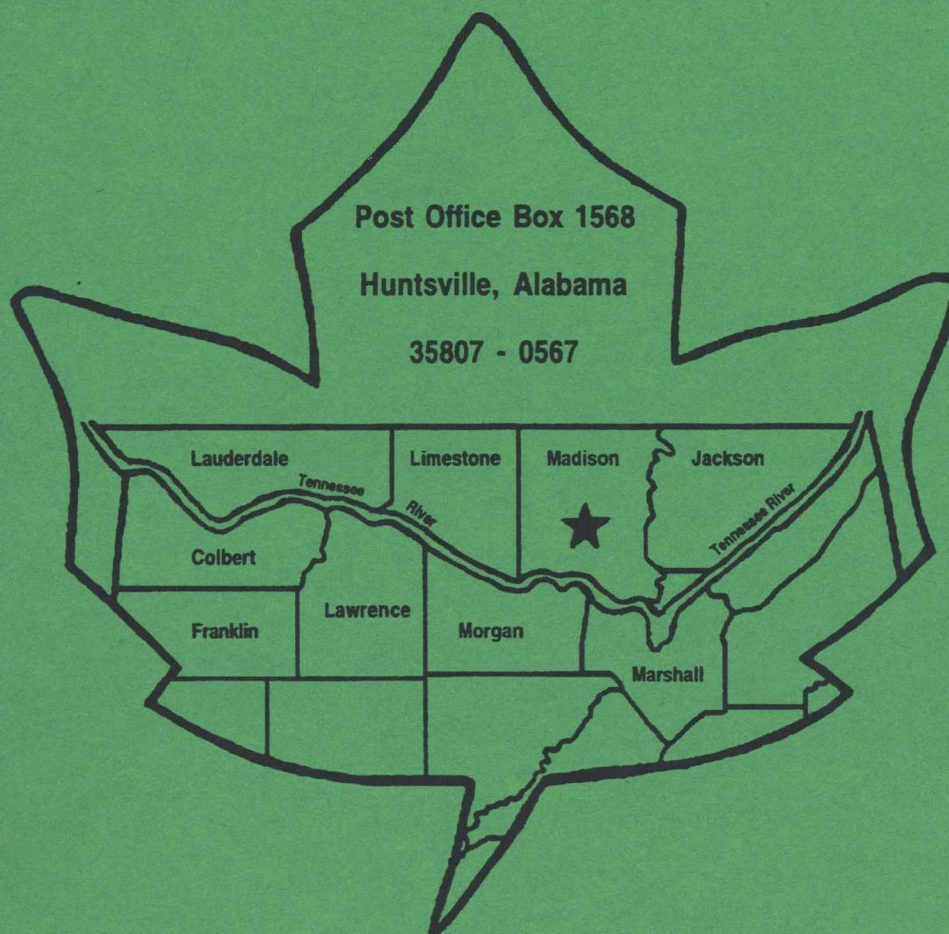

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Things You Should Know

New TVGS Web Site

Our new website is at <http://www.tvgs.org>. You are encouraged to look at it and see if you can find any resemblance between it and the old site.

As mentioned in the last issue of *Valley Leaves*, volunteers are working hard to index all past volumes of *Valley Leaves* to post them on our new site. This will tell you whether your ancestor has been mentioned in any volume – a great help to researchers.

We are also in the process of posting a list of every article published in *Valley Leaves* from Volume 1 through the current volume. It shows what has been published in each volume of *Valley Leaves* by county and then by category within each county.

Please bear with us – it will take some time for everything to be posted.

The new site will be maintained, daily if necessary, in order to keep the information up to date.

National Archives Launches New Web Site

Be sure to point your browser to <http://www.archives.gov> to see their “new” face. It was formerly at <http://www.nara.gov> but throw away that number and use the archives.gov site.

The enhanced site will have improved navigation, better graphics and layouts, and new features such as printer-friendly pages, news and event notices, drop-down boxes to directly access key pages, a site index and an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page. The new site will also have improved accessibility for people with visual, auditory and motor impairments.

Traveling in Regency—Victorian England

We are often so intent on finding the births, marriages and deaths of our ancestors that we totally overlook the interesting part of genealogy. This is, of course, being able to

close your eyes and “see” the conditions under which your ancestors lived.

Did your ancestors live in England during the Regency or Victorian periods (1811 to 1901)? Here are some ways they might have traveled during that time. (And don't forget, what England did was not far ahead of what was happening in America.)

Private Coaches

Those who had carriages of their own, or hired them, could go “post,” meaning they could have fresh horses at certain recognized stations. This form of travel, known as going post chaise, was decidedly the favored means of travel. The chaise was a light and comfortable vehicle with two or, more commonly, four wheels and was drawn by two or four horses ridden by post boys. For great haste, four horses with two postilions were used. As with a coach, the horses were changed at stages. There was room for only two passengers in a post chaise, but most carriages had a dicky, or platform, at back for a groom.

The Omnibus

This horse-drawn omnibus, used for travel within major cities, was introduced to England in 1829. Originally, these carried 12 inside passengers and three outside, but eventually they carried 22 passengers inside, with a team of three horses. The floors were covered with straw and the average ride cost sixpence. By 1838 the omnibus and their drivers had to be licensed. In the 1890s, there were about 1,700 omnibuses in London with tickets first introduced during the same period. The first motor bus, with an omnibus body fitted atop a Cannstall-Daimler chassis, was introduced in October 1899.

The Railroad

The railway from Liverpool to Manchester was opened 15 Sept 1830 but travel did not come to the forefront until a decade later. Like any other innovation, it took some time for the notion to catch on. Northampton, for example,

refused to allow the London and Birmingham Railway to build tracks anywhere near the town center, fearing the smoke of the engines would affect the wool of grazing sheep. Needless to say, the railroad companies pressed on and those towns that did allow the railway to enter reaped so many benefits that by the mid-1840s most of the opposition had been won over.

By 1844, a veritable railroad mania gripped the nation. Prospective companies offered the public the opportunity to buy into the new venture at ground level and hinted at the promise of big money to be made. Capital was easily raised, prompting the government to institute a Railway Commission. One of its suggestions, which soon became law, was that every railway should arrange for at least one train to pass each way, every weekday, traveling at a speed of 12 miles per hour. They were to be furnished with closed third-class railway coaches at a rate not to exceed a penny per mile. These were later known as Parliamentary Trains.

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Land Patents

Several months after a federal court order shut down all U. S. Department of Interior web sites (one of the most useful for genealogists), it is back online. The Official Federal Land Patent Records site at <http://www.glorecords.blm.gov> is once again available for searching two million land title records from 1820 to 1908.

Interviewing Techniques

Have pedigree charts and family group sheets in front of you when interviewing. They will help you keep your ancestors straight (especially if several had the same or similar names), and you can check to see if dates and places that your informants suggest are plausible.

Make notes on the appropriate person's sheet (but don't try to make formal entries at this time; these should be worksheets only). When taking

information over the telephone, try to keep your notes legible and organized and transcribe them immediately after the telephone call while you can still interpret them. Call back with follow-up questions if you are not sure about something you wrote.

When interviewing, do not overwhelm your informant with questions. Allow lots of time for Uncle Vern to answer, and do not make him feel pressured; if he does, he might try to come up with some answer – any answer, not necessarily the right answer – just to please you. Be sensitive: an older relative may become tired, and spending time thinking about loved ones who are now dead may bring back painful or overwhelming memories. Interviews should be kept to about an hour.

When interviewing relatives by mail, do not send long lists of questions. Although you want to find out all the answers at once, remember that a letter with some news and two or three questions may stimulate them to reply. A letter with 54 questions may intimidate them so much that they will just put it away unanswered.

In addition to asking people what they know about the family, ask if they have any old family papers or photographs. Has someone previously unknown to the family contacted a relative looking for genealogical information on the family? Even if the relative did not answer the letter, she might have saved it.

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Not Everyone Stopped at Ellis

Q. Isn't it true that only the steerage passengers landed on Ellis Island and others were let off in New York City? Neither of my grandparents from Germany and England ever set foot on Ellis Island. That was in the 1920^s. I believe they got off in Brooklyn. Ellis Island only took the passengers that were not being met by someone or had backing by someone. This fact is seldom publicized so most people think all immigrants landed on Ellis.

A. It is true that only steerage passengers were processed at Ellis Island. The first and second

classes disembarked at the ocean liner's dock, then the steerage class was taken by ferry to Ellis Island but not just those who weren't being met by someone or had financial backing. The entire steerage class was taken to Ellis Island.

Beginning about 1903, the passenger arrival lists began to include a supplemental section for those detained on Ellis Island. Many immigrants were detained for short periods of time at the port of arrival until relatives came to claim them. These lists of detainees, or *Record of Detained Aliens*, that have survived were microfilmed with their corresponding passenger lists at the end of the lists of arrivals. These contain the names of each detainee, the cause of detention, and the date and time of discharge. The number of meals the detainee was fed during detention was also recorded. If the émigré was deported before being released from the immigrant receiving station, these records stated the reason and the date deported.

Be sure to check subsequent passenger lists and indexes for aliens who were deported but may have re-entered the country at a future date when they might have been able to pass inspection.

Another common way for aliens to re-immigrate was to save enough money and re-enter as a first- or second-class passenger, who underwent less stringent exams aboard ship, and did not have to undergo the processing at Ellis Island.

For more on the immigrant experience, you may wish to visit the Ellis Island web site at <http://www.ellisland.org/immexp/index.asp>

[Source: *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant & Ethnic Ancestors* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. Printed here with permission. See the following: <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/store/display.asp?id=70462>.]

Ancestry Releases First 1930 Census Index

The 1930 U. S. census was released a few weeks ago and as Ancestry.com posts digitized images of these microfilmed records, the site is also creating new indexes of them.

The first state to appear online was Delaware. Just last week an index of all Delaware residents listed in the 1930 census was posted.

These indexes will be particularly helpful since only a few southern states' 1930 census records were Soundexed by the Works Projects Administration. Ancestry promises more records and indexes of other states in the weeks and months to come.

A New, Comprehensive Look at the Revolutionary War

The story of the American Revolution has been told in bits and pieces by museums across the United States, but now a new museum is being planned as the "premier educational, historical and cultural institution concerning the American Revolution."

The National Park Service and the National Center for the American Revolution have teamed up to create a place to display the world's most comprehensive collection of Revolutionary artifacts. Located at the trailhead of Valley Forge National Historical Park, the museum will show visitors the events leading up to the Revolution, the 1777-1778 encampment of Gen. George Washington and the Continental Army at Valley Forge, and a chronicle of the war itself. The 21-acre museum complex will be completed in 2005.

Visit <http://www.valleyforgemuseum.org> to learn more.

Checklist for Finding Scottish Church Records

[] Scottish Church Records index. This source indexes all pre-1855 baptisms and marriages from the parish registers of the Church of Scotland. It also indexes baptisms and marriages from some nonconformist registers. The Scottish Church Records index is available for use at no charge at Family History Centers [Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints] in a DOS version on CD. You can also search this database for a fee on the Scots Origins web site.

[] Old Parochial Registers on microfiche. The microfiche indexes are arranged by county.

[] International Genealogical Index.

[] Vital Records Index – British Isles.

[] National Burial Register of Scotland. At the time of this writing, this resource is in progress. In the meantime, to find burial indexes, contact the family history society in the area where your ancestor lived.

[] Computer (parish register) printouts.

[] Microfilm of original parish registers of the Church of Scotland. Learn what records exist by consulting V. Ben Bloxham's *Key to the Parochial Registers of Scotland*. This book also lists the Family History Library¹ (FHL) film numbers for a parish. To search the FHL Catalog, either search by film number (using the old film numbers) or search by place using the name of the parish.

[] Look for other records of the Church of Scotland in the kirk session records inventory (CH 2) on FHL microfiche 6084820. To find the parish you want, use the index on FHL fiche 6084821.

[] If you do not find your ancestor in the records of the Church of Scotland, use the Statistical Accounts of Scotland on the internet at <http://edina.ac.uk/cgi/StatAcc/StatAcc.cgi> or Groome's *Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland* (FHL fiche numbers 6020391-6020411) to determine the denomination of other churches in the area.

[] Consult the Parish and Vital Records List to see which nonconformist churches have already been extracted and indexed. Order parish register printouts.

[] Search the FHL Catalog to see if other nonconformist records are available on microfilm. Order microfilmed records.

[] Check the inventory of nonconformist records held at the National Archives of Scotland to see what else is available. The

inventories are on FHL microfiche numbers 6084809 and 6084816-6084819. The inventory of Roman Catholic Records (RH21) is on microfilm 1368303.

[] If the records for the church you want are not at the FHL or among the holdings of the National Archives of Scotland, see if the records are still in local custody.

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Alabama Archives Web Site

The web site for the Alabama Department of Archives and History is <http://www.archives.state.al.us/>. On the page that comes up are five lines, in brackets, giving links to other information. For instance, "News and Announcements" will show you what is new at the Archives, and so on.

Let Us Hear From You

We want to give you, our readers, what you want and need. If you like or dislike the "Things You Should Know" column, let us know. What would you like to see printed in *Valley Leaves*? We will try to oblige. Feel free to use our e-mail numbers on the title page to inform us of your needs.

¹ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' massive genealogy collection in Salt Lake City.

Colbert County

Deed Book A, 1867 – 1870 Part 6

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27 July 1867

Mortgage – Lien

George W. Smith and John McDaniel of the first part and O. C. Boon & Co. of Shelby Co., Tenn., of the second part.

O. C. Boon & Co. has this day advanced supplies to the value of \$50. To aid George W. Smith and John McDaniel to make a crop for the year 1867.

Without said advancement it would not have been in the power of Smith & McDaniel to have procured the necessary supplies or provisions to make a crop.

In consideration of \$50 worth of provisions, Smith & McDaniel bind themselves to pay to Boon & Co. the sum of \$50 on or before 1 Nov 1867. To secure said payment, Boon & Co. puts a lien on the crop to be raised by Smith & McDaniel in 1867.

Upon failure of Smith & McDaniel to make the \$50 payment when due, then Boon & Co. may take possession to gather and process said crop for sale in order to pay the debt, plus interest and costs.

The remainder, if any, to go back to Smith and McDaniel.

/s/ John McDaniel

/s/ George Smith with his X.

Received and recorded 8 Aug 1867.

Southern Polytechnic Institute at LaGrange Acquisition of Arms 6 February 1868

The quartermaster general of the State of Alabama is required to furnish the president and board of trustees of the Southern Polytechnic Institute at LaGrange, Franklin County, Alabama, any arms in his official possession or any that may hereafter come into his possession. Such arms consist of cadet muskets or rifles with all the usual and necessary equipment. Not less than 110 said arms are required. The said Trustees may at any time exchange said arms for cadet muskets when the State is in possession of same.

The secretary of state is hereby required to furnish the president and board of trustees with 100 copies of each and every work on military tactics which may be in the State library. The board is to give good and sufficient bond, approved by the Governor, for the safe-keeping and return of the arms and equipment. [Source: *Acts of Alabama, 1868*. Approved Feb. 6, 1868.]

Apprenticeships

Napoleon George Apprenticeship 23 April 1878

This day came Wilson Vanpelt, colored, who states that Napoleon George is his brother and that his father and mother are both dead. The said Napoleon George is an orphan aged about 11 or 12 years, and without any visible means of support.

Vanpelt now requests that his brother be apprenticed to Hector Walker, a colored man. John C. Goodloe and William R. Juliann, Sheriff, both state they are well acquainted with Hector Walker and know him to be a good man, able and well qualified to take care and control of said minor.

There being no record of the boy's age, the court declares him to be age 12 years old.

Hector Walker gives \$200 bond and will furnish the minor with sufficient food and clothing, treat him humanely, furnish him with medical care and teach him or cause him to be taught to read and write.

[Source: Colbert County Probate Minute Book "B" 1874-1879, pages 539-540]

Peter Jackson Apprenticeship 3 September 1878

Peter Jackson, colored, was bound to Elbert L. Brekley. At age 17 Peter stole from Brekley and was convicted of petit larceny and fined \$5.00, the value of the goods stolen from Beckley (plus \$3.00 costs and \$4.00 jail fees), and sentenced to hard labor for six months.

Jackson is now 18 years of age and wishes to be apprenticed again to Brekley. Brekley agrees to pay all fees and release the fine. Peter Jackson is hereby bound to Brekley until he is 21 years old and Brekley gave bond. Brekley is to furnish Peter with sufficient food and clothing, treat him humanely, and furnish medical care in case of sickness.

[Source: Colbert County Minute Book B, 1874-1879, page 577]

Charles S. Guy Apprenticeship 23 Sept. 1875

O. H. P. Williams applied to have apprenticed and bound to him, Charles S. Guy, age 14 years, the son of Christopher C. Guy. The father stated it was his desire that the child be so apprenticed until he arrives at the age of 21 years. The court declares that Williams is a suitable and fit person and he gave bond.

Williams agrees to furnish the minor with sufficient food and clothing, treat him humanely, furnish him with medical attention in case of sickness, and teach him or cause him to be taught to read and write.

[Source: Colbert County Minute Book B, 1874-1879.]

Franklin County

Civil Register of County Officials

1832 – 1844

(Part 1)

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

This work is especially important in counties such as Franklin which has lost its courthouse to fire multiple times. At the time these appointments were made, Colbert County was still a part of Franklin.

Page 122 Official's Name	Office	Date of Commission	Remarks
Fenner, Robert	Justice of Peace	6 Nov 1832	
Rhea, John S.	"	20 Feb 1833	
Northcrest, John M.	"	"	
Gilbert, Samuel	"	24 May 1834	Vice: Robert James, secured
Bishop, Collin	"	"	
Hodges, James	"	"	
Powell, Cornelius	"	"	
Bonds, Wright, Senr.	"	"	
Hill, Joel	"	"	
Gates, Philip	"	"	
East, Thomas	"	"	
Pride, Edward	"	"	
Wilburn, William J. [I?]	"	"	
Morton, Quin	"	"	
Gilbert, Samuel	"	"	

Official's Name	Office	Date/Comm.	Remarks
Garland, Daniel R.	Justice of Peace	24 May 1834	All Franklin Co., AL
Harris, Edward C.	"	"	
Kirk, James M.	"	"	
Korbell, Josiah	"	15 July 1835	
Bates, Robert P.	"	"	
Hale, Joshua S.	"	"	
Tompkins, Christopher	"	"	
Vincen ¹ , Edward S.	"	"	
Edwards, James G.	"	"	
Bruton, John	"	"	
Ligon, James W.	"	"	
Burgess, Charles N.	"	"	
Allen, Lendsey	"	"	
Waldin, Richard	"	"	
Taylor, Peter	Constable	"	
Matlock, Charles B.	"	"	
Bennet, Willis	"	"	
Benson, Cyrus	"	"	
Bullock, John A.	"	"	
Powell, William F.	"	"	
Smith, Jackson M..	"	"	
Weatherford, John	"	"	
Horton, William W.	"	"	
Welch, George W.	"	"	
Hudson, John W.	"	"	
Bean, Armstead	"	"	
Hulsey, Gordon	"	"	
Sibley, ² Thomas S.	"	"	
Barnett, Joseph D.	Justice of Peace	19 March 1836	

(-To be continued-)

¹ Written Vincen; may actually be Vincent or Vinson

Marriage Record Book 3
1902 – 1907
(Part 8)

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For an introduction to these records, please see this Volume 36, issue No. 1.

- 121 Bass, O. J. Pinkard, Savannah E. 10 Oct 1903 W. Y. Taylor, MG
Married at the 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.
- 121 Cole, C. L. Bishop, Limer T. 10 Oct 1904 J. W. Doss, JP
Married at the Albert Bishop residence. Bondsmen: C. L. Cole and
W. J. Cooper. Mr. A. J. Bishop and Mrs. G. A. Bishop gave permission
in writing for their daughter. Mr. S. J. Cole and Mrs. M. S. Cole gave
permission in writing for their son to marry..
- 122 Riner, Alphins Albin King, Zula 11 Oct 1903 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at the Tom King residence in Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen:
Alphins Albin Riner and Neal King. Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 122 Taylor, James Porter, Evey Elizabeth 18 Oct 1903 J. J. Jones, MG
Married at the residence of the bride's father. Bondsmen: James Taylor
and J. A. Ray. Father of the Bride, S. J. Porter, gave permission in writing
and states that his daughter is under 18 years of age.
- 123 Harris, W. N. Parker, Mandy 18 Oct 1903 Wm. T. Chambless, MG
Married at residence of William Martain. Bondsmen: W. N. Harris and
G. C. Blackburn. Father of the bride, Pink Parker, gave permission in writing
for his daughter.
- 123 King, Arthur King, Josie 18 Oct 1903 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at residence of John King in Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Arthur
King and John Riner. Jno. and Bettie King gave permission in writing for
Arthur to marry Josie King.
- 124 Dooley, L. D. Trapp, Haley 19 Oct 1903 Porter Duboise, MG
Married at residence of Henry Trapp. Bondsmen: L. D. Dooley and
J. T. Baker. Mr. Henry Trapp and Mrs. Missouri Trapp gave permission
in writing for their daughter.
- 124 Hillman, Zack (c) Box, Ladie (c) 20 Oct 1903 James Hampton, MG
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Zack Hillman and Robert Holloway.
- 125 Slay, James M. Oliver, Elizabeth 23 Oct 1903 R. A. Nix
Married at residence of A. M. Clark. Bondsmen: James M. Slay and S. B. Hester.
J. H. Oliver gave permission in writing for his daughter, Elizabeth.
- 125 Tiffin, James B. Bostick, Nellie A. 25 Oct 1903 G. W. Sims, NP/JP
Married at residence of G. W. Sims. Bondsmen: James B. Tiffin and Ed Tiffin. Father of
James B. Tiffin gave permission in person.

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| 126 | Berryman, A. F. | Dickerson, Ida B. | Not shown | Not shown |
| | No indication that marriage ever took place. No return. | | | |
| 126 | Smith, W. L. | Harris, Mamie | 28 Oct 1903 | W. H. Austin, MG |
| | Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: W. L. Smith and W. P. Jordan.
Miss Mamie Harris has no father, mother or legal guardian. | | | |
| 127 | Freemon, John (c) | Ford, Annie (c) | 1 Nov 1903 | W. C. McCord, MG |
| | Married at Newburg, Ala. Bondsmen: John Freemon and J. W. White. | | | |
| 127 | Solley, G. J. | Trapp, Vandory | 2 Nov 1903 | Rev. W. P. Scott |
| | Married at the residence of Henry Trapp. Bondsmen: G. S. Solley and
S. A. Solley. Henry and Missouri Trapp gave permission in writing for
their daughter. | | | |
| 128 | Trapp, G. W. | Jones, Lizzie | 5 Nov 1903 | Porter Duboise, MG |
| | Married at the residence of A. D. Jones. Bondsmen: G. W. Trapp and
H. M. Cole. A. D. Jones gave permission in writing for Lizzie Jones.
Henry and Missouri Trapp gave permission in writing for G. W. Trapp. | | | |
| 128 | Trapp, J. T. | Cole, Ida L. | 5 Nov 1903 | Porter Duboise, MG |
| | Married at residence of H. M. Cole. Bondsmen: G. W. Trapp and H. M. Cole. | | | |
| 129 | Thorn, James A. | Patterson, Stie H. | 12 Nov 1903 | B. E. Finch, MG |
| | Married at I. J. Patterson's residence. Bondsmen: J. T. Thorn and Jas. M. Jordan.
Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years. | | | |
| 129 | Wade, Albert E. | Harris, Mande L. | 12 Nov 1903 | L. F. Whitten |
| | Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Albert E. Wade and J. W. Williams.
Mande L. Harris was previously married. | | | |
| 130 | Hughes, James B. | Patterson, Lucinda A. | 15 Nov 1903 | G. W. Sims, NP/JP |
| | Married at D. W. Patterson's residence. Bondsmen: James B. Hughes and A. W. Patterson.
Father of Bride gave consent in person. | | | |
| 130 | Jackson, A. M. | Lindley, Nancy | 19 Nov 1903 | G. W. Sims, NP/JP |
| | Married at Jake Lindley's residence. Bondsmen: A. M. Jackson and
W. Z. Jackson. J. L. Lindley gave consent in writing for Nancy Lindley. | | | |
| 131 | Thorn, J. A. | McKinney, Lyddie | 18 Nov 1903 | Rev. S. B. Ramsey |
| | Married at the residence of the bride's mother. Bondsmen: J. A. Thorn and
S. A. Strickland. W. A. Thorn gave consent in writing for Arthur Thorn. | | | |
| 131 | Willis, D. L. | James, Susie | 18 Nov 1903 | T. M. Johnson, MG |
| | Married at bride's residence. Bondsmen: D. L. Willis and J. C. Pace.
Daniel Willis gave consent in writing for his son as he is not of age. | | | |
| 132 | Butler, Faite | Keller, Mattie B. | 23 Nov 1903 | R. A. Nix |
| | Married at Mr. Green Keller's residence. Bondsmen: Faite Butler
and G. M. Dobbs. G. B. and Nancy A. Keller gave consent in writing
for Mattie Bell Keller. | | | |

- 132 Glasgow, S. W. Clark, Francis 18 Nov 1903 R. J. Moody, JP
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: S. W. Glasgow and G. L. Craven.
Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 133 King, W. H. Scott, Susie N. 25 Nov 1903 J. O. Hester, MG
Married at the Joe Scott, Sr. residence. Bondsmen: W. H. King and E. L. King.
J. R. Scott gave consent in writing for his daughter.
- 133 Williams, George Jones, Allie 26 Nov 1903 L. T. Holmes, JP
Married at the residence of Mr. Renfrow. Bondsmen: George Williams and
C. H. Scott. S. P. Jones gave consent in writing for his daughter, Allie Jones.
- 134 Devaney, Clanton Dukeminier, Arah 26 Nov 1903 W. H. Austin, MG
Married near Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Clanton Devaney and
A. J. Thompson. Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 134 Hardy, Ed Berry, Annie 24 Nov 1903 W. H. Austin, MG
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Ed Hardy and R. M. Berry.
R. M. Berry gave consent in person for Annie Berry.
- 135 Spencer, J. W. Stanphill, Mary J. 29 Nov 1904 Wm. Lindley, MG
Married at J. L. Rollin's residence in Alanthus, Ala. Bondsmen: J. W. Spencer and
J. F. Spencer. J. A. Spencer gave consent in writing for his son. Nancy Stanphill gave
consent in writing for her daughter.
- 135 Strickland, Z. L. Pate, Mrs. Margaret 29 Nov 1903 Philip J. Bordon, MG
Married at residence of Mrs. Pate. Bondsmen: Z. L. Strickland and T. E. McCulloch.
Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years and have been married previously.
- 136 Hammock, James A. Barksdale, Dellar 6 Dec 1903 W. D. Vinson, JP
Married at the bride's residence. Bondsmen: James A. Hammock and
T. A. Boyd. W. F. Hammock gave consent in writing for his son
James A. Hammock. J. H. Barksdale gave consent in writing for his
daughter Dellar Barksdale.
- 136 Pilgrim, Oscar Askew, Lizzie 2 Dec 1903 W. I. Thompson, JP
Married at the G. T. Cook residence. Bondsmen: Oscar Pilgrim and
G. T. Cook. Sallie Cook gave consent in writing for Oscar Pilgrim to
marry Lizzie Askew.
- 137 Parham, John McCalpin, Willie 3 Dec 1903 J. N. James
Married at Joe McCalpin's residence. Bondsmen: John Parham and _____ Cooper.
Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 137 Sugg, Aaron (c) Moss, Mariah (c) 6 Dec 1903 D. I. Hams
Married at G. W. Smith's residence. Bondsmen: Aaron Sugg and
James W. Burgess. Both parties married previously.
- 138 Grissom, R. L. Bendall, Ada 9 Dec 1903 B. H. James, MG
Married at bride's home. Bondsmen: R. L. Grissom and Arthur Grissom.
W. Bendall gave consent in writing for his daughter Ada Bendall.
R. N. Grissom gave consent in writing for his son.

- 138 McLeskey, B. A. Bailey, Virgie 9 Dec 1903 R. J. Moody, Pro. J.
Married at Courthouse in Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: B. A. McLeskey
and A. H. Powell. Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 139 Hurst, J. M. Taylor, N. S. 13 Dec 1903 R. A. Nix
Married at the Willburn Taylor residence. Bondsmen: J. M. Hunt
and J. P. Taylor. J. P. Taylor made affidavit that Miss N. S. Taylor is
over the age of 18 years.
- 139 Robinson, Henley C. Slatton, Fannie 11 Dec 1903 W. H. Austin, MG
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Henley C. Robinson and W. H. Norris.
Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 140 Messer, Will Corbell, Dona 15 Dec 1903 Rev. L. F. Whitten
Married at Darlington, Ala. Bondsmen: Will Messer and R. W. Messer.
Mrs. Malisa Corbell gave consent in writing for her daughter Dona Corbell.
- 140 Reid, W. A. McDowell, Ninnie 13 Dec 1903 B. E. Finch
Married at Methodist Church in Belgreen, Ala. Bondsmen: W. A. Reid and
G. H. Malone. Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 141 Chapel, G. W. Jr. Dickerson, Mary (Mrs.) 20 Dec 1903 G. D. Newell, MG
Married at residence of the bride. Bondsmen: G. W. Chapel, Jr. and
James Lowe. G. W. Chapel gave consent in writing for his son.
Mrs. Mary Dickson (formerly Mary Henson) over age of 18 years
and married previously.
- 141 Hurley, Tom (c) Jones, Hattie (c) 24 Dec 1903 I. L. Graves, JP
Married at residence of Will Mullens. Bondsmen: Tom Hurley and R. M. Craig.
Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 142 Goodson, Norwood (c) Price, Ella (c) 24 Dec 1903 James Hampton, MG
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Norwood Goodson and
Thomas Gamble. Norwood Goodson made affidavit that Ella Price was
over the age of 18 years.
- 142 Hindman, Judson R. Garrison, Addie 27 Dec 1903 J. M. Thorn, JP
Married at the residence of D. K. Hindman. Bondsmen: Judson R.
Hindman and D. K. Hindman. Father of the groom gave consent in
person. Bride is over the age of 18 years.
- 143 Brewer, W. T. McRight, Mattie I. 23 Dec. 1903 I. B. Bradley, MG
Married at bride's residence near Isbell, Ala. Bondsmen: W. T. Brewer and D. S.
McRight. Father of the bride, C. J. McRight, gave consent in writing for
his daughter.
- 143 Edgar, W. C. Griffin, S. E. 24 Dec 1903 A. H. Powell, JP
Married at Cooter Griffin's residence. Bondsmen: W. C. Edgar and F. W. Bolton.
Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.
- 144 Griffin, Richard (c) Lockridge, Ezada (c) 26 Dec 1903 R. Banks, MG
Married at Rockwood Ala. Bondsmen: Richard Griffin and Pleas Fusell.

(-To be continued-)

Jackson County

Bridgeport City Court

Contributed by
Judge William D. Page

Continued from the previous issue of *Valley Leaves*. For a complete introduction to this series please see Volume 36, No. 2.

W. R. Hurley & Co.

6 February 1903

To the sheriff: "You are hereby commanded to summon W. R. Hurley individually, and W. R. Hurley & Co., partners, to appear at the next term of the Circuit Court ... to answer the complaint of J. S. Reeves, J. H. Reeves, D. F. C. Reeves, J. F. Bell, Green Benton, Ob Washington and W. D. Fuller, partners ... doing business as J. S. Reeves & Co."

Reeves & Company claims of W. R. Hurley the sum of \$337.05 due by account for goods, wares and merchandise sold by the plaintiffs to the defendant.

[Outcome of case unknown.]

William Releford

1 September 1906

The grand jury of Jackson County charge that William Releford carried a pistol concealed about his person.

20 March 1907

The defendant, William Releford, having been convicted of the offense of carrying a concealed pistol, and the said defendant together with William Stuart and C. A. Wilson, as his securities have confessed judgment.

Jury trial. Jury verdict: "We the Jury find the Defendant Guilty as charged in the indictment and assess the fine of Fifty Dollars." Signed Jno. Drunan [?], foreman.

Jesse Rhodes

3 April 1893

An indictment was found against Jesse Rhodes for retailing liquors without a license.

Witnesses were B. W. D. Hill and M. B. Morrow who were served 11 May 1893.

Mr. Rhodes posted bond and was later fined \$50.

Walter Rosser

3 April 1893

Walter Rosser was indicted for carrying a concealed pistol. A. J. Thigpen was called as a witness. Marvin Ward and W. I. [J?] Thomas were called as witnesses for the state.

Rosser posted a \$25 bond with Walter Baker, Jr. William Hudleston and S. W. Norwood were his securities. Rosser was found guilty and fined \$45 plus costs of suit.

John Ryan

14 December 1872

John Ryan, with John Snodgrass and J. H. Hargiss, his bondsmen, are bound to John R. Harris, sheriff of Jackson Co., in the sum of \$350.

The reason for the bond is that John Cook owes John Ryan \$1,339 due for rent of land and for advances made to cultivate said land in the year 1872. The debt was not paid and Ryan is to attach so much of Cook's property as will cover the debt and costs.

The condition of the above bond is that John Ryan, on 28 November 1872, placed in the hands of the sheriff a writ of attachment¹ in favor of Ryan and against William I. Cook. Said attachment is for \$1,339 and is levied on one pen of corn containing 160 bushels corn located near

¹ Used to enforce obedience to an order or judgment of the court.

the dwelling house of John Cook and owned by Cook.

On 14 December 1872 the corn was sold for \$600.80. Also sold were two pens of cotton one (1,300 lbs.) at 4-3/8¢ per pound and the other (1,500 lbs.) at 4-3/4¢ per pound. Cotton in the field, unpicked, was sold at 3-1/8¢ per pound. Sales totaled \$806.25. Ryan was the major purchaser of the property.

J. Phil Seiter

2 October 1894

An indictment was found against J. Phil Seiter for the offense of gaming.

Witnesses called on behalf of the defendant were A. C. Loyd, George Webster, and Morris Forester. Witnesses called on behalf of the State were Cole B. Dickerson, A. C. Loyd and George Chapman.

On 8 January 1895 Seiter was tried in the city court of Bridgeport and pleaded not guilty. A jury was called but over the objections of Seiter the court dismissed the jury after they had been out under advisement in the case one hour and thirty minutes. The jury stated they believed it would be impossible for them to agree on a verdict [a hung jury].

Defendant states he feels he should not be tried again for the same offense. Outcome unclear.

C. B. Dickerson, a witness for the state, failed to appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Annie Shirley

16 April 1901

\$300

Larkinsville, Ala

Apr 16, 1901

One day after date we jointly and severally promise to pay to the order of Mrs. Annie Shirley the sum of Three hundred Dollars with interest after date.

Given under our hand and seal this 16th April 1901.

Witness: J. E. Morris

McCutchen & Evans

by J. D. Evans

W. Rutledge Larkin

The undersigned W. M. McCutchen and W. Rutledge Larkin are indebted to Mrs. Anie Shirley in the sum of \$300. This note is credited with \$28 on 16 June 1902.

McCutchen & Evans "confess a judgment in favor of Mrs. Annie Shirley and against us for the amount that may be due on said note and attorneys fees."

Frank Short

7 March 1906

The grand jury of Jackson County charge that Frank Short bet at a game played with cards, or dice, or some devise or substitute for cards or dice, at a tavern, inn, store house for retailing spirituous liquors. This took place in a house or place where spirituous liquors were at the time sold, retailed, or given away, or in a public house, highway, or some other public place, or at an outhouse where people resort, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Short was arrested and his bond set at \$200. His bondsman became T. F. Allison and himself [shown as Francis Short.]

Witnesses called in the case were D. R. Gamble, D. W. Short, Luke Sanders, Charles Thornton, Will Short, and Wm. L. Certain.

Short was tried before a jury. The jury's verdict was: "We the Jury find the defendant not Guilty."

Will Short, witness, failed to appear and an arrest warrant was issued against him.

Bedford Skelton

8 September 1898

The grand jury for Jackson County charge that Bedford Skelton willfully interrupted or disturbed an assemblage of people met for religious worship by noise, profane discourse or rude or indecent behavior at or near the place of worship. No further information.

John Smith

13 March 1901

The grand jury of Jackson County found that John Smith did enter into or go sufficiently near to the dwelling-house of Amanda Hargiss, and in the presence or within the hearing of the family, or a member of the family of the occupant thereof, made use of abusive, insulting, or obscene language.

Witnesses were Amanda Hargiss, Rosa Lee Hargiss, and Henry Beavers. No other information.

John Smith

13 March 1901

The grand jury of Jackson County found that John Smith, without legal cause or good excuse, entered into the dwelling house or on the premises of Amanda Hargiss after having been warned within six months previous not to do so. He refused to immediately leave on being ordered or requested to do so by Amanda Hargiss.

Witnesses were Amanda Hargiss, Rosa Lee Hargiss, and Henry Beavers.

Richard Smith

21 November 1894

City Court of Bridgeport. An indictment was found against Richard Smith at the fall term, 1894, of the circuit court of Jackson County for the offense of carrying a concealed pistol.

Jane Smith, H. P. Oneal, and Walter Smith were subpoenaed as witnesses for the state. R. L. Hembree was called as a witness for defendant.

From an interrogatory Ave Stephens, a witness for the defendant, and a resident of Coal City, Dade Co., Ga., makes the following statements. She is 22 years of age and knows Richard Smith. She was at the "Burnside Place" on Sand Mountain at about 2:00 p.m. 28 June 1893 and saw Wright McKissic, Joe Tatum and Richard Smith "in a fuss with each other. I was at the Burnside spring which is some 8 or 10 yards from the public road."

Ms. Stephens saw Richard Smith coming down the road and McKissic and Tatum coming from the house and they met in the public road.

One of the men said to Richard Smith, "You go back from here you goddamed raskell basket." Smith then said, "I live over this way, men. Let me lone² and go on home." They exchanged words Ms. Stephens did not understand then started back toward the house. After they went about 10 steps, Wright McKissic jumped on Richard Smith and hit him on the head and held his gun on Smith's shoulder. Tatum took a pistol from his pocket and shot toward where Smith and McKissic were scuffling. Tatum and McKissic then ran off and McKissic left his coat and umbrella laying where they had the fuss.

Richard Smith did not present a gun at either Wright McKissic or Joe Tatum. She states that her sister, Martha Stephens from Sherwood, Tennessee was with her that morning as was Rosa Hartline. Andrew Smith and Jane Smith were nearby – just across the road in the berry patch picking berries.

On cross interrogatory Ms. Stephens said she was 23 years old. She had discussed the incident with Smith two or three times. She resides about 25 miles from Bridgeport at Round Mountain Coal Mines in Georgia and has resided there about 20 days. She states she has not been subpoenaed as she had her little children to tend to and has no money to attend court. She says she was not acquainted with McKissic and Tatum and only saw them once which was the day of the "fuss." The one called McKissic is slim built and dark complexioned. Tatum is a heavy built man of fair complexion.

Walter Smith

Walter Smith is charged with adultery with Annie Miller, daughter of Mary J. Miller and sister of Lizzie Reynolds.

18 November 1898

Mary J. Miller Interrogatory.

Mary J. Miller, age 46, is a resident of South Pittsburg, Marion County, Tennessee. She has known Walter Smith for the last ten years. Mary J. states she kept house on Sand Mountain during 1896 and 1897 and Annie, her daughter, lived with her during that time.

² Meaning, "Leave me alone."

Mary J. furnished rations and support for Annie and the rest of her children except for the time Annie was "hired out & working for herself." While Annie worked she supported herself.

Walter Smith did not help support the family in any way during 1897-1798. Mary J. furnished all the support. There were four children in her family at the time. Mary J. earned support for the family by washing, scouring, and cooking.

Annie Miller is 15 years old and has no children.

Mary J. Miller signed the deposition with her X.

Deposition of Lizzie Reynolds dated 18 November 1898 at the law office of B. O. Heard in South Pittsburg, Marion County, Tennessee.

Lizzie states she is 26 years old and a resident of South Pittsburg. She has known Walter Smith the last ten years.

During the years 1897-1898 she lived on Sand Mountain. She is the daughter of Mary J. Miller who furnished support for the family during those years. Mr. Smith did not support the family in any way. During those years Annie lived with the family.

James Stafford

22 February 1891

The grand jury for Jackson County find that James Stafford, without the consent of the parent or guardian, or person having the management or control of John Higgins, Jr., a minor, and without the prescription of a physician, did sell or give spirituous, vinous or malt liquors to said minor.

Witnesses were John Higgins, Jr., John West, and W. J. Higgins (of Larkinsville) for the state.

Stafford gave bond with J. P. Sutton, W. C. Stephens and J. B. McCoy his bondsmen.

[Outcome of case not given.]

Neal Stancel

5 September 1896

The grand jury found that Neal Stancel feloniously took and carried away from a dwelling house one quart can of muscadine jelly valued at 75¢, the property of John B. Ashley.

The grand jury further charge that Stancel feloniously took and carried away from a dwelling house one quart can of plum jelly, the property of John B. Ashley, and valued at 75¢.

The grand jury also find that Neal Stancel also took and carried away from a dwelling house one quart can of fruit jelly, the personal property of John B. Ashley, valued at 75¢.

The grand jury also finds that the defendant took and carried away six quart cans of canned huckleberries, the personal property of John B. Ashley, valued at 50¢ each.

Witnesses for the state were John B. Ashley, Tilda Ashley, Mary Hunt and Cynda Johnson.

Witnesses for the defendant were Jane Kieble, James Williams (colored), Lucy Finley, Wiley Whitfield, T. J. Robinson, and Mrs. Tilda Ashley.

11 September 1896.

Deposition of Mrs. J. B. Ashley, the wife of John B. Ashley. "In February or March 1896, I missed from my house one can of cherry preserves and afterwards I missed six cans of huckleberries.

"I am sure that this above described property was stolen and carried away from our dwelling house within the last twelve months - but I do not know certainly by whom said property was taken or stolen.

"The defendant was in the employment of my husband at the time said property was stolen and one Lucy Finley, a colored woman, milked our cows at the time the property was stolen."

On cross-examination Mrs. Ashley stated the canned fruits that were stolen were kept in the pantry in the dining room. "The defendant had access to the dining room. He often made fires in the dining room stove in the mornings before any of our family had risen from bed."

"I also had at that time, apple jelly, plum jelly, muscadine jelly, huckleberry jelly, canned peaches and blackberries which I kept in" the dining room pantry. The huckleberry jelly disappeared and "my best judgment is that some of the canned peaches were stolen."

Neal Stancel had a jury trial. The verdict was: "We the Jury find the defendant guilty as charged in the Indictment."

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Jackson County Equity Court

(Also called Chancery Court)

October Term 1842 – 1848

Part 3

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Chancery Court, also called Equity Court, was one that ruled according to fairness as there were no strict, formulated rules of law covering the problems heard in this court. Filed in this court were land disputes, land boundary disputes, divorces, child custody cases and any other case for which there was no specific law. After 1977 only domestic relations cases are heard in equity court; everything else is heard in circuit court.

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

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June term 1842

Susan Sewell vs. John Graham, Thomas B. Emerson & Custor G. Murrell.

Susan Sewell by her next friend, John Eustace, vs. John Graham, Thomas B. Emerson, and Custor G. Murrell.

Your oratrix, Susan Sewell, by her brother and next friend, John Eustace, both of Jackson County, Alabama, state she was married about five years ago to Abiad F. Sewell.

After said marriage, on the 11th Dec 1840, her father, Thomas Eustace, made his last will and testament. He afterwards departed this life leaving said will in full force. The will was duly proved in Jackson County and John Eustace was appointed sole executor.

The will left a Negro girl, Louisa (eight years of age at the time of the will) to Susan Sewell. Afterward, John Graham, Thomas B. Emerson and Custor G. Murrell of Tennessee, obtained judgment against Abiad F. Sewell at the August term of court, 1841, for \$130.75 debt, \$6.50 damages, and costs of suit \$8.62-1/2.

Plaintiffs in said judgment have caused a judgment to be levied on the Negro girl who is now in possession of the sheriff. The sheriff is about to sell her.

Said A. F. Sewell is insolvent and owes considerable amounts. Susan Sewell asks the Court to appoint John L. Eustace trustee and grant a writ of subpoena against Graham, Emerson and Murrell.

Hopkins Parsons,
Solicitors for Complainant

William H. Johnston vs. J. G. Stevens and William Peters.

To the Hon. Alexander Bowie, Chancellor of the State of Alabama, 36th Chancellor District.

24 July 1837.

William Peters sold to Joseph G. Stevens the northeast one-quarter (NE/4) of Section 29, Township 4, Range 4 East (Sec. 29-4-4E) containing 159.64/100 acres for \$1,600 (\$600 of which consisted of a note payable 1 Feb 1841 and which has been paid).

The other \$1,000 was secured by bond of said Stevens dated 24 July 1837 payable to said Peters before 1 Feb 1841.

Peters gave the said Stevens his bond for title to said tract of land when the purchase money was paid. Stevens has continued in possession of the land. Since 1837 the annual value ranged from \$180 to \$200. On 8 Feb 1840 Peters assigned \$1,000 bond on said Stevens to him.

After maturity of bond, suit was brought against Stevens in April term 1841 of Circuit Court. In the October term 1841, judgment on said bond was obtained against Stevens for \$1,000 debt plus \$53.66 damages, and \$9.43-3/4 costs of said suit.

On 24th Nov 1841 said Stevens was declared insolvent and had no property anywhere. The legal title to the above property is still in Peters' name and he received from Stevens the whole of the purchase money except the \$1,000 bond.

Attorney Robinson, for complainant, requests that court decree require that title be divested out of said Peters and his title bond be cancelled and that the tract of land be sold to pay balance of purchase money and costs.

Joseph Stevens and William Peters were subpoenaed to appear in court 5th Monday after the 4th Monday in May 1842.

An order was read to Stevens and Peters by John R. Coffey, sheriff of Jackson Co., dated 16 May 1842.

William Peters, by separate answer, admitted he sold land to Stevens and took a note as part of the purchase money.

Respondent avers that he is not responsible as assignor of said note.

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

(-To be continued-)

Jackson County Courthouse Burns (Spring 1879)

"The beautiful temple of justice that nine years ago cost the people of Jackson County \$25,000 today lies in charred ruins and smoldering ashes.

"Just after dawn this morning the cupola was discovered to be on fire and soon it was a burned mass against the fiery morning sky. The flames soon reached the roof of the main building and all know that the total destruction of the handsome public edifice would be the final work of the fire fiend.

"When the excited crowd saw this, the work of saving the archives began; all the county papers were saved but were piled about so promiscuously that it will take Judge Kyle months of labor to get them straightened.

"The furniture in all the officers' rooms was dragged out and Hon. G. D. Campbell, who had his law office in the building, is the only person that lost papers and furniture by the fire.

"This courthouse was the pride of our county and was one of the first in Alabama; and it is a great misfortune to our people that it is destroyed.

"The courthouse was described to be on fire yesterday afternoon, but it was extinguished. The fire was under the roof near the cupola on both occasions when discovered. [—*Scottsboro Herald*.]

Ed: This was the first courthouse built in Scottsboro after the seat of government moved there from Bellefonte.¹

¹ John Robert Kenamer, *History of Jackson County, Alabama* (Scottsboro: Jackson County Historical Association, P. O. Box 1494, Scottsboro, AL 35768-1494.) Reprint 1993.

Lauderdale County

Civil Register of County Officials 1832 – 1844

(Part 2)

Contributed by
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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* Volume 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 past editor of *Valley Leaves*, for obtaining and contributing this information. The page numbers are backwards as they were microfilmed from back to front.

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Raders, Thomas	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Fielder, John S.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Martin, David N.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Joiner, Drury	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Herman, William	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Thompson, Oliver	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Woods, Martin B.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Wilson, Thomas	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Dockert [?], Samuel	Justice of Peace	23 Mar 1841	
Rhodes, Benjamin F.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Phillips, Thomas M.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Poteet, Samuel D.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Shelton, Mark	Constable		
Stone, Thomas	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Poteet, Arthur	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
McClennan, Robert J.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Cooper, John	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
West, John	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Springer, Jonathan N.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Lowery, Isaac	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Aimee [?], William B.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Rhodes, David	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Higgins, James	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Kirk, Simon	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Waters, George W.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Ham, Jacob S.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Harvey, Robert	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Walton, Thomas A.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Jonesdale [?], Johnson	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Nolen, Simon	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Stamps, J. D.	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Cline [?], Michael	Justice of Peace	23 Apr 1841	
Pope, A. Bennet	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
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Rhodes, William	Constable	23 Mar 1841	
Davis, Willis R.	Justice of Peace	25 Mar 1840	
Gist, Joseph	Constable	3 Mar 1840	
David, Willis R.	Constable	25 Mar 1840	
Harrell, Jesse S.	Constable	25 Mar 1840	
Bryant, Neaham J.	Justice of Peace	22 April 1840	
King, John E.	Constable	11 May 1840	
Harvey, Robert	Constable	17 July 1840	
Vaughan, William C.	Constable	17 July 1840	
Gibson, L. ...[illegible]...	Constable	17 July 1840	
Howell, William	Constable	14 Aug 1840	
Rash [?], Jehu N.	Constable	27 Oct 1840	
Towery, Isaac	Constable	27 Oct 1840	
[illegible]...Alexander H.	Justice of Peace	27 Oct 1840	
[illegible]... Campbell W.	Constable	12 Jan 1841	
Hamon [?], Sanders	Constable	12 Jan 1841	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Romine, Peter	Justice of Peace	12 Jany 1841	
Hiroshee [?], Henson	Constable	14 June 1841	
Davis, Thomas A.	Constable	14 June 1841	
Wesson, Claibourne W.	Constable	14 June 1841	
Bigger, Joseph	Justice of Peace	10 July 1841	
Kanner, B. F.	Constable	10 July 1841	
Benham, Vincent M.	Constable	10 July 1841	
Kirk, Allen	Constable	10 July 1841	
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Larux, Saml. R.	Justice of Peace	4 April 1838	
Burney, Samuel	Constable	4 April 1838	
House, James W.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Harroway, Geo. W.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Pool, John P.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Snead, Geo. W.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Caine, Jno.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Brown, Elijah	:	4 April 1838	
Milton, Jesse	Constable	4 April 1838	
Cantrell, Jno.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Huff, Jno. R.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Scruggs, Finch	Constable	4 April 1838	
Mitchell, Henry L.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Boston, Jas. N.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Perry, Strickland	Constable	4 April 1838	
Sharp, Otho	Justice of Peace	4 April 1838	
Barnett, Tho.	Constable	4 April 1838	
Rhodes, Benjamin	Constable	4 April 1838	
Farris, Elias	Constable	18 April 1838	
Phillips, Thomas	Constable	18 April 1838	
Rice, Nathan	Constable	18 April 1838	
Patuke, James D.	Constable	18 April 1838	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Littleton, David	Constable	18 April 1838	
Haggard, Geo. A.	Constable	18 April 1838	
Gacley [?], Richard	Justice of Peace	30 April 1838	Vice: Otho Sharp
Ives, Aaron	Constable	30 April 1838	Vice: John Harrison
Fields, Lewis	Constable	11 June 1838	Vice: R. W. Chisholm
Sarreck [?], Campbell	Constable	20 June 1838	
Richardson, Henry	Justice of Peace	13 Aug 1838	
Vaughter, Alegany	Justice of Peace	13 Aug 1838	
Oliver, Michael	Constable	13 Aug 1838	Vice: E. G. Venny [?], resigned
Marrs, Joseph C.	Constable	14 Aug 1838	Vice: Thos H. Hoyle, resigned
Biggar, Joseph	Justice of Peace	12 Sept 1838	
Poteete, Samuel	Justice of Peace	13 Sept 1838	
Crow, Benja. T.	Constable	28 Sept 1838	Vice: Jno. Skipworth
Ivans, C. B.	Constable	13 Oct 1838	Vice: Simon Fields
McCabe, John	Justice of Peace	20 Nov 1838	
Benham, Vincent M.	Constable	20 Nov 1838	
Waters, George W.	Constable	30 Nov 1828	Vice: Cornelius Waters
Phillips, Wilson J.	Constable	31 Dec 1838	Vice: James Young
Tate, Jesse O.	Justice of Peace	5 Jan 1839	
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Fielder, John L.	Constable	18 May 1836	Vice: James Wilson
Farris, Cornelius	Constable	18 May 1836	Vice: James E. Campbell
Green, John N.	Constable	3 Sept 1836	Vice: Robert Derby
Herndon [?], George	Justice of Peace	9 Sept 1836	Vice: Wm. E. Dancy
Bowly, Hiram H.	Justice of Peace	24 Feb 1837	Vice: Archillus Walker
Wilson, John	Constable	2 Feb 1837	Vice: Wm. Romene
Rhodes, Benjamin F.	Constable	27 Feb 1837	Resigned. Vice: Geo. Herndon
Rhodes, Benjamin F.	Justice of Peace	13 Mar 1837	Vice: Geo. Herndon
Mitchell, H. G.	Justice of Peace	13 Mar 1837	
Howe, Dennis W.	Justice of Peace	29 Mar 1837	

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Lawrence County

Lawrence County Minute Book "B"

Part 14

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Case No. 229

James D. Asbury) The court ordered that defendant be permitted to take the
vs) deposition of Marcus Reen[?]. Defendant is to give plaintiff
George E. Julien) 30 days notice of time and place of the deposition.

Case No. 133

Thomas McGhee) Robert B. Billups, a defendant, has died. The Court orders,
vs) therefore, that suit abate as it relates to Billups.¹
Robert B. Billups)
Robert B. Oliver)

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Case No. 133

Thomas McGhee) Defendant withdrew his plea and now says nothing. The Court
vs) rules that plaintiff recover of defendant \$233.12-1/2 debt plus
Robert B. Oliver) \$17.36 damages plus costs.

Case No. 258

James Jackson) The parties agree to dismiss suit with each paying one-half of the
vs) costs. The Court rules that each recover against the other one-half
Nicholas Alley) of the other's expenses.

Case No. 74

John J. Crittenden &) By consent of the parties by their attorneys, it is ordered that said
others) suit be continued.
vs)
Alexander Adair)

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Case No. 124

Charles Anderson,) Defendant withdrew his plea and says nothing. The Court, there-
and Joseph Sykes) fore, rules that plaintiff recover against defendant \$107.34, debt,
vs) and \$19.32 damages plus costs.
Alexander Adair)

Case No. 92

William Vaughan) Jury case.

¹ Abate: Destroy or quash.

vs)
Lemuel Peters)
Robert Brunson)

Jurors:

Theron E. Balch	Richard Burriss	Parker Alexander
Branch Jones	James Roby	John Beard
Philip Hale	William Fullerton	David McAllister
Joseph Coe	Denton H. Valiant	James Alexander

Verdict: Defendant hath not paid plaintiff his debt. They rule that the plaintiff recover of the defendant \$171.85 the balance of the debt, plus \$5.75 damages plus costs.

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Case No. 87

William Justen,)
Ephraim H. Foster) On the defendant's affidavit it is ordered that the
vs) suit be continued.
Lewis Dillahunty)

Case No. 132

Thomas McCorry)
vs) By consent of the parties by their attorney, it is ordered
John B. Alford) that this suit be continued.
F. S. G. Broadnax)

Case No. 145

James McClung, Assignee)
vs) McClung failing to prosecute further, Rodger's attorney made
Robert Rodgers) a motion that McClung be nonsuited and the court so ordered.
The court also ordered that Rodgers recover his costs from McClung.

Case No. 147

James McClung, Assignee)
vs) McClung failed to further prosecute his suit. On motion of the
Robert Rodgers) defendant's attorney, the court ordered that McClung be nonsuited
and that Rodgers collect his expenses from McClung.

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July Term, 1824 (July 6th)

Case No. 166

William Plant, Admr, etc.)
vs) Plant failed further to prosecute. On motion of Coopwood's attorney
Thomas Coopwood) the court ruled that Plant be nonsuited and that Coopwood recover
of Plant his costs in this suit.

Case No. 162

Branch Jones)
vs.) Came the parties by their attorneys and the cause being fully agreed upon,
James Alexander) the court orders Jones to recover from Alexander the sum of \$93.00-3/4
plus his costs in this suit.

Case No. 163

John Ireland)
vs.) This day came the parties by their attorneys and the cause being fully
Alexander McLanahan) argued, the court ruled that Ireland recover from McLanahan and against
Jacob Dean, McLanahan's security.

Case No. 164

Gregg & Johnson) Came the parties by their attorneys. Then came a jury of good and lawful
vs.) men, to wit:
Charles Plant)

Jury

Theron E. Balch	Branch Jones	Samuel Bigham	Daniel McAltersen
Solomon Langham	James Roby	William Fullerton	Joseph Coe
Parker Alexander	John Beard	Denton H. Valiant	James Johnson

Verdict: Defendant Plant has not paid Gregg & Johnson the sum of \$35. Therefore, the court orders that plaintiff recover against defendant and Jacob Blagg, his security the sum of \$35 debt plus \$2.25 damages sustained by reason of the detention of said debt, plus their costs expended.

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Case No. 167

Jacob A. Blackwell) Upon plaintiff's motion, this suit is continued.
vs)
James Dowell)

Case No. 168

Alfred Simpson) The plaintiff failing further to prosecute this suit and on motion by his
vs) attorney, the court ordered that plaintiff be nonsuited and that Mr. Knott
David Knott) recover his costs against Simpson.

Case No. 271

Nicholas Alley) The plaintiff, by his attorney, requested this suit be dismissed. Jowell
vs) agreed to pay the costs of said suit and the court so decreed.
John Jowell)

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July 6, 1824

Deed. A deed of conveyance from George B. Balch to Nicholas Johnson, dated 4 February 1824, was acknowledged in open court by Balch to be his act and deed and was thereupon ordered to be recorded.

A Letter of Attorney [Power of Attorney] from John Garrett and Martha Garrett, his wife, to Abraham Higginbotham on the 3rd day of July 1824, was in open court proved by the oaths of William Garrett and Richard Burruss, the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Martha Garret was privately examined apart from her husband and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said Letter of Attorney freely without any fear, threats or compulsions of her said husband. Said Letter was ordered recorded.

Case No. 257

President and Trustees)
of the town of Moulton) On motion of the Plaintiffs by their attorney, they do dismiss the
vs.) Certiorari² which motion, being fully argued, is overruled.
James B. Wallan)

² An order from a higher court to a lower court requiring the lower court to produce a certified record of a particular case [Black's]

Case No. 257

President & Trustees of)
the Town of Moulton)
vs.)
James B. Wallan)
) On motion of Wallan by his attorney, to quash the warrant and all the
) proceedings thereon, which motion after being fully argued and heard,
) the court ordered that the warrant and all proceedings had before the
) President and trustees of the Town of Moulton, be quashed. It is
) considered by the court that Wallan recover against the Plaintiffs his
) costs expended in this case. The amount is to be levied of the goods
) and chattels, lands and tenements of the said President and Trustees of
) the Town of Moulton.

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Case No. 163

John Ireland)
vs)
Alexander McLanahan)
) Came the parties by their attorneys and the cause having been fully
) argued, the court rules that Ireland recover from McLanahan, and
) Jacob Dean, his security, the amount of \$5 debt plus his costs expended.

Ordered that this Court do now adjourn till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Morning, July 7, 1824. Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Case No. 234-

Elizabeth Ewing)
vs)
John Greyett[?])
) Covenant
) This day came the defendant in his proper person and concedes
) judgment for \$105.84.

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Case No. 171

James R. Mayberry)
vs)
Andrew Craig.)
) The defendant failing to prosecute his appeal, the Court ordered that
) the suit be dismissed and that Mayberry recover against Craig and
) Thomas Smith, Craig's security.

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7 July 1824

Case No. 178

C. McClung, assignee)
vs)
Oran D. Davis)
) On motion of Davis by his attorney, it is ordered that he be
) permitted to amend the endorsement on his writ.

Case No. 233

Samuel Wilson, assignee)
vs)
William Stovall)
) On motion of Wilson, it is ordered that he be permitted to amend
) his petition.

(-To be continued-)

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Limestone County

Civil Register of County Officials 1832 – 1844

(Part 1)

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* Volume 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 past editor of *Valley Leaves*, for obtaining and contributing this information.

Please note the page numbers are backwards. This is because the pages were put on the microfilm in reverse order— probably by someone new to the technique.

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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Cox, James	Justice of Peace	17 Jan 1833	Vice: Albert Higgins
McCormack, Samuel	“	29 Apr 1833	
Brewer, Bradford T.	“	“	
High, Robert A.	“	29 May 1833	
Hine, Silas	“	“	
Watson, Wm. C.	“	“	
Pryor, Luke	“	17 Aug 1833	Vice: Archelaus M. Bra.....[illeg.]
Wilson, Benjamin	“	5 Feb 1834	
Moses, Monroe F.	“	18 Feb 1834	
Wynn, John H.	“	“	
Davis, Nath.	“	“	Vice: Jas. Campbell
Foote, Wm.	“	25 Mar 1834	Vice: Wm. C. Walton

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Tyus, Wm. W.	Justice of Peace	29 Apr 1834	Vice: Archelaus Harris
Wood, Joseph	"	20 Mar 1834	
Ming, Samuel G.	"	"	
Wimberly, Wm. S.	Constable	"	
Wilson, Benjamin	Justice of Peace	19 June 1834	
Dabbs, Wm. L. [S?]	"	"	
Lewis, Robert W.	Constable	"	
Skelton, Frederick R.	Justice of Peace	10 Mar 1836	Vice: Monroe F. Moses
Gordon, Charles C.	Constable	"	Vice: Lewis Huddleston
Ridgeway, Jonathan H.	"	8 Apr 1836	Vice: Wm. B. McGuire
Malone, Nathaniel C.	Justice of Peace	28 May 1836	Vice: Miller Blocker
Bell, Matthew	Constable	5 July 1836	Vice: Gardner Gill
Odom, Wm.	Justice of Peace	12 Sept 1836	Vice: Samuel G. Ming
Martin, Jeremiah	"	31 Oct 1836	Vice: Durrell W. Edins
Wofford, Andrew D.	"	"	Vice: Samuel Graham
Childers, Guilford J.	"	16 Jan 1837	Vice: John G. Lauderdale, removed
Farrar, Perrin	"	1 Apr 1837	
Lambert, Morgan	"	"	
Petty, Abner T.	Constable	"	
Thompson, Robert B. [R?]	Justice of Peace	7 Apr 1837	Vice: George Phillips
Lauderdale, Josiah M.	"	21 Apr 1837	Vice: Arthur M. Sweeney
Davidson, Wm.	Constable for town of Mooresville [marked through]	5 May 1837	Vice: Wm. Forte

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Davidson, Willis	Constable for town of Mooresville [marked through]	5 May 1837	
Loftin, John C.	Constable	8 May 1837	Vice: Samuel J. Perrin
Scott, James D.	Justice of Peace for town of Mooresville	16 May 1837	
Huddleston, Woodson	Constable for town of Mooresville	16 May 1837	
Davidson, Wm.	Justice of Peace for Limestone County	16 May 1837	
Davidson, Willis	Constable for Limestone County	16 May 1837	Vice: Robert Davis
Glover, Wm. P.	Constable	22 July 1837	Vice: Robert Davis
Bird, Pleasant	Justice of Peace	22 July 1837	Vice: Wm. L. Dobbs
Ervine, James H.	"	"	Vice: Benjamin Wilson
Huddleston, Lewis	Constable for Mooresville	18 Aug 1837	Vice: Woodson Huddleston, resigned
Allison, William D.	Constable for Limestone Co.	18 Aug 1837	Vice: Thomas Scott, deceased
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Tyus, Thomas G.	Sheriff	11 Aug 1834	Vice: W. W. Vining
Lane, George W.	Judge, 4 th Judicial Circuit Court, (appointed)	9 June 1835	Vice: I. [J?] S. Martin
Hildreth, Paul	Judge, County Ct.	8 July 1835	"Eped. Apptmt. Vice: G. W. Lane"
Hildreth, Paul	Judge, County Ct.	2 Aug 1836	
Ford, Francis H.	Clerk, Circuit Ct.	21 Sept 1835	
Austin, Robert Jr.	Clerk, County Ct.	21 Sept 1835	
Davis, Zebulon P.	Clerk, Circuit Ct.	31 Aug 1837	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Redus, Thomas	Sheriff	31 Aug 1837	
Austin, Robert Jr.	Clk. Circuit Court	30 Aug 1838	Vice: Z. P. Davis
Nelson, Frederick B.	Judge, County Ct.	6 Jan 1839	Vice: Paul Hildreath
Austin, Robert Jun.	Clk. County Court	7 Nov 1839	
Robbins, Paul	Sheriff	15 Aug 1840	
Sweany, Arthur M.	Sheriff	31 Aug 1843	
Austin, Robert Jr.	Clerk, County Ct.	31 Aug 1843	
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Petty, Abner T.	Justice of Peace	19 May 1838	
Lambert, Morgan	"	"	
Townsend, Brice M.	Constable	"	
Ray, Samuel	Justice of Peace	14 Sept 1838	Vice: Joseph Bell
Winfield, Zacheus K.	Constable	14 Sept 1838	
Dabbs, Silas	Constable	14 Sept 1838	
Connor, Willie	Justice of Peace	22 Oct 1838	Vice: Wm. J. McMahan
Morris, Marvin [?]	"	"	Vice: J. C. Watkins
Manasco, Jeremiah	Constable	14 Nov 1838	Vice: Jesse Little
Graham, Samuel	Constable	10 Jan 1839	
Dawson, Toliver R.	Justice of Peace	1 Mar 1839	"Dup. issued" Vice: Jeremiah Martin, resigned
Bell, Wm. P.	Constable	"	"Dup issued" Vice: Henry T[?] French
Beeman, Julius	Justice of Peace	25 March 1839	Vice: F. B. Nelson
Robinson, Christopher	Constable	"	Vice: Wm. D. Allison

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Madison County

Marriage Book 1

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

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176	Jonathan Haughton to Sally Power	3 Jan 1815	
177	Jacob Lamb to Nancy Wilson	5 Jan 1815	
177	John Lawler to Peggy Ferguson	13 Jan 1815	
178	Claibourn W. Saunders to Eliza Jane Norment	12 Jan 1815	The will of Claibourne Saunders dated 9 Aug 1816 mentions his wife Betsey and son, Claibourne, among others. ¹ "Betsey," is a nickname for Elizabeth as is "Eliza" in many cases.
178	Andrew Dilworth to Elizabeth Carson	19 Jan 1815	
179	Morris Sanderson to Hannah Strange	19 Jan 1815	
179	Isaac Lawler to Patsy Crunk	20 Jan 1815	Is groom's name <u>Lanier</u> instead of Lawler?
180	Joseph Burlison to Elizabeth Aylor	25 Jan 1815	Bride's name also written Oyler, Oylear, Eller, etc., with original German spelling being Eühler.
180	James Ammonet to Jinny Jones	26 Jan 1815	He was a Pvt. in the War of 1812.
181	David [Daniel?] Robbins to M. Vickery	30 Jan 1815	According to the 1830 Alabama Federal census, one Daniel Robbins lived in Blount County. He may or may not be same as shown here.
181	John McLaughlin to Peggy Briscoe	7 April 1815	Bride's name written Briskoe in this record.
182	John Looney to Nancy Campbell	8 Feb 1815	Owen's Campbell's Probate File No. 227 mentions his daughter, "Elizabeth, now the wife of John W. Looney." Same?
182	George Russell to Hannah Runnells	8 Feb 1815	George Russell died in April 1860 aged 64 years, born in Kentucky. ²
183	John Chennault to Fanny Hutchingson	10 Feb 1815	
183	James Craig to Susannah Brunson	11 Feb 1815	Bride's name written Brunston. She was the daughter of Joshua Brunson as proven by his Deed of Gift. ³

¹ Probate Record Book 2, p. 112, Madison Co., AL

² 1860 Madison Co., AL Mortality Schedule, *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 10, p. 81.

³ Deed of Gift dated 3 Mar 1836, recorded in Madison Co., AL Deed Book "P", p. 660-661.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
184	Robert M. Rogers to Jane Ellison	14 Feb 1815	
184	Hardy Brown to Isabel Lowry	13 Feb 1815	One Henry Brown served on a jury in the Oct. term 1819. ⁴ This may or may not be the groom shown here.
185	Hezekiah Milton to Nancy Ellis	16 Feb 1815	
185	Richard Preist to Mary Burleson	20 Feb 1815	Groom's name written <u>Prewitt</u> . The Bible of Joseph Burleson Sr., located in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library in San Antonio, Texas says Elizabeth Preist was the dau. of Richard and Polly Preist. Joseph Burleson Sr's. will mentions his daughter Mary (Polly) Preist and his estate settlement shows her to be the wife of Richard Priest.
186	Michael Waldrop to Pherbe King	25 Feb 1815	
186	Henry Peebles to Writher Walters	15 Feb 1815	Bride's name may be Waters, Walters or ??
187	William Ringo to Prislor Morris	27 Feb 1815	Bride's given name is probably Priscilla.
187	Leonard Switza to Sally T. Holloway	27 Feb 1815	Groom's name is probably wrong. Can anyone clarify?
188	George Thomas to Rebecca Love	28 Feb 1815	
188	Frederick Ice to Susanna Thompson	28 Feb 1815	
189	John Wells to Rachael Childress	5 Mar 1815	
189	Joseph Lindsay to Vina Landrum	28 Mar 1815	
190	Abraham Stewart to Sally Kelly	28 Mar 1815	Groom's name written <u>Steward</u> . Abraham and Sarah Stewart sold land 31 Oct 1820 in Madison Co. ⁵ Abraham Stewart's estate shows widow Sarah with Hampton W. Kelly appointed administrator on 23 Jan 1835. ⁶
190	Clement C. Clay to Susanna M. C. Withers	4 Apr 1815	
191	John Murray to Mary Hollingsworth	4 Apr 1815	
191	Adam Rennoe to Nancy Houston	4 Apr 1815	

⁴ Minutes of the Superior Court of Law & Equity, 1811-1819, Madison Co., Mississippi Territory.

⁵ Madison Co., Al Deed Book "G", p. 59.

⁶ Abraham Stewart Probate File No. 145, Madison Co., Al.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
192	Swan Thompson to Polly Kelly	8 Apr 1815	Swan Thompson was in the War of 1812 ⁷ .
192	Joel Hancock to Nancy Faulk	14 Apr 1815	
193	David Green to Rebecca Vant	15 Apr 1815	
193	John S. Black to	20 Apr 1815	Bride's given name omitted in record but the late Pauline Gandrud's records show she was Levicy Looney.
194	Samuel Simpson to Elizabeth Owen	22 Apr 1815	
194	Jacob Webb to Elizabeth Williams	3 May 1815	
195	Benjamin Pope to Eliza Wyatt	1 May 1815	
195	William Patterson to Sally Austin	10 May 1815	He is shown on the 1810-15 tax list of Madison Co.
196	Henry Evans to Sally Brand	13 May 1815	
196	James Drake to Agnes Neely	16 May 1815	John Neely's will mentions James Drake. ⁸
197	James McClendon to Jane Williams	23 May 1815	
197	Harvey Gregg to Polly Murrell	23 May 1815	
198	John McCall to Nancy Clements	4 June 1815	
198	William Walters to Milly Roling	date omitted	
199	John Edwards to Sally Craft	23 June 1815	
199	Benjamin Franks to Polly Davis	23 June 1815	
200	Peyton Russell to Hannah Walters	28 June 1815	
200	Peter Powermore to Nancy MacDonald	30 June 1815	

⁷ Valley Leaves, Vol. 2.

⁸ Probate Record 3, page 193, Madison Co., Al.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
201	John Dublin to Polly Byles	30 June 1815	
201	T. White to Nancy Raid [Bard/Reid?]	31 June 1815	Bride's name appears to be written "Raid" but may actually be Reid.
202	William Willbourn to Crusha Canty Kennedy	4 July 1815	Bride's name written "Cassy". Will of Charles Kennedy mentions his daughter, Crusha Canty Welborn. ⁹
202	David McNab to Kitty Willhelms	4 July 1815	
203	Icem Parker to Sarah McCain	10 July 1815	
203	Louis Sanderson to Mary Jagers	18 July 1815	Groom's name appears to be Anderson but is actually believed to be Sanderson.
204	Bryant Cobb to Polly Grayson	22 July 1815	Bride's name written Graceson
204	Joab Lawler to Elizabeth Baker	24 July 1815	Groom's name erroneously written Jacob. Joab & Elizabeth Lawler sold land in Orange Co., NC 17 Nov 1816. ¹⁰ The name is also listed as Joab in the 1830 Shelby Co., AL Federal Census. Elizabeth was the dau. of John Baker by his first wife.
205	John Harbartson to Sarah Malone	29 July 1815	Groom shown as John <i>Harbeson</i> in War of 1812 roster. ¹¹
205	Samuel Mandavell to Sarah Dodd	3 Aug 1815	
206	Ephraim Moore to Margaret Taylor	11 Aug 1815	A list of heirs of Joseph Taylor shows Ephraim Moore in right of his wife, Peggy (Peggy being a nickname for Margaret). ¹²
206	Joseph Sanderson to Sarah Strange	12 Aug 1815	
207	Richard Mitchell to Polly Stone	14 Aug 1815	
207	Francis McClung to Rody Mabley	14 Aug 1816	Marriage date clearly written 1816 but may be 1815 since it is in with the 1815 marriages. Also, bride's name may be interpreted as Magley.
208	Stepehn Poe to _____Ringo	19 Aug 1815	Bride's first name omitted.
208	Micajah McLeRoy to Rachel Simpson	24 Aug 1815	Groom's name written Micajah McElroy in 18101-16 Superior Court Docket; Muckleray in Circuit Court Trial docket of 1817-19; and Mucleroy in Circuit Court Civil Reverse Index.

-To be continued-)

⁹ Charles Kennedy's will dated 1 Jan 1819, Probate Record Book 2, p. 204, Madison Co., Al

¹⁰ Deed Book B, p. 213, Madison Co., Al.

¹¹ *Valley Leaves*, Volume 2.

¹² Record of Wills, 1817-19, Madison Co., Al.

Adams Lanier
Southern Claims Commission

For a complete introduction to the Southern Claims Commission please see *Valley Leaves*, Volume 35, issue No. 1, page 26. The Southern Claims Commission was established to reimburse Northern sympathizers living in the South for losses they sustained at the hands of Union forces during the Civil War. To be reimbursed, one had to prove absolute loyalty to the United States for the duration of the war and prove the losses sustained.

Adams Lanier, a resident of Vienna [New Hope], Alabama asks to be reimbursed \$146 for feeding men and horses 200 meals, plus 400 lb. pork, 200 lbs. bacon, 20 bushels corn, 300 rails, 600 binds of fodder, 12 chickens and 6 geese taken by the Yankees. This property was supplied to, or taken by, Union soldiers under the command of Gen. Osterhouse on or about 1 Feb 1864

Rutha True and Hyram C. Lemley swear that Adams Lanier "never aided the Rebels by word or deed in any way or manner." They also state that Robert Hunt and George E. Hunt, both of New Hope, Alabama, can also supply proof of Lanier's claim.

A deposition by Leroy M. Peevy dated at Huntsville 19 December 1873 states differently. Mr. Peevy says he has known Adams Lanier for many years and that Lanier was "thoroughly disloyal to the United States. He had a son and son-in-law in [Milus E.] Johnston's Bushwhacking company and I heard that his house was a home for Rebel guerillas. I speak from information having never heard of his claiming loyalty to the U. S. I live in his vicinity and speak from his reputation. I am Deputy Revenue Collector for the 3rd District of Alabama."

Signed: Leroy M. Peevy

Note: The file did not state whether Mr. Lanier received any money for his claim but it is reasonable, from Mr. Peevy's statement, that he did not.

Oath of Allegiance.

I do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of States thereunder; and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all acts of Congress passed during the existing Rebellion, with reference to slaves, so long and so far as not yet repealed, modified or held void by Congress or by decision of the Supreme Court; and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all proclamations of the President made during the existing rebellion, having reference to slaves, so long and so far as not modified or declared void by decision of the Supreme Court. **SO HELP ME GOD.**

Adams Lanier

Sworn and subscribed to before me
at *Woodville Ala* this _____
day of *14th Feby* 1864.

Robert Hunter
Provost Marshal, 15th A. C.
1st Division.

Oath of Allegiance of Adams Lanier.

The following physical description of Mr. Lanier was included in the file:

Name *Adams Lanear* [sic]
Rank: (blank) Regiment: (blank)
Company: (blank) Height: *6 feet*
Age: *Sixty One Years*
Complexion: *Light* Eyes: *Blue*
Hair: *Brown* Profession: *Farmer*

Marshall County

Contributed by
Hoyt O. Smith

Lemuel N. Douglass Indian Wars & Civil War Pensions

Seminole War

Lemuel Nolly Douglass was the son of Jones and Rebecca Tillman/Tilghman Douglass. Lemuel's grandfather, David Douglass, came from Scotland and later fought in the Revolutionary War from Virginia. Lemuel's father, Jones Douglass, fought during the War of 1812 from Georgia.

Lemuel Douglass served in the 2nd Regiment, Georgia Mounted Volunteers, during the Indian Wars of 1837-1838.¹ He enlisted from Hall County, Georgia and was mustered out in Forsyth County, Georgia on 11 May 1838. On 2 April 1855, Lemuel made application for bounty land due him for his service in the "Florida War with the Seminole Indians."

He is shown in *Old Land Records of Marshall County, Alabama*² as patenting 80.34 acres in December 1855.

Lemuel first came to Alabama and settled in Blount County.

In his Declaration for Indian War Survivor's Pension filed 31 Dec 1892 in Horton, Marshall County, Alabama, he stated that his full name was Lemuel Nolly Douglass, born 23 September 1817 in Baldwin County, Georgia and that he married Sarah Harris on 18 February 1846 in Gwinnett County, Georgia. He further stated that following his discharge from the Indian Wars in 1838 he lived in Gwinnett County, Georgia for 12 years; Forsyth County, Georgia 4 years; Blount County, Alabama 4 years; and in Marshall County, Alabama the last 34 years. He was a pioneer of his times who sought better

land for farming, moving to new frontiers to find better conditions and greater advantages for his family.

During the Civil War, Lemuel N. Douglass enlisted as a private in Company F of the Eighth Alabama Cavalry, Confederate States Army. He was captured at Escambia (County) Florida on 25 March 1865.

Family Information

Lemuel and Sarah (Harris) Douglas³ were the parents of eight children:

- (1) Wyatt Douglas, b. 1852 and d. 1856 in Forsyth Co., GA.
- (2) Stephen S. Douglas, b. 18 Feb 1855 and died 12 Dec 1926; married Amanda Robins. He is buried in Bethlehem Cem. near Douglas, AL.
- (3) Elizabeth Lucretia Douglas, b. 1 March 1857 in Blount Co., AL, d. 15 March 1899 in Marshall Co. She m. John P. Smith on 12 Oct 1879 and they had nine children. She is buried in Bethlehem Cem. near Douglas, AL.
- (4) John P. Douglas, b. Sept 1859 in Blount Co., AL and died in infancy.
- (5) Sibby A. S. F. [Florence] Douglas, b. 26 Sept 1862 in Marshall Co., AL and d. 21 Jan 1947 at Douglas, AL. She m. James Ira Morton in August 1879 and they had ten

¹ This was the Seminole War, also part of what was called the Florida Wars.

² Margaret Matthews Cowart (Huntsville: Pub. by author, 1988).

³ Please note that one "s" has been dropped from the name.

children. She is buried in Oak Grove Cem. near Horton, AL.

(6) Austin Riley Douglas, b. 7 June 1866 and d. 29 May 1942 in Etowah Co., AL. He m. Annah Elizabeth McGuire in 1886 and they had nine children.

(7) Dorcas Jane Douglas, b. 17 Jan 1869, d. 28 Jan 1954 and is buried in Bethlehem Cem. near Douglas, AL. She married John B. Willis and had ten children.

(8) Columbus B. Douglas, b. 1 Aug 1872, d. 28 Oct 1961 and is buried in Oak Grove Cem. near Horton, AL. He married Vicki Stewart and had nine children.

Sarah (Harris) Douglas (wife of Lemuel Nolly Douglas), was the daughter of Wyatt and Dorcas Harris of Gwinnett Co., GA. Sarah and Lemuel are listed in the June 1860 Marshall County, AL census at Aurora Post Office. The 1880 Marshall Co. census listed them in Beat 16, Davidson. Sarah died 24 Jan 1881 and was the first to be buried in what later became Bethlehem Cemetery near Douglas, Alabama in Marshall County.

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Lemuel Nolly Douglass
Granting Pensions to the Survivors of the Black Hawk War, Creek War,
Cherokee Disturbances, and the Seminole [Florida] War.

INDIAN WARS.

Claim of Soldier for Service Pension Under Act of July 27, 1892.

To be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. The official character and signature of any such officer not required by law so use a seal must be certified by the clerk of the proper court, giving dates of beginning and close of official term. A full and explicit reply is required to all questions indicated by this blank.

STATE OF Ala }
 County of Marshall } ss.:
 On this 31 day of Dec, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-2
 personally appeared before me, a Clk. circuit court in and for the County and State aforesaid,
Lemuel Douglass, aged 76 years, a resident of Horton, Marshall Co
 in the State of Ala, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the
 identical person who served under the name of Lemuel Douglass, as a Pr
 in the company commanded by Capt. Surgey in the _____ Regiment of
Ge. Vol, commanded by Col. Ira Fisher, in the
Seminole War; that he enlisted at _____, on or about the
5 day of Oct, A. D. 1827 for the term of six months
 and was honorably discharged at Forsyth Co Ga on the
 day of April, A. D. 1828; that he also served in _____ Co.,
 Regt., _____ Vois., from _____
 18____ to _____, 18____; and in _____ Co.,
 Regt., _____ Vois., from _____, 18____; to _____
 18____; that he has not been employed in the military or naval service of the United States other-
 wise than as stated above.
 That at the time of entering the service claimed for he was 26 years of age, 5 feet 4
 inches in height, with blue eyes, dark hair, fair complexion, by occupation a
Farmer, and that he was born at _____, County of _____,
 State of _____
 That since leaving the service he has resided at _____ years,
 at _____ years, at _____
 years, at _____ years, and at _____
 That he was married to Sarah Harris on the _____ day of
Feb, A. D. 1846, at Grant Co Ga; that his said wife is
 now dead, having died on the _____ day of _____
 A. D. 1881; that he has _____ since remarried, and that the maiden name of his present wife was
Mary Gallaway
 That he has not heretofore made application for pension, the number of his claim being _____

(3-249.)

DEAD

No. 2282

Indian Wars.

(Act of July 27, 1892.)

SURVIVOR.

Cemuel N. Douglass

Rank Capt.

Company Capt. Swaggerty's

Regiment Georgia Col.

Agency: Knoxville

Rate per month, \$8.00.

Commencing July 27, 1892.

Certificate issued Apr 29, 1893

" mailed May 3, 1893

Fee, \$ 1.00

(399-5000)

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INDIAN WARS.

PENSIONER DROPPED.

U. S. Pension Agency,

Knoxville, Tenn.

OCT 31 1900

Certificate No. 2282

Class SURVIVOR.

Pensioner Cemuel N. Douglass

Soldier for Capt Swaggerty's Co.

Service Conf. War.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions

NOV 23 1900

SIR: I have the honor to report that first

above-named pensioner who was last paid

at \$ 8 on 4 July 1900

has been dropped because of Death

Date Dec 19-1900

Very respectfully,

J. J. Wilder.

Pension Agent.

NOTE—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death when known.

Morgan County

Old Salem Church – 1825 – 1851

Contributed by
Mrs. Richard Gilliam, Jr.

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June 1834

Saturday before the first Sunday in June 1834. The Baptist Church of Christ at Antioch met and after Worship set in conference.

Tried the fellowship of the church – union found.

Opened a door for the reception of members. None.

Bartlett Collins, Clk.

July 1834

Saturday before the 1st Sunday in July. The church met & proceeded to business.

Opened a door for the reception of members. None came forward.

Bartlett Collins, Clk.

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August 1834

Saturday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1834.

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

The following brethren were appointed to bear the letter to the next association: Bartlett Collins, Blake and H. Thomas.

Bartlett Collins, [Clerk]

April 1835

Saturday before 1st Sunday in April 1835. The Church met and after preaching proceeded to business. Tried the fellowship of the Church – all in union. A door was opened for the reception of members – none came forward.

June 6, 1835 - Saturday

The Church met and after worship a door was opened for the reception of members – none came forward.

Sister Barbury Guire¹ was dismissed and a letter given.

Bartlett Collins, Clerk

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September 1835

The Saturday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1835.

Brethren E. Bell, B. Collins & H. Thomas were appointed to bear the Church letter to the association and brother T. Jones is to write the letter.

B. Collins, Clerk

October 1835

The Saturday before the first Lord's day in October 1835, the Baptist Church at Antioch met and after worship, set in conference.

Took up a report against brother H. Thomas and appointed Brother Collins to labor with him.

The church thought it needed to choose a deacon and Brother Elisha Bell was unanimously chosen.

The church called upon elder Tho. Briscoe and Elder Tho. Jones who set him apart by ordination. This done in church conference by order of the church.

Bartlett Collins, Clk.

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November 1835

The Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1835.

Reference was called for respecting the case of Brother Henry Thomas, labored on and laid over until next meeting.

We do agree to petition the Salem Church that we want them to send us three members.

¹ Possibly the wife of Alexander Guire.

We also appoint brother Jones to bear the petition.
Bartlett Collins, CC

November 183__ [year not given but must be 1836.]

Saturday before the first Sabbath in November. The Baptist Church of Christ at Antioch met and after worship set in conference. Called for fellowship – union formed.

B. Collins, C. Clerk

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6 May 1837

Saturday the 6th of May 1837. The Baptist Church of Christ, Antioch, met and after worship set in conference.

Called for fellowship. Brother Jones stated to the church that he has deviated by disorderly conduct from the way in which he ought to have gone and that he was consequently unreconciled with himself and that he would not occupy the stand as a minister till he became reconciled with himself & (marked out) the church with him. Whereupon the church agreed to bear with him.

Took up a difficulty existing between Brother Bell and Brother Stamps which was in Brother Bell's favor and consequently Brother Stamps was excluded.

June 1837

The Baptist Church of Christ at Antioch met. A door was opened for reception of members and received John W. Lowery by experience.

July 1837

Saturday before the first Sunday in July 1837. The Baptist Church of Christ at Antioch met.

A door was opened for the reception of members. Received Brother J. W. Lowery by experience. [Same person as was received in June?]

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August 1837

Saturday before the first Sabbath in August 1837. The Baptist Church of Christ at Antioch met & after worship set in conference.

Opened a door for the reception of members. None came.

September 1837

Saturday before the first Sabbath in September 1837, the Baptist Church of Christ at Antioch met.

A door was opened for the reception of members. One woman of colour was received by experience [not named].

We appointed our Brethern B. Collins, Jas. Couch & E. Bell² to bear our letter to the Association at Hopewell, Morgan County.

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November 1837

Saturday before the first Sabbath in November 1837, the Baptist Church of Christ at Antioch met.

John W. Lowry, Clk.

October 1838

Saturday before the first Sunday in October, the Baptist Church of Christ met at Antioch.

Brother Jones came forward and accused himself of disorder and made acknowledgment and the Church forgave and held him in fellowship.

An application made by Sister Howard for a letter was granted by the church at Antioch.

J. W. Lowry, CC

November 1838

Saturday before the first Sunday in November.

Brothers Benjamin Stephens came forward and received by experience and baptism; also Brother J. Jones and Sister Decse³ Jones and Sister Elizabeth Holloway by letter.

Note: The following is a torn, unnumbered piece of paper found between pages 108 and 107:

² Elisha Bell [Sr.] died 16 Dec 1837 according to the Gilliam family records.

³ Probably should be Dicy or Dicey.

“United Baptist Church of Christ at Bethel certify that our Beloved Br. & Sister ... [torn off] and Elizabeth Revis is Both members ... with us and in full Fellowship ...us when joint [sic] to another church ... and order Signd by order of ... in April 1838.”

Joseph Adkins, Clk.

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November 1839

Saturday before the first Sunday in December the church met.

A door was opened and received Carters, a black woman; also received Prudy Young by experience and rejoined; also Saly and David Blake, Rachel Clark, Jesse Nearin and Marg[ar]et Nearin, and Malinda Dunn.

David Blake, CC

January 1840

Saturday before the first Sunday in January the Church met.

We excluded Brother Benjamin Stevens for getting drunk and cursing and wa... and ...seared Thomas Dunn by and exk...[illegible]. This done in Church by order of same.

David Blake, CC

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February 1840

Saturday before the first Susnday in February. A few members met. Nothing done.

David Blake, CC

Saturday before the first Sunday in February the Church met after worship.

The Church excluded Sister Delila Cotle for tiding with Carter's Negroes without leave. Also excluded was Carter's [slave], Amy, for stealing and telling lies.

A door was opened for the reception of members but none came.

David Blake, CC

March 1840

Saturday before the first Sunday in March the Church met. Nothing done.

April 1840

Saturday before the first Sunday in April 1840, the Church met.

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

David Blake, CC

Note: Pages 105-104 missing.

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April 1840

Saturday before the first Lord's Day in April the church met.

Dismissed Sister Kasandra Duff and Sister Feraby Sutherland, both by letter.

A door was opened for the reception of members. Received Sister Delila Cadle⁴ by recantation.

David Blake, CC

May 1841

Saturday before the first Lord's Day in May, the church met.

The records hereafter shall be made out and read in the presence of the Church clerk.

A door was opened for the reception of new members but none came.

David Blake, CC

June 1841

Saturday before the first Lord's Day in June, the church met.

Proceeded to business. The Church Clk [is to?] attend the Church Clerk's meeting on the Saturday before the Lord's day in every month. [Note: Sentence garbled.]

The Church licenses Brother David Blake to preach in the bounds of his Church and calls Brother Enable Windes to the pastoral ch... [?]

A door was opened for the reception of members. Received Sister Rodah Blake and Sister Carline [Caroline?] Writ, both by experience.

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⁴ One Delila Cadel is shown in the 1840 Federal Census as living in St. Clair County, AL

June 1841

Saturday before the Lord's Day in June the Church met.

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

David Blake, Church Clerk

July 1841

Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in July church met.

Note: The following paragraph was marked out: "Brother Jes Saner and Elijah Wade to unite [? illegible] ... meeting to answer in case of settlement with Brother Blake ... By order of the church."

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(July 1841 continued)

E. Cosin [?], Brother Elijah Wade, Church Clerk.

Note: The writing is barely legible but it appears Elijah Wade replaced David Blake as Church Clerk.

August 1841

Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, the church met.

A door was opened to receive new members. Brother James Dore [?] was received by experience.

The church chose delegates to go to the Association meeting. They are Brothers David Blake and James Couch.

Note: These minutes are becoming progressively more difficult to read because of the poor spelling and penmanship of the clerk.

September 1841

Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September the church met. After worship, they proceeded to business and changed the meeting to Saturday before the first Sunday in every month.

A door was opened for reception of members ... Sister Sissaner [Susanna?] ... No one came forward.

October 1841

Saturday before the first Sunday in October the Church met and after worship called for fellowship union.

On Sunday Baptised [sic] Sister Elizabeth Nearin.

The Church resolved the Church be moved to the meeting house on the mountain by George Hale's? - done in Church conference and signed by governor of the same. Resolved that an arm remain in Panther's Cove.

Elijah Wade, CC

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December 1841

The Saturday before the 2nd Lord's Day in September Church met.

"A motion was made and second that the Church call Brother Peter Smith to attend him with Brother T. Jones as a Supply this dun in Church Conference and Signed by order of the same." [Copied exact.]

Jno. Sims, C[hurch] C[lerk] protom

On Sunday the 12th a door was opened for the reception of members. Received Sister Jane Walker by letter and three by experience. [The three were not named.]

January 1842

Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in January 1842 the Church met.

Found the Church "appro Rated" [approved?] the exclusion of Delila Cadle."

Received Brother Thomas Jones and wife's letters back again.

Elijah Wade, CC

(-To be continued-)

Queries

Kirk Family

We found a copy of family pages of the Kirk Bible in *Valley Leaves*, Volume 11, No. 3, March 1977, p. 121. The Bible record was submitted by Mrs. Evelyn Evans, now deceased, of Russellville, AL. It was carried in the Lawrence County chapter.

This Bible has the right names for our family, but the dates are different. It has **James Myrick Kirk**, born in NC on 11 Jan 1794 and **Terry Sugg** born in NC 7 Feb 1806. Under the marriages, it has **Sarah Goodwin Kirk** as marrying **John W. Mullins** on 2 Dec 1841 – Also, one record says b. in GA and one says AL.

In our family, we have Sarah Kirk who married John W. Mullins. Her father, **James Kirk**, deeded her three slaves in 1833. We have that she was born about 1809.

The children of Sarah Kirk and John W. Mullins included:

Martin N. Mullins b 1838

William J. Mullins b. 1831

John A. Mullins b. 1836

Sarah E. Mullins b. 1843

Emily P. Mullins b. 1847

Nancy Parthenia Mullins b. between 1834-1838

James M. Mullins b. 1849.

As you can see, I have included varying dates for Nancy Parthenia – different records, different dates.

Sandra H. Cook

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Hiram Ferrill/Ferle

A few years ago a lady did research for me, sent me a lot of information and stated the name was spelled both ways. We had a house fire in 1990 and lost all my family information so I'm having to start over. All Hiram Ferrill's children were born in

Alabama except one. In 1830 he was in Jackson County.

I need the name of a researcher in Jackson County or someone who can help me regain the lost information.

Sharon F. Jones

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Edmond, OK 73083-3622

Vann-Cobb-Jacobs

ANY help to solve the mystery of dates of death and burial location for these two people would be appreciated:

Edward H. Vann, son of **Lazarus Vann**, grandson of **Edward H. Vann** (all of Madison Co., AL) – lived in Owens Cross Roads area. Date of death believed to be between Dec 1892 and Dec 1899.

Margaret F. Cobb, married Edward H. Vann in home of Isaac Ellett in Owens Cross Roads on 23 Dec 1884. Her maiden name was **Jacobs**. Spellings of given name seen as Maggie or Mattie Jacobs at time of marriage to Edward Vann. Her Dec 1899 marriage to **J. R. Cobb** was also in Owens Cross Roads. He died in 1907. Believe she was still living in 1917-18.

J. R. Cobb was transferred to the state hospital before he died. Since Maggie's death has never been found, what would have happened to a female if she were living alone and had health problems in the late 19teens? Were there resources they could turn to or did the community have some type of program or would they have been sent to a poorhouse or state hospital?

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2002 – 2004

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