

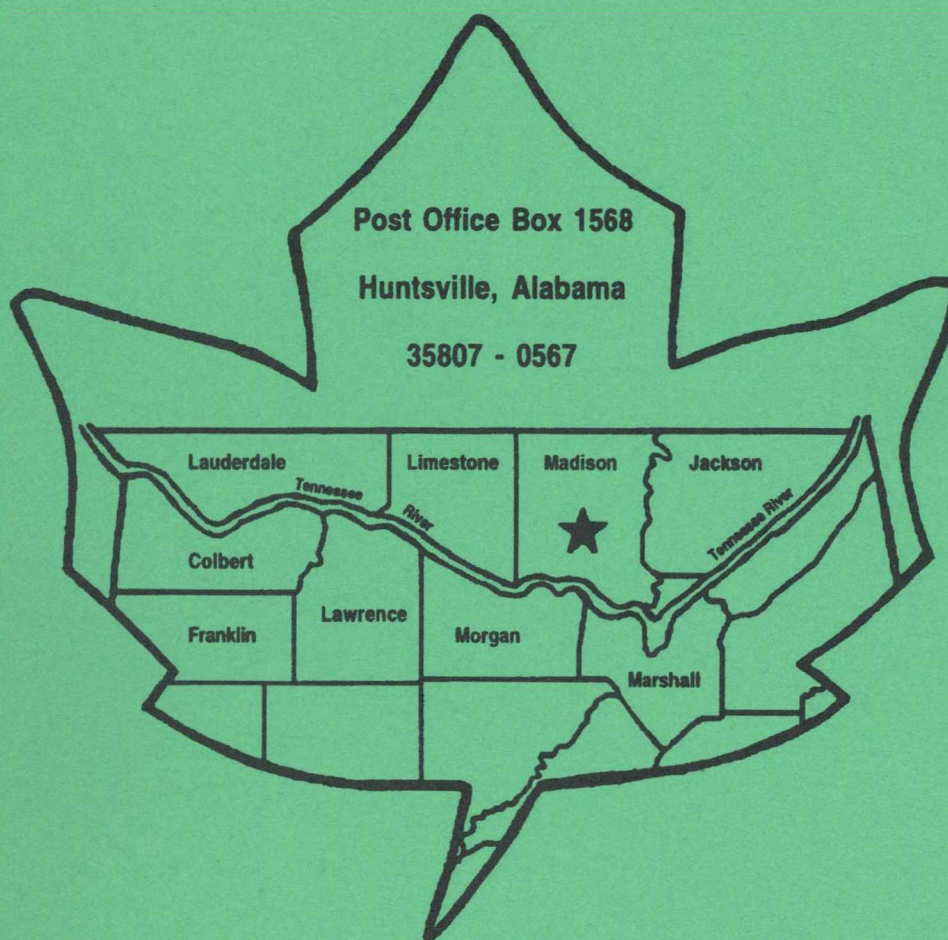
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# Things You Should Know

## Washington Co., Tenn.

### Court Records Surname List

TVGS member Ann Lusk reports there is a surname index to the court records of Washington Co., Tenn. The list is very reasonable in cost but to get more information you should write to the compiler. This little booklet might save you many hours of research. The compiler is:

Marjorie Hood Fischer  
1239 Coventry Road  
Vista, CA 920084

### First Congress Ledger Found

On November 19, 2002, two Senate Democratic Policy Committee aides, Clare Amoruso and Douglas Connolly, found the first ledger of the first Congress of the United States. Historians feel the book was rushed from the Capitol as the British were approaching the building to burn it in 1814.

Amoruso and Connolly found the unassuming brown ledger on a shelf in a basement storage room which was being cleared for construction of a new visitors' center. Had they not "rescued" it, the ledger would have been tossed into the trash two days later.

The first entry in the ledger was dated 19 Jan 1790 and recorded the salaries and expenses of the 20 senators who attended the second session of the first Congress held in Philadelphia. The total came to \$10,655.50. That amount is far less than the \$12,500.00 monthly salary of a member of Congress today.

The ledger contained the entries from 1790 through 1881.

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## Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana

### Library to Close Temporarily

If you are planning a trip to the Allen County Library over the holidays, you will want to change your plans. It will close Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> for

relocation and will remain closed during the month of January 2003. The library will undergo an \$18.5 million renovation that will expand the facility and make improvements to the current building.

Renaissance Square in Fort Wayne, Ind., will house the library and its valuable genealogy collection for about three years while construction is being completed.

The materials that make up the genealogy department will be available to researchers once the temporary quarters open. More information is available about the library's genealogy department on the Web site:

<http://www.acpt.lib.in.us/genealogy>.

### Good News if You Have Irish Roots

*Griffith's Valuation* is an important tool for those researching their Irish family tree.

In 1922 the Public Record Office in Ireland burned to the ground and most of the country's 19<sup>th</sup> century census records were destroyed. Luckily, the Valuation Office made a record of property holdings between 1847 and 1864. *Griffith's Valuation* contains information on property holdings for more than one million people living in Ireland during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In association with the National Library of Ireland, plans are to make this comprehensive Irish research resource available online.

The complete *Griffith's Valuation* of Ireland will be available on the Internet early in 2003.

The new subscription-based Web site "Otherdays.com" at:

<http://www.otherdays.com>

also offers access to the complete *Griffith's Valuation* from 1847 to 1864 as part of a subscription. Also included are images of Ireland from 1870 to 1910, prints and drawings from 1730 to 1860, more than 80,000 place names covering all towns, villages, townlands and streets, parish, barony, county and national map collections, newspaper articles, a library of rare books and more. If you want to subscribe

you can get an annual membership for \$51.95 for a limited time from "Otherdays.com".

### 1880 Census Online

Go to:

<http://www.familysearch.org>

and click Search, then Census. You will find free access to the 1880 U.S. census and the 1881 Canadian census.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints posted these searchable databases, previously available on CD-ROM, on the FamilySearch site only recently.

Now transcribed records of 55 million Americans and Canadians living during the 1880s are only a mouse click away.

Indexing took church volunteers 17 years for the U. S. census and four years for the Canadian census.

### New Records Complex In Georgia

Southern roots researchers will have a new National Archives and Records Administration regional building in which to do their research by summer 2004.

Officials recently broke ground on the Southeast Regional Archives facility located adjacent to the campus of Clayton College and State University in Morrow, Ga.

The \$28 million, 114,600-square-foot facility will be one of the largest of its kind in the country. It replaces the current archival facility in East Point, Ga., originally designed as a World War II-era military supply depot.

This NARA building will share a 19-acre complex with a new Georgia Department of Archives and History facility.

The complex includes a visitor learning/welcome center, amphitheater, large multifunctional reception/lobby space and research wing. Researchers will be able to access a Finding Aids Room, Microfilm Research Room and Textual Reference Room.

The Microfilm Research Room will house up to 60 microfilm readers and 66 film cabinets as well as microfiche readers and copy stations.

The research wing includes telecommunications capacity allowing researchers to search the Archives' new online catalog and

to access the future Electronic Records Archives.

### Access to California Vital Records Under Fire [A preview of things to come nationally?]

The battle over public access to California birth and death records continued in California's state assembly.

Legislators want to remove vital data from public records to prevent identity theft. The California State Genealogical Alliance is urging genealogists to contact California senators about keeping key information in vital record indexes.

A bill in the California Senate proposes that future indexes available to the public will not include the mother's or father's name on the birth index and will not reveal the mother's name or Social Security number on the death index.

Recent amendments to the bill that would allow controlled internet access to these indexes convinced the Family History Library, Federation of Genealogical Societies and African American Genealogical Society of Northern California to withdraw their opposition.

"As researchers, we all know how difficult it is to find mothers' maiden names," wrote Iris Carter Jones, the alliance's legislative analyst, in an open letter to genealogists. "Once they are removed from these indexes, they will be lost to researchers, adoptees, children and grandchildren of adoptees, and children and grandchildren of those with amended birth certificates."

*He that boasts of his  
ancestors confesses he has  
no virtue of his own.*

*—English proverb*

# Indian Research

## Researching Native American Ancestry

(Part 2)

By

Robert Vann

Continued from Vol. 37, No. 1, September 2002.

### Finding Your Ancestor

You may state, "I was told that my great grandfather was a full-blood Cherokee. How can I find his tribal membership?" With no more information than that, you probably can't.

Finding a surname on the Dawes, Chapman or Siler rolls without more information about when or where your ancestor lived is about as likely as finding a Mayflower passenger on the Galveston, TX arrival logs.

*Learn a Little History.* When did your Native American ancestor live in a particular area? Which European immigrant groups were they allied with at that time? When did that nation sign treaties with the whites, and why.

For example, some Cherokees signed a treaty in 1805 selling their land to the U. S. government in return for moving to the Indian Territory in northwest Arkansas Territory. Having learned this fact, you wouldn't look for that ancestor on the rolls of the Treaty of New Echota (1835) in Georgia. If your ancestors were in North Carolina in 1905 they probably will never be found on the Dawes Rolls.

*Learn a Little Geography.* There were few Cherokee in western Tennessee or Ohio in the first third of the 1800s. While there were traders and travelers moving freely through and between the nations, there were

great feelings concerning the spiritual nature of their homeland that kept the people on the land they loved. This differed greatly from the perception of the immigrants who viewed the land only as a resource to be exploited. European immigrants believed that when the neighborhood became crowded or the fertility of the soil decreased from over-cropping, it was time to load the wagon and head for new wildernesses.

### Advance with Caution

Once they get close to a solution, many people decide to communicate with Native America to help solve their research problems. When you log onto an interactive web site, please advance with *sensitivity* and *caution*.

Realize that blood quantum (percentage of Indian blood) is always based on fractions that divide by two ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  etc.) Look at your pedigree chart. You have eight great-grandparents. If three of them were full-blood Indian, your blood quantum would be  $\frac{3}{8}$  Indian. There are no  $\frac{1}{3}$  Indian (unless there was an immaculate conception among your grandparents).

Never mention that Cherokee "princess" that Great Aunt Gertie swore was there. If you do, you will feel the breeze and hear the slamming of the door to further help.

Do not state that you are trying to establish tribal membership so you can qualify for free education, free medical care and a percentage of profits from the casino.

Those living on the "rez" have been abused by the Interior Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs for so long, and in so many ways, that those seeking "a share of the pie" are regarded with contempt.

Never claim to be studying with shamans, having visions or mystical experiences, having conversations with totem animals, or of having given yourself an "Indian name." The Cherokee consider their religious beliefs sacred, and those trying to self-enroll in those concepts as mockers. Also, do not bring up the fact that your grand daughter is a member of the YMCA Indian Guides and Little Princesses and has earned three feathers with Big Brave.

Do not argue. You have come into their "virtual home" seeking information and wisdom, not a battle.

Do not state that Grandpa was definitely an Indian because he had high cheekbones, was dark-skinned, had straight black hair and brown eyes. Many physical characteristics change. Principal Chief John Ross who led the Cherokee across the Trail of Tears was only 1/8 Cherokee by blood. There are more blonde and red-headed Indians than you might think.

Do not expect to be welcomed as a long-lost cousin. Even when you prove that you have the bloodline, you still do not have the visible "family" or the heritage.

Many Indians also want to know where you were raised, who your relatives were, and where you went to school in order to determine the culture you may have. Even with the bloodline you may be seen as an intruder.

Your membership will dilute their benefits and entitlements, and give you voting power that you do not understand as an outside resident with no history of the nation's politics.

The more of these guidelines you break, the more you will come to be perceived as a target. If you are seen as a "nosebleed" Indian, a "Twinkie," etc., you need to leave

that discussion board and try somewhere else.

These bits of guidance will be equally useful when dealing with Indians face-to-face.

### Pre-Colonial Cherokee Research

*"Yanusdi is the Cherokee term for Little Bear. This name was given to me by my grandmothers who were from the Anitsaguhi, or Bear Clan, and Anigilohi, or Long Hair Clan.*

*"My Cherokee descent comes from Lucy Bryant of Chenanee Ridge, Georgia (Roll of 1817, Reservation #91). She married Zachariah Bryant who was believed to be a relative of John and Thomas Bryant, Cherokee traders. Zachariah lived near Tomassee (Lower Towns) on Bryant's Mountain, Pendleton District, South Carolina. Their son, John Bryant, later moved through Lauderdale County, Alabama to Gibson County, Tennessee before the Trail of Tears." This information on Cherokee ancestry came from: <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~yanusdi/guide.html>.*

There are several approaches to locating Cherokee ancestry on the Internet. While Internet research is another attempt to aid genealogists, it is primarily focused on pre-colonial/colonial era intermarriages between Cherokees and British/French. Most sites offer information on Cherokees of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. While this is important, the majority of us descend from intermarriages that occurred in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Thus, most of these kinships came from British or French traders intermarrying with Cherokees.

Through 1776, South Carolina controlled the Cherokee trade, and most of our mixed ancestors were connected to this region. Virginia also supplied a few traders to the Cherokees, and Georgia and North Carolina still fewer.



To locate your ancestors, whether from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia, most records of note are related to the South Carolina Indian trade.

To begin your search you should do a surname-check in: William L. McDowell, Jr., ed. *The Colonial Records of South Carolina: Documents relating to Indian Affairs*, Columbia: South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1992. This set, including one other volume, can be purchased from the South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History, P. O. Box 11669, 1430 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29211, telephone: 803-734-8590.

If you intend to do a thorough study of your ancestors, you should purchase this set. It is the most thorough record of British/Cherokee trade available.

## Ten Steps to Guide Your Cherokee Ancestry Search

1. Always be aware that spellings of names are not always the same in historical records. English/French surnames vary according to region. Example: Bryant, Briant, Brian, de Bryant.

All Cherokee names are phonetic spellings of either French or British pronunciation. Example: Chota (The Cherokee capitol): English = Chota; Cherokee = It-sati (pronounced Eet-saw-tee). Personal names also vary according to dialect or region.

The Cherokees had three dialects and names vary accordingly. For instance, "Yellow Bird (a common name) is Cheesquatarone in the lower dialect and Cheesquatalone in the upper dialect.

2. Do not assume the origin of your Cherokee blood, nor the degree of blood. Family tradition tells us that all our grandmothers were full-blood Cherokee, yet by 1900 there were very few full-blood Cherokees in existence.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Proof of degree of blood is now possible to prove through DNA advances. DNAPrint Genomics of Sarasota, Fla. provides measurements of a person's racial ancestry and ancestral proportions. They are now running an introductory offer for \$160. Simply swab the inside of your cheek and DNAPrint can

The surname you started with may lead you to another surname. More than likely your search will end with a significant trader.

Most of our ancestors intermarried during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and on average we possess about 1/128 to 1/256 Cherokee blood. Do not assume anything but be prepared to find conflicting information.

3. Search the regions around the Cherokee nation and be aware of the fluctuating borders of both the Cherokees and the frontier. There were four settlement groups in the Cherokee Nation:

- **Overhill:** East Tennessee on the Little Tennessee River.
- **Valley:** Lower East Tennessee, southwestern North Carolina and north Georgia
- **Lower:** Western South Carolina and northwestern Georgia.
- **Middle:** Western North Carolina

All regions around these areas are possible locations to find your ancestors. They were mobile and moved from place to place within and without the Cherokee Nation.

Check all colonial, state and local histories, frontier histories and Indian trade records.

Some Colonial records to search are:

- Allan D. Candler, ed., *The Colonial Records of the State of Georgia* (Atlanta: Charles P. Boyd, printer 1914).
- B. Walter Clark, ed. *The State Records of North Carolina*, (New York: AMS Press, 1968).
- Kenneth G. Davies, ed. *Documents of the American Revolution, 1770-1783* (Dublin: Irish University Press, 1976).
- Wilmer L. Hall, Ed. *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia* (Richmond: Commonwealth of Virginia, 1945).

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determine your racial mix. Contact them on their web site at <http://www.dnprint.com> [Information supplied through the courtesy of Family Tree Magazine.]

- William P. Palmer, ed, *Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts 1652-1781* (New York: Kraus Reprint Co. 1968).
- William L. Saunders, ed. *The Colonial Records of North Carolina*, (New York: AMS Press, 1968).
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- Western North Carolina records should be checked. Example: John Preston Arthur *A History of Watauga County, North Carolina* (Johnson City: The Overmountain Press, 1992).
- Southwestern Virginia records. Example: Lewis Preston Summers, *History of Washington County, Virginia* (Johnson City: The Overmountain Press, 1989).
- North Georgia records. Example: Don L. Shadburn, *Unhallowed Intrusion: A History of Cherokee Families in Forsyth County, Ga.* (Cumming, Ga. Don Shadburn, P. O. Box 762, Cumming, Ga. 30130)
- East Tennessee. There are several examples of this region which also give information on the frontiers and early Tennessee.
- John Haywood, *The Civil and Political History of Tennessee*, (Knoxville: The Tenase Company, 1969).
- J. G. M. Ramsey, *The Annals of Tennessee* (Knoxville: East Tenn. Hist. Soc. 1967).
- Samuel Cole Williams, *Early Travels in the Tennessee Country* (Johnson City: The Watauga Press, 1928).
- \_\_\_\_\_ *William Tatham: Wataugan* (Johnson City: The Watauga Press, 1947).
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Dawn of Tennessee Valley and Tennessee History* Johnson City: The Watauga Press, 1937.

- \_\_\_\_\_ *History of the Lost State of Franklin*, (Johnson City: The Watauga Press, 1937).
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Tennessee During the American Revolutionary War* (Knoxville: Univ. of Tennessee Press, 1974).
- Do not restrict your search but record anything you find on your surname. Your ancestor maybe using an Indian name and an English or French name.

4. The Cherokee clans were based on a matrilineal system [traced through the mother's line.] In the 1750s, this system altered due to intermarriage with European Americans. White Cherokees kept traditional matrilineal oral records but mixed Cherokees often used both patrilineal and matrilineal notations.

Many Cherokee traders also had two families, a Cherokee family and another located in South Carolina or Virginia.

5. Do not quit because your ancestor disappears off the records for there were no written records within the Cherokee Nation.

You must rely on European-American records to locate your ancestor. Do not always accept everything at face value and be totally objective.

When your ancestors' surnames cannot be found on traditional records, this is usually a good sign: they can be found within the Cherokee Nation.

Do remember that most Upper Creek<sup>2</sup> traders had Cherokee wives.

-To be continued

<sup>2</sup> This refers to a geographic location in the North Carolina area. Upper Creek traders were those who were headquartered in that area.

# Colbert-Franklin Counties

## Civil Register of County Officials

1832 – 1844

Part 3 of 3 - Conclusion

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. Keep in mind that at the time these appointments were made, what is now Colbert County was still a part of Franklin.

No office, date, etc., is shown where there are no ditto marks. Continued from September 2002.

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Cobb, William			
George, And <sup>w</sup> .			
Gladish, James B.	Justice of Peace	23 May 1841	
Hadley, Joseph			
Hamilton, Reese			
Hargett, George W.			
Harley, Jesse			
Hodges, James			
Hudson, Benjamin			
King, James			
McCollum, And <sup>w</sup> .			
McCorkel, Joel			
Nelson, Lemuel			
Reed, William B.			
Richardson, John T.			

<b>Official's Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date/Comm.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Sadler, Joseph M.	Justice of Peace	23 May 1841	
Skinner, Cordy N.	"	"	
Southall, Augustus W.	"	"	
Stanfield, William G.	"	"	
Taylor, Peter	"	"	
Thorn, Thomas	"	"	
Tompkins, Christopher	"	"	
Waldie, Richard <sup>1</sup>	"	"	
Watkins, Richard S.	"	"	

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Kelsey, Robert	Constable	23 May 1841	
Young, Joseph	"	"	
Matthews, Erasmus N.	"	"	
Bartus [?], James	"	"	
Feilder, David P.	"	"	
Potts, John A. [?]	"	"	
Bobo, Clark	"	"	
Hall, Richard P.	"	"	
Suite [?], Absolum	"	"	
Allison, Robert	"	"	
Lamb, John P.	"	"	
Sibley, Thomas T.	"	"	
Saunders, John	"	"	
Skinner, Emanuel	"	"	
Harvey, John W.	"	"	
Wheeler, John W.	"	"	

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Bell, Jonas J.	Intendant <sup>2</sup> of Tuscumbia	14 Jan 1841	Intendant in Tuscumbia
Cobb, William			
<b>Official's Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date/Comm.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>

<sup>1</sup> This may be the Richard Walden who patented land in Sec. 21-7So.-12W in Franklin Co. in 1856.

<sup>2</sup> One who has charge, management, or direction of some office or department.

King, James  
Nelson, Samuel  
George, Andy  
Skinner, Cordy N.

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Richardson, John T.	Justice of Peace	2 Jan 1837	Vice: J. M. Kirk
Townes, Richard H.	"	"	
Blanton, Carter	"	"	
Hulsey, Adonijah	Constable	"	
Elliott, Ambrose K.	"	"	
Bradley, John	Justice of Peace	9 Feb 1835	For town of Tuscumbia
Williams, James	"	14 May 1838	
Cansby, [blank]	"	"	
McCorkle, Joel	"	"	
Bonds, Wright	"	"	
Sadler, Joseph M.	"	"	
Ligon, Daniel W.	"	"	
Lampkins, Christopher	"	"	
Benson, John	"	"	
Hamilton, Rice	Justice of Peace	14 May 1838	
Chandler, Willis	"	"	
McLintock, Joseph	"	"	
Walden, Richard	"	"	
Forund [?], John	"	"	
Reynolds, Jefferson	"	"	
Lowell, Richard A.	"	14 May 1838	
Warren, Hugh M.	"	"	
Bates, Robt. P.	"	"	
Patterson, Harden	"	"	
Sheffield, Joseph	"	"	
Gladish, James B.	"	"	
Richardson, John L. [?]	"	"	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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Corbell, Josiah	Justice of Peace	14 May 1838	
Trim, Lazewell W.	“	“	
Stephens, Saml.	“	“	
Hudson, Benj.	“	“	
Dancy, Jas. E.	“	“	“Error: show him as Wm.”
Bishop, Colin	“	“	
Haynes, John	“	“	
Hodges, James	“	“	
Williams, Aaron	Constable	“	
Weatherford, John	“	“	
Bean, Armstead	“	“	
Hill, Claiborne	“	“	
Sraham, Bryce	“	“	
Sibley, Thomas S.	“	“	
Harley, Jesse	“	“	
Dearing, Joab	“	“	
Nelson, Lemuel	“	“	
Barden, Jas.	“	“	
Mitchell, Reuben A.	“	“	
Dempsey, John B.	“	“	

End Series

### John Baisden Dies

John L. Baisden was fatally stabbed, by a man named Cornelius last Saturday morning near Tuscumbia. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 3 Oct 1879.]

# Franklin County

## Marriage Record Book 3

1902 – 1907

(Part 10)

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Oscar Glover

Franklin County's courthouse suffered multiple fires over the years, two of which were totally destructive, the last being in 1956. Since records from that county are rare, we are grateful to have marriage records even if they are dated after 1900.

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

Continued from Vol. 36, No. 4.

No.	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By:
154	McKinney, Tom Married at the Methodist Parsonage, Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Tom McKinney and J. W. Guttery. Father of the groom, P. L. McKinney, gave consent in writing.	Brewer, Mattie	17 Jan 1904	L. F. Whitten, MG
154	Cummins, W. W. Married at the bride's home. Bondsmen: W. W. Cummins and David Motes. Both Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.	Motes, Mary Ann.	24 Jan 1904	T. D. Newell, MG
155	Parker, J. M. Married at the Minister's residence. Bondsmen: J. M. Parker and J. M. Scott. Both Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.	Deferr, Barbby	29 Jan 1904	B. J. McLesky, MG
155	Tompkins, James (c) Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: James Tompkins and S. G. Gholson. Both Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.	Gholson, Selma (c)	28 Jan 1904	James Hampton, MG
156	Bolding, J. A. Married at residence of bride's father. Bondsmen: J. A. Bolding and J. R. Hester. Father of the bride, J. T. Dempsey, gave consent in writing stating she is 17 years of age.	Dempsey, Nannie	7 Feb. 1904	Rev. S. B. Ramsey
156	Hickey, Pat Married at bride's residence. Bondsmen: Pat Hickey and George Downey. Mother of the bride, Mrs. L. A. Cook, gave consent in writing.	Cook, Edith Eron	31 Jan 1904	T. E. McCulloch, JP
157	Lindley, J. E. Married at the S. H. Strawbridge residence. Bondsmen: J. E. Lindley, O. M. Jackson and T. E. Bolding. J. L. Lindley gave consent in writing for J. E. Lindley. O. M. Jackson made aff't that Miss Mary Strawbridge is over age of 18 years.	Strawbridge, Mary	11 Feb 1904	G.W.Sims, NP/JP
157	Moore, S. A. Married at the residence of I. S. Garrett. Bondsmen: S. A. Moore and W. S. Wilson. Both Parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years.	Garrett, Lela	7 Feb 1904	L. M. Bailey, JP

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# Colbert County

## Marriage Record, Book B, 1874-1887

Colbert was carved from Franklin County in 1867. Their earliest marriage record is from 1867 to 1874. The second book, Book B, is from 1874 to 1887. The following marriages are from Marriage Book B. Continued here from Volume 37, No. 2. (c) represents "Colored."

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Solemnized</u>	<u>By</u>
<b><u>Page 237</u></b>			
Gable, J. H. Note: Groom's name listed as "Gabrel" in solemnization block.	Mary T. Barnes	19 Dec 1879	John W. Bishop, JP
Allen, Matt (c)	Southern, Randy (c)	25 Dec 1879	John W. Bishop, JP
Burton, John L.	Miss Mary Ann Wallace	20 Nov 1879	Wm. R. Thompson, JP
Deans, W. A.	Miss W. E. Tuberville	4 Jan 1880	Wm. Thompson, JP
<b><u>Page 238</u></b>			
Arnold, Robert C.	Miss Easter A. Counts	20 Jan 1880	Mike Finey, MG
Calip, Bolin ...(c) Groom's name was "Calop" on return His given name may have been "Boulden."	Julia Dement (c)	15 Jan 1880	H. Wood, MG
<b><u>Page 238</u></b>			
Ayres, John R.	Miss Sarah J. Looney	25 Jan 1880	Wm. McCormack, JP
Bryan, Gimon	Miss Ella Thomas	22 Jan 1880	C. M. Whitlock, JP
<b><u>Page 239</u></b>			
Abernathy, Thomas (c)	Abernathy, Selia	22 Jan 1880	Bowlin King
McCravy, Cread (c)	Ellen Mhoon (c)	22 Jan 1880	W. Northcross, MG
Little, John	Fannie Byrum	22 Jan 1880	Osker Jackson, MG
Wallon, Frank	Miss Mattie Arnett	22 Jan 1880	Frank ... [torn off]

-To be continued



# Book Reviews

## **Ancestors and Descendants of Henry Thomas Perry 1893-1950 and Pearl May Greenup 1895-1983**

Third Edition  
by Cortes L. Perry

Cortes L. Perry has produced a volume that any member of this family will find useful, whether for research or pleasurable reading. The folks named in the title, Henry Thomas Perry and Pearl May Greenup, were the parents of the author. Perry has compiled a good deal of information on his parents, their siblings and descendants into one easy-to-read and easy-to-reference volume. Also included is information on up to four generations of the couple's ancestors.

The book consists of 305 pages and is divided into three sections: Ancestors, Siblings and Descendants of Henry Thomas Perry and Pearl May Greenup. Also included are a Table of Contents, endnotes with sources after each "chapter," and a full name index. The author noted his sources copiously – each fact is footnoted and the source can be found at the end of the chapter.

For example, in the chapter entitled "The Craine Ancestors" in the Ancestors section, a typical entry appears: **5F iii Huldah Ann CRAINE<sup>23,24,25</sup>** was born<sup>26,27</sup> about 1826 in Hart County, Kentucky. She died<sup>28</sup> after 5 Jun 1880....

Turning to the endnotes at the end of the chapter, one sees that for footnote 23 there is a complete reference for birth information found in the Kentucky Archives. To gather information, Perry made visits to numerous courthouses in Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana, as well as the Kentucky and Tennessee state archives and state libraries in Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. He also conducted research at state historical society libraries in Kentucky and Indiana and at the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Ind.

In addition to the endnotes at the end of each

chapter, there is also an introduction, where the author summarizes the sources he used to discover information about the individual or family. Family names included in the volume are: Perry, Craine, Wooten, Garmon, Greenup, Ritter, Staples, Piper, Blair, Wheat and Jackson. Most of families lived in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee, with some ancestral information from Virginia.

The author uses the Modified Register Report to present the information. This format presents the direct line of descendants from a person. Also included in the beginning of the book are ancestral charts for Henry Thomas Perry and Pearl May Greenup that go back four generations.

Black-and-white photographs are sprinkled throughout the text and are of acceptable quality, having been scanned at 75 dots per inch (dpi) and output on a laser printer. The book was printed from the laser-printed master copy. The book is also available in CD-ROM format, according to the author.

The CD-ROM was not evaluated but the author says that it contains several files in Rich Text Format (rtf) – a format accepted by most word processing programs. On the CD-ROM, the book is presented in one file and also with each chapter as a separate file, in case the single book file is unwieldy. An electronic Table of Contents enables you to click on a chapter and immediately go to that section.

Perry published the first edition of this work in 1991; a second edition in 1993; and the current third edition in May, 2002. The hardcopy book costs \$50; the CD-ROM: \$20. A copy of the book is available in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Library. Contact the author at: Cortes L. Perry, P. O. Box 4325, Huntsville, AL 35815; [corteslp@juno.com](mailto:corteslp@juno.com).

*Reviewed by Beverly Reach Perry*

*Editor's Note:* Beverly Reach Perry is not related to Cortes L. Perry – at least not through her husband's family (the Perrys). By coincidence, there is another connection, however. Cortes Perry's ancestor, James Craine, was a brother to Beverly's ancestor, John Crain. Both were sons of James (ca 1715-ca 1793) and Susannah (ca 1720 - ?) Crain of King William Co., Virginia.

## Lusk Genealogy

*Editor's Note:* Our book review policy has not been to extol the virtues of an article in another genealogical publication. There comes a time, however, when most rules must be broken. Sara Ann (Osborn) Lusk is a long-time member of TVGS and a past officer. After reading her recently published article on the Lusks in *The Genealogist* we feel Ann's work deserves more than a passing nod. The research is outstanding and a credit not only to her, but to our Society. She reached standards that others would do well to emulate.

Regretfully, there is not enough space to show you some of her research in platting land grants but it is the best I have seen.

### **ROBERT LUSK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE: Early Powder Maker Among the Wataugans.**

by  
Sara Ann (Osborn) Lusk

Part One of "ROBERT LUSK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE; Early Powder Maker Among the Wataugans" by Sara Ann (Osborn) Lusk of Huntsville, Ala., was published in *The Genealogist*, Vol. 16, No. 2, Fall 2002 issue, pages 168-182. It is being run as a multiple-part series.

This is a fascinating story of early pioneer life and the difficulties encountered in migrating (travel conditions and problems of getting title to land once a desirable area was discovered) and a lesson in how to conduct research. Ann set out to find proof of family traditions about Robert M. Lusk's family members. She found her proof and more.

Ann devoted almost 10 years to traveling extensively to research in courthouses, archives and libraries for source material on this Lusk family. She located and platted Robert Lusk's land grants as well as those for 58 other settlers whose grants were made before 1801 south of the Watauga River.

Dealing with metes and bounds in this states-land state presented problems due to errors in legal descriptions and surveys as well as transfers of the same tract to more than one person. Nevertheless, she constructed a map of the Buffalo Creek area (south of the Watauga River) in Washington Co., Tenn. where the two land grants of Robert Lusk were located.

Ann gives credit for acquiring her "know-how" to pursue successfully this research to:

- Taking a beginning genealogy course
- Studying the history of that land
- Attending TVGS seminars
- Searching material in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library
- Using geological survey maps created by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

In an attempt to prove parentage of Robert M. Lusk and prove the names of his heirs and those of his siblings, Ann purchased a surname list of court records of Washington Co., Tenn., then ordered copies of all the documents thought to be relevant to Robert M. Lusk.

Through a long process of interviews with the oldest family relatives (which produced a letter naming John Lusk as father of Robert M. Lusk, census research, and courthouse research, Ann unearthed a Circuit Court estate settlement case connecting Robert M. Lusk and his father John Lusk, naming children. This verified the value of tradition and set an example of how to follow those tradition leads. It proved the connection she had been seeking.

*Reviewed by Jeanne Hand Henry, CG*

# Jackson County

## Bridgeport Cases

Contributed by Judge William D. Page  
(Part 4)

Continued from *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 26, No. 4. The following cases were rescued from the dumpster by Jackie Slaten and Judge Robert Hodges. They are carried here through the thoughtfulness of the late Carlus Page and Judge William D. Page.

### Monies retained/expended on estates by the Judge of Probate

#### Estate of Moses Swaim

#### Receipt for distributive Share

State of Alabama )

Jackson County )

"In the Matter of the Estate of Moses Swaim, Deceased. Received of W. W. McCutchen, Judge of Probate, the sum of Four & 01/100 (\$4.01) as my distributive share to which I am entitled from the above Estate on final settlement.

"Witness my hand and seal, this \_\_\_ day of Sept. 1907."

*Bettie Wright*

#### Acknowledgment

The State of Texas )

Erath County )

"I, W. T. Daniel, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above named Bettie Wright who is known to me, signed the same in my presence on the day the same bears date.

"This 28 day of Sept. 1907.

*W. T. Daniel*

Notary Public  
Erath Co. Texas"

#### Estate of Moses Swaim

#### Receipt for Distributive Share

Probate Court

Sept. 23[20?] 1907

The State of Alabama )

Jackson County )

"In the Matter of the Estate of Moses Swaim, Deceased.

"Received of W. W. McCutchen, Judge of Probate the sum of Four and 01/100 Dollars (\$4.01) as my distributive share to which I am entitled for the above stated Estate on final settlement.

"Witness my hand and seal, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1907.

*Mrs. Dona Draper*

#### Acknowledgment

The State of Texas, Lamar County

I, W. F. Boyett, J. P. *Ex officio* Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above named Mrs. Dona Draper who is known to me, signed the same in my presence on the day the same bears date.

"This 17 day of Oct 1907.

*W. F. Boyett*, J. P. *Ex officio*

Notary Public in and for Lamar Co., Texas."

#### Estate of Mary McReynolds

#### Receipt for Distributive Share

The State of Alabama )

Jackson County )

Probate Court

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1907

"In the Matter of the Estate of Mary McReynolds, Deceased.

"Received of W. W. McCutchen the sum of Eighteen & 70/100 Dollars (\$18.70) as my distributive share to which I am entitled from the above stated Estate.

"Witness my hand and seal, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1907."

*R. T. McDuff*

**Acknowledgment**

The State of Louisiana )  
Caddo Parish )

"I, R. B. Baker, a Notary Public in and for said Parish and State, do hereby certify that the above named R. T. McDuff who is known to me, signed the same in my presence on the day the same bears date.

"This 4<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1907.

*R. B. Baker,*  
Notary Public, Caddo Parish, La.

**Estate of Mary McReynolds  
Receipt for Distributive Share**

Probate Court  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1907

The State of Alabama )  
Jackson County )

"In the Matter of the Estate of Mary McReynolds, Deceased.

"Received of W. W. McCutchen, Judge of Probate the sum of Eighteen & 70/100 Dollars (\$18.70) as my distributive share to which I am entitled from the above stated Estate.

"Witness my hand and seal, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1907.

Signed S. E. Long by her mark.

**Acknowledgment**

The State of Texas )  
Cass County )

"I, W. F. Cameron, J. P. and Exofficio Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above named Mrs. S. E. Long who is known to me, signed the same in my presence on the day the same bears date.

"This 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1907.

*W. F. Cameron,* J. P. and *Ex officio*  
Notary Public in and for Cass Co., Texas.

**John K. Childress Estate**

29 Feb 1908

Received \$7.35 in full payment of my interest in certain land owned by John K.

Childress, deceased, in Jackson County and sold under the order of Probate Court for partition and division between Mary Green and others, tenants in common.

*Mrs. W. J. Martin*

Witness:

*J. L. Mitchell*

**Caperton Guardianships**

21 January 1908

Received \$200.05 in full payment for the proceeds of certain lands sold under the order of the Probate Court for partition and division between Sallie Caperton, Dora Caperton, Claude Caperton and Tip Caperton, all except 1/4 is received by me individually and paid to me as the guardian of the above named minors.

*Sallie Caperton*

**George W. Ladd**

4 March 1908

Received \$325.11 in full payment of my one-third interest in certain lands sold under order of the Probate Court for partition and division between Geo. W. Ladd, et al, joint owners or tenants in common.

*G. W. Ladd*

**S. H. Bryant Estate**

6 Dec 1907

Received \$170.45 in full payment of the distributive shares of Marving Ray and Eva May Berry on final settlement of the estate of S. H. Bryant, decd.

*F. C. Garber*[?]

Guardian

-To be continued

**Lyman James Dies**

Fri 31, Dec 1830

Died at Bellfonte, Ala on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.,

Lyman James, Esq., attorney-at-law,  
formerly of Massachusetts

## Pensions Granted

Part 1 of 6 parts

This large book is housed in the basement of the Jackson County Courthouse and was copied 1 Nov 2002 for inclusion in *Valley Leaves*. It begins with item No. 8151 which tells us there is or was an earlier book even though it is shown as "Book A." The location of earlier ones is unknown to this editor. The item numbers are not carried here.

One of the most difficult things to find in tracing your ancestors is the cause of their death or the status of their health; this record abounds with that information. The date this record was made is not shown but it was for Confederate (only) Civil War veterans and their widows. Most held the rank of private. The name in the Remarks column is believed to be the person reporting the death. The widow's death is in the "Where wounded" column. Sometimes both death dates are given.

Name	Rank	Co., Regt.	Enlisted		Date Disch'd.	Where wounded	Wound or Disability	Age	Post Office	Remarks
			Date	Place						
Jones, W. F.	Pvt.	--- 4	13 Jan '62	Scottsboro	6-21-65	---	Blind	63	Scottsboro	
Greer, R. J.	Sgt.	D 4	6-28-61	Stevenson	4-1-65	Murfreesboro, Tn.	Lost arm	61	Stevenson	
Henegar, Geo. M. W.	Pvt.	F 9	3-1-63	Valley Head	.....	Hillsboro, NC	Lost arm	73	Henegar	
Ryan, A. L.	Pvt.	B 7	10-1-62	Lebanon	4-16-65	Columbus, Ga.	Lost leg	67	Larkinsville	
Barnes, Jno. M.	Pvt.	E 58	11-1-62	Talladega	4-18-65	Atlanta, Ga.	Wound in leg	70	Hitch	
Cooper, Peter	Pvt.	B 6 <sup>th</sup> Ga.	5-1-60	Trenton, Ga	6-1-62	Yorktown, Va.	Lost leg	56	Shaw	
Cooper, B. M.	Pvt.	A 4	11-7-61	Kentucky	4-17-60	Atlanta, Ga.	Wounded	66	Bridgeport	
Griffin, Wm.	Pvt.	B 4	1-18-64	Stevenson	1865	Wartrace, Tn.	Lost leg	54	Tate	Dead
Moore, G. W.	Pvt.	D 19	4-9-62	Gadsden	6-8-65	Atlanta, Ga.	Lost leg	53	Larkinsville	
Thomas, Mason	Pvt.	G 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ga Cav.	Oct '63	Red Clay, Ga	6-28-65	---	Rheumatism	56	Bridgeport	
Story, Enoch	Pvt.	A 55	12-1-63	Hillians Store	1865	---	Lost leg	54	Langston	
Sampley, Jessie	Pvt.	G 3	7-17-62	Battle Creek	4-17-65	---	Crippled in hand	76	Bridgeport	
Walls, R. J.	Pvt.	F 62	3-5-64	Talladega	5-11-65	---	Disabled	53	Limrock	
Austin, S. B.	Pvt.	G 12	1861	Paint Rock	1865	---	Paralysis	56	Paint Rock	
Argo, Mrs. Cynthia	Pvt.	--- ---	---	---	---	Died May '64	---	---	---	Died 6-1-1900 <sup>1</sup>
Abbot, Mary A.	Pvt.	F 9	9-15-62	Valley Head		6-14-65	---	---	---	Died 23 Apr '95
Bailey, J. W. P. A.	Pvt.	D 1	7-16-1861	Laurenceville	Apr '65	Perryville, Ky.	Palsey	58	Rosalie	

<sup>1</sup> This means the soldier died in May, 1864 and his widow died 6-1-1900.

Name	Rank	Co., Regt.	Enlisted		Date Disch'd.	Where Wounded	Wound or Disability	Age	Post Office	Remarks
			Date	Place						
Boyd, Malinda	Pvt.	G 4	---	---	---	Died 9-27-1898	---	---	---	
Bullock, J. L.	Pvt.	E 51	May '62	Willmanton, NC	Apr 1865	Camphill	---	66	Paint Rock	
Blake, John L.	Pvt.	F 66	Sept '61	Camp Cheatam	1865	Peachtree, Ga.	Wounded	66	Stevenson	
Bean, Lucy	Pvt.	--- 33	---	---	---	Died after war	---	---	---	J. M. Bean
Burton, T. B.	Pvt.	A 16 Cav.	12-31-61	---	---	---	Nearly blind	71	Hollywood	
Brewer, Jas. M.	Pvt.	G 12	8-16-61	Woodville	Aug '65	---	Kidney	64	---	
Beason, Jas.	Pvt.	H 1	3-9-61	Mt. Adams	5-1-65	Chattahooche	Disabled	62	Hytow	
Cagle, Charles	Pvt.	G 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cav.	5-9-62	Cleveland	1865	---	Disabled	62	Stevenson	
Cox, Alex	Pvt.	T 55	10-31-61	Camp Cheatem	5-26-63	---	Old age	69	Alto	
Chisenhall, M. W.	Pvt.	K 4 <sup>th</sup> Tn.	Feb. '61	Scottsboro	---	Claysville, Ala	Wounds	57	Daugherty	
Carver, Mahala	Pvt.	--- 9	---	---	---	---	---	---	Carver	
Davis, G. W.	Pvt.	G 3 Cav.	4-11-62	---	---	Georgia	Rheumatism	72	Bridgeport	
Davis, Mrs. V. E.	Pvt.	E 55	---	---	---	Died 12-3-89	---	---	---	W. M. Davis
Dudley, Thos.	Pvt.	Cav. <sup>2</sup> ---	5-1-61	---	---	Shell, Miss.	Cough	59	Hollywood	
Davis, W. M.	Pvt.	K 4	Jan. 1863	---	---	---	Old age	75	Langston	
Davis, Mary C.	Pvt.	K 4	---	---	---	Died 10-10-89	---	---	---	J. B. Davis
Davis, Martha	Pvt.	B 7	---	(Widow died 2-16-1901)	Died June 89	---	---	---	---	John Davis
Erwin, J. R. M.	Sgt.	B 12	3-27-62	Woodville	---	Gettysburg, Va.	Wounds	57	Paint Rock	
Ellis, Jno. W.	Pvt.	H. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ga.	4-2-61	Covington, Ga.	1865	Malvern Hill	Wounds	70	Larkinsville	
Ezell, S. L.	Pvt.	A ---	1863	Gadsden	---	---	Old age	77	Garth	Dead
Everett, Wm.	Pvt.	A 42 <sup>nd</sup> Ga.	3-20-62	Big Sandy, Ga	---	---	Paralysis	68	Paint Rock	
Elkin, Sarah A.	Pvt.	E 4	---	---	Died 30 Aug '63	---	---	---	---	R. L. Elkins
Farmer, D. C.	Pvt.	G 2	3-27-61	Bellefonte	3-30-62	---	Old age	70	Scottsboro	
Greenlief, Mary	Pvt.	K 23	---	---	Died 1887	---	---	---	---	D. W. Greenlee
Guyman, Elias	Pvt.	G 55	10-18-61	Stevenson	1865	---	Feeble	72	Fackler	

<sup>2</sup> He was in the Snodgrass Cavalry

Name	Rank	Co., Regt.	Enlisted Date	Place	Date Disch'd.	Where wounded	Wound or Disability	Age	Wound or Post Office	Remarks
Grayson, W. P.	Pvt.	D 4	2-1-62	Shelbyville, Tn	6-12-65	Franklin, Tenn.	Bad eyes	63	Woodville	Non resident
Gladden, Angeline	Pvt.	A 37	---	Ga.	---	---	Died 7-6-88	---	---	Andrew Gladden
Goforth, Mrs. N. J.	Pvt.	H 55	---	---	---	Died 1885	---	---	---	D. Goforth
Grider, Thomas	Pvt.	C 49	1-1-62	Stevenson	7-14-62	Shiloh	Wounds	63	Stevenson	
Gray, W. M.	Pvt.	A 33	Aug. '62	Stevenson	May '65	---	Paralysis	56	---	
Griffin, Josephine	Pvt.	D 4	---	---	---	Died Oct 1895	---	---	---	J. W. Griffin
Herron, Nancy A.	Pvt.	C 18	---	---	---	Died 16 Apr 1897	---	---	---	J. C. Herron
Hodges, Mrs. M. S.	Pvt.	C 25	---	---	---	Died 7 Mch 1890	---	---	---	T. Hodges
Hitch, Martha J.	Pvt.	---	---	---	---	Died 24 Dec 1896	---	---	---	W. M. Hitch
Henshaw, Hannah J.	Pvt.	K 4	---	---	---	Died 6 June 1867	---	---	Newton	
Haymons, E. H.	Pvt.	G 33	8-11-63	Mellton	1865	New Hope, Ga.	Wounds	55	Dutton	
Haswell, Sarah A.	Pvt.	K 6	---	---	---	Died 31 May 1862	---	---	---	Wm. Haswell
Hilley, F. M.	Pvt.	C 41	May '62	Big Shanty	1865	Peryville, Ky.	Wounds	71	Tally, Al.	Dead
James, Sallie	Pvt.	A 18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	John Jones
Justice, Francis	Pvt.	D 4	---	---	---	Died 10 Mar 1899	---	---	---	
Kilgore, Henry	Pvt.	F Phillips Legion	1862	Georgia	Apr. 1865	Appomattox	Old age	76	Paint Rock	
Knight, T. F.	Pvt.	G 49	Dec. '61	Stevenson	7-13-76	Shiloh	Old age	62	Kyler	
King, Manerva	Pvt.	K 4	---	---	---	Died 6 Jan 1899	---	---	---	J. R. King
Kirk, G. L.	Pvt.	I 17	5-15-61	Stevenson	1865	---	Rheumatism	61	Stevenson	
Keys, Sarah J.	Cpl.	H 55	---	---	---	Died 31 Mar. 1898	---	---	---	J. B. Keys
Keeble, G. W.	Pvt.	K 4	Mar '62	Winchester, Tn	1865	---	Old age	69	Larkinsville	
Long, Mrs. Elmira	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Loving, Elizabeth	Pvt.	A 4	---	---	---	---	Died 1 Dec '90	---	---	H. H. Loving
Millican, A. J.	Pvt.	A H9	9-15-62	Valley Head	4-4-65	---	Diseased	71	Shaw	
Miller, J. N.	Pvt.	G 12	8-15-62	Richmond [Va?]	7-20-65	Seven Pines, Va.	---	69	Paint Rock	
Moody, Ruth A.	Pvt.	D 55	---	---	---	Died Aug 1888	---	---	---	T. J. Moody
Manning, Mary	Pvt.	K 4	---	---	---	Died 4-9-62 Ark.	---	---	---	R. Manning

Name	Rank	Co., Regt.	Enlisted Date	Place	Date Disch'd.	Where wounded	Wound or Disability	Age	Post Office	Remarks
Moore, A. B.	Pvt.	I 1 Tn.	Mar '61	Bridgeport	July '65	---	Wounds	59	Fackler	
Moore, Mary J.	Pvt.	B 38	---	---	---	Died 12-13-62	---	---	---	J. M. Moore
McKinney, Russell	Pvt.	I 41	1862	Winchester, Tn	1865	Chickamauga	Wounds	69	Bass	
Miller, Daniel	Pvt.	C 49	Jan. '62	Stevenson	July '65	Ft. Hudson	Old age	72	Fackler	
McKelvy, Geo.	Pvt.	I 33	Aug. '61	Stevenson	Apr. '65	---	Rupture	65	Stevenson	Dead
Morris, A. H.	Pvt.	K 4	Apr. '61	Larkinsville	---	Chickamauga	Old age	71	Larkinsville	
McKay, Mary I[J?]	Pvt.	I 55	Apr. '61	Larkinsville	---	Died 10 Dec. '83	---	---	---	J. W. McKay
McMurray, Eliza M.	Pvt. <sup>3</sup>	---	---	---	---	Died 4-27-95	---	---	---	W. E. McMurray
Neymon, Wm.	Pvt.	G 1 Ga.	3-5-62	Rome, Ga.	5-1-65	---	Disabled	70	Rosalie	
Nevels, Catherine	Pvt.	D 4 Tn.	---	---	---	Died 11-8-93	---	---	---	Mat Nevels
Overdeer, G. A.	Pvt.	H 55	Dec '62	Stevenson	May '62	Peachtree Creek, Ga.	Disabled	59		
Oyler, Fred	Pvt.	H 21 Ga.	Apr. '62	Trenton, Ga.	11-20-63	Peachtree Creek, Ga.	Broken Arm	62		
Pennington, H.	Pvt.	I 6	1-2-62	Paint Rock	1-15-65	Nashville, Tenn.	Wounds	67	Scottsboro	
Payne, W. A.	Pvt.	K 6	May '61	Bridgeport	May '65	Charleston, Va..	Wounds	66	Bridgeport	
Raynes, Jasper M.	Pvt.	D 4	June '61	Scottsboro	May '65	Oat Creek	Wounds	59	Scottsboro	
Reeves, Elizabeth	Pvt.	K 10	---	---	---	Died 9-25-93	Died 1-7-1901	--	---	W. H. Reeves
Rich, Celia	Pvt.	A 44	---	---	---	Died 8-8-1863	---	---	---	H. J. Rich
Rice, E. F.	Pvt.	K 48	5-3-62	Jacksonville	5-3-65	Manasses, Va.	Kidney disease	71	Parks Store	
Shelton, Mary	Pvt.	K 4		---	---	Died 10-10-1873	---	---	---	H. Shelton
Simms, G. W.	Pvt.	G 3	Feb. '62	Long Island	4-1-65	---	Rheumatism	66	Bryant	
Stover, Mary Ann	Pvt.	C 43	---	---	---	Died Oct. '62	---	---	---	J. C. Stover
Stegall, C. M.	Pvt. <sup>4</sup>	L 9 Cav.	1862	Lebanon	1865	---	Nearly blind	55	Hollywood	

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<sup>3</sup> In Ramsey's Battery

<sup>4</sup> A notation beside name stated, "Changed to first class."



# Lauderdale County

## Marriage Book 5&6

### 1838-1857

(Part 12)

Marriage Book 5&6 is a large red book housed in the Lauderdale County Courthouse in Florence. This record was undoubtedly compiled when the returning officer (minister, justice of the peace, judge of probate, etc.) made his return to the probate court (as opposed to when the license was purchased) since the entries are not in chronological order.

Preprinted forms were not used. Each entry was laboriously handwritten. W. T. Hawkins was the chief clerk of the county court and his name appears at the end of most of the entries. Deputy clerks made some of the entries.

This series began in Vol. 25 and is continued here from Vol. 35.

No.	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	Returning Officer
351	Downing, William A.	Susan E. Fouchaud	2 Sept 1849	Wm. F. Baldrige, JP
351	Adams, Elisha	Malinda Caroline Scott	26 Aug 1849	A. Lamb, JP
352	Carson, Samuel	Arminta P. McManus	4 July 1849	B. H. Loyd, JP
352	Rutherford, Friend S.	Miss Letitia V. Sloss	18 Sept 1849	Jeptha Harrison, MG <sup>1</sup>
353	Simpson, James	Mary A. E. Foster	27 Sept 1849	
353	Rodgers, William	Mary Jane Overly	18 May 1849	Wm. K. Whitehead, JP
354	Harrison, Albert	Catherine Jackson	2 June 1849	W. T. Hawkins
354	Lanier, Robt. T.	Miram Ballow	7 Aug 1849	L. J. Watkins, JP
355	Smith, Littleton	Susan Williams	27 Sept 1849	A. Simmons, JP
355	Fisher, James	Sermina Williams	22 July 1849	J. Bigger, JP
356	Darby, Henry J.	Mary S. White	8 Aug 1849	W. B. Edwards, MG
356	Armour, William	Jane Faires	"Executed by myself on the 14 <sup>th</sup> of this Inst. Feb. the 20 <sup>th</sup> 1848. W. B. Edwards, MG."	
357	Gresham, Henry	Narcissa R. Wilcoxon	31 July 1849	W. W. Pettus, JP
357	Richards, John	Sarah Smith	5 June 1849	S. Kirk, JP
358	Rice, Joseph	Berry, Harriet	11 July 1849	A. W. Johnson
358	Cheatham, George	Jane Ann J. Porter	5 July 1849	John Cooper, JP
359	Hill, Andrew Jackson	Elizabeth Bryant	19 July 1849	J. Bigger, JP <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jeptha Harrison was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Florence.

No.	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	Returning Officer
359	Shuffield, Arthur C. <sup>3</sup>	Miss Mary A. Patrick	5 July 1849	A. M. Johnson
360	Coggin, William A.	Casandra Foster	27 May 1849	Thos. Stone
360	Rachielles, William A.	Lucinda Hill	10 May 1849	Felix Johnson, MG of "CP Church."
361	Baker, James A.	Caroline M. Hightower	30 May 1849	J. Harrison, Presby. Min.
361	Ham, Jephtha Davis	Lucinda Jane Clark	23 May 1849	J. Bigger, JP
362	Mobley, Jackson	Susanah S. V. J. K. Waddle	10 Dec 1848	S. C. Posey, "Judge of 4 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit."
362	See, William P.	Mary Moore	10 May 1849	J. P. Bourland
363	Brewer, Chiles Calaway	Delila Penny	28 Apr 1849	John Harrison
363	Newman, Henry	Tucker, Milly	7 May 1849	Felix Johnson, MG
364	McCraw, Samuel	Martha Wood	2 June 1849	Martin Smith, JP
364	Creamer, James H.	Mary Ann Weathers	6 Nov 1848	John Cooper, JP
<i>Note:</i> From here on sometimes there were three entries per page.				
365	Ingram, M. L.	Olly Letchworth	10 Apr 1849	B. H. Loyd, JP
365	Craddock, James	Martha Elizabeth Austin	21 Dec 1849	W. B. Edwards, MG
365	Cox, George J.	Ann E. Westmoreland	27 June 1849	W. B. Edwards, MG
<i>Note:</i> Beginning here the writing is in a different hand.				
366	Lackey, James	Elizabeth Flake	31 May 1850	W. F. Baldrige, JP
366	Thornton, Josiah F.	Lucenda Shepherd	17 June 1850	W. Ives, JP
366	Holden, Calvin C.	Lovey Askem	9 June 1850	W. B. Tays, Jdg. Probate
367	Tutt, Benjamin	Jane Cook	14 July 1850	W. Ives, JP
367	Massey, Richard	Elisabeth Newson	6 June 1850	B. F. Kansker, JP
367	Minor, James R.	Mary Ann Brown	14 Aug 1850	B. F. Kansker, JP
368	Tapp, Wm. J. [I?]	Marks, Elisabeth F.	19 June 1850	W. T. Hawkins, Jdg. Prob.
368	Dement, Benjamin	Rebecca York	15 Mar 1850	Rev. H. R. Bray.

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<sup>2</sup> Mr. Bigger stated he performed the ceremony in front of a large audience of people.

<sup>3</sup> This name may have been "Sheffield" but was clearly written Shuffield

**Deed Book A2**  
**1822-1828**  
(Part 8)

This is the second oldest deed book in Lauderdale County. The earliest book is A1 and was published in *Valley Leaves* in Vol. 19 and 25-28.

This book began in Vol. 29 of *Valley Leaves* and is continued here from Volume 30. In studying the script, and considering certain obvious errors in this book, it seems this is a WPA copy of an original book. A notation at the top of page 257 states, "The Old Record had two pages numbered 256 and two numbered 257," which substantiates this belief. There are many blank pages in this book indicating the original book was smaller.

Deeds are an often-overlooked source of genealogy and history and are, therefore, underutilized.

**Page 233. Deed of Trust. Evans to Hubbard**

On 28 January 1823, Jesse Evans conveyed to David Hubbard, in trust, one Negro woman slave named Ansey [Asmy?], aged about 22 years, and her child Paralee, aged about one year.

Said slaves were sold and conveyed by Evans to Hubbard, in trust, to secure a payment to Henry Anderson in the amount of \$253.15 due the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1822.

On 23 Dec 1822, Evans signed a note stating the due date was 4 Dec 1822. If the debt to Anderson was not paid by 17 Jan 1824 Hubbard, as trustee, was to take possession of the slaves, after giving 90 days notice by publication of the time and place of sale, and sell them to the highest bidder for cash.

Evans defaulted on the debt. On 17 July 1824 Hubbard did, therefore, sell the slaves at the courthouse in Florence to Thomas Haralson for \$450 cash, Haralson being the highest and final bidder.

Delivered for recording 17 July 1824 and recorded 19 July 1824.

**Page 235. Certification of Freedom of Josiah Mitchell**

James Crump, a justice of the peace for Northampton County, N. C., certified that Josiah Mitchell, a person of color, was born free in Northampton Co., N. C. and is a person of good character as far as is known. The certification was acknowledged before James C. Harrison, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session of Northampton Co. on 30 Dec. 1822. On 5

January 1823, Hardy Cobb, Chief Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for Northampton County, also acknowledged the document. Recorded 28 July 1824. [Note: Date this document was recorded in Lauderdale County was not given but was undoubtedly in July of 1824 as it was between two deeds of that date.]

**Page 237-238. Deed of Trust. Shelby Polk, (debtor), Green Pryor (creditor) and Alfred Stone (trustee)**

28 July 1824. All persons are of Lauderdale County, Ala.

Shelby Polk is justly indebted to Green Pryor in the amount of \$200 as shown by a note dated 8 April 1822 and due one day after date. The "note was executed in favor of John Moore"<sup>1</sup> for \$100. The debt is also shown "by reference to the Docket at Columbia"<sup>2</sup> where said Pryor has satisfied a part of a debt for Polk in the amount of \$378.87. The balance still owing and remaining unsettled by Polk is not at present exactly recollected but is at least \$100.

Therefore Shelby Polk, being anxious to secure Green Pryor against possible loss up to \$200 has sold to Alfred Stone, in trust, for \$5 the following property:

- 1 sorrel horse
- 4 head of cattle

<sup>1</sup> John Moore's involvement is unclear but apparently Polk owed him money and Pryor paid it for him. Now Polk is securing Pryor against loss.

<sup>2</sup> Columbia, Tennessee?

All his hogs (about 40, principally pigs and shoats and marked with a crop and hole in each ear

All his household and kitchen furniture of which property Polk warrants.

The agreement is such that if Green Pryor requests, and Alfred Stone thinks it proper, Stone is to sell the property for cash after giving 20 days notice in the *Florence Gazette* or by advertisement in the most public places in the neighborhood. The date and time of the sale is to be stated in the notices.

If the property does not bring enough to satisfy the \$200 debt plus costs, it does not cancel Polk's obligation as pertains to the balance owed. If sold for more than the debt and costs, then Pryor is to refund the balance to Polk. Signed 8 July 1824 by Shelby Polk.

Ack. by Polk in Lauderdale Co. on 26 July 1824 before W. W. Garrard, Clerk. Recorded 26 Aug 1824.

**Pages 239-230. Deed. Sarrah<sup>3</sup> Robertson, heir of Ezekiel Robertson, to William A. Robertson**

23 July 1824

Sarrah Robertson, one of the heirs of Ezekiel Robertson sells to William A. Robertson, both of Lauderdale County, Ala., for \$10., in hand paid, the following parcel of land in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District in Bedford County, Tenn. on the north side of the waters of Spring Creek:

Beginning at a forked cedar on the SW corner of Samuel Wilson's 3,000 acre tract, running with his line north 265-3/4 poles to an ironwood [tree]; thence west 74 poles to a cedar in Tilman's east boundary line, thence south with his line 100-3/10 of a pole to two Spanish oaks and a cedar in the north boundary line of Patrick Mooney's land; thence with his line east 22 poles to an ash and elm [at] Mooney's NE corner; thence with his line south 165 poles to a dogwood and two elders; thence east 52 poles to the beginning, containing 100 acres of land granted to Ezekiel Alexander on 20 Nov 1820, together with all its woods, water, right, title, claim or demand whatsoever.

Signed by "Sarah" Robertson by her mark.

<sup>3</sup> Written "Sarah" in signature block and "Sarrah" in body of document.

Witness:

Henry Lockridge

Polly Robertson

Ezekiel Alexander

Proven by Henry Lockridge and Ezekiel Alexander before W. W. Garrard, Clerk.

Recorded 26 Aug 1824.

**Page 241. Bill of Sale, McMahon to Armstead**

Samuel D. McMahon sells to Peter Armstead, both of Lauderdale Co., Ala., one Negro slave named Buster for \$550. McMahon warrants title to Buster.

Signed by Samuel D. McMahon

Witness:

G. Augustus Dawson

Thos. Simpson

Proven by Thos. Simpson before W. W. Garrard, Clerk, on 18 Aug. 1824.

**Page 243. Lien. James H. Wills to Thomas Wills and William H. Wills**

28 Aug 1824

"Know all men by these presents that for and in consideration of Thomas Wills & William H. Wills, both of the State of Tennessee, Giles County, being securities for me to James Rainey [?] of the State of Tennessee, Giles County, for the sum of' \$1000.

In order to secure themselves against loss, a lien is put on the property of James H. Wills in Lauderdale County, Ala. Said property consists of:

A building and 1/2 acre lot situate in Capt. Samuel Rodges [Rodgers?] tract of land in Lauderdale County, Ala.

Three feather beds, bedsteads & furniture

1 sugar chest

1 trunk

Six chairs

About 260 lbs. of coffee

252 lbs. of sugar

Two demijohns

About 2-1/2 gal. brandy

1 keg of alum

1 keg of allspice

1 keg of pepper

Two pair [?] of kegs of tobacco

Five pair of cotton cards

Three lots of knives and forks

Two blank books

1 pair work clothes  
Three cents and six cents patrons [?]  
Eighteen ... [illegible] bottler  
Eleven cases leilb... [illegible]  
1 sorrel horse, saddle & bridle  
1 bare window glass  
Twenty seven vessels of copper ware  
Seventeen yards of homespun  
Four barrels of corn  
200 lbs. fodder  
1 ap ... [illegible]  
1 set of plates  
1 set of cups and saucers  
Two dishes & etc.  
Several little articles of b...rd [illegible]  
ware - too much to mention belonging  
to the house without any exceptions.

The said property is to be held in peaceable possession of James H. Wills and Thomas Wills or they may dispose of same as they think proper under the authority of this lien until the said debt is satisfied.

Signed by J. H. Wills and acknowledged by him on 28 Aug 1824.

**Page 245. Bill of Sale. Joshua Sevier to Abraham Kernachan [Kernahan?]**

13 Aug 1824

For \$710 Joshua Sevier sells to Abraham Kernachan a male Negro slave named Gilbert.

Signed by J. Sevier.

Witnesses were Thos. Simpson and A. Chandler. Proven by Thomas Simpson and Andrew Chambers.<sup>4</sup>

**Page 247. Bill of Sale. Robertson to Richardson**

8 Sept 1824

John Robertson of Hickman Co., Tenn sells to John Richardson of Lauderdale Co., Ala. a parcel of Negroes. They are:

Peter, a man, about 20 years old

<sup>4</sup> Apparently the copyist was having a bad day. Abraham Kernachan's last name was spelled the same in two places in the document - but the 1830 census of Lauderdale County shows the name as Kernahan. The seller is shown to be Joshua Sevier in one place but is John in another. In the signature block one of the witnesses is A. Chandler but in the certification block he is listed as Andrew Chambers. None of the names appear in the Lauderdale census of 1830.

Dilk, a woman, about 29 years old  
Oliver, a boy, 7 years old  
Candis, a girl, age about 6 years old  
Peter, a boy, age about 3 years old.  
Signed by John Robertson. Witnessed by Henry Richardson and proven by him 8 Sept 1824.

**Page 248. Bond. Zebulon Jenkins to John Thornton**

19 Sept 1824

For the sum of \$40 good and lawful money, "to me in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I bind myself unto John Thornton. As soon as title is made to the Cyprus Land Company, a good and sufficient deed in fee simple will be made to the following described parcel of land adjoining the town of Florence, Lauderdale Co., Ala:

Beginning at the southwest corner of T [?] Jenkins' lot on Pine Street running along said street on a northwardly course 47 chains and 10 links which will be the beginning of the following lot of ground, viz:

North 61° east at right angles with the street ten poles, thence north 28° 30" west eight poles, thence south 60° 30" west ten poles, south 28° 30" east on Pine Street 8 poles to the beginning, which lot contains one-half acre of land.

Signed by Zebulon Jenkins 19 Sept 1824. Witnessed by W. W. Garrard and D. Hubbard. Proven by Garrard, Clerk, same date.

**Page 251. Power of Attorney. Nancy Jarman to Dallas Alexander Sledge**

5 Aug 1824

Nancy Jarman of Lawrence Co., Ala. have, for sundry good reasons and by these presents do nominate, appoint or ordain and constitute my trust friend Dallas Alexander Sledge of Franklin Co., Ala., to be my true and lawful attorney.

The reason for this power of attorney is for Sledge to convey in fee simple all my right, title, claim and interest in and to the land devised to me by my late husband, John "Garman" of Jones Co., NC. The property is presently possessed by Francis Goodwin under a lease for life, it being distinctly understood that the said land is not to be sold without the assent of said Goodwin. Nancy Jarman authorized and empowered

Goodwin to make and deliver a good and valid deed as if she herself had made the deed.

Signed by Nancy Jarman by her mark.

Certified by Presley Ward, clerk of the circuit court of Lauderdale County on 4 Oct 1824 before Richard Ellis, judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> judicial district court for Lauderdale County.

Recorded 4 Oct 1824

**Page 253. Deed. Thomas W. Edwards to William W. Crittenton**

5 Oct 1824

By the last will & testament of Gray Edwards, who died in the fall of 1803 in Brunswick Co., Va., certain property was devised and left to Thomas W. Edwards of Lauderdale County. This property consisted of land in Giles County, Tenn., Negroes now in Giles Co., Tenn., and "other property."

Thomas W. Edwards now conveys all his right, title and claim to said property to William W. Crittenton for a valuable consideration to Thomas W. Edwards paid.

Signed by Thos. W. Edwards and witnessed by Alfred Harris and Thomas Phillips. Phillips proved the deed on 5 Oct 1824 and the deed was delivered to W. Crittenton.

**Page 255. Power of Attorney, Thomas W. Edwards to William W. Crittenton**

20 March 1824

Gray Edwards, late of Brunswick Co., Va., decd., by his last will & testament bequeathed to Thos. W. Edwards some land, Negroes "and other property." Thomas W. Edwards appoints William W. Crittenton his true and lawful attorney to obtain the legacy for said Thomas.

Signed by Thos. W. Edwards and witnessed by Jas. Irvine. Presley Ward, clerk of the circuit court, certified that Thomas W. Edwards came into open court and acknowledged the above Power of Attorney and the same was ordered to be accepted.

Recorded 5 Oct 1824 and delivered to Crittenton.

**Pages 256-257. Bill of Sale. Peter Bertrand to Walter Ford**

25 Oct 1824

Peter Bertrand sells to Walter Ford, both of Lauderdale County, Ala., a certain Negro

woman, aged about 25 years, for the sum of \$433. Bertrand warrants her free from all impediments whatsoever.

Witnessed by Thos. Simpson and Jno. M. Hadock. The Bill of Sale was acknowledged by Bertrand on 26 Oct 1824 and recorded 28 Oct 1824.

**Page 257. Warranty Deed. Joseph Riley to Josiah Parker**

Joseph Riley sold to Josiah Parker, both of Lauderdale Co., Ala., a tract of land in Lauderdale County in the Colbert Reservoir, containing 80 acres. It is the:

W/2 SE/4 Sec. 3-3-3-13W

Witness: Jesse Winborn and William Winborn. Proven by Jesse on 15 Oct 1824. Recorded 19 Oct 1824 and delivered to Josiah Parker.

**Pages 257-258. Mortgage. John H. Woodcock & Alexander Sledge to John B. Lawrence & John D. Reese, all druggists**

26 Oct 1824

John H. Woodcock of the town of Florence, Ala., of one part, John B. Lawrence and John D. Reese of New York City of the second part.

John H. Woodcock, for \$1.00 in hand paid, sells to John B. Lawrence and John D. Reese<sup>5</sup>, lot No. 134 and a brick storehouse erected thereon, in the town of Florence, Ala., on Court Street, together with all and singular appurtenances, in trust.

This indenture made upon this condition: whereas John B. Lawrence and John D. Reese, druggists doing business as Lawrence & Reese, sell to John H. Woodcock and Alexander Sledge, doing business as Woodcock & Sledge, drugs, medicine & etc., to the amount of \$2125.33. If Woodcock & Sledge pay all accounts and debts now owing by Alexander Sledge then this indenture is void.

Acknowledged by Woodcock on 25 Oct 1825. -To be continued

**Coming Attraction:** Beginning in the March 12003 issue we will bring you the 1901-1917 poll list which includes birth dates.

<sup>5</sup> Various written John D. and John B.

# Lawrence County

## Lawrence County Minute Book B

Part 16

Serialization of the Lawrence County Minute Book B began in Vol. 25, No. 2, page 79, in December, 1990. It is continued here from Volume 36, No. 4.

### Page 86

July 7, 1824

Case No. 263

James H. Johnson )  
vs )  
Robert Rodgers )  
)

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney, and the defendant being solemnly called came not but defaulted. Therefore, case heard by a jury. Jurors were:  
a jury. Jurors were

Joel D. Harris	James McChord	Abner McLemore
Thomas Ashford	Elijah L. Graham.	Thomas Gallaway
Swan McVay	Jonathan Elam	Robert Montgomery
John McMahan	Martin B. McMahan	David Hall

Verdict: Upon their oaths they do say that the plaintiff hath sustained damages by occasion of the defendant's non-performance of repaying Johnson \$26.83. The court orders that Johnson collect from Rodgers said sum. "It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said appeal was taken for delay. It is further considered that the said plaintiff recover against said defendant and his security," \$3.90 being 15% on the amount of said Judgment, besides his costs in this suit.

### Page 87 -

7 July 1824

Case No. 264

Anguish McMillan )  
vs )  
S. Wiley )  
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Came the plaintiff by his attorney, and the defendant being solemnly called came not but made default. It is therefore considered by the court that the said plaintiff, Evans with his security (Isaac Wiley), \$23.61 plus \$2.04 damages. This case had been appealed to this court and this court believes it was done as a delaying tactic. Therefore, this court deems McMillan should also recover of Wiley 15% of the debt which amounts to \$3.54.

Case No. 265

Anguish McMillan )  
vs )  
Evan S. Wiley )  
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Came the plaintiff by his attorney and the defendant, being solemnly called, came not but made default. It is, therefore, considered by the court that McMillan recover from Wiley, and his security, \$9.82-1/2 debt plus 40% damages sustained by reason of the detention of debt. This case had been appealed from a lower court. It appears to the satisfaction of the court that said appeal was taken merely as a delaying tactic. Therefore, it is ordered that plaintiff recover against defendant and his security \$1.47 being 15% of the debt plus costs.

**Page 88**

Case No. 192

Henry Holmes )  
vs )  
Fletcher Taylor )

Plaintiff failing further to prosecute his suit, on motion of defendant it is ordered that plaintiff be nonsuited. It is also considered by the court that Taylor recover his costs in this suit.

Case No. 131

Carter Brandon )  
vs )  
Joseph Martin )

Came the plaintiff by his attorney and agreed to dismiss this suit. The court orders it dismissed. Came personally into court Samuel M. Parry who assumed to pay the costs of said suit. Plaintiff is to recover against Parry the costs of this suit.

Case No. 240

William A. Aiken )  
vs )  
T. Coman [Tilman?] Hodges )

Came the plaintiff by his attorney and agreed to dismiss his suit. The Court ordered the suit dismissed and defendant is to recover from plaintiff his costs.

Case No. 268

Thomas Sanders )  
vs )  
Evan S. Wiley )  
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Came the plaintiff by his attorney and the defendant, being solemnly called came not but made default. It is ordered that plaintiff recover against defendant and Archibald P. McCurdy, his security, the sum of \$49.50 debt plus \$2 damages by reason of the detention of the debt. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the appeal of this case was taken merely as a delaying tactic. Plaintiff to recover against defendant and his security, \$7.42-1/2 being 15% of the debt, plus costs of this suit.

Case 269

Thomas Sanders )  
vs )  
Evan S. Wiley )  
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Came plaintiff by his attorney and defendant came not though he was solemnly called and made default. The court orders that plaintiff recover from Wiley and Archibald P. McCurdy, his security, \$49.50 debt with \$2 damages sustained by reason of the detention of the debt. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the appeal of this case from a lower court, was done as a delaying tactic. Therefore, it is considered by the Court that plaintiff recover from Wiley and his security, \$7.92-1/2 being 15% of the debt plus his costs.

Case No. 272

Wallace & Alexander )  
vs )  
William Baker )  
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Came the parties by their attorneys. Defendant withdrew his plea and "now says nothing why judgment should not be rendered against him." It is considered by the Court that plaintiff recover against defendant and George Landers, his security, \$38.83 debt plus damages sustained by reason of the detention of the debt. It appearing to the court that this case was appealed from a lower court merely as a delaying tactic. Therefore, the Court also assesses defendant \$5.70 being 15% of debt.

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# Civil Register of County Officials

## 1832 – 1844

(Part 3)

Contributed by

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For a complete introduction please refer to Vol. 37, No. 1.

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b><u>Page 172</u></b>			
Roberts, Howard	Constable	19 March 1842	Vice: John K. Chilcoat
Hughes, G. H.	"	20 May 1836	Vice: W. G. Ethredge
Boling, Brantley	Constable	23 May 1836	Vice: W. G. Ethredge
McGhee, Silas M.	"	13 June 1836	Vice: ___ Mays
McMahan, William P.	Justice of Peace	4 July 1836	Vice: A. W. Bentley
Walker, Green P.	Constable	29 Aug 1836	Vice: Howard Roberts
Smithson, Albert F.	"	24 Oct 1836	
Leigh, David P.	Justice of Peace	5 Dec 1836	Vice: Ransom Maulden
Hamilton, Hannibal	Constable	18 Dec 1836	Vice: John Livley
Gray, Jonathan	Justice of Peace	11 Jan 1837	
Gault, John	"	"	Vice: Edwin Manovell [?]
Watkins, James C.	"	13 Feb 1837	
Cumming, John M.	"	17 Feb 1837	Vice: Sam W. Wallace
Echols, Sam W.	Constable	"	Vice: Phillip A. Smith
<b><u>Page 171</u></b>			
Patrick, John	Justice of Peace	20 Aug 1839	Vice: Hartwell King
Maulden, Ransom	Constable	21 Oct 1839	Vice: Thomas W. Spier
Jamison, William J.	"	18 Nov 1839	Vice: Jere Manasco
Norment, James M.	Notary Public	21 Apr 1840	
Briley, Wm. W.	Constable	31 July 1840	Vice: Felix C. Stephenson
Langford, Elijah	Justice of Peace	6 Nov 1840	Vice: Eliazur Carson
Spears, Thomas W.	Constable	"	Vice: Ransom Maulden
Sale, John B.	Judge County Court	31 Dec 1840	
Shackleford, Samuel W.	Auctioneer for town of Courtland	21 July 1841	

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<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Calvert, Jeremiah S.	Auctioneer for town of Marithon	21 July 1841	
Deloney, William J.	Constable	11 Mar 1842	
Jameson, William J.	"	18 Mar 1842	
Johnson, E.	"	11 May 1842	
Briley, W. W.	"	13 July 1842	
Davis, William	Justice of Peace	6 Jan 1843	
Ruckers, Reuben	Constable	7 Mar 1843	
Gray, Joseph L.	"	4 April 1843	
Felton, Thaddeus W.	Justice of Peace	19 May 1843	
Sanders, Richard M.	Constable	2 June 1843	
Waldrop, Brooks M.	"	11 Oct 1843	
Gibson, Stephen	"	27 Oct 1843	

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McDonald, Crockett	Justice of Peace	30 Mar 1838	
Dinsmore, David	"	"	
Hampton, Manoah B.	"	"	
Baker, John W.	"	"	
Martin, Joseph E.	"	"	
Sparks, G. P.	"	"	
McVay, Zadoc	"	"	
Crosswaite, Asa B.	"	"	Written Crosswate
McMahan, William P.	"	"	
Watkins, James C.	"	"	
Laudlin, Joseph	"	"	
Leigh, Isel	"	"	
White, William	"	"	
Nevills, Helsuan J.	"	"	
Stenson, James	"	"	
Pickens, Joseph	"	"	
Mays, Michael W.	"	"	

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<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Foster, George F.	Justice of Peace	30 Mar 1838	
Canon, Eleazer	"	"	
Austin, Alex G.	"	"	
Elliott, William T.	"	"	
McDaniel, Hiram	"	"	
Wallace, Saml. W.	"	"	
McBride, John	"	"	
Thompson, John	"	"	
Patow [Paton?], Barnell	"	"	
Wallis, James	"	"	
Jarman, Amos	"	"	
Waldrop, Harmon	"	"	
Farmer, Robert	"	"	
Tuckett, Phillip	"	"	
Neill, Alex D.	"	"	
Stovall, Archibald	"	"	
Wallis, Jos. H.	"	"	
King, Hartwell	"	9 May 1838	
Masterson, Thomas	"	"	
Carpenter, Benjamin	Constable	"	
Owen, Aron R. [B?]	"	13 July 1838	
Tackett, John	"	"	
McGaughey, John M.	Justice of Peace	17 Apr 1839	Vice: G. P. Parks

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McCord, Campbell W.	Justice of Peace	24 Feb 1837	Vice: Benjn. White
Gibson, Sylvanus	Constable	"	Vice: Aron Dutton, resigned
Tanner, Adam	Justice of Peace	15 Mar 1837	Vice: Green B. Gotbee [?]
Williams, E. D.	Constable	15 Mar 1837	Vice: Gabriel Couch
Montgomery, Stewart	"	20 Mar 1837	Vice: Nat Cocke
Smith, James H.	"	7 July 1837	Vice: Martin Buckville

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<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b><u>Page 173</u></b>			
Hamilton, Joseph	Constable	28 Aug 1837	Vice: Brantley Bowling
Elliott, William T.	"	30 Oct 1837	Vice: John Gault
Hamilton, Hanibal	"	9 Nov 1837	Vice: McAlister, Wm. B.
Gray, Joseph L.	"	18 Nov 1837	Vice: Jos. Hamilton
Kirby, Wm. R.	"	5 Feb 1838	Vice: Wm. G. Salmon
Givin, Christopher C.	"	30 March 1838	
Killingsworth, Morris	"	"	
Stephenson, Felix C.	"	"	
Echols, Samuel W.	"	"	
Vines, John M.	"	"	
Heflin, William	"	"	
Patterson, Tillman	"	"	
Little, Jesse	"	"	
McGhee, Silas M.	"	"	
Spicer, Thomas	"	"	
Kirby, Middleton R.	"	"	
Gray, Joseph L.	"	"	
Smith, James H.	"	"	
Hamilton, Hanibal	"	"	
Weems, George W.	"	"	
Kitchems, John	"	27 Aug 1838	
Elliott, Robert	Justice of Peace	11 Mar 1839	Vice: William H. Nevills
Enis, Hugh	Constable	20 Mar 1839	Vice: William L. Heflin
Walton, Martin	"	29 July 1841	Vice: T. Crownover
Milam, William J. [?]	Justice of Peace	20 Aug 1841	
McCrary, Efford A.	"	21 Sept 1841	
Spicer, Tho. W.	"	"	

-To be continued

# Limestone County

## 1840 Limestone County Census Additions and Corrections

A great number of you own a copy of *1840 Limestone County Census* compiled by the late Eulalia Yancey Wellden. The text contains some omissions and errors in interpretation that slipped by the proofreaders. The book has been reprinted by the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society and these changes have been incorporated in their edition. Please be certain to add the changes to your index.

**Page 12**

Change James Webb to Jos. Webb

**Page 18**

Change Gatlind to Gatland

**Page 18**

Change Jno. T. Barl(owe?) to Barlow

**Page 19**

Change Thomas K. Turner to Thos. S. Turner

**Page 21**

Change (Thos.?) Byrd to Fras. Byrd

**Page 31**

Change Phillip Clemm to Philip Clemm

**Page 32**

Change Wylie V. Bailes to Bales

**Page 33**

Change Jno. L. Beards to Beard

**Page 38**

Change Mark M. Collier to Collins

**Page 40**

Change Wm. R. Britcher to Butcher

**Page 42**

Change Amos Murrah to Murray

**Page 42**

Changes Charles McCormack to McCormac

**Page 49**

Change Jnr D. Hall to Jno. D. Hall

**Page 52**

Change Wm. R. \_\_\_\_ to Wm. R. Jarmon[?]

**Page 53**

Change Julius B. Union to Julius Barron[?]

**Page 58**

Change Temon ? Bridges to Terrell[?] B. Bridges

**Page 58**

Change Wyatt \_\_\_\_\_ to Wyatt Ray[?]

**Page 59**

**Add after Sam Nesbit:**

Thos. Nesbit

1 m 0-5

1 m 20-30

1 f 0-5

1 f 5-10

1 f 30-40

**Page 61**

Change Roe Walton to Rowe Walton

**Page 64**

Change Wmson (Williamson) Bra \_\_\_\_ to Brand.

**Page 67**

Change Robert McCoffey to McCaffey

**Page 68**

Change John J. Baty to John H. Baty

**Page 68**

Add after Nancy Gibson

Sarah Baty

2 m 10-15

1 m 15-20

1 f 5-10

3 f 20-30

1 f 50-60

No slaves

**Page 69**

Change John G. Age to John G. Jage

**Page 73**

Add after P. M. Beard

J. R. Hill

1 m 5-10

1 m 20-30

1 f 0-5

**Page 78**

Change W. A. Adams to Wm. A. Adams

**Page 79**

Change Edd McDonald to McDonnell

**Page 80**

Change Thomas Storne to Starns[?]

**Page 82**

Add after T. G. Travis

John T. Jones

2 m 10-15

1 m 15-20

1 m 20-30

1 m 50-60

1 f 0-5

1 f 10-15

1 f 20-30

1 f 40-50

20 slaves

**Page 84**

Change Fred'k Balls to Batts

**Page 84A**

Change Joseph Fisher to Joseph C. Fisher

**Page 84A**

Change M. C. Stanford to Stratford

**Page 85**

Change Thos. C. Cain to Thos. C.  
Cain/Calvin/Calim?

**Page 86**

Change Elizabeth Nicholas to Eliz Nichols

**Page 90**

Change Walter A. \_ate\_? to Latec

**Page 92**

Change Wm. \_tullivan\_ to Sullivan

**Page 93**

Under George Davis: Change to "1 Female  
60 and under 70"

**Page 95**

Change Wm. T. Hams to Harris

**Page 100**

Change John Paterson to Peterson

**Page 101**

Change Cudry Smith to Cudney Smith

**Page 106**

Change A. M. Sewaney to Sweaney

**Page 110**

Change Wm. W. Kitrell to Wm. S. Kitrell

Change Sam'l T. Kershaw to Krenshaw

Change James Odem to James Odell[?]

**Page 111**

Change Wm. H. Ogelvie to Oglevie

**Page 116**

Change Eliz Myles to Mylus[?]

Change Robert \_\_\_ to Robert Harris

**Page 117**

Change Sam W. Ralins to Rawlins

Change A. T. Burner to Burnes

**Page 118**

Change Paul Robins to Robbins

**Page 119**

Change Thos. Lapington to Sappington

**Page 120**

Change J. S. Hudson to T. S. Hudson  
Change Zack. Tueton to Tutton

**Page 122**

Change Henty S. French to Henry T. French

**Page 126**

Change Elnora Robertson to Elenora

**Page 127**

**Add after John Taylor**  
Absolom Waterson  
1 m 20-30

Change John(athan) Greenhow to Greenhaw

**Page 132**

Change John Cowder to Crowder

**Page 135**

Change Margaret B(ar)Ness to Berness

**Page 136**

**Add after Moses White:**  
Coleman Shelton  
2 m 0-5  
1 m 5-10  
1 m 10-15  
1 m 30-40  
1 f 0-5  
1 f 5-10  
1 f 20-30

Change Stith Lantrop to Lanthrop

**Page 139**

Change Sam'l Case to Cox

**Page 140**

**Add after Owen Hardy:**  
Shores Hardy  
1 m 20-30  
2 f 0-5  
1 f 15-20

**Page 141**

Change Wm. Scott to:  
Wm. Scott (Free Colored)

1 m 55-100

1 f 0-10

1 f 10-24

1 f 36-55

**Page 142**

Change Alfred Dement to Alford

**Page 153**

Change P. S. Green to L. P. S. Green

**Page 155**

Change Wm. Walker to Wm. C. Walker

**Page 160**

Change Sim Smith to Sam Smith

**Page 161**

Change James Hurd to James Hurd [Hurn?]

**Page 162**

M. H. Pugh appears to be written Ragh

**Page 163**

**Add after Alex Patterson:**  
Calvin Jones  
1 m 0-5  
1 m 25-30  
1 f 0-5  
1 f 25-30

**Page 175**

Change W. B. Smith to Wm. B. Smith

End

## Limestone Superior Court, 1818 – 1820

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

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

### Abner Tatum vs. Joseph Neal

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

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

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

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

### David Moore & Frederick Jones vs. Thomas Williams

There was returned an order which commands the Sheriff [not named] to find Thomas Williams and him safely keep to

assure his presence at court at the house of George Wilson on the second Monday in August 1818. He is to answer David Moore and Frederick Jones, merchants and partners doing business as Moore & Jones, in a plea of trespass to their damages in the amount of \$200.

Witnessed by William Edmundson, Esq., Clerk of the Circuit Court on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in Feb 1818. Issued 5 June 1818

Suit instigated to recover \$88.23 due for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered to defendant.

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

The court ordered that a *veniere* issue to sheriff to summon a jury at next term of court. Court held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in October 1817 and jury was made up of:

Adams, Joseph	McCracken, William
Bell, William	Parker, Levi W.
Gibson, David	Simpson, Robert
Hundley, Samuel	Smith, Henry
Jones, John	Wilder, William
Martin, James	Witty, James

Verdict: The jury finds for the plaintiff and orders that he recover from defendant \$88.23 debt plus costs of the suit.

### Limestone Residents Mentioned in Madison Co. newspapers

Ed F. Friend married Miss Elizabeth Gilbert in Lauderdale Co., Alabama on the banks of the Elk River in the woods on 22 Dec 1868. All of Limestone County. [*Huntsville Advocate*, 5 Jan 1869]

Wm. B. Harper married Elizabeth Tucker at the residence of Charles Tucker on 24 Dec. 1868. All of Limestone Co., Ala. [*Huntsville Advocate*, 5 Jan 1869].

Rev. J. A. Blackburn married Mrs. Eliza A. Jones 29 Dec. 1868 in Limestone Co., Ala. [*Huntsville Advocate*, 5 Jan. 1869]



## Civil Register of County Officials

1832 – 1844

(Part 3 - Final)

Contributed by

Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.

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<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b><u>Page 182</u></b>			
Gresson, A. A.	Justice of Peace	19 Mar 1842	
Ridgway, David	"	"	
Flannagan, John M.	Constable	"	
James, Joshua	Justice of Peace	30 May 1843	
Smith, Henry	Justice of Peace	8 June 1843	
<b><u>Page 181</u></b>			
Stanley, Henry	Justice of Peace	18 Mar 1841	
Simpson, James	"	"	
Watson, David	"	"	
Irvine, John P.	"	"	
Wofford, Andrew A.	"	"	
Ray, Saml.	"	"	
Lentz, Benjamin	"	"	
Watson, William C.	"	"	
Lambert, Morgan	"	"	
Biard, Andrew J.	"	"	
Russell, Alexania	"	"	
Williams, Thomas R.	"	"	
Simpson, John	"	"	
Tindall, Robert	"	"	
Hine, Thomas	"	"	
Hansend, William	"	"	
Cain, Wilson C.	"	"	
Benham, Daniel C.	"	"	
Donaldson, William M.	"	"	

Official's Name	Office	Date/Comm	Remarks
French, John S.	"	"	
Bell, Matthew	"	"	
Crawford, Abram	"	"	
Hatchett, Edward	"	"	
Martindale, John B.	"	"	
Sanderson, Josiah M.	"	"	
Lewis, James L.	"	"	
Hughey, Robert H.	"	"	
Hargrove, James	"	"	
Lyns, William W.	Constable	"	
McKenney, Alex L.	"	"	
Ray, William H.	"	"	
Hannagan, Simpson B.	"	"	
Hudson, Stephen	"	"	
Dabbs, Silas	"	"	
Noland, Peter	"	"	
Witty, Callen	"	"	
Elliott, John	"	"	
Owens, Robert	"	"	
Gill, James	"	"	
Dawson, James	"	"	
Cook, James M.	"	"	
Hughey, George D.	"	"	
Tisdale, Shirley	Justice of Peace	10 April 1841	
Holesapple, James	"	"	
Gordon, Charles C.	"	"	
Pryor, Luke	"	"	
Edmunds, Gabriel E.	Constable	"	
Collier, Joshua	"	"	X

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# Madison County

## Marriage Book 1

### Part 10 of 14

For a complete introduction to these marriages please refer to Volume 36, No. 1 of *Valley Leaves*.

Page	Groom and Bride	License	Comments
241	Anderson Roberts to Satilla Morris	13 Apr 1816	Is bride's name Latailla? Saletta?
242	Daniel Jaggars to Hephgobel Sanderson	13 Apr 1816	Index says bride's name is Heypabel. Can anyone clarify this?
242	Stephen Smith to Rebecca Rivers	20 Apr 1816	
243	Edward Powell to Sarah Griffin	24 Apr 1816	
243	Eppes Warriner to Nancy Bolling	30 Apr 1816	Could groom's name be Warner?
244	George Simmons to Elizabeth Loualvin	1 Apr 1816	Bride's last name needs clarification. Can anyone help?
244	William Bird to Mary Hill	4 Mar 1816	
245	Joseph Davy to Nancy Baker	18 May 1816	Is she the widow of John Baker who died in 1814? <sup>1</sup> Nancy Wilson married John Baker 17 April 1811.
245	John Reviere to Elizabeth Medford	17 May 1816	On 24 Jan 1820 John E. and Elizabeth Reviere sold a lot in Huntsville. <sup>2</sup> The groom's name has been interpreted by some as Rammer. Can anyone verify his name?
246	Levi Taylor to Kenty Burleson	24 May 1816	
246	George Taylor to Sally Johnstone	20 May 1816	George and Sarah (also written Sally) Taylor sold their land on 6 Mar 1818. <sup>3</sup>
247	Jesse Haraleson to Esther Craig	18 May 1816	Could groom's name be Harless, Harrison, or something else?
247	Lemuel Evans to Susanna Normino	13 June 1816	Bride's name written Norrino in record and Normino in index.
248	C. H. Charlin to Polly Smith	13 Jun 1816	Mary Smith, daughter of John Smith, married a Cleveland. <sup>4</sup> This groom might be C. H. Cleveland, not Charlin.
248	John Clark to Sally Runners	21 June 1816	

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

<sup>2</sup> Deed Book F, p. 100-101, John E. & Eliza Reviere to Abagal Hebron, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>3</sup> Deed Book E, p. 9, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>4</sup> Will of John Smith dated 2 Sept 1816, Record of Wills, etc. 1818-1820, Madison Co. In this will he mentions his daughter "Mary Cleveland."

249	Joseph Evans to Rebecca Smith	26 June 1816	
249	John Taylor to Susanna Randle	26 June 1816	
250	William Williams to Ann Bell	28 June 1816	
250	Zedekiah Paston to Martha Roper	4 July 1816	Zh. Paston witnessed a deed from Allen Baker to Luther Morgan and Samuel Smith in September 1816.
251	Martin Carlisle to Nancy Hawkins	2 July 1816	
251	Robert Galloway to Nancy Thompson	6 July 1816	
252	Robert Milligan to Alitha Morris	10 July 1816	
252	Michael Armbrister to Sarah Simmons	10 July 1816	John Simmons's will dated 13 June 1822 mentions his daughter, Salley Armbrister. <sup>5</sup>
253	George A. Poor to Alitha Owens	12 July 1816	
253	Charles Kennedy to Elizabeth Owens	18 July 1816	Groom's name written "Kineda."
254	Thomas G[eorge] Percy to Maria Pope	16 Jul 1816	Thomas George Percy and Maria Percy sold their interest in land on 23 May 1818. <sup>6</sup> Joseph Sale's probate file No. 218 shows citations issued to "Thomas G. Percy and wife Maria, formerly Maria Pope."
254	Francis Flournoy to Mary W. Jones	17 Jul 1816	Groom's name written "Flourney." On 23 July 1816, Francis Flournoy stated he married Mary W. Jones, a widow, on 23 July 1816, the dau. of William Price. <sup>7</sup>
255	Benjamin Butler to Rachel Childress	19 July 1816	
255	Isaiah Walker to Polly Smith	25 Jul 1816	
256	Richard Fuller to Nancy Foster	30 Jun 1816	
256	David Fulton to Rebecca Lindsay	30 Jul 1816	
257	William McWilliams to Betsey Rodgers	2 Aug 1816	William McWilliams and his wife <i>Sally</i> McWilliams sold land 4 Apr 1820 <sup>8</sup> and William and <i>Sarah</i> McWilliams sold land 13 Oct 1820. <sup>9</sup> Sally and Sarah are interchangeable names; Sally is a nickname.
257	Levi Isbell to Sarah H. Burdwell	3 Aug 1816	Bride's name is probably Birdwell
258	Henry Peebles to	3 Aug	Date of marriage is clearly written 1817 even though it is with the 1816

<sup>5</sup> Probate Record Book 2, p. 379, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>6</sup> Deed Book E, p. 110, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>7</sup> Chancery Record Book A, p. 120, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>8</sup> Deed Book E, p. 22, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>9</sup> Deed Book G, p. 17, Madison Co., Ala.

	Rebecca Vinson	1817	marriages.
258	John Loyd to Comfort Cypert	3 Aug 1817	Date of marriage clearly written 1817 but is with the 1816 marriages. Bride's name is questionable. Francis Cypert and Thomas Cypert in the Circuit Court Civil Reverse Docket and a Baker Cypert in the 1810-15 tax list.
259	James Sanderson to Elizabeth Rowell	7 Aug 1817	Date of marriage clearly written 1817 even though it is with the 1816 marriages.
259	George L. Bolly to Winney Robinson	7 Aug 1816	
260	William W. Pruett to Nancy Cavett	7 Aug 1816	
260	Morteca Bollin to Nancy Sanderson	7 Aug 1816	Generally, Morteca is a female name. Morteca may be Mordecai. Bollin is possibly Bolling.
261	Moses Birdwell to Hannah Falkinson	8 Aug 1816	
261	William W. Parham to Louisa M. Love	12 Aug 1816	Groom's name written W. M. W. Parham. W. [M?] and Louisa M. Parham of Franklin Co., Ala. sold their lot in Huntsville 5 Jan 1819. <sup>10</sup>
262	Lodrick Mandal to Betsey Reed	13 Aug 1816	
262	Francis Clark to Betsey Burton	14 Aug 1816	
263	Wiley Cargill to Fanny Baley	20 Aug 1816	Bride's name might be Fanny Ruby; difficult to decipher.
263	David Kennamer to Amy Hollingsworth	23 Aug 1816	1850 Census shows David and Amy Kennamore.
264	William Mahan to Susan McCutchen	23 Aug 1816	The bride was the widow of William Walker McCutchen before July 1811. <sup>11</sup> Her maiden name was Carothers. <sup>12</sup>
264	Allen Kemp to Dorcas Russell	28 Aug 1816	
265	Thomas Mahan to Elizabeth Weaver	30 Aug 1816	John Weaver's probate file No.237 shows Thomas Mahan owed him \$214 by promissory note dated 28 July 1827.
265	Daniel Smith to Sally Murrell	31 Aug 1816	
266	John Slaughter to Matilda Murrell	30 Aug 1816	John Slaughter [Sr's.] will dated 25 July 1812 mentions his son John [Jr]. <sup>13</sup>
266	William Robertson to Margarett Franklin	30 Aug 1816	

<sup>10</sup> Deed Book E, p. 213-214, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>11</sup> Susanna McCutchen, widow and relict of William Walker McCutchen, deceased, applied for letters of administration on his estate 4 July 1811. Orphans Court Minute Book 1, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>12</sup> Marriage Book 1, Madison Co., Al shows Susanna Carothers to Wm. W. McCutcheon 23 Aug 1816. See *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 35.

<sup>13</sup> Deed Book A, p. 45, Will of John Slaughter Sr., Madison Co., Ala.

267	James Methvin to Hannah Woodard	30 Aug 1816	Groom's name written "Melvin" in this record. James S. Methvin was the son of Levi Methvin according to Levi's will dated 29 April 1847. <sup>14</sup> James S. & Hannah moved to Texas. <sup>15</sup>
267	Robert Maybee to Hannah Sutherlin	31 Aug 1816	
268	John Land to Frances Bailey	2 Sept 1816	Bride's name written "Francis Bayly."
268	Robert M. McGehee to Jane Williams	6 Sept 1816	
269	Kennon Harris to Frances P. Ford	7 Sept 1816	Groom's name written "Hannon" with "Kennon" written over it in pencil.
269	Adam Campbell to ____ McCahan	7 Sept 1816	Bride's first name not given
270	S. C. Byram to Patsy Blythe	9 Sept 1816	
270	Wiley Davis to Mary Bayless	10 Sept 1816	Bride may have been Mary Broyles. Wiley Davis's probate file (No. 128) shows his widow Mary who later wed Malcom Thompson. George Broyles was appointed administrator of Wiley Davis's estate on 24 April 1820.
271	Joseph Hoke to Elizabeth Hunt	10 Sept 1816	Joseph & Elizabeth Hoke sold land 6 Jan 1818. <sup>16</sup>

-To be continued

#### M. A. Grimmett Dies

On Wednesday night, Aug. 31, at his home four miles east of New Market, the soul of Mr. M. A. Grimmett, weary of life's burden and care, passed peacefully into the bright beyond.

His death was sudden and quite unlooked for at the time of its occurrence. Deceased was an old and trustworthy citizen of this county having lived here many years.

His family, consisting of a wife and seven children – five boys and two girls, are left to mourn the loss they have sustained. *The Mercury* extends its warmest sympathy to the bereaved ones in this most trying hour. [*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, 7 Sept 1887.]

<sup>14</sup> Probate Record Book 13, p. 359, Madison Co., Ala.

<sup>15</sup> *Souvenir of Texas*, p. 591. Author, publisher and date unknown.

<sup>16</sup> Deed Book G, p. 40, Madison Co., Ala.

# Marshall County

## Probate Court Final Record

### Part 1

The spine of this large book is missing but "5" was pencilled in. There is no title page or anything to indicate the name or title of the book. After reading some of the entries it was determined to be a final record. It appeared to be the oldest of the probate final record books on the shelves of the Marshall County Courthouse in Guntersville.

#### Law Guardianship

19 Feb 1855

Michael Ditto, guardian of the estate of Elizabeth Law, Jane Law and Peyton Law, filed his final settlement of the estate of said wards. The court ordered that the first Monday in March 1855 be set for the final settlement. Notice of same is to be given by publication in the *Marshall Eagle*, a newspaper published in Marshall County, for three successive weeks, to all persons interested in said settlement.

Ordered by the court that Samuel K. Rayburn is hereby appointed guardian *ad litem* to protect the legal interests of said children.

On 19 Feb 1855 Michael Ditto, with Henry Davidson and William W. Wiggs his bondsmen, all of Marshall Co., Ala., were bond to the judge of probate in the sum of \$3,000 for the true performance by Ditto of duties of guardian of said children.

/s/ Michael Ditto

/s/ Wm. H. Wiggs

Henry Davidson by his X

On Monday, 9 April, 1855 Michael Ditto gave his final settlement. Accounts and vouchers have been presented and publication given. Ditto is chargeable as follows:

He is chargeable with \$41.75 and entitled to credits of \$161.06 leaving a balance due from wards to Ditto on 1 Jan 1855 of \$117.31.

Ditto is chargeable with the sum of \$41.75 and is entitled to credits amounting to \$118.85 leaving a balance due from wards to Ditto of \$77.10 on 1 Jan 1855.

Ditto is chargeable with the sum of \$41.75 and is entitled to credits amounting to \$107.53 leaving a balance due him from wards on 1 Jan 1855 of \$65.78.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The charges against wards were not itemized.

The judge decreed said accounts be allowed and recorded.

Elizabeth Law is a minor child of Peyton Law Sr., late of Marshall County, Ala., decd. Her income from the estate included one-fourth hire of Negro jointly owned by her and her brother and sister for the year 1854 and which amounted to \$38.25 for each child. Renting out of land for 1854 came to \$3.50 for each child for a total of \$41.75 income each.

Money was paid out to A. J. Henry, James W. Peebles, Louis Wyeth, James W. Fennell, Sheriff Clapp, C. R. Capshaw, Scott & Vaughn, J. C. Corwell & Co. Store, Mahala Ryan (schooling), and Lorenzo D. Lusk (schooling). Also included as expense was money to Michael Ditto for board of the children at \$3.25 each per month for ten months.

#### Johnson Guardianship

6 April 1855

Isham H. Fennell became guardian of Leanna Johnson, William Mac Johnson, Sarah Johnson, and Demarius Johnson, heirs of Nancy Johnson, and filed his annual accounts and vouchers in these guardianships. The first Monday in March 1855 was set for annual settlement to be made at the court house. Notice of settlement is to be posted on the court house door and three other public places for three successive weeks.

Samuel K. Rayburn is hereby appointed guardian *ad litem* for the three children.

Notice of settlement was given on 24 Feb 1855. Isham was chargeable with \$116.65 (income) and allowed credits amounted to \$112.97 leaving a balance in the hands of Fennell due the children of \$3.68. There were other accountings omitted here.

Accounts and vouchers were accepted by M. Gilbreath, Judge of Probate, on 7 May 1855. Expenses for William Mac Johnson included vouchers paid to Sarah Job for making a coat,

vest, and five pair of pants for \$4. The receipt was certified before A. H. Parkhill, J. P.

Other expenses for William included:

1 fine comb  
Candles  
1 fine toothbrush  
Tobacco  
Overcoat  
2 pair socks  
1 pair suspenders  
Steel pins<sup>2</sup>  
Buttons  
1 bottle snuff  
2 plug tobacco  
1 "chip hat"  
5 yrs. domestic  
3 yds. print  
1 pair child's shoes  
1 pair shoes & socks  
1 yard ribbon  
2 yards checks  
12½ yards linen  
1 handkerchief  
Vest  
2½ yards cottonade  
2½ yards apron checks  
5 yards domestic  
4 yards coating  
9 yards lining  
1 set of vest buttons  
4 yards black jeans  
1 silk neck tie  
Paid Sarah Job for one sad iron<sup>3</sup>  
7½ yards calico  
1 fine bridle bit  
1 yard ribbon<sup>4</sup>

Expenses certified before David Ricketts, JP on 24 April 1855.<sup>5</sup> Items charged against Sarah Johnson were:

1 fine pair shoes

<sup>2</sup> They are called straight pins today.

<sup>3</sup> A heavy iron for ironing clothes heated on a hot stove.

<sup>4</sup> It is obvious that not all the items charged against "Mac" [as William Mac Johnson is referred to elsewhere] were for him. Some were probably for his mother.

<sup>5</sup> It is obvious that some of the items were for a boy and some for a girl.

2 yards solid calico  
2 bottles snuff  
2 tuck combs  
1 pair shoes  
1 fine shawl  
6 yards calico  
9¾ yards lawn  
7 yards domestic  
1 pair fine kid shoes  
2 yards ribbon  
1 pair shoes  
5½ yards cotton gingham  
3 yards calico

Paid Sarah Job on 23 Nov 1854. Final accounting acknowledged by David Ricketts. Accepted by M. Gilbreath, Judge of Probate.

Items charged to Demarius Johnson were in an account with Thomas Manning & Co. and consisted of:

10 yards calico  
Lining  
1 fine handkerchief  
1-1/2 yards ribbon (@ .40)  
1 yard ribbon (@ .50)

The total amounted to \$4.68

This statement was signed by David Ricketts and sworn to before James T. Robinson, J. P. on 24 April 1855. Also charged was 25 Cents paid to Sarah Job.

A statement from A. J. Morrow states: "1 May 1854. To J. H. Fennell, guardian for the heirs of Nancy Johnson, decd., for tuition for Mary Johnson to A. J. Morrow for 10 days schooling @ 5 cents per day, \$.50 cts." This statement was certified before Jas. T. Robinson, J. P. on 20 Oct 1854.

Also charged against the estate, on behalf of the three children, was a bill totaling \$12.20 which included legal work required by law (examining vouchers, etc.).

#### Jefferson Law Estate

28 March 1853

Jefferson Law died 22 Feb 1853 intestate in Marshall County but he was not an inhabitant of the state of Alabama<sup>6</sup>. He left assets in Marshall

<sup>6</sup> He must have moved as the 1850 census shows him a resident of Marshall Co.



County but left no will. Neither his widow or next of kin are residents of Alabama.

On 22 March 1853, the Court was asked by Henry I. Chandler that he be appointed administrator of the estate of the said Jefferson Law, decd., Chandler having filed his bond in the amount of \$2000 with Zachus C. Kennemer and Elias M. Chandler his securities. The Court approved same 28 March 1853.

Henry I. Chandler found it necessary, as the administrator of Jefferson Law, to sell two horses and four or five barrels of corn belonging to the estate for the purpose of paying the debts of said decedent. On 28 March 1853 Probate Judge M. Gilbreath allowed the petition and also allowed same to be sold on a 12 month credit.

On 28 March 1853 the Court appointed David McDuffee, Francis H. Smith and John Ling to appraise the estate of Jefferson Law.

On 29 April 1853 the property was appraised as follows:

One brown horse with star on face,  
and one white foot, four years old worth  
\$70.

One three year old filly, ball faced,  
glass eyed, white feet, gray color worth  
\$40.

Corn valued at more or less \$1.50 per  
barrel, supposed to be 3 or 4 barrels.

On 20 Feb 1855 Mary Law, widow of Jefferson Law, stated letters of administration were granted to Isham Chandler<sup>7</sup> on the estate on 25 March 1853 and that there are more than sufficient assets in the hands of the administrator to pay the debts of the deceased. She claims entitlement of 1/5 of the personal estate and the court orders a citation issue to Isham Chandler requiring him to appear in court on the 3rd Monday in March to file his vouchers for settlement. More than 18 months have passed since he became administrator and there are more assets of the estate in his hands than necessary to pay the debts of the estate. A summons was ordered to be issued by the sheriff for Isham to appear in court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March 1855 to make settlement.

<sup>7</sup> The record above shows him to be Henry I. Chandler so his name may actually be Henry Isham Chandler.

20 April 1855. Henry I[sham] Chandler, admr. of the estate of Jefferson Law, filed his accounts and vouchers for a partial settlement of his administration. 19 May 1855 was set for the final settlement.

Samuel K. Rayburn was appointed guardian *ad litem* of the minor children to safeguard their interests. He became guardian *ad litem* of Hannah Law, John Law, Robert Law, Marion Law, Nancy Law and Peyton Law, minor heirs of the estate of Jefferson Law.

Money due the estate included a note on P. M. Bush plus interest due 30 Apr 1853 and interest from 30 Nov 1853 to 7 May 1855. Also included was an account on Z. C. Kennemer due 20 Jan 1854 plus interest to 7 May 1855. Monies were also received from W. P. Macfarland on a note due the estate, and from Rob. Chandler on account.

Income included rent of land in 1854 and money from the sale of the personal property on 30 April 1853 on 12-months credit.

Among others, vouchers were paid to J. E. Peebles and D. McDuffee, L. Wyeth. Thirty Dollars was paid to A. J. Decker for moving the Law family and \$11.54 was paid out for putting up rails.

Henry Isham Chandler had in his hands \$394.77 income from the estate, and paid out \$129.29 leaving a balance in his hands of \$266.28 for distribution among heirs.

Mary Law, the widow, is to receive \$53.05 that being one-fifth of the amount. Hannah Law, John Law, Robert Law, Marion Law, Nancy Law, and Peyton Law each received \$35.60-1/2.

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## Notice

**Beginning with the March 2003 issue, *Valley Leaves* will begin carrying abstracts of Deed Book B, 1840 – 1845.**

**Correction  
to the  
Civil Register of Marshall County Officials  
1835-1844**

The following corrections are to Vol. 36, No. 3.

Page 151:

May, Washington T. – Add: Vice: Lewis Wyeth  
Herring, *Carlis* [?] – change to Curtis  
Wyeth, *James* – change to Lewis  
Cos, S. [?] Edward, Vice: Jesse *Slaton*, change to Horton

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*Wiggins*, Joel – change to Higgins  
*Parron*, Benj. S. – change to Parsons  
*Randale*, Rocjard S. [?] – change to Randals  
*Rilfate* [?] – change to Kilfoyle  
Page 548 – change to 398

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Page 349 – change to 397  
*Lay* [*Loy?*], George – change to Lay

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*Southland*, Alfred D. – change to Southerland  
Woolard, *Swain* W. – change to Levain  
*Mancland* [?], Elisha – change to Moreland  
Shinault, George [?] – remove the question mark.  
*Acpton* [?], Jesse – change to Upton  
Carter, *James* C. – change to Kinney

# Morgan County

## Old Salem Church, 1825 – 1851

Contributed by

Mrs. Richard Gilliam, Jr.

Part 4

Continued from *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 37, No. 1, September 2002. For a complete introduction please see that issue.

On the inside front cover is "Provance [Providence] Church, Morgan Co. Ala." Many of the pages in this legal sized book have been torn and parts of pages are torn and missing. Missing parts of the book and are noted by an ellipsis. Some pages are gone altogether.

For some reason, the book is numbered in reverse. In other words, the last page is No. 1 and the first page is No. 141.

The scribes (presumably the church clerks) could not spell and many of them could barely write. This has made interpretation extremely difficult.

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#### **February 1843**

Saturday before the third Lord's Day in February 1843.

The Church resolved to petition to seven Churches for help, three Churches in Mount Zion, three in Mud Creek and one in Flint River.

Brother Thos. Jones was appointed by the Church to bear the petitions.

Brother Peter Smith made a recantation and the recantation was received.

Jesse Nearin, C[hurch] Clk.

#### **March 1843**

Saturday before the third Lord's day in March, the Baptist Church at Antioch met.

A door was opened for the reception of members.

Brother James S. Luney's acknowledgement was received by the Church.

Jesse Nearin, C. Clk.

#### **April 1843**

Saturday before the Lord's day in April. The Church met.

A door was opened for the reception of new members. One was received by recantation [not named].

Brother Luney and Brother Revis bear a letter to Brown's Creek Church from this Church.

A motion was made and seconded that Brother Luney and Brother Nearin be appointed by the Church to go to Brother P. Smith and demand his license.

Jesse Nearin, CC

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#### **May 1843**

Saturday before the third Lord's day in May.

Committees from the several Churches met according to the request of Antioch Church. After being received, the said Church organized by electing Brother Edmond Hays, Moderator, and Brother Silas M. Glover, Clerk.

The question whether Antioch Church was in order or not was taken and it was found in order.

The third Sunday in May the Church met and a door was opened for the reception of members.

#### **June 1843**

Third Saturday . The Baptist Church at Antioch met and after worship the Church set in conference and union.

A door was opened for the reception of members.

Jesse Nearin, CC

**July 1843**

Fourth Saturday. The Baptist Church at Antioch met and after worship the fellowship of the Church was inquired for.

A door was opened for the reception of members.

The reference of Brother [Peter] Smith was called for. He did not attend and was excluded.

Brothers Luney & Nearin were appointed to go and demand his license.

Excluded Brother Long.

The Church granted Brother Jones a letter of dismission but still hold him as pastor.

Jesse Nearin, C Clk.

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**August 1843**

The fourth Saturday in August.

The Church opened a door for the reception of members. Received two new members, to wit: Richard Prince and Jane Bowland [?].

Elected E[dward] Revis, J. R. Lowery and James Lowery as delegates to represent us in Mud Creek Association. Brother Revis was appointed to write the letter.

Jesse Nearin, C Clk.

**September 1843**

At a called meeting on Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord's Day in September, the Church met and after worship the fellowship of the Church was inquired for. Union was found.

A door was opened for the reception of membership. Received Lowel Newsom by baptism.

Appointed Lowel Newsom as Church Clerk.

Appointed Lowel Newsom to go to the association as a delegate. Appointed Brother Couch in case of Brother Revis's failure.

Lowel Newsom, CC

**October 1843**

Antioch. Fourth Saturday.

A door was opened for the reception of members. Kiziah Long joined by Brother Jones's vouching for her and said he knew her to be of the old Baptist.

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Brothers Nearin and Laing [Lainy? Laney?] state to the Church that they did not see Smith but he said he would bring his license to the Church but failed to do so. Brothers Nearin & Luney still continue to visit the said Smith to get his license.

Lowel Newsom, CC

**November 1843**

Fourth Saturday in November 1843.

It was motioned and seconded that the Church know whether Brother Jones was our pastor or not and he was pronounced our pastor without a dissenting voice. The said Smith's license was delivered to the Church and the committee discharged.

Lowel Newsom, CC

**November 1843**

Called meeting at Brother Nearin's. December the 1<sup>st</sup> [11<sup>th</sup>?] 1843.

The Church met and after worship the fellowship of the Church was inquired for and found.

A door was opened for the reception of members.

Members dismissed by letter were Edward Revis and wife.

Lowel Newsom, CC

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**December 1843**

Fourth Saturday in December 1843. The Church met and after worship the fellowship of the Church was inquired for and found.

A door was opened for the reception of members.

Lowel Newsom, CC

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# Queries

## Maxwell.

I would like to correspond with researchers on Maxwell family relationships, Jackson Co., Ala., 1820 to 1850 time-period: John Maxwell, Benjamin Maxwell, Bailey Maxwell and James Maxwell.

My Jester/Jesse was b. ca 1800 (Ky? Tenn? to Ala? to Ill?) and to Madison Co. Ark. by 1832. Jester died in 1842.

One Bailey Mawell is listed there in 1843, then in Van Buren Co., Ark. in 1850. Bailey was b. 1815 in Ky. and died in 1862.

Was Jester's wife Bailey? Lee? and his brother Bailey Maxwell? Were Jester/Jesse and Bailey sons of John Maxwell of Jackson Co., Ala?

*Mrs. Gaye Pencin* [See next entry].

## Russell, Lenox

Need parents of James Russell b. ca. 1790's; believe he was in Tenn. in 1820's, then to Ala., then to Ill., then Crawford Co., Ark in 1835. From there to Hunt/Lamar Co., Texas by May 1837. He is was dead by May 1841.

Was married to Ruth/Rutha \_\_\_ b. 1795 Ga. He m. \_\_\_ Lenox 1841-50 who d. after 1869 in Hunt Co., Texas. Only three daughters listed in probate: Nancy Russell b. 1820 & m. John Roberts; Eliz. Emma Russell b. 1828 & m. Wm. Baker; Sarah Jane Russell b. 1830 & m. Robert H. Maxwell. Can not locate them on 1820 or 1830 censuses.

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## Harris, Monroe

Finis (or Finnes) Ewing Harris b. Wilson Co., Tenn. 1 Sept 1803 & moved to Madison Co., Ala. by 1830. He submitted his credentials as a licensed minister of the Gospel in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church 31 Aug 1830. He was married to Barbara Monroe 13 Oct 1841 according to the *Nashville Banner and Nashville Whig* of 19 Oct 1831. Vol. 133 of Gandrud's *Alabama Records*, page 48, states he is listed as pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Canaan Meeting House in April 1837.

His wife bore him a daughter and died and he moved on to Lowndes Co., Miss. sometime in the 1830'.

When did Barbara die and where is she buried? She is not buried in Maple Hill Cem.

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[*Editor's Note:* Madison Co., Ala. Marriage Book 4, p. 124 states Barbacey L. Munroe m. Francis Epps Harris 20 Oct 1831 having obtained a license 27 Sept 1831. On 872 Hwy. East in front of the manor home called "Harris Hill" is the Harris cemetery. Family descendants believe Francis Epps Harris and his wife are buried there without tombstones. The late Pauline Jones Gandrud who compiled *Alabama Records* descends from the Harris family.]

## Brock.

Does anyone know what newspapers were about in Florence, Lauderdale Co., around 1880? My great-grandfather, Dr. James Brock, physician, went to help the diseased, stricken people digging the Panama Canal. There must have been something in the papers to urge him to go. He seems to have made a study of those types of illnesses.

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## Crockett

My records indicate Nathan Crockett m. Margaret \_\_\_ & they had at least one child in Jackson Co., Ala. ca 1818. Am looking for any info. on Nathan Crockett, his marriage, his son Nathan Jr., or his dau. Mary.

Perhaps the census schedules show something or the marriage, probate or land records. How would I get someone to look up this information for me?

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[*Editor's Note:* Decatur County existed from 13 Dec 1821 to 25 Dec 1825 and included what is now the west portion of Jackson Co. and east portion of Madison Co. The records for Decatur County can not be located if they, in fact, exist. It is believed those records were destroyed by the Federal troops when they took Bellefonte, the county seat at the time, during the Civil War. Your ancestor may have lived in Decatur Co. Nathan is in the 1830 Jackson Census but not the 1840. He did not patent land there. Some of the Crockett family lived across the state line in Franklin Co., Tenn.]

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