's request.

Case No. 160

William Moore            )  
vs                            )  
William Job                )

Defendant failed to appear when called to court and made default. Court ruled that plaintiff recover against Mary Baker, his security, \$25 debt and \$3 damages plus the costs of this suit.

Case No. 229

James D. Asbury         )  
vs                            )  
George E. Julien         )

On motion of the defendant, it is ordered that defendant be permitted to take the deposition of Mardis Reece after giving Asbury 30 days notice.

Case No. 133

Thomas McGhee         )  
vs                            )  
Robert B. Billups        )  
Robert B. Oliver         )

This day came plaintiff by his attorney and suggests the death of Robert B. Billups. Therefore, it is ordered that suit, as it relates to Robert B. Billups, abate.<sup>1</sup>

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Case No. 133

Thomas McGhee         )  
vs                            )  
Robert B. Oliver,        )  
surviving obligor of    )  
himself & Robert B.    )  
Billups, deceased.      )

Defendant Oliver says nothing as to why judgment should not be rendered against him. Therefore, the Court ordered that McGhee recover of Oliver the sum \$233.12-1/2 with \$17.36 damages sustained by reason of the detention of the said debt, plus costs of this suit.

Case No. 258

James Jackson         )  
vs                            )  
Nicholas Alley         )

By consent of both parties, this suit is dropped. Each party is to pay one-half of the costs of this suit.

To be continued-

<sup>1</sup> In 1824 an abatement meant to dismiss suit.

# Limestone County

## Chancery Court Minutes

In the Limestone County Archives in Athens, Al there were many loose files which, upon inspection, were found to be records of the Limestone County Circuit Court in Chancery. Philip Reyer, Limestone County Archivist, microfilmed them. Continued from Vol. 36, No. 1.

**James A. Yarbrough and Mary A. Yarbrough, his wife**

vs.

**Clay Stinnett, et al**

### No date

The Yarbroughs are over age of 21 and are residents of Limestone Co., Al. On the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1859 David M. Gordon, over age 21 and a Limestone Co. resident, did sell to Clay Stinnett:

W/2 SE/4 Sec. 33-1-4W cont. 80.40 acres  
118.20 ac off north part of SW/4 Sec. 34-1-4W

NE/4 Sec. 34-1-W containing 168 acres.  
W/2 SE/4 Sec. 34-1-4W containing 42.5 ac.  
S/2 W/2 NW/4 Sec. 35-1-4W cont. 42.5 ac.  
E/2 SW/4 Sec. 27-1-6W cont. 85 ac.  
SW/4 Sec. 33-1-6W  
N/2 NW/4 Sec. 4-2-6W

"NW/4 SE/4 Sections 33 and 34, Townships 1 and 2 South, Range 6 west cont. 285.10 acres, totaling 951 acres.

Gordon gave Stinnett his title bond, taking three or more bonds [notes] for the purchase money that were executed [signed] by Stinnett on 24 Dec 1859 due and payable to Gordon in the sum of \$12,000.

Gordon transferred all the bonds [notes] to the Yarbroughs by endorsement.

Suit was brought on the first two bonds and judgment obtained. The only remaining note due and unpaid is the one for \$3960.00 due and payable 1 January 1864.

The Yarbroughs state that David M. Gordon can and will make Clay Stinnett a perfect title to the land when the last bond is paid along with interest due.

If Clay Stinnett has any other property with which to pay his bills, it can not be found. He has many outstanding debts and if a judgment was obtained it would be returned *nulla bona*<sup>1</sup> and such a suit would be an unnecessary expense.

Furthermore, Clay Stinnett sold the said land to a George W. McGrew of Giles Co., Tn but still retains possession.

The Yarbroughs pray the court to order Stinnett to sell so much of the land as will pay the bond plus interest. They also asks that George W. McGrew and David M. Gordon be made "parties defendant" in this suit. All are over age 21.

### February 1867

A summons was issued to Clay Stinnett and others on 18 Feb 1867 requiring them to answer or demur<sup>2</sup> within 30 days. They did neither. It is, therefore, ordered by the court that "the said bill of complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things, taken as confessed against the said Clay Stinnett and other defendants aforesaid."<sup>3</sup> Defendant Clay Stinnett admits he purchased of David M. Gordon land in Limestone County, it being 951 acres for \$12,000. He gave Gordon his notes which he has paid off except one which fell due 1 January 1864 for about \$3,960.

<sup>1</sup> No good; worthless

<sup>2</sup> Admits allegations to be true

<sup>3</sup> The court ruled for plaintiffs Yarbrough

Newspaper clipping attached to file [undated].

**James A. & Mary A. B. Yarbrough vs  
Clay Stinnett & Others.**

In this cause it is made to appear to the Court by the application of complainants' solicitor, that George W. McGrew and Luther M. Pilant, defendants in this cause, are non residents of this state and reside in the state of Tennessee. Applicant believes that their postoffice is Pulaski, Tennessee; and further, the said George W. McGrew and Luther M. Pilant are over the age of 21 years.

It is further ordered by the court that public notice be made in the *Athens Post*, a newspaper published in the town of Athens, for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said George W. McGrew and Luther M. Pilant to answer or demur to said bill of complaint in this cause, by 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1867, or in thirty days thereafter, a decree pro confesso may be taken against them.

May 29, 1867

B. Sanders, Register

**November 1867**

Came James Dorman [?], attorney for the complainants, and suggests the death of Luther M. Pilant and asks that this suit be renewed against his estate. It is, therefore, ordered by the court that suit revive against John Turrentine, Administrator of Luther M. Pilant.

**15 November 1867**

Defendant Clay Stinnett admits he purchased of David M. Gordon land in Limestone County, it being 951 acres for \$12,000. He gave Gordon his notes which he has paid off except one which fell due 1 January 1864 for about \$3,960.

He denies the allegation that he does not have enough property to pay the note. He has ample means of paying same and is willing to pay it, however, there is a disputed and unsettled question arising out of the sale.

Before paying anything further Stinnett asks the Court to investigate the case and determine the facts and decree accordingly.

Stinnett charges by his cross bill that David M. Gordon is hopelessly in debt and is insolvent. If he were to pay the balance of the purchase money and fail to get a good and valid title to said land he would have no recourse against Gordon. He prefers to pay for the land and get a valid title but asks for a decree of title before paying the amount due.

Even if the court requires him to pay the balance of the money, he is not bound to pay interest upon the sum for the period between 2 July 1864 and 2 April 1866. July 1, 1864 was the date "on which a law of Congress was approved suspending and making unlawful commercial intercourse between "citizens and citizens" in this portion of North Alabama. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1866 was the day on which said restrictions were removed by the President's proclamation.

Houston & Pryor,  
Attorneys for Stinnett

**Schuyler Harris, Admr of the Estate of John R. Harris**

vs

**Anderson & McKinney, et al**

**Complaint**

Schuyler Harris, administrator of the estate of John R. Harris, decd., is a resident of Limestone Co., Al and over age 21 years.

In 1863 John R. Harris died intestate at his residence in Limestone Co., seized and possessed of an estate consisting of real and personal property.

Schuyler Harris shows and alleges that George R. Anderson and Alexander L. McKinney were partners in the livery business, with the stable in and upon a lot in Athens. Said lot was at the east end of the south side of the public square and known as Lot No. 71 and called the Fletcher Corner. Said lot has a 66 feet front and runs back 160 feet. The lot is immediately west across the street from the Bass Hotel Lot.

Anderson & McKinney purchased the property for their livery business from James N. Fletcher.

Complainant alleges that for the purpose of paying off debts created by the partnership and for partnership purposes, as well as to get money to carry on the livery business, they borrowed \$2100 cash from John R. Harris.

Harris did this less to make money than to accommodate the partners in paying for their property and carrying on their business. To do this, Harris borrowed upon his own account and has since paid same.

The loan to Anderson & McKinney was made 11 June 1860 and was due in three months for which Anderson & McKinney gave their bond (note.)

Complainant further alleges that McKinney sold his interest in the livery business and partnership to George W. Grey who has since died without a will. Grey gave his bond for \$950.19 on 1 Sept 1860 payable by 1 June 1864 to McKinney in payment of McKinney's interest in the property belonging to Anderson & McKinney.

This firm then became Anderson & Grey. Anderson then sold his interest in the partnership and lot, stables, etc. to George W. Grey for \$1258.60 for which amount Gray gave his bond on 10 Nov 1860 due two years after date.

During their partnership, Anderson & McKinney purchased the lot, houses and stables from James N. Fletcher who gave them a deed of conveyance in 1860 or 1861.

The first bond, after deducting the credits thereon, leaves a large balance due with many years of interest. The other two bonds were also due and unpaid.

The second and third bonds were given in part for the lot upon which the livery stable and buildings were built, but mainly for the lot and stables. The bonds were created and intended as a lien for the purchase money.

George W. Gray died at his residence in Limestone County without a will and was wholly insolvent. The plaintiff knows of no other property or effects in which he had an interest or claim other than the lot and livery.

George R. Anderson left the state of Alabama and resides in parts unknown and complainant, from what he has heard, believes Anderson is insolvent.

The Probate Court of Limestone County issued letters of administration on the estate of Grey to Alexander L. McKinney, ex-officio sheriff of said county.

Plaintiff prays that the lot be sold and proceeds applied to payment of the debt. It is a joint debt with John R. Harris, since deceased.

Signed: Houston & Pryor, attorneys for complainant.

#### Answer

22 April 1867. The separate answer of Anderson & McKinney to the Bill of Complaint states he has examined the Complaint and admits that the statements, allegations, matters and things therein made are in substance true and prays to be dismissed with costs. Signed A. L. McKinney for Anderson & McKinney.

#### Ruling of the Court

The Court ruled that the note or claim due from Anderson & McKinney to John R. Harris, now deceased, and in the hands of complainant as administrator, as assets of the estate of John R. Harris, is a partnership debt of Anderson & McKinney.

The Court further finds that the notes and pieces of land and ground described in complainant's bill is the joint property of the Anderson & McKinney partnership.



The court further find that the notes marked A and C to said bill, were given for the purchase of said lots and parcels of ground. The lien on said lots were transferred to John R. Harris in his lifetime and to his estate on his death.

Said lots are at the east end of the south side of the public square with 66 feet front and running back 106 feet to lot No. 71. It is called the Fletcher corner and is immediately west across the street from the hotel known as the Bass Hotel Lot. If defendant does not pay off said lien, with interest and costs of this suit by 1 July next, the Register of the Court shall proceed to sell said lots to highest bidder at auction.

Summons (undated). George R. Anderson ordered to appear in court on the first Monday in

May next to answer the original Bill of Complaint exhibited in Chancery Court by Schuyler Harris against George R. Anderson and A. L. McKinney, administrators of George W. Gray, decd. Anderson & McKinney are indebted to Schuyler in the amount of \$4,315.21.

#### Order

The Chancery Court ordered the sale of the lots and livery to be sold to the highest bidder at the Court House on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1867. Schuyler Harris, administrator, became the purchaser for the sum of \$500.

After deducting from the purchase money the cost of the suit and expenses of sale, there remained a balance of \$451.14 which was paid over to complainant as administrator.

### William M. Crenshaw vs. Joseph H. Lentz, et al

#### Bill of Complaint

9 March 1866. Complainant, William M. Crenshaw of Limestone Co., Al, over age 21, says that on 1 Jan 1862 he sold Joseph H. Lentz and James W. Lentz, both also of Limestone Co. and both over age 21, a tract of land in Limestone Co, it being:

W/2 SE/4 Sec. 23-2-6W

E/2 SW/4 Sec. 23-2-6W

SE/4 NW/4 Sec. 23-2-6W

containing 200.25 acres. Crenshaw gave them possession. The purchase price was \$564 for which the Lentzes, Joseph H. and James W., brothers, gave their bond (note) for said sum payable one day after date.

Crenshaw delivered a deed to the Lentzes but not intending transfer of title or release of the lien under the law.

No part of said purchase money has been paid and is due with interest thereon.

Crenshaw prays defendants be required to pay for land plus interest. He prays the land be sold and the proceeds paid to him.

#### Cross Bill of Complaint by Susan Lentz, widow of James Lentz.

It is true that Crenshaw sold the land to Joseph and James Lentz. A deed was made conveying the absolute title to the Lentzes and he took their joint notes and in doing so lost his lien to said land. By signing the note, James became the surety of Joseph.

James Lentz paid \$118 in either 1859 or 1860. Susan says she is entitled to dower and requests that if lands be ordered sold she have dower allotted to her.

James Lentz died leaving only two children, his heirs at law, both under the age of two years, and are Joseph L. and Joshua Lentz.

Signed by Susan Lentz with her X.

#### Amended Bill of Complaint by William M. Crenshaw.

The original Bill of Complaint was filed on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866. The defendant, James W. Lentz, died and no administration has been made on his estate.

He left a widow, Susan Lentz, over age 21, and two children under age 14 named Joseph L.

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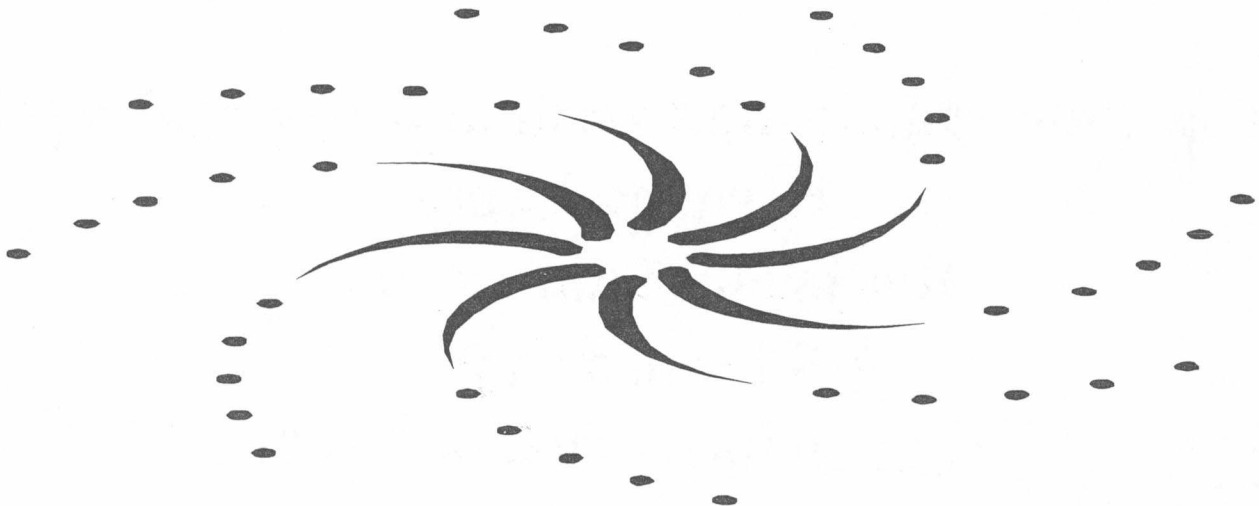
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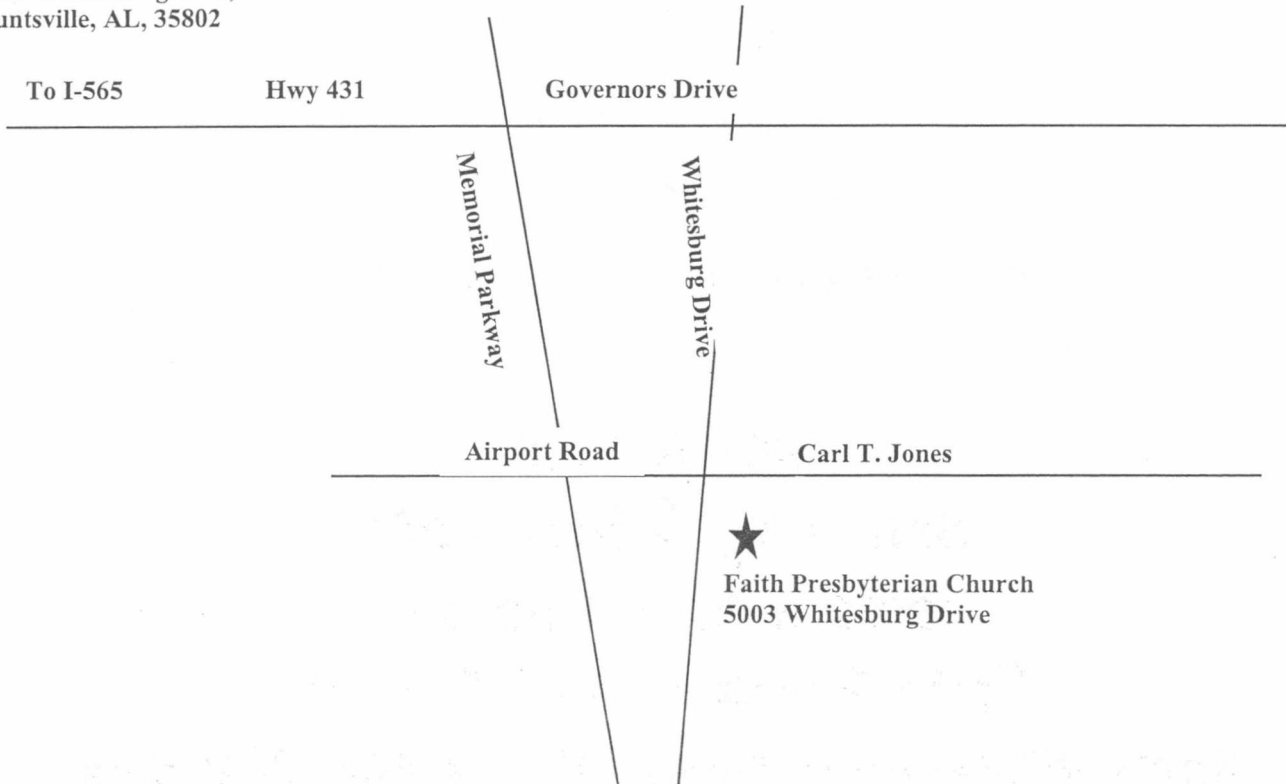
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Huntsville, AL, 35802



and James C. Lentz. Deceased defendant left little, if any, other property except the interest purchased in said land.

Crenshaw prays that Susan, Joseph L. and James C. Lentz become defendants.

#### Interrogatories

22 May 1868. Joseph H. Lentz says he paid \$65 on the land in the latter part of 1858. The total amount paid by Joseph was \$125. Part of this payment was in labor. Joseph and James were brothers and bought the land jointly.

After purchasing the land they cleared 11-1/2 acres. The house was unfit to live in. Joseph says he lived the first year in a different house owned by his father. He repaired the house at the end of the first year and then lived in it.

#### Answer of Guardian ad litim

Answer of John S. Tucker, guardian ad litim of Joseph L. Lentz and Joshua Lentz, infant heirs of James W. Lentz. Respondent states he does not know the truth of any of the statements in said Bill as amended nor does he know the truth of the allegations in the Answer of Susan Lentz. As guardian ad litim of the said minors, he requires proper proof of all allegations.

#### Court's Decree

28 May 1866. It is decreed that Susan Lentz, widow of James W. Lentz, is entitled to dower out of the surplus, if any, after paying the vendor's lien. /s/ S. K. McSpadden.

The Chancery Court found that William M. Crenshaw has a vendor's lien upon the lands described in this bill for the balance of the unpaid purchase money. The register is to ascertain the amount of purchase money due with the interest thereon and in so doing will take pleading and proof and report to this term of court.

26 May 1868. The report stated the balance was \$556.10 including interest.

#### Land sold

11 May 1868 The land was auctioned to the highest bidder on 7 Dec 1869 at which sale William M. Crenshaw became the purchaser for the amount of \$643. After deducting the expenses of the sale and cost of suit, the amount of \$579.59 was paid Crenshaw.

### Thomas B. Daley and William W. Phillips vs. Cargill J. Mossenburg, administrator of the estate of Charles H. Jones

#### Bill of Complaint

30 May 1867. Thomas B. Dailey and William W. Phillips of Limestone Co., Al, both over age 21, says that on 19 April 1856 they sold to Charles H. Jones, since deceased, (also of Limestone Co.) the following land:

S/2 E/2 SW/4 Sec. 14-1-4W

N/2 E/2 NW/4 Sec. 12-1-4W

SW/4 Sec. 14-1-4W

NW/4 NW/4 [written NE in another place] of Sec. 12-1-4, containing a total of about 160 acres, in Limestone County, Al. This property is also known as the Walker Pettus Place. The

purchase price was \$523.28 for which Charles H. Jones gave a note for same on 19 April 1856, payable one day after date. Jones then took peaceable possession of the property and made one \$100 payment on 10 Dec. 1856.

Charles H. Jones died at his residence in Limestone County leaving a widow and the following heirs at law:

1. Anna Jones, over age 21
2. Mary Moore, wife of Samuel Moore, over age 21
3. James Jones, under age 21
4. Charles Jones, under age 21

5. Carrie Jones, under age 21, all Limestone County residents, and

6. Thomas Jones, over age 21, a resident of Arkansas.

The Probate Court issued Letters of Administration to Cargill J. Mossenburg on this estate.

Plaintiffs (complainants) pray for an order to sell land and pay debt.

**Note**

\$523.28

*One day after date I promise to pay Dailey & Phillips Five Hundred and Twenty Three Dollars 28/100 for the land. Aprile 19<sup>th</sup> 1856.*

*Ch. H. Jones*

**List of Indebtedness of Estate**

Debt for real estate	\$523.28
Interest to 10 Dec '56	27.92
Credit 10 Dec 18156	100.00
Interest to 30 May '67	<u>335.67</u>
	\$786.75

**Affidavit**

William W. Phillips appeared before Benton Sanders, Register of the Chancery Court, and swore that James Jones, Charles Jones and Carrie Jones, defendants, are over the age of 14 but under age 21.

**Summons**

25 July 1866. Summons issued to Cargill J. Mossenburg, administrator of Charles H. Jones, Henry Moore, Samuel Moore, Charles Jones, Carrie Jones, Thomas Jones, and James Jones. They are to appear in court on 1 Sept 1866 to answer plaintiff's complaint.

**Guardian ad litim**

Joseph A. Moore, a guardian ad litim, was appointed to protect the interest of the minor children: James, Charles and Carrie Jones,

minors. He requested all allegations in the plaintiff's Bill of Complaint be proven.

**Affidavit**

23 July 1866. Thomas H. Jones, one of the defendants, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama. He is over the age of 21 years and lives in Desoto County, Mississippi. [It had been previously stated he lived in Arkansas].

**Petition**

18 Feb 1867. Complainants filed their original Bill of Complaint on 25 May 1866 against Cargill Mossenburg, administrator of Charles Jones, and others.

A. L. McKinney, sheriff, duly served a subpoena upon the defendants, on 31 July 1866.

Defendants have not responded to this suit and it has been over 30 days since they were served.

Prays for a decree *pro confesso*<sup>4</sup> since each of them has failed to answer or demur<sup>5</sup>

**Court Order**

30 May 1867. Plaintiffs (complainants) are to have a vendor's lien upon the lands described above, in the sum of \$786.75, the total amount reported due including interest.

It is ordered that the Register of this court proceed to sell the lands at the court house in Athens for cash to the highest bidder after first giving notice of the time, terms and description of the sale.

The costs of said suit shall be paid first from the proceeds, then the expenses of the sale are to be paid, then the plaintiffs or their solicitors to receive rest.

**Final**

The sale of the property was advertised in the *Athens Post* and the auction held 5 Aug 1867. Thomas B. Daley became the highest bidder for the amount of \$71.20.

**End**

<sup>4</sup> An order by the Chancery Court, when defendants do not file an answer, allowing plaintiff to take such a decree as is warranted.

<sup>5</sup> An objection to the Bill of Complaint in this case.

# MADISON COUNTY

## Marriage Book 1

Part 7 of 14

For a complete introduction to these marriages please refer to Vol. 36, issue No. 1. This series began in Vol. 35, Issue 1.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
148	Benjamin Scrivnar to Elizabeth Gambell	14 June 1814	Can anyone verify names of bride and groom? Script is illegible and bride's name might be Tembell or Gamball??
148	William Gill to Sally Sadler	22 June 1814	
149	Nicholas Balue to Catharine Ramie		Groom's name is Ballew in most records. Nicholas and Catharine on 1850 Morgan Co. Federal census; he born in Va., she born SC; both age 80.
149	Richard Jones to Rachael Johnstone	5 July 1814	
150	Samuel Walters to Sally Walls	11 July 1814	Samuel Walters patented NE/4 Sec. 6-2-1E in April 1811. <sup>1</sup>
150	Richard Martin to Lydia Fitts	11 July 1814	Richard Martin was a private in War of 1812. <sup>2</sup>
151	Absolom Holland to Elizabeth Holland	12 July 1814	Absolom Holland was a private in War of 1812. <sup>3</sup> By 1830 Absolom was in Pickens County. <sup>4</sup>
151	Jonathan Greenhaw to Nancy Meacham	12 July 1814	Written Jonathan Granhead and Nancy Meachard in error. Mark Meacham's will dated 10 Aug 1814 mentions his daughter, "Nanny" Greenhaw. <sup>5</sup> Jonathan Greenhaw was in War of 1812. <sup>6</sup>
152	George Burdwell to Matilda Garner.	12 July 1814	Bride's name written Cornish with "Garner" beside it in a different hand. Could groom's name be Burwell? John S. & Rebecca Garner named a son Burwell in 1807 as proven by will of John S. Garner. <sup>7</sup>
152	John B. [R?] Payne to Jinsy McMahan	19 July 1814	
153	Nathaniel Millard to Francis Mardis	20 July 1814	Groom's name might be Nathaniel Willard. Neither Willard or Millard located in other records.
153	Vincent C. Graves	23 July 1814	Bride's name might be Dotia or Dolly Mastin.

<sup>1</sup> Margaret Matthews Cowart, *Old Land Records of Madison County, Alabama* (Huntsville, AL: 1979), p. 102

<sup>2</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol 2, p. 94

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>4</sup> Pauline Jones Gandrud, *Alabama, an Index to the 1830 United States Census* (Hot Springs National Park, Ark: Bobbie Jones McLane, 1973)

<sup>5</sup> Deed Book A, p. 77-79, Madison Co., Al.

<sup>6</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 100

<sup>7</sup> Will of John S. Garner recorded in Probate File No. 2303, Madison Co., Al



<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	to Dolie Martin		
154	Thomas Mullins to Charity Couch	26 July 1814	Thomas Mullins was a private in the War of 1812. <sup>8</sup>
154	John Mayhorn to Ozelia Adams	13 Aug 1814	Groom's name may be Mayhew.
155	William Hale to Mary Rickenbacker.	13 Aug 1814	Could bride be Miriam, widow of John Rickenbacker? See marriage No. 16.
155	John Rhea to Polly E. Nesmith	13 Aug 1814	John Rhea died 30 Oct 1814 and Polly petitioned for dower saying they were married 14 Aug 1814. She was nearly 17 and John was near 80. <sup>9</sup> John had eleven children by a previous marriage. John and Polly made premarital agreement 13 Aug 1814. <sup>10</sup>
156	James Murray to Nancy Vickers	15 Aug 1814	
156	Robert Gibson to Nancy Ditto	15 Aug 1814	
157	Samuel Brock to Nancy Horton	15 Aug 1814	Groom's name appears to be written Bract and Bride's name could be Huston; can anyone shed light on these names?
157	John Mitchell to Polly Barloe	23 Aug 1814	Bride's name is probably Barlow.
158	Harmon Horn to Peggy Burks	29 Aug 1814	Groom's name appears to be written Hover. There is a Harmon Horn on 1813 Madison Co. tax list. He was a private in the war of 1812 <sup>11</sup> and his pension application in Searcy County, Arkansas says they were married 30 Aug 1814.
158	Lewis B. Carter to Maria Churchival	31 Aug 1814	Groom's name written "Lewis B." with "Jas. B." beside it in a different hand.
159	Robert M. White to Jane Griggs	31 Aug 1814	Bride's name appears to be written Griggs but may be Jane Gregg.
159	Robert Cook to Polly Leman	6 Sept 1814	Robert Cook was a private in War of 1812. <sup>12</sup>
160	William Reedy to Betsey Toulman	11 May 1814	
160	Jesse Hicks to Martha Sampson	12 Sept 1814	Groom's name written "Jesse" with "John" by it in a different hand. John and Jesse both on the 1813 and 1815 tax lists. Jesse Hix patented the SW/4 Sec. 5-3-1W in 1815. In 1822, Herman B. Sneed, a neighbor of Hix, died and among the bills in his estate file was one dated 1828 and one dated 1829 from Elizabeth P. Sampson for tuition for two of the Sneed children. This proves a Sampson family lived near Jesse Hicks/Hix.
161	Moses McCain to	12 Sept	

<sup>8</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 100

<sup>9</sup> John Rhea's probate file No. 4A and Chancery Court Record Book F, p. 343-330, Madison Co., Al

<sup>10</sup> Deed Book A, page 79, Madison Co., Al

<sup>11</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 93

<sup>12</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	Sally Vaught	1814	
161	John Evans to Betsey Byron	13 Sept 1814	
162	John Weaver to Hannah Morris	14 Sept 1814	On 21 May 1816 John & Hannah Weaver sold land to Daniel Weaver and Jacob Weaver. <sup>13</sup>
162	William Rather to Elizabeth Smith	14 Sept 1814	
163	Westly Davis to Margaret Briscoe	15 Sept 1814	
163	John Lewis to Sally Bell	26 Sept 1814	The will of John N. Bell, dated 5 Jan 1817, mentions his daughter Sally. Sally was dau of John N. & Judith Bell. <sup>14</sup>
164	Jesse Searcy to Mary C. Burris	26 Sept 1814	A note by this entry states, "They were married on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of Sept., 1814 by A. K. Davis." On 20 Feb 1820 Jesse and Mary C. Searcy sold a lot in Huntsville. <sup>15</sup>
164	William Jeffries to Dunning Johnston	26 Sept 1814	
165	Henry Edward Caley to Elizabeth Lay	26 Sept 1814	A divorce was granted Elizabeth Caley from Henry Edward Caley in October term of Morgan County Circuit Court, 1821. <sup>16</sup>
165	John Ellis to Ceeley [Caty?] Carroll	26 Sept 1814	
166	William Hicksey to Nelly Childs	27 Sept 1814	Could this possibly be the Wm. Hicks & Ellinor Childress mentioned as heirs in Henry Childress' probate file No. 167?
166	John McCain to Mary McEacham	1 Oct 1814	One Neal McEacham [Mary's father?] is shown in Receiver's Ledger B in 1812 as making payments on land in Section 6-2-3E in Madison Co. In 1816 one Robert McCain [John's father?] is shown as making payments on land in the same section. Since these two families were neighbors, it may be that John and Mary are their children. <sup>17</sup>
167	Hugh McCarne [McCaine?] to Nancy McEacham	14 Oct 1814	The 1812 tax list says he is Hugh McCarn and he is listed as McCarn and McCarne in the Madison Co. land tract book.
167	Elijah Williams to Nelly Neighbors	14 Oct 1814	
168	William W. Thompson to Anna D. Wood	14 Oct 1814	One William Thompson was a private in Perkins's Battalion in War of 1812 but may or may not be same person as this groom. <sup>18</sup>
168	Jesse Pullien to	15 Oct 1814	The will of Owen "Cammel" (Campbell) dated 5 April 1824

<sup>13</sup> Deed Book B, p. 82. Madison Co., Al

<sup>14</sup> Probate Minutes Book 1818-20, page 109, Will of John N. Bell dated 5 Jan 1817.

<sup>15</sup> Deed Book F, p. 181

<sup>16</sup> *Acts of Alabama*, 1821

<sup>17</sup> Margaret Matthews Cowart, *Old Land Records of Madison County, Alabama* (Huntsville, AL; 1979)

<sup>18</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 97

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	Mary Campbell		mentions his daughter Mary Pullen <sup>19</sup> and his probate file (No. 227) lists her as the wife of Jesse Pullen.
169	Aden Ashburn to Mary Glover Rhea	25 Oct 1814	The probate file of Edwin Ashburn (No. 704) mentions Polly Glover Nesmith, widow of Aden Ashburn who died in the War/1812 in November 1814 without issue. <sup>20</sup>
169	Samuel Moore to Susanna Perkins	27 Oct 1814	
170	Stephen Chennault to Polly Huchingson	29 Oct 1814	According to the Chennault Bible this couple was married 3 Nov 1814. <sup>21</sup>
170	William Pounders to Sally Shook	29 Oct 1814	Bride's name might be Shark.
171	Thomas Ice to Sally Barnett	29 Oct 1814	
171	Joseph Loyd to Lavinia Lacy	5 Nov 1814	
172	John R. Simmons to Sally Ball	12 Nov 1814	
172	Samuel Wheat to Cynthia Stephenson	13 Nov 1814	Bride's name appears to be written Stephenson but a contemporary biography of William W. Wheat says his parents were Samuel Wheat and Cynthia Stinson. <sup>22</sup>
173	Moses Cox to Sally Pounders	30 Nov 1814	
173	John Humphrey to Elizabeth Fitzgerald	12 Dec 1814	The will of James FitzJarrell mentions his daughter Elizabeth Humphries. <sup>23</sup>
174	Abraham Harneman to Mary Hooke	13 Dec 1814	Groom's name appears to be written Abraham Harneman but is probably Kenamer. The bride's name appears to be Mary Hooke but is believed to be Hoke.
174	John Ingram to Lucy Howson	14 Dec 1814	Even though the bride's name is written Howson in this record it is believed to be Houson. The estate of John Houson Sr. [also written Hauson] lists John Ingram as an heir. <sup>24</sup>
175	Solomon Frey to Cloe Hinds	14 Dec 1814	Levi Hinds's probate file <sup>25</sup> mentions his daughter, "Cloe Frey, wife of Solomon Frey." Groom's name written Fry in these marriage records and bride's name written Clark Hinds.
175	Abed Mitchell to Peggy Mitchell	31 Dec 1814	Abed may be Abel.
176	Samuel Fowler to Judith Champion	31 Dec 1814	To be continued in the following issue of <b>Valley Leaves</b>

<sup>19</sup> Probate Record book 3, p. 97

<sup>20</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, pp 82, Perkins's 7<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Mississippi Militia

<sup>21</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 19, p. 35

<sup>22</sup> *Souvenir of Texas*, page 883. Author and publisher unknown.

<sup>23</sup> James FitzJarrell's probate file No. 1538, Madison Co., Al

<sup>24</sup> Deed Book B, p. 88. Property division of John Houson Sr., Madison Co., Al

<sup>25</sup> Levi Hinds's probate file No. 413, Madison Co., Al

## Old West Huntsville Cemetery

Civilization tends to destroy as it builds. This is most unfortunate because one of the first things destroyed seems to be the family cemetery. A bulldozer is a cemetery's worst enemy. The following article, copied from *The Huntsville Weekly Mercury* of September 7, 1887, graphically points this out; the cemetery mentioned has long since disappeared.

Copied and contributed by past president and editor, Catherine Gilliam.

### A Visit to the Site of Our New Manufacturing Suburb

On Tuesday last, accompanied by Dr. Hooper, a member of the *Mercury* staff "took in" the western suburbs of the town, especially that portion recently purchased by a wealthy eastern syndicate for the purpose of establishing a manufacturing city.<sup>1</sup>

The syndicate means business. A *Mercury* reporter was informed yesterday by Mr. A. Campbell of this city, that the organization of the new company would be effected today. Then work will commence immediately and the delightful western suburb will soon develop into a busy manufacturing center.<sup>2</sup>

The Memphis & Charleston Railroad runs through a part of this territory, and the imposing and capacious homestead of the McCalley family is situated on a beautiful eminence fronting the railway track. The drive<sup>3</sup> from the city to the McCalley place is laid through pretty groves and well cultivated fields on which we noticed an abundant crop of corn and cotton ripening for the harvest.

The location is well adapted for the building of a city, and we are surprised that its elegant situation has not been noticed long ago for the purpose of erecting a great hotel and making it a summer resort. The parks and

groves in this neighborhood recommend the location.

The water of Brahan's spring bubbling up from the roots of ancestral trees, is pure and cool and plentiful enough to supply a city of twenty thousand inhabitants.

Although in such close proximity to the city one feels, while roaming through these groves and fields, that he is far from the busy haunts of men because everything around him looks so primitive.

In one of Dr. Hooper's corn fields we picked up a flint arrow head, used by the noble red man a century ago.

The first settler on this land was named Robert Langford<sup>4</sup> and he erected the first dwelling here and also built a Methodist Church in one of the groves.<sup>5</sup>

Nearby we find an ancient graveyard. A few well worn headstones record the last resting places of those who in their day and generation

<sup>1</sup> This was to become Merrimack Mill that manufactured cotton cloth until the 1980's when it closed its doors for the last time. It became a little city with its own store, housing, and even graveyard.

<sup>2</sup> It was, indeed, a busy manufacturing center for about 100 years.

<sup>3</sup> Please keep in mind this was in a buggy or other horse-drawn conveyance.

<sup>4</sup> On 4 April 1818 Robert Lanford purchased 120 acres in the NW/4 of Section 10-4-1W "adjoining land of John Hughes, the widow Fennell and Montgomery McClung." This property is now bounded by Patton Road on the west, Bob Wallace on the north, Morgan on the east and Ashland on the south.

<sup>5</sup> On 17 July 1820 Robert Lanford and his wife, Ann C., deeded one acre from this land to the "Methodist Episcopal Church and no other." The deed included "houses, woods, and water ways." Trustees were William Lanier, Robert Lanford, James Bibb, William Bibb, Loyd Aday, James Pollard, Batt Jordan, James Sharp and William Blake.

were as loved and as loving as they who people the earth today.

A granite slab on a walled mound is inscribed:

Sacred to the Memory  
of  
Sarah J. Hill  
consort of Robert Hill  
Daughter of  
James and Susannah Pollard.  
Born October 20<sup>th</sup> 1826  
Died aged 20 years.

Another stone is inscribed:

Sarah Bibb  
Died Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1829  
Aged 83 years

Another stone was erected to the memory of "Rev. Charles Bibb," but the further lettering on the stone is obliterated with age and we fail to decipher the inscription. [Ed: This is regretful as Charles Bibb's identity is unknown. He is not

on the 1830 federal census and probably died before that.]

In an eminence overlooking Brahans Spring, we find the site where once stood the dwelling of Gen. Brahan, after whom the spring was named.

There is nothing left to show that any dwelling was here, except the excavations of the cellars, and some loose bricks which are scattered around. A thick growth of underbrush and weeds that grow tall and rank cover the ground now.

The land in this neighborhood is exceedingly fertile, well wooded and watered, and withal, very valuable. The scenery is imposing and grand, and the groves, even in their primitiveness are natural beauty spots.

Elegant building sites abound, and the lay of the land suggests that it was made for the forming of a beautiful city.

End

### Mr. Key Found Dead

Friday, 1 April 1831

Huntsville, Ala. March 25. Shocking. An awfully sudden death occurred near this place on Tuesday last. A Mr. Key was found dead about a mile from town by a Negro, on the Meridian road, with his horse standing beside him.

From the appearances of the place, it is certain that Mr. Key, in a state of deep intoxication, fell from his horse whilst the latter was drinking, and was drowned, being unable to extricate himself, although the water of the little wet-weather branch was scarcely a foot in depth.

W. H. T. Browne, Esq., Coroner, caused an inquest to be held over the body, and the verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by drowning. Here is another solemn warning presented to the intemperate of all ages, sexes, and conditions. The deceased has left, as we understand, a family in poverty.

# Marshall County

## Civil Register of County Officials 1836-1844

Contributed by  
Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.

Please refer to page 131 of this issue for an introduction to this material. Whereas the Lauderdale County Register is from 1832, Marshall County was not established until four years later – in 1836.

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Commissioned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b><u>Page 393</u></b>			
May, Washington T.	Judge, County Ct.	15 May 1838	
<b><u>Page 395</u></b>			
May, W. T.	Judge, Co. Court	12 Jan 1836	
McFarlane, James	Clerk, Co. Court	30 May 1836	
Randle, Richard S.	Clerk, Co. Court	"	
Bush, P. M.	Sheriff	"	
Herring, Carlis [?]	Constable	3 Aug 1836	
Smith, Booker	Judge, County Ct.	30 Dec 1836	Vice: W. T. May
Wyeth, James	Judge, County Ct.	27 Jan 1837	Vice: Booker Smith
Rogers, Caleb T.	Justice of Peace	11 April 1837	"refusing to accept"
Walker, John V.	"	"	
Burkett, John	"	"	
Parsons, B. S.	"	"	
Clarke, Henry C.	"	"	
Tidwell, Benjamin	Constable	"	
Walker, Landen [Lawden?]	"	"	
Cox, S [?] Edward	Justice of Peace	19 May 1837	Vice: Jesse Slaton, resigned

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Commissioned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Wyeth, Louis	Judge, Co. Ct.	27 June 1837	
Turner, Andrew	Justice of Peace	5 July 1837	
Wiggins, Joel	Sheriff	5 March 1839	Vice: P. M. Bush
Parron, Benj. S.	Justice of Peace	14 March 1839	Vice: W. P. McFarlane
Randale, Richard S [?]	Clerk, Co. Court	4 June 1839	
Barclay, John D.	Justice of Peace	22 Feb 1840	Vice: Booker Smith
Garrett, Joseph G.	Sheriff	3 Nov 1843	
Rilfate [?], Peter	Clerk, Circuit Ct.	3 Nov 1843	
Gilbreath, Montgomery	Clerk, Co. Court	2 Oct 1843	
 <b><u>Page 354</u></b>			
Estes, John W.	Constable	24 Dec 1836	Vice: Henry Avery
Clark, John	"	17 Feb 1837	Vice: R. D. Woodall Resigned
Clark, John	Justice of Peace	17 Dec 1839	Vice: Abra. C. Davis
Kile, Jesse H.	Justice of Peace	17 Dec 1839	Vice: Basil R. Starnes [?]
Ligon, James	"	19 April 1841	
Parsons, B. S.	"	"	
Lowry, Samuel	"	"	
Neely, John	"	"	
Childress, James	"	"	
Todd, William T.	"	"	
Pierce, Robert S.	"	"	
Callaway, William H.	"	"	
Nixon, James	"	"	
Higgins, John	"	"	
Newsom, Nathan	"	"	
Bush, George	"	"	
Avery, David	"	"	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Commissioned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Walker, Robert	"	"	
Bain, Alex	"	"	
Carter, Kinney C.	"	"	
Martin, Lewis	"	"	
Pendergrass, Benja.	"	"	
Southerland, Alfred D.	"	"	
Carter, Joseph D.	"	"	
Boshart, Little [?] D.	"	"	
Bohannon, Daniel	"	"	
Clark, John	"	"	
Rice, Samuel	"	"	
Sutton, John C.	"	"	
Loy [Lay?], George	"	"	
Upton, Jesse	"	"	
Harris, James	"	"	
Wheeler, Ulm [?] H. E.	"	"	
Barclay, John D.	"	"	

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Lay [Loy?], George	Justice of Peace	14 Dec 1836	Vice: A. Birdwell
Hamborough, Elijah	"	"	Vice: Larkin Breavert [?]
Donaldson, Alexander	"	"	Vice: J. H. G. Robinson
Ussary [?], Gilbert	"	15 Nov 1837	Vice: E. Hamborough
Wheeler, William E. H.	"	28 Mar 1838	
Smith, Booker	"	"	
Lay [Loy?], George	"	"	
Starnes, Bazel R.	"	"	
Woodall, Presley	"	"	



<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Commissioned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Green, Caswell	Justice of Peace	28 March 1838	
Thomas, William C.	"	"	
Rhea, Robert	"	"	
Southland, Alfred D.	"	"	
Lockett, Richard	"	"	
Baxter, Stephen	"	"	
Conally, Geo. W.	"	"	
Turner, Andrew	"	"	
McFarland, Wat. P [?]	"	"	
Cox, Edward	"	"	
Thompson, James	"	"	
Donaldson, Alex D.	"	"	
Robinson, Tate	"	"	
Woolard, Swain W.	"	"	
Mancland [?], Elisha	"	"	
Griffin, William M.	"	"	
Lowry, Sam	"	"	
Nixon, James	"	"	
Higgins, Jehu	"	"	
Shinault, George [?]	"	"	
Acpton [?], Jesse	"	"	
Ligon, James	"	18 June 1838	
Carter, James C.	"	27 Aug 1838	Vice: Geo. W. Conally
Carter, Joseph M.	"	1 Sept 1840	Vice: Richd. Lockett

-End-

# Morgan County

## Old Salem Church – 1825 – 1851

Contributed by  
Mrs. Richard Gilliam, Jr.

In 1972 this church minute book was in the possession of Mr. J. A. Greenhaw, Route 1, Union Grove, Alabama. It was brought to the Huntsville Madison County Public Library to be microfilmed by Mrs. David W. Allen of Huntsville, Alabama. It was microfilmed on 16 June 1972 by Mrs. Richard Gilliam Jr.

On the inside front cover is: "Provance<sup>1</sup> Church, Morgan Co. Ala." Many of the pages in this "legal sized" book have been torn and parts of pages missing. The missing parts will be noted by an ellipsis (...) Some pages are missing entirely. The book is numbered backwards. In other words, the last page is No. 56 and the first page is No. 141. It is unknown what happened to the "first" 55 pages, or whose idea it was to number the pages backwards.

There is a great deal of deviation from the original in punctuation and, in many cases, spelling. We felt this necessary for the sake of clarity. Because there is so much duplication in wording in meeting after meeting with nothing transpiring, we have chosen to omit the duplications and show only the date and the activity. Everything is copied verbatim through the Rules of Decorum. Salem Church is often written "Salom" and is carried as it is written.

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Note: The name, "Mollie L. Briscoe" is written upside down on the first page – probably someone practicing her penmanship long years ago.

**7 June 1825.** The arm of Salem Church

1<sup>st</sup> appointment. Conference opened in order.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fellowship inquired into

3<sup>rd</sup> a charge against Brother Cook – he acknowledged his guilt and the Church forgave him.

4<sup>th</sup> A charge against Brother Boling—the Church satisfied except Brother Richie Thomas.

5<sup>th</sup> Brother Robert Estes Received by letter.

6<sup>th</sup> Brother Abram, a Coloured man kept by to ...

7<sup>th</sup> Sister Mirra, a Coloured woman, kept by he...

8<sup>th</sup> Conference closed in order.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>.** The Arm of Salem Church met according to appointment.

1<sup>st</sup> Conference opened in order.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fellowship inquired into

3<sup>rd</sup> A charge against Brother Cook.

4<sup>th</sup> Brethren Wilson, Couch, Henry & Richie Thomas.

5<sup>th</sup> Appointed to talk to Brother Cook.

Brother Robert Estes appointed our clerk.

6<sup>th</sup> Brother Henry Thomas maid a ... a deacon and it was laid on ... next meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> Conference closed in order.

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**July 9<sup>th</sup> 1825 Saturday**

1<sup>st</sup> Conference opened in order

2 Fellowship inquired into

3 A door opened for the reception of members

4 Bretherin [sic] Wilson, Couch, Henry Lam, Richie Thomas, talked to Brother Cook; he gave them satisfaction.

5 The affair of Brother Rolands laid over until the next meeting in conference.

<sup>1</sup> This is actually Providence as proven in later minutes.

6 Conference Closed in order

**Second Saturday before the second Sunday in August [1825]** the Church met agreeable to

appointment and proceeded to business as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Conference opened in order

2 Fellowship inquired into

3 A door opened for the reception of members

4 Took up the case of looking out ... ucor and it was laid ... the next meeting ... to consideration. The ... Brother Richie Thomas ... Brother Thomas ... Excluded

**Page 139 – Rules of Decorum**

1<sup>st</sup> Church Conference shall be opened and closed by singing a prayer.

2<sup>nd</sup> Any member wishing to speak to or make a motion shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator with the appellation or title of Brother Moderator and then proceed.

3<sup>rd</sup> No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice to any one subject without asking liberty of the church.

4<sup>th</sup> When any motion is made and seconded it shall be the duty of the moderator to take the voice of the church thereon unless he who made s<sup>d</sup> Motion withdraw it.

5<sup>th</sup> No member shall be interrupted whi ... speaking unless s<sup>d</sup> member depart ... subject or cast personal reflections ...

6<sup>th</sup> The liberty of speech shall be ... Moderator provided that he ... some member to fill his p...

7<sup>th</sup> The application of B... used while sitting ...

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8<sup>th</sup> No male member shall leave the house during the siting of conference without asking liberty from the moderator.

9<sup>th</sup> Any male member failing or neglecting to come to Church Meeting for three meetings in succession it shall be the duty of the Church to

appoint one or more members to visit s<sup>d</sup> member and know his reasons for not attending.

10<sup>th</sup> Any motion takeing [taken] up by the Church shall be decided on or laid over for another hearing before another is introduced.

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**Saturday before the second Sunday [in] September [1825].** The Church met agreeable to appointment and arranged their business as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Conference opened in order.

2 Fellowship inquired into.

3 A door opened for the reception of members but received none.

4 Brother Couch appointed as ...

**NOTE: Abstracted hereafter.**

**Saturday before the second Sabbath.**

A door opened for the reception of members – none came forward.

**Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in November [1825].** A door opened in for the reception of members

Brother Thomas Locklier received by Experience.

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**Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in December [1825].**

A door opened for the reception of members. Brother Cook granted a letter of Dismission.

**Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in [January] 1826.**

[Nothing transpired.]

**Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in February**  
Excommunicated Thomas Locklier.

Brother Robert Estes was granted a letter of Dismission.

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Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's day in April 1826.

A door opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's day in May 1826.

A door opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

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Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> day in June 1826

The arm of Salom [Salem?] Church [ met] according to appointment ...

A door opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's day in July 1826

The arm of the Baptist Church at Salom met according to appointment.

Door opened for members. None came.

Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's day in March 1827.

The arm of Salom Church met according to appointment.

Appointed brother J. Couch and H [?] Thompson to invite ...[rest is missing.]

Pages 130-133 missing.

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July 1828 – Saturday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's day in July.

The arm of Salom Church met at Dry Creek meeting house.

A door opened for the reception of [new] members but none came forward.

James W. Willson, Church Clerk

August 1828. Saturday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's day in July.

The arm of Salom Church met at Dry Creek meeting house.

A door opened for reception of members and none came forward.

Brother Holly was appointed as my \_\_\_[?] to go to the association on the Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's day...

September 1828

The arm of Salom Church met agreeable to appointment.

October 1828

The arm of the Salom Church met . . .

James Willson, Church Clerk

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November 1828

The arm of the Salom Church met at Dry Creek meeting house on the Saturday before the Lord's day in November 1828.

December 1828

The arm of Salom Church met at Dry Creek on the Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday ...

April 1829. The arm of Salom Church met at Dry Creek the Saturday before the Lord's day ...

June 1829. The arm of Salom Church met at Dry Creek meeting house agreeable to appointment.

July 1829. The arm of Salom Church met at Dry Creek ...

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March 1830.

The arm of Salom Church met at Dry Creek meeting house on the first Saturday and Sunday in March ...

April 1830 [In a different hand.]

Arm of Salom Church at Dry Creek meeting house, met Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Lord's day ... Fellowship being inquired for and not found ...

James Wilson being found in disorder was excluded from our Christian fellowship. Done in conference by order of the Church. Elisha Bell, CC [church clerk.]

May 1830

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek meeting house. A door opened for the reception of members. Elizabeth McCarley came forward

and was received. This done in conference by order of the church.

Elisha Bell, CC.

N. B. Elizabeth McCarley was received by letter.

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**June 1830**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek Meeting House, Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

A door opened for the reception of members. Elizabeth Denton, Anna Roane and Hannah, a black woman, came forward and was received by experience. Elisha Bell, CC.

**July 1830**

Arm of Salem church, Dry Creek Meeting House, Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst.

A door being opened for the reception of members, Polly Shaver was received by experience. Elisha Bell, CC.

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**August 1830**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek Meeting House, Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

A door being opened for the reception of members, none came. Elisha Bell, CC.

**September 1830**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek Meeting House, Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst.

A door being opened for the reception of members, none came forward. Elisha Bell, CC.

**October 1830**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek Meeting House, the Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst.

A door was opened for the reception of members and William Shaver<sup>2</sup>, Donahoo and Philis, a black woman, came forward and were received.

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**November 1830**

<sup>2</sup> From the photocopy it is difficult to tell whether this name is William Shaver or William Shaver Donahoo. There appears to be a comma after Shaver.

Arm of Salem Church house at Dry Creek. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. No meeting. E. Bell, CC

**December 1830**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek meeting house. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Inst.

A door was opened to receive new members but none came forward.

Application was made by Sisters Elizabeth McCarley and Jemima (a black woman) for letters of dismission and they were granted. E. Bell, CC.

**January 1831**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek meeting house. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

A door being opened for the reception of members, none came. E. Bell, CC.

**May 1831**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek meeting house. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>.

Brother Thomas and Brother Couch were appointed to cite Sister Roane to the next meeting for the cause of intoxication. E. Bell, CC.

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**June 1831**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek meeting house, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

Sister Roane appeared according to the citement and was acquitted for the want of testimony. E. Bell, CC.

**June 1832**

Arm of Salem Church, Dry Creek meeting house, Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June.

“After Divine servis prosedded to bseness of the day. Fellowship being asked for & found being given up by thee Boddy to become a constuted church, We agree to call for Brother Thomsom and Brother Briscoe and Brother Jeremiah Smyth and Brother Lain [Layne?] Done in church conference by order of the church by the church Clk. E. Bell, CC.”

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**June 30<sup>th</sup> 1832**

“At a meeting = together in giving ourselves to the Lord and to one another to watch over each other agreeably to the requirements of the Gospel in love.”

Thomas Jones	Elizabeth Denton
James Couch,	Elizabeth Howard
Elisha Bell	Charity Donoho
Henry Thomas	Barbary Lile
Bartlett Collins	Elizabeth McCarley
Rachel Jones	Penny, coloured woman
Mary Couch	Phillis, coloured woman
Sarah Thomas	Hannah, coloured
Linney Wilson	Judy, coloured woman
Sarah Finn	
John W. Lowry	

June the 30, 1832

“We the presBatory [Presbytery] a Cording to reques met at dry creak meting house and after dew examination found them auther dox [orthodox] in faith and have set them a part as the Church of Jesus Christ.”<sup>3</sup> Signed by:

E. Thompson  
Thomas Briscoe  
Jeremiah Smith  
N. Thompson

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#### **October 1832**

Saturday before 1<sup>st</sup> Lord’s day in October 1832. The church met and after worship a door was opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

#### **November 1832**

A door was opened for the reception of members. A black woman, Lucy, came forward and was recd. by Experience.

A motion was made & seconded to raise a fund in the church & the members subscribed as follows:

Elisha Bell - \$12.00  
James Couch - \$3.00  
Bartlett Collins - \$2.00  
Henry Thomas \$1.50

<sup>3</sup> Copied verbatim

**August 1832** [Note: Out of order for some reason.]

Saturday before the first lord’s day in August, Dry Creek Church met & after worship proceeded to business. Inquiry being made for fellowship, all was found in union. A door was opened for the reception of members. None came.

#### **September 1832**

Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September. A door was opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

The following messengers were then appointed to the Association:

Brothers Thos. Jones  
James Couch  
Bartlet Collins

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#### **December 1832**

Saturday, the first Sunday in December, the church met in conference for fellowship, all in love, opened a door for the reception of members. None came forward.

#### **January 1833**

Saturday before the first Saturday [sic] in January 1833. A door opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

#### **February 1833**

Saturday before the first Lord’s day in February 1833. The church met and opened a door for the reception of members. Three joined by letter [not named.]

#### **April 6, 1833**

Church met and afterwards proceeded to business. A door was opened for the reception of members. None came forward. Sam M. Echols was appointed Clerk.

#### **May 4, 1833**

The Church met and after worship proceeded to business. A door was opened for the receptions of members. None came forward.

Resolved that \$5 of the church fund be appropriated to brother Elexus Thompson.

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**June 1833**

Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. A door was opened for the reception of members. "Sister Elizabeth Quean came forward, give in her experience & was Recd." Saml. M. Echols, CC

**July 1833**

Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July 1833. A door was opened for the reception of members. None came forward. Saml. M. Echols, CC.

**August 1833**

The Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August the Church met & after worship proceeded to business.

A door was opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

**September 1833**

Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September 1833.

A door was opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

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The messengers were selected to take our letter to the next Association. They are brothers:

Thomas Jones

Henry Thomas

James Couch

Saml. M. Echols, Clk. The minutes made under the inspection of brother Jas. Couch.

**October 1833**

Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1833.

A door was opened for the reception of members. Non came forward. Saml. M. Echols, CC.

**Saturday, 6 October 1833**

A door was opened for the reception of members. A black man of the name of Simon

S. M. Echols, CC

came forward and was recd. by experience. Saml. M. Echols, C. Clk.

**November 1833**

Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November 1833. A door was opened for the reception of members. None came forward.

On direction of Brother T. Jones Saml. M. Echols, CC.

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**August 1833**

Second Lord's day in August. The arm of the Dry Creek Church in Partkis [?] Cove met. After singing and preaching we "tride the felow Ship" of the Church – all in union.

The church proceeded to business. Brother Elijah Wade was appointed Clerk by order of the church.

A door was opened for reception of members. Received by letters, two sisters Mary Clarke and Faraby Sutherlin. Elijah Wade, Clerk.

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**May 1834**

"Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May 1834, the Baptist Church at Antioch met and after Worship set in conference. 1<sup>st</sup> tried the fellowsh[ip] of the Church, Union found."

Jefferson G. McNorton, CC

"On Sunday opened a door for the reception of members and brother Jesse Stamps was Received by letter."

To be continued

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**Bits N' Pieces**

Troops are to be sent to Morgan and Limestone Counties to repress disorders there and enable civil officers to arrest offenders against the law. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 20 July 1869.]

# Book Reviews

## Robertson Miscellaneous Records

by

Lydia Josephine Taylor Kilduff

Price not given. 8-1/2 x 11, 137 pages, full name index, printed on one side only. Publisher not shown. Information may be obtained by writing to Lydia Kilduff at 822 Donaghey Ave., Conway, AR 72034-5144. Spiral binding, soft cover.

This is an unusual family genealogical-historical compilation - one I would want a copy of were it my family. The author has compiled a chronological encyclopedia of source material on the Robinsons from November 1771 in Botetourt and Augusta Counties, Virginia. It is not a compiled genealogy but a well-referenced, chronological study of the family as found in public (and some private) records. She has leaned heavily on deed records which are so often overlooked as a major genealogical source.

The author wisely included records of persons with various spelling of the name such as Robertson, Robinson, Roberson, and Robison.

The book consists of two chapters. At the beginning of each is a long list of sources with each source assigned a number. In the text, instead of taking up the space to footnote her sources for each statement, the author has merely inserted the number that corresponds with that in her list of sources (i.e., her bibliography.)

Chapter One is entitled, "Robinsons in Madison County, Alabama." The author has 38 bibliographical items, meaning she used 38 sources in compiling this chapter. She begins her chronological record with the earliest appearance of those names found in Madison County. For instance, the earliest chronological entry in this chapter is in 1811 and is as follows: "Tax list, Madison County, Alabama (29). Alexander Roberson and William Roberson/Robertson and Elizabeth Roberson." The "(29)" refers to the number of the source [bibliography] in the beginning of the chapter which she shows as being the "1811, 1812,

1813, 1814 and 1815 Tax List of Madison County, Alabama as abstracted in Valley Leaves, June 1972." [There is a slight error here in that the June 1972 issue of *Valley Leaves* shows the 1809 Squatter Census, not the tax list. The tax list is actually in Volume 4, issue No. 4 of *Valley Leaves*. Also, the 1814 tax was forgiven due to the extremely poor economic situation in the county that year, therefore, there is no tax record for 1814.]

The first chapter cites references to the family through 1890. At the end of the chapter, as an unstated appendix, are family members found in Maple Hill Cemetery Sexton Records, the 1907 Confederate Census, interments in Maple Hill taken from the tombstones, and marriages from 1811 through 1819.

Chapter two shows research done in Virginia in the counties of Lee, Russell, Washington, Montgomery, Fincastle, and Scott.

The second chapter's chronological enumeration begins on 11 November 1772. It shows David Robinson of Botetourt county leasing 600 acres to Wm. Inglis in Montgomery Co., Va. It ends on 11 Aug 1856 showing the marriage of John Robinson to Senora J. Wilhite in White Co, Tn.

In the "appendix," she has "Implied Marriages of Russell County, Va." which is a record of marriages found in sources other than regular marriage registers. Then the author lists the family names found in "Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 34, Washington Co., Va.," "Scott Co., Va Marriages 1815-1853." The next is the 1826 Will of Jacob Robinson of White Co., Tn in its entirety.

There is no introduction to this material. One gathers, however, the work was done to satisfy a Daughters of the American Revolution requirement as "Cadron Post Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution" is printed on the bottom of each page.



## The Affair at Madison Station, Before and After

by  
L. C. Lanphere

Soft cover, perfect bound, 8-1/2 x 11, no index. Published by the Madison Station Historical Preservation Society, Inc. \$12.50 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. May be ordered from Mr. L. C. Lanphere, 120 Bellingham Dr., Madison, Al 35758. Make checks payable to Madison Station Historical Preservation Society.

The purpose of the book, as outlined in the introduction, is "to expand and present more information on the part Madison played in the Civil War and on the report now known as "The Affair at Madison Station, Alabama." In their endeavor, the authors succeeded.

The story centers around a raid on May 17, 1864 on the tiny hamlet of Madison Station. Biographies, schedules, letters, and background information are given regarding circumstances leading up to and beyond the "Affair."

Few publications concerning the Civil War "tell it like it was" without rancor, emotion or embellishments but this one is an exception. It is fascinating to see an account of an incident given by both sides of the conflict. This well researched, well-written book takes most of its information from actual, contemporary records and weaves it into a most interesting, factual story. For instance, copies of letters from James E. Saunders shed a new public light on the ability and intellect of General "Fightin' Joe" Wheeler.

Madison Station, now just "Madison," was a small town west of Huntsville through which ran a railroad. It was a railroad that played a major roll in the

development of the town and its position during the Civil War – and the "affair."

Brief biographical sketches are given on Col. Adam B. Gorgas (Federal), Brigadier General Philip Dale Roddy (CSA), Col. Josiah Patteson (CSA) and Lt. Col. Jabez Monroe Curry (CSA). Biographies of civilians who played a role in the circumstances surrounding the "affair" included John Daniel Rather, James E. Saunders and Robert Jemison (Jr.). A most interesting sketch of the Palmer family is given along with that of John D. McClanahan and William Eugene Clutts.

The authors included brief histories of the Federal units in or near Madison Station at the time of the conflict. A roster of Fifth Alabama Cavalry officers is given plus that of the entire regiment. The regimental roster includes the name, rank, company, and remarks on most of the soldiers. Many of them were prisoners of war and this tells in which prison they were incarcerated. Also given is the date and location of the muster and other interesting information.

Rare photographs of and around the spot of the raid are shown. From these photographs, one can readily place the depot by comparing them to the location today.

My only criticism is that there is no index. Otherwise, in this reviewer's opinion, it is a first rate Civil War publication.

[Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson]

**Lily Flagg**  
by  
**Doris B. Gilbreath**

Hard bound, 62 pages, 6 x 9, illustrations by Trish Layne. \$10.00 plus postage and mailing, \$2.00. May be ordered from Gilbreath Publications, 8314 Valley View Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

This historical account of a famous segment of Huntsville-Madison County history is written in narrative form and geared to grade school level children.

Even though it is basically written for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade children, it should appeal to adults who enjoy knowing historical truths as opposed to myths.

This is the story of a Jersey cow, Lily Flagg, who was sent from Huntsville to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in May 1893 and all the preparations leading up to, during, and after, the trip.

Because of the Lily Flagg subdivision and commercial business on the southeast side of Huntsville, the general belief is that Lily's home was there. Not so! It was on Chapman Mountain in northeast Huntsville. Mrs. Gilbreath lays all the myths and misconceptions

to rest in this book. Doris conducted many interviews in researching her book. One interview was with the only living person who knew the situation first hand – Lucy Matthews, one of the little sisters who ran to the loading chute to see Lily Flagg off to Chicago.

Mrs. Gilbreath visited the ruins of the dairy barns in which Lily Flagg was milked and her milk processed. A tour of the home in which the Matthews lived aided her in her "feel" for the era and the story.

A protegee of Dr. Frances Roberts, Mrs. Gilbreath did her research well. The end result is a delightful little book for all ages that tells the true story of Lily Flagg without fictional glamorizing.

Incidentally, the illustrations throughout the book are truly wonderful. The artist, Trish Layne, captured the "feel" of the time.

This reviewer believes the Huntsville-Madison County school system would do well to include "Lily Flagg" as required reading.

[Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson]

# Things You Should Know

## **Ancestor Swap Meet**

The Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc. is sponsoring another Ancestor Swap Meet on Saturday, April 27, 2002., 8:30 – 3:30. It will be held in the Senior Activity Center in historic downtown Gadsden, Alabama. Lunch will be catered.

All attendees must register. As part of the registration this year they ask that you include a short, to the point, specific research problem you might be having. The speaker will be Dr. Robert S. Davis of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, AL.

The Self family will be there and at noon will separate from the main group and have their annual meeting in the Alaco Room.

Early registration will be \$20 per person until 31 March after which it will be \$25. Send your name, address, telephone No., e-mail address and money to Northeast Ala. Genea. Society, Inc., P. O. Box 8268, Gadsden, AL 35902.

## **Boyd Cemetery at Langston, AL**

Plans are being made to restore the historic old Boyd Cemetery at Langston wherein some of Jackson County's most prominent pioneers are buried.

Some of the families represented here are Boyd, Wellborn/Wilborn, Sublett, Logan, Hillian, Spiller, and others. An attempt is being made to contact all known descendants of these families. They plan to clean off the cemetery, place a marker there, and rededicate it this summer.

Many people think this cemetery was flooded when TVA put in Guntersville Dam. That is not the case and it still exists but in a very overgrown condition.

If you descend from any of these old Jackson County families, the Committee to Restore would like to hear from you – and, of course, a contribution would be appreciated. If interested, please contact Marilyn Wallace via e-mail at [altagram@intellisys.net](mailto:altagram@intellisys.net).

We hope that in the next issue we will be able to carry some "before and after" pictures.

## **Our Web Site's Future**

We are in the process of revamping and updating our web site. We have a new web master and all kinds of changes will be taking place in the next few weeks.

We are presently adding a sort of "table of contents" to articles published in each volume in each county we cover. This will let you know what is in each issue of *Valley Leaves* from Volume 1 onward.

Wheels have been set in motion to compile a full-name alphabetical index to all thirty-six volumes of *Valley Leaves* and post it on our web site. This can not happen over night as it is a tremendous undertaking for we volunteers – but it will happen.

## **Exchange Quarterlies**

Our Society feels some belt-tightening is necessary in order to continue to give our paid membership the best quarterly, the best service, the best seminars, and the best meeting speakers possible – and still continue to support the Heritage Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library.

Along with some other societies, we are cutting down on the number of organizations with whom we exchange quarterlies. We regret the inconvenience to those of you who count on reading each issue at your local library. However, when we reach the point where expenses are more than income, then we must take bold measures.

Perhaps you or your organization would like to join TVGS and continue to enjoy one of the finest genealogical publications in the country. We try never to publish anything that has been on the web or has been published before unless it is to correct that information.

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