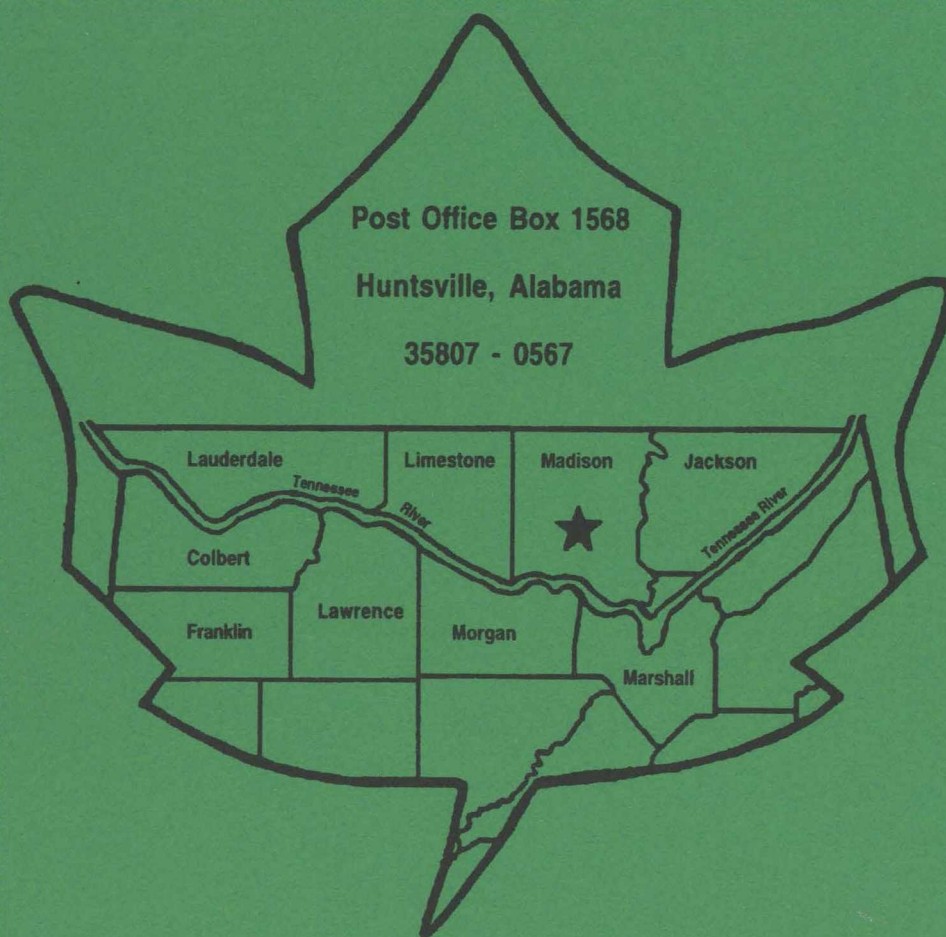

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President's Page

Welcome to our many readers throughout the country who have an interest in families from one or more of Alabama's nine northern-most counties of the Tennessee Valley.

Our highly successful *Valley Leaves*, a quarterly publication, provides early records from each of the nine counties in each issue as well as genealogical research-assistance articles. The March 2003 issue, for instance, contained the final of a three part series on Indian Research by Robert Vann. Our editor, Dorothy Scott "Dot" Johnson is doing a great job of researching, assembling, indexing, editing and publishing each issue.

A fall seminar is planned for October 18, 2003 with Margaret Hofmann, noted author and lecturer. She will be speaking on "Three Hundred Years of North Carolina Patents and Grants." All types of North Carolina records will be discussed. Mrs. Hofmann is nationally recognized as a leading expert on land records and on North Carolina records.

After a few years of declining membership, we are happy to report that we had more members last year than the year before and from the manner in which our renewals are coming in, we will have even more this year. Many genealogical societies have suffered lower memberships due to the vast amount of information available on the internet. Many persons are now realizing, however, that the information available on the web is to be taken as a clue rather than fact. Much information from the web does not come with sources documented whereas all information found in

Valley Leaves is documented. You must verify each item from the web before accepting it as a fact.

Our web site at www.TVGS.org has been updated and we are continuing to add new information. We now have an index to *Valley Leaves* by county, broken down by subject within each county, available free for searching. We next plan to have a full-name index to all issues of *Valley Leaves*.

I wish to give a special thanks to the members of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society executive board which includes our directors. Each has been actively participating in the betterment of our organization.

We continue to receive applications for "First Families of the Tennessee Valley." If you have ancestors who were in the Tennessee Valley area prior to December 14, 1819 that now comprises one of the nine northern-most counties of Alabama, you are eligible to submit an application for a certificate. You may obtain a "Pioneer" certificate if your ancestor was in the area prior to 1830.

If you have published a book and would like a review in *Valley Leaves*, please send us a copy. After we review the book and publish it in our quarterly, your book will be donated to the Heritage Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library.

Coy Michael,
President

Things You Should Know

Nephews

In a guardianship order (1825 in Onondaga County, NY) the guardian is called the “nephew” of the deceased. Did “nephew” in that time and place generally mean the son of one’s sibling or the son of one’s spouse’s sibling as it does today?

In earlier centuries, “nephew” sometimes referred to a male or female child of a sibling or spouse’s sibling, a male or female grandchild, a cousin or other relative.

The habits or preferences of individual clerks of courts may have determined when “nephew” took on its current meaning in a given locale. By the end of the 17th century most locales had narrowed the definition to the current meaning. Thus one might be safe in approaching 19th-century research with the current definition. Keep an open mind and let available records guide your discovery of specific family relationships. [Emily Croom of “The Sleuth Book for Genealogists (Betterway Books, \$18.99).

New United Kingdom Website

In April 2003, the United Kingdom introduced its National Archives, <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk> on the World Wide Web. During the next 12 months, the Public Record Office (PRO) and Historical Manuscripts Commission (HMC) will join forces to allow online research of documents and materials that cover 1,000 years of British history.

Currently, you can search the PRO’s catalog, PROCAT, to access databases of equity pleadings, hospital records and more. If you need some guidance, the Information Leaflets section of the site provides an introduction to PROCAT and links to available records. Those who wish to access British history manuscripts will find the HMC’s ARCHON Directory particularly helpful. Researchers simply enter the directory for a list of record repositories in the United Kingdom and throughout the world. Keep checking the site for updates to its resources.

Daughters of the American Revolution Index

The DAR website, <http://www.dar.org>, features records collections that cover all periods of American history, not just the Revolutionary War. You can use the website to tap into your military roots and more, thanks to a new resource.

The Genealogical Records Committee (GRC) National Index allows you to search for unpublished genealogical materials, including many Bible and cemetery transcriptions. These and other resources are part of the nearly 18,000 volumes of typescripts the DAR Library has indexed. Currently, most of the volumes have been compiled and are available online for Virginia, Maryland, Oregon and Kentucky. Records for about 20 other states will be added to the website as they are compiled.

To search the index, click on DAR library at the top of the home page. Once you have entered the library’s page, click on GRC National Index. In the search fields, you will enter the state, surname, first name, series or volume number. You can sort results by one of those categories. If you need help getting started, click on “Info. for Beginners” in the left column of the search page.

Gathering Oral History Tape-recording Tips

Let us say that you have compiled a list of questions or topics you would like to discuss with your family member during an oral history interview. What do you do now? How do you go about recording the interview? The following tips will help you get started:

* If you do not have one already, purchase a good-quality tape recorder, preferably one with a separate multidirectional microphone rather than an internal one. Do not use micro or mini tape recorders unless you have no other choice. Their sound quality is often inferior.

* Use a new, good-quality, standard-sized audio tape. Sixty or 90-minute tapes are best

because the longer tapes are more likely to stretch or break.

* Make sure you are familiar with your equipment. Practice using it and run a test check before doing the actual interview.

* Have extra batteries and audiotapes on hand "just in case." You also should have an extension cord.

* Have your questions ready. And be sure to have any photographs, letters or other family artifacts on hand if you intend to discuss them during the interview.

* Whenever possible, choose a location that is free of background noises (such as chiming clocks, barking dogs and noisy air conditioners) and away from potential interruptions or distractions. [By Anita DeFelice, president of Gifts of the Past.]

Getting Relatives to Talk

At one time or another, most of us have been confronted with the frustrating relative who is seemingly unwilling to impart family information. If they are reluctant to talk, find out why. Perhaps they feel they have nothing interesting to say. Stress the fact that *everyone* has an interesting story to tell and let them know how important their recollections are to you and to future generations.

If they are reluctant to discuss a particular topic or person, ask about other aspects of the family history. If you establish a good rapport, they may be willing to talk about sensitive subjects in the future.

If they agree to be interviewed, but not tape-recorded, write down as much as possible. If the interview goes well, perhaps they will agree to be tape-recorded next time. Stress the importance of capturing their stories in their own words.

Arrange a family get-together for casual reminiscing. Prepare a list of topics and questions, and ask everyone to bring photographs, letters and other memorabilia. Tape-record the session. Listen to the recording and decide what information and stories to pursue. [By Anita DeFelice who is president of Gifts of the Past, a company that specializes in creating family history keepsakes]

Restoring the "Golden Door"

The fates of 30 unrestored buildings on the south side of Ellis Island are being decided right now. Rarely glimpsed by tourists, the island's New Jersey side is a tangle of crumbling brick, broken flagstone and rusted metal. Since the island closed in 1954, the 22 acres comprising the majority of the island have remained untouched, even after a section of the island was restored in 1990. Weeds and weather have taken their toll, breaking windows and shrouding the remains in a cloak of green. The 30 dilapidated buildings include hospital facilities, a sanatorium and a morgue. Immigrants deemed too sick to pass inspection were detained and treated in these facilities. The majority of them were released and allowed onto the mainland.

The National Park Service and nonprofit Save Ellis Island Foundation have drawn up three options for the remainder of the island which they announced at a public hearing a few weeks ago.

In the first scenario, the remaining buildings would be stabilized and furnished with Plexiglas windows and temporary shingles to keep the elements from doing further damage. When the buildings get beyond the point and cost of saving, they will be demolished.

The second scenario entails rehabilitating the buildings over a period of 20 to 15 years. The buildings' facades would be restored and the interiors stripped to house nonprofit institutions. One section of each building would be left in a stabilized, unrenovated condition for visitors to compare to the renovated areas.

The third scenario, which the National Park Service prefers, would unveil, after a five to seven-year rehabilitation period, a new Ellis Island Institute, complete with a conference and retreat facility, a policy research center and educational programs. The retreat facility would be available for only nonprofit organizations and appropriate corporate sponsors holding workshops on issues relevant to the island's history such as family history, public health, immigration, historic preservation and ethnic diversity.

The National Park Service is hopeful the public will support the third alternative. They and the Save Ellis Island Foundation are kicking

off a \$300 million fund-raising campaign in September. [By Leslie Stroope, Editorial Intern, *Family Tree* magazine.]

Ports of Entry

There were ports of entry other than Ellis Island during the late 1890s and 1900s. For New York, however, Ellis Island was the only port of entry during this time.

If you are having trouble locating someone who supposedly came through the Port of New York (Ellis Island) on the Ellis Island web-site, it may be simply because the name was not transcribed correctly. Try looking at the microfilmed indexes which you can obtain through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' Family History Centers.

If you still are not finding the person, try other ports. Because Ellis Island was so well known and publicized, many people who came to America as small children mistakenly believe they came through Ellis Island. In reality, they may have arrived at another port such as Boston or Baltimore. [By Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, contributing editor of *Family Tree Magazine* and author of *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant and Ethnic Ancestors*.]

New Irish Origins

Partnering with Eneclann Ltd., an Irish genealogical research and publishing company, and the National Library of Ireland, Origins.net has added what it calls the "definitive version" of Griffith's Valuation to its Irish Origins Web site, <http://irishorigins.com>. Compiled during the mid-19th century, Griffith's Valuation assessed taxes owed by the people of Ireland. It contains more than one million names of landowners, landlords, tenants with leases and renters. Because nearly all 19th-century Irish census returns were destroyed during two disasters, Griffith's Valuation is now considered the "census substitute" by many researchers.

To search and view Griffith's Valuation records on Irish Origins, you must register for 7-day or 14-day access to the site (\$9 and \$14 respectively). In coming months, Origins.net also plans to add the Index of Irish Wills 1484-1858 and the William Smith O'Brien Petition 1848-1849 to Irish Origins.

To read more Irish Origins news and a review of the site, read the February 2004 Family Tree Magazine on sale in late December.

Criminal Ancestries Scrutinized

Maybe you have your grandmother's smile - or your great-uncle's sense of humor - or your mother's sweet tooth. Tracey Bogle inherited his family's kleptomania - in addition to many other criminal tendencies.

Bogle is serving time in Oregon for kidnapping, assault, rape, robbery and burglary, *The New York Times* recently reported. He committed the crime with one of his older brothers. His oldest brother is serving a life term in Arizona for murder. His mother was just released from jail last month.

Their law-breaking ways can be traced back to the patriarch of this criminal clan, Rooster Bogle, who moved to Oregon's Willamette Valley from Texas in 1961 with a record that included beating his wife and teaching his children to steal. By the time his boys were ten, they were breaking into liquor stores and stealing hundreds of tractor-trailer trucks. His girls supported their drug habits by stealing.

Every one of Rooster's children has served time in jail or state prison, as have many of his siblings as well as his grandchildren. A total of 28 Boggles have been arrested and convicted.

Could criminal behavior be as hereditary as eye color? While this is an extreme example, police and criminal justice experts say that crime does run in families. In fact, 47 percent of state prison inmates have a parent or other close relative with a criminal background, according to Justice Department figures.

Oregon is not ignoring this criminal cycle; it is attempting to break it by asking all new inmates whether they have relatives who have served time or whether they have children who might have picked up some of their illegal behavior. So be judicious when you boast about those horse thieves and bank robbers in your family tree - while fellow genealogists will share your enthusiasm for such colorful ancestors, local law enforcement might not. [By Lauren Eisenstodt, Assistant Editor, *Family Tree* magazine.]

Colbert County

Will Record B 1902 – 1918 Part 1

Will Book A was abstracted and carried in *Valley Leaves* in Volumes 19 through 23. This volume was from July 22, 1867 through May 11, 1903. Will Book B is from 1902 through 1918. Copied and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Pages 1-23

Last Will & Testament of Henry Bethune
Tompkins of Fulton Co., Georgia.

Dated 17 Nov 1902

Codicil No. 1 dated 24 Dec 1902

Codicil No. 2 dated 20 Jan 1903

Offered for probate _____

Death date 25 Feb 1903

Item 1 My funeral to be of utmost simplicity.

Item 2 I give and bequeath the whole of my estate, real and personal, to my two executors, hereinafter named, in trust, to be disposed of as hereinafter provided.

Item 3 Pay all just debts.

Item 4 To my three daughters, Mande, Janet and Bessie, all the jewelry and personal property that belonged to their mother, Bessie Washington Tompkins, who died in New York on the 9th day of August, 1887.

My three daughters owe me a considerable sum of money and at my death 1/3 of said sum is to be collected from each, as they reach age 21, by their guardian, Robert C. Alston. When the entire sum is collected, it shall be kept together and not paid into my estate's general fund but shall be used to pay any lien upon my farm known as Fair View in Colbert Co., Ala. if it is not already sold. Any balance left is to be used to discharge any lien that may be upon my wife's property in Birmingham, Ala. If there is any balance left, then Alston is to "pay that to my wife for her own use." Executors given power to mortgage Fair View to pay off lien if necessary.

Item 5 Executors and trustees may sell any or all real and personal property to pay debts.

Item 6 It will be a long time before my sons can decide if they want to go into law and it is my will that all my library and office furniture be sold except one of the iron safes to be selected by my wife and given to her; also the typewriter with table and chair and appliances shall belong to my daughter Janet,

As soon after my death as practical, I wish my library at my home at 760 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, be handled as follows: each book to be thoroughly gone over and catalogued and each book to have my name posted in it. This library is to remain for the use and benefit of my family until my son, Henry, becomes 22 and then the library to be given to him.

If Henry dies before age 22, whether or not he bears lawful issue, then the library to go to my son Laurence when he is 22. If Laurence should die before reaching 22, whether or not he leaves lawful issue, then the library is to go to my wife and daughters or such children as may be living at the time.

Item 7 To my wife, Nora Palmer Tompkins, I direct that she be paid in quarterly installments, if practical, 1/3 the income from my estate for the use of herself and her two sons. The remainder of the money to first be appropriated to any liens or encumbrances that may be upon any real estate I possess.

One-third of the income from my estate to be held in trust to be paid to my wife as long as she lives.

Item 8 Regarding my 420-acre Colbert Co. farm lying east of Sheffield I direct, with the

consent of my wife, that my executors sell same if they think best. These lands, other than the 420-acres, consist of a half interest in 40 acres owned by W. S. White and me; also 1/8 interest in about 280 acres known as the Stub land lying west of the former and nearer to Sheffield and north of Pike; also about 85 acres "lying about 1/4 mile on south side of Tennessee River in" Sections 22 and 27, Township 3, Range 11 west and known as the Winston land.

If my executors do not sell the farm known as Fair View lying in Sections 25, 26 and 36, township 3, range 11 west in Colbert Co., within three years after my death, then "all my other realty in Colbert Co. is to become the property of my wife during her natural life. After her death, it is to become the property of my two sons, Henry and Laurence, and their survivors.

If both my sons die before age 22 leaving no lawful issue, their share is to go to my three daughters Mande, Janet and Bessie in equal parts.

By arrangement with the person living on the farm and cultivating it, the dwelling house at Fair View shall be kept open for the visits of my family to go there and reside as long as the place is not sold. The dwelling is not to be turned over to tenants but my wife and daughters may hire a caretaker to reside in the house to keep it in condition for my family's visits.

Item 9 Executors to be compensated for their services.

Item 10 I have left no part of my estate to my three daughters other than to make them legatees of my sons if they die without lawful issue. My daughters will understand the reason for this. I appreciate their great loyalty and devotion to me. They may continue to live with my wife at her home on Peach Tree Street, Atlanta, so long as it is mutually agreeable, and while they remain unmarried, and as long as my wife remains a widow. However, they are, through their guardian, to contribute toward their own maintenance.

It is my earnest injunction that no child or children be adopted or brought into the household to be cared for or reared temporarily as part of the family, either by my wife or daughters. This does not apply to any of my

daughters who might marry and die leaving issue.

Item 11 After paying debts, estate to be put in interest bearing bonds or stocks and held by my executors in trust. The income is to be used for the benefit of my wife and her two sons. If sons die before age 22 without issue then it is to go to my wife. In that case, after death of wife, it shall be vested in my three daughters.

If my wife be living when Henry becomes age 22, I direct that 1/4 of my estate be given to Henry if he possess such habits and character to be deemed worthy.

If Henry is not deemed worthy then he shall not receive anything further from my estate until he is age 25. If at age 25 he is earning his own living, and has for at least two years, and his habits and character is good, then Henry is to receive 1/4 of my estate. If, instead, Henry is till not worthy then he shall not inherit until he reaches age 30.

The same exact restrictions apply to my son Laurance.

If one son dies then his share to go to the survivor. If both die then their shares to be vested in my daughters.

As my sons grow up, each is to have an allowance out of my estate beyond what is provided for them in item 7.

Item 12 I am guardian of my three daughters under the will of their grandfather, George A. Washington of Tennessee who died in December 1892. As guardian, I am authorized to recover certain money semi annually from the United States Trust Co. of New York. I do hereby nominate and appoint Robert C. Alston guardian without bond in my place.

Item 13 I was also appointed guardian of my three daughters in the Courts of Ordinary in Cobb and Fulton Counties, Ga. I hereby appoint Robert C. Alton guardian of my daughters after making bond in some security company.

Item 14 If my sons both inherit 1/4 of my estate at age 22 then I suggest an additional 1/2 of the

corpus¹ of my estate may at that time be distributed and paid to them.

Item 15 I appoint my wife, Nora Palmer Tompkins and my law partner, Robert C. Alston of Atlanta, Ga., executors of this my last will & testament. They are not to give bonds.

Dated 17 Nov 1902 /s/ Henry B. Tompkins

Witness:

Hunter P. Cooper

William P. Hill

E. F. Lupton²

Codicil No. 1

Codicil 1, Item 1 Fulton Co., Ga. Regarding Fair View and other lands in Colbert Co., Alabama: I have concluded that it would be unfair to vest a life interest to my wife as she would be bound to pay all taxes, insurance, repairs, and deficits from year to year. Therefore, I set aside and annul, in Item 8, giving my wife a life estate. Instead, the property shall remain the property of the estate controlled by my executors and trustees until my sons arrive at age 22 years. My executors and trustees shall have full authority to sell the lands if deemed necessary. The proceeds shall be put into a corpus of my estate to be used and disposed of as said in my last will and testament.

If Fair View is not sold then my wife to have practically the same control and supervision of said lands as if she were the life tenant but without being chargeable for taxes, insurance, repairs, or any deficits.

Codicil 1, Item 2 Except for the modification as set out in Codicil 1, Item 1 above, all of the provisions of my last will and testament stand.

Codicil No. 2

Codicil 2, Item 1 For the welfare and harmony of my family, my wife should be made guardian of my three daughters, Mande, Janet and Bessie.

Codicil 2, Item 2 My daughters, each being over age 14, have the right to select their own

¹ An aggregate; the principal sum or capital as distinguished from interest or income; the main body or principal of a trust (*Black's*)

² This name also written Lumpton

guardian. I recommend and urge them, however, to "select their mother, my wife, Nora P. Tompkins" to handle their affairs in the Fulton Co., Ga. Court of Ordinary, the Cobb Co., Ga. Court of Ordinary and their interests in the United Trust Co. of New York.

Codicil 2, Item 3 If my wife, because she is a woman or for any other reason, can not act as guardian of my daughters in New York, then my wife and daughters to agree upon a suitable person to act as such. My wife to select a person to keep strict accounts of all monies.

Codicil 2, Item 4 Since making my last will and testament, I have sold to W. A. White of Sheffield, Ala. the 85 acres known as the Winston land and mentioned in the 8th item of my will.

Dated 20 Jan 1903.

/s/ Henry B. Tompkins

Witness:

Hunter P. Cooper

William P. Hill

E. F. Lumpton

Petition to Probate

Fulton Co. Ga.

Petition to probate stated Henry B. Tompkins died 25 Feb 1903 owning valuable real and personal property amounting to the some of \$100,000 or thereabouts.

Joseph H. Baldwin Last Will & Testament
Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Worcester.

10 June 1903. In the office of the Register of Probate & Insolvency.

The following is a copy of the last will and testament of Joseph H. Baldwin, late of Phillipston, deceased.

Item 1 Appoints Herbert H. Bates and Anna S. Bates executors without bond.

Item 2 To my dau., Anna S. Bates, wife of Herbert H. Bates, ¼ of my estate, real, personal and mixed.

Item 3 To Herbert H. Bates of Cambridge and Horatio Newhall of

Boston, the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ interest of my estate, in trust for the use and benefit of my three children, viz: Charles J. Baldwin, Gertrude A. Baldwin and Adelaide W. Miller, wife of Edward J. Miller, being $\frac{1}{4}$ part each.

Item 4 Charles, Gertrude and Adelaide to be paid every three months.

Item 5 If Gertrude or Adelaide should die without issue her share is to be divided between my surviving grandchildren, share and share alike.

Believing that certain real estate owned by me in Alabama will increase in value in the near future, same to be held for at least 10 years after my decease before being sold.

Dated 24 Aug 1897.

/s/ Joseph H. Baldwin

Probated 11 Sept 1900.

Joseph H. Baldwin, widower, of Middlesex County, Mass., who last dwelt in Phillipston in Worcester Co., died on the 18 Aug 1900 leaving his only heirs at law and next of kin as follows:

- Adelaide W. Miller, wf. of Edward J. Miller, dau., a res. of Kune, N. H.
- Gertrude A. Baldwin, dau., of Artos [N.H?]
- Ann S. Bates, wf. of Herbert H. Bates, a granddaughter, res. of Cambridge, Mass.
- Roger J. Baldwin, grandson, res. of Canton, Mass.
- Edith H. Baldwin, minor, granddaughter, a resident of Canton, Mass.
- Lloyd W. Baldwin, minor, grandson, a resident of Canton, Mass.

Robert Craig Garner Grave to be Restored

The Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation will meet in at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 17th to dedicate the restoration of Robert Craig Garner's grave in the historic Barton Cemetery.

Garner was born 7 August 1796 and died 19 June 1816 [1846?]. The inscription is very dim and the "1" could be part of a badly faded "4." If the earlier date is correct, it is the oldest known tombstone in Colbert County and the second oldest existing tombstone outside of the coastal area.

Garner was a son of Rev. War veteran Sturdy Garner and his wife, Sarah Smith Garner.

For more information please contact Richard Sheridan at SheridanRC@aol.com or write to him at 105 Terrace Street, Sheffield, AL 35660-6840.

Deed Book A, 1867 – 1870

Part 8

Abstracts of these deeds began in Vol. 28, Issue No. 4 and is continued from Vol. 36, No. 4.

When dealing with any document, legal terms will crop up and be critical to understanding the document. When this happens, an explanation or definition of the term will be given in a footnote. In all cases, the definition is from *Black's Law Dictionary, 5th edition* and will be so noted by the following: *Black's*.

You will notice that many of these deeds were made in Franklin County. They were made prior to the formation of Colbert County from Franklin County.

Pages 57-60

8 Aug 1867

Deed of Trust

Hugh Carlisle of Colbert Co. Ala., debtor

George Biggs of Macon, Ga., trustee

John A. Wyeth of Marshall Co., Al., creditor

Hugh Carlisle owes John Wyeth \$4,000 and gave Wyeth his promissory note for that amount on 16 June 1866. Said note was due and payable to Wyeth on 1 Nov 1866. Wyeth has agreed to extend the due date of the note to 1 Nov 1869.

Hugh Carlisle, in order to secure and provide for the payment of the debt, plus interest, has signed a deed of trust. For \$5 paid to Carlisle by George Biggs, Carlisle sells to Biggs, in trust, the following land in Colbert Co., Ala:

The W/2 of Section 10-4-11W

NW/4 of Section 15-4-11W

N/2 SW/4 of Section 15-4-11W

NE/4 of Section 16-4-11W

SE/4 of Section 9-4-11W

7-1/2 acres on the military road in NE corner of the SW/4 of Section 9-4-11W

The NE corner of the SE/4 of Sec. 16-4-11W beginning at the middle of Spring Creek at the old bridge on the military road running up the southern branch or prong of said creek to where it crosses the east line of said Section 16. Thence, north to the corner of said quarter section, thence went to the military road, thence along said road to the beginning at the above named old bridge supposed to contain five acres, and lying east of the military road and north of the southern prong of Spring Creek.

This land includes in all, 780 acres more or less, all in Township 4, Range 11 west, and

includes all buildings, improvements and appurtenances.

If the promissory note is not paid by 1 Nov 1869, Biggs shall, at the request of John A. Wyeth, sell to the highest bidder at public auction, the property and pay Wyeth. A good title will be given to the purchaser of said land. Biggs is to give 30 days notice of sale in one or more newspapers published in North Alabama or elsewhere.

Boggs to permit Carlisle peaceable possession of said lands and keep for his own use all profits and income from said property.

If proceeds from the sale amounts to more than what is necessary to pay the debt, then the remainder is to be given back to Carlisle.

Boggs to permit Carlisle peaceable possession of said lands and keep for his own use all profits and income from said property.

If Hugh Carlisle shall pay all money due, both principal and interest, on the promissory note by its due date, then the lands, or any fraction of them, need not be sold and this indenture is void.

/s/ Hugh Carlisle

On 8 Aug 1867 Hugh Carlisle acknowledged he signed the foregoing deed of trust.

/s/ Jas. H. Sloss, JP

/s/ E. Womble, judge

Recorded 8 Aug 1867

Pages 60-61

25 July 1867

Lien

John Roberts of Colbert Co., Ala., 1st part

W. A. Peet of Colbert Co., Ala., 2nd part

W. A. Peet has advanced supplies valued at \$50 to John Roberts. The supplies are to aid Roberts in making a crop for the year 1867. Without said advance, Roberts would not have been able to make a crop.

For and in consideration of the sum of \$50, Roberts agrees to bind himself to repay that amount by 1 Nov 1867.

In order to secure Peet against loss, a lien is hereby placed upon the crop to be raised by Roberts during the year 1867. This lien authorizes Peet, or his agents or assigns, to take possession of said crop upon Roberts' failure to make the payment of \$50 when due. In that case, Peet is to sell the crop at such time and place he may prefer. Out of the proceeds he is to also pay the costs of taking possession and gathering and preparing said crop for the market and for selling same.

Peet is to have the \$50 advance plus interest on same.

his
John X Roberts
mark

Witness: John Davini

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**Pages 61-62**  
25 July 1867  
Lien

*Promissory Note*

\$125.00

On or before the first day of January next, I promise to pay J. M. Rand the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five dollars for value received.

his  
Allen X Sanfley  
mark

Allen Sanfley, colored, is justly indebted to J. W. Rand, both of Colbert Co., Ala., in the amount of \$125 as shown by the above promissory note. Sanfley is making a crop this

year [1867] on the property of said Rand upon which Rand already has a lien.

Being willing and desirous to secure Rand the full payment of the principal plus interest on the note, Allen Sanfley, colored, gives Rand an additional lien on his crop of corn and cotton now growing on Rand's land.

The lien is for the purpose of securing the payment of said note. If debt is not paid, Rand may take charge of said crop and sell or dispose of so much as may be sufficient to pay and satisfy the promissory note plus interest and costs.

his  
Allen X Sanfley  
mark

Witness: John N. Green, Agt.

Lien certified and acknowledged before Judge Womble 25 July 1867.

[Editor's note: A note written across the margin of the document states: "this lien is satisfied in full Decr. 11<sup>th</sup> 1867."]

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Pages 62-63
27 July 1867
Lien

Alexander Brown, colored, owed J. W. Rand of Colbert Co., Ala., \$275 by a promissory note. Brown is making a crop on the property of Rand this year (1867) upon which Rand already has a lien.

Being willing and desirous of securing Rand the full \$275 plus interest, Brown gives Rand an additional lien on the crops of corn and cotton that Brown is now growing on Rand's land.

The purpose of the lien is to secure the payment of the note and give Rand the privilege of taking charge and control of said crops in case the note is not made. If note is not paid, then Rand may sell sufficient cotton and corn to pay the debt plus interest and costs.

his
Alexander X Brown
mark

Acknowledged before Judge C. Womble 27 July 1867

-To be continued

Franklin County

Marriage Record Book 3, 1902-1907

(Part 13)

Contributed by
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 the marriages even if they are dated after our usual 1900 cutoff date.

The extant marriage records began in 1890. Book 1, 1890-1897, was carried in *Valley Leaves*, Volumes 10 through 13. Book 2, 1897-1902, was carried in Volumes 15 and 16.

No.	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By:
203	Maroney, Pat Jr. Married at residence of Tom Mansel. Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.	Collins, Edna	8 Sept 1904	T. E. McCulloch, JP
203	McDade, W. B. (c) Married at Russellville, Ala. Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.	Williams, Ora (c)	8 Sept 1904	E. L. Nichols, MG
204	Hurley, J. A. Married at residence of W. D. Camron. Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.	Camron, Malinda	11 Sept 1903	J. W. Clark, MG
204	Oliver, William A. Married at the home of Frank Wilson. J. F. Wilson, father of the bride, gave his consent in writing.	Wilson, Stella	13 Sept 1904	T. E. McCulloch, J.P.
205	Barrett, Arthur Married at residence of Geo. W. Sims. W. C. Orick gave consent in writing for the bride.	Orick, Ollie	15 Sept 1904	Geo. W. Sims, NP/JP
205	Landers, John Married at residence of Mr. Joe Walker. J. W. & B. A. Walker, parents of the bride, gave consent in writing.	Walker, Katie	14 Sept 1904	L. F. Whitten, MG
206	Hester, R. E. Married at residence of Good Rikard. S. D. Hester gave consent in writing. A. G. Rikard gave consent in writing.	Rikard, M. F.	18 Sept 1903	W. G. Ezzell, J.P.
206	Scott, John Married at the residence of Mrs. L. J. Vinson.	Carlock, Effie	17 Sept 1904	Wm. Lindley

W. H. Austin. Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.

- 207 Bolton, Charlie H. Painter, Lena M. 20 Sept 1904 O. E. Cornstock, Sr
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Charlie H. Bolton & J. W. Summers.
J. O. Painter, father of the bride, gave his consent in writing.
- 207 King, Sebern M. Griffith, Alice L. 21 Sept 1904 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at residence of J. O. Tessner near Russellville, Ala.
Bondsmen: Sebern M. King & N. C. Greenhill. Mother and step-father of bride gave
their consent in person.
- 208 Holland, E. F. Jr. Humphries, Mary A. 22 Sept 1904 W. F. McClung, MG
Married at residence of C. Humphries. Bondsmen: E. F. Holland Jr. &
W. E. Holland. E. F. Holland, father of the groom, gave his consent in writing.
- 208 Valot, Joe Martin, Marie 23 Sept 1904 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Joe Valot & W. H. Austin.
Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.
- 209 Bolding, D. I. Lee, Mary I. 25 Sept 1904 Wm. Lindley
Married at Pleasant Site, Ala. Bondsmen: D. I. Bolding, A. J. Petree &
J. F. Wear. Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.
- 209 Robinson, Owen Clark, Lee not shown not shown
Document not returned. Bondsmen: Owen Robinson & M. V. Hooker.
- 210 Houston, Joe Sargent, Mary 29 Sept 1904 Rev. R. H. Banks
Married at Rockwood, Ala. Bondsmen: Joe Houston & Tom Simpson.
Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.
- 210 Jamroy, James Martin, Minnie 26 Sept 1904 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: James Jamroy & L. F. Whitten.
Both parties are over the age of 21 and 18 years respectively.

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**Source: *National Banner & Nashville Whig***

Sat. 8 July 1826

Married in Franklin Co., Ala., Mr. Winter Paine to Miss Minerva Winston.

Sat. Sept. 9, 1826

Married in Russellville, Ala., James Wood to Miss Cinderella Wood (no dates)

Thurs., Feb. 16, 1830

Married in Franklin Co., Ala., on 9<sup>th</sup> inst., Hugh W. Dunlap, Esq. Of Paris, Tenn., to Miss  
Susannah W. McKierman, daughter of B. McKierman, Esq.



# Jackson County

## William Tipton Estate

Copied and contributed by Mrs. Billy P. Jones (Eunice)

Source: Jackson County Will Book M  
31 January 1867.

James M. Tipton, nephew of William Tipton, deceased, prays for Administration of estate.

To the Hon. M. P. Brown, Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Jackson, Alabama.

The application of James M. Tipton, a citizen of Jackson Alabama, respectfully represents unto your Honor, that William Tipton, a citizen of said county, departed this life on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 1863, intestate.<sup>1</sup> He left considerable real estate situate<sup>2</sup> in Jackson County, together with some personal estate.

No administration upon said estate has been committed to anyone.

William Tipton left surviving him the following named persons who reside at the places herein named and are of the ages hereinafter recited, to wit:

1. Elizabeth Tipton, widow
2. Benjamin Tipton
3. Mart Tipton, brothers, of full age, and reside in Madison & Cherokee Counties.
4. The heirs at law of Wilson Tipton, decd., whose names and residence are unknown.
5. The heirs at law of Samuel Tipton, decd., their names and residence are unknown.
6. The heirs of Jonathan Tipton, to-wit:
  - (1) Shadrack Tipton who is of full age and resides in Madison County, Al.
  - (2) Charles Tipton, of full age, a resident of Jackson Co.
  - (3) James Tipton, of full age, a resident of Madison County.
  - (4) John Tipton, of full age, a resident of Madison Co., Al.
  - (5) Enoch Tipton, of full age, a resident of Madison Co.
  - (6) Catherine Lindsay, a resident of [blank] County, Texas.

(7) Jane Sharp, wife of Eli Sharp, of full age, resident of Mississippi.

(8) Lavinia Sharp, wife of [blank] Sharp, of full age, a resident of Madison Co., Al.

(9) There are three other daughters of said Jonathan Tipton whose names and ages are unknown.

7. The heirs of John Tipton whose names, ages and residences are unknown.

8. The heirs at law of Nancy Lewallen whose names, ages and residences are unknown.

9. The heirs at law of Elizabeth Lewallen whose names, ages and residences are unknown.

10. The heirs at law of Lydia Derrick whose names and ages are unknown; she was the wife of Daniel Derrick.

11. The heirs at law of Joseph Tipton

12. The heirs at law of Shadrack Tipton:

- (1) James M. Tipton, your petitioner
- (2) William Tipton
- (3) Jane Bowers, wife of Williamson Bowers.
- (4) Tabitha Stevens, wife of Charles Stevens.
- (5) Mary Manning, wife of Richard Manning, all of whom are of full age and reside in Jackson County.
- (6) John Tipton, of full age and a resident of Robinson Co., Texas.

13. Isaac Tipton, a brother of William, decd., having heirs at law whose names and ages are unknown.

The widow has waived her right to administer upon said estate by lapse of time having made no application to administer.

Your petitioner stands in the next degree, being a nephew of said intestate, and he makes application for letters of administration averring

<sup>1</sup> Without a Last Will & Testament

<sup>2</sup> Located in

that the interests of the estate require that someone should administer it.

Your petitioner represents that the value of said estate is perhaps the sum of Ten Thousand dollars.

#### Inventory

6 February 1867

An inventory of the goods and chattels, moneys, rights and credits of William Tipton, decd., which have come into the possession of James M. Tipton, Admr. It covers the same property shown in the appraisal and will not be repeated here.

#### Appraisal of Estate (Real & Personal)

5 February 1867

One bay mare mule, \$70  
One red bull, \$20  
One yoke oxen & wagon, \$70  
One bay mare, \$50  
One wheat fan, \$10  
One red yearling, \$7  
10 head of hogs, more or less, \$10.  
90 barrels of corn, more or less, \$450  
Lot of plows & irons, \$2.50  
Note on John, James & Wm. Rorex and Gideon Harris, due 16 Dec 1859, \$183.77

Note on William Guynn due 27 June 1861, \$70.

Note on James Sims due 17 Sept 1855, \$6.

Money of deceased: \$1 on Allegheny County Bank, Maryland.

One bill, State Bank, South Carolina, \$2.00

One bill, Exchange Bank Tennessee, \$5.00

Gold and silver, \$111.16

Real Estate: 477 acres more or less, \$2000

Appraised by C. B. Roach and Wm. Wann, and Certified before Elisha Stogsdill, J. P.

#### Sale of Personal Property

1 March 1867

List of Purchasers:

Elizabeth Tipton, wheat fan, \$8.

J. M. Tipton, one mule, \$159.

C. B. Roach, plow & lot of irons, \$3.10

E. R. English, 1 plow & stretchers, \$2.50

Elizabeth Tipton, 1 mare, \$45.

C. B. Roach, 1 sow and four pigs, S. C., \$5.30

E. R. English, 1 sow & 5 pigs, 1st choice, \$6.

E. R. English, 1 sow & 5 pigs, \$5.50

E. R. English, 1 red bull, \$7.50

E. R. English, 1 large bull, \$30.75

J. M. Vann, 5 barrels corn, \$31.25

Nelson Jones, 5 barrels corn, \$32.50

David Hays, 5 barrels corn, \$31.25

### Amanda Brown vs. George G. Brown, Divorce

Amanda Brown sues by her father, James Gill, vs. George G. Brown.

In March 1836 Amanda (Gill) Brown settled in Jackson County with her father at which time she was but an infant. Early in 1845, while living with her aged father and without the tender counsel of a mother, she formed an attachment to George G. Brown and married him 7 Aug. 1845. Brown was a poor man and a stranger, but of good and easy manner, and a mechanic. They lived in loving harmony until he abandoned her. She has never heard from him and does not know if he is dead or alive. Amanda has lived with her aged father since he deserted her. She has one child, the offspring of Brown.

Divorce Granted 21 June 1849.

[Source: Jackson County Final Record Book 1, 1847-52]

## Pleasant Woodall

Southern Claims Commission  
Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

The Southern Claims Commission was established by the United States Government to reimburse Northern sympathizers living in the South for losses they sustained at the hand of Union forces during the Civil War. To be reimbursed one had to prove absolute loyalty from beginning to end of the conflict and to prove the losses sustained.

Many of the claimants wavered between the two loyalties, as apparently did Mr. Woodall. In some areas of the South, to have Union sympathies meant certain death and even though a man might be Northern in his heart he was afraid to not portray himself as Southern. This may well be the case with Mr. Woodall.

Mr. Woodall died before his claim was completed. He claimed \$1,781.75 for 200 lbs. bacon, 15 bushels meal, 150 lbs. flour, 9,650 lbs. beef, 11,650 lbs. pork, 2000 lbs. fodder, 310 bushels corn, rations for 70 horses and for two horses taken of which he can not now recall the age or color. Apparently infirmity had affected his memory, as he could not remember things that his neighbors and daughter attested to. He was aged 52 in the 1860 census and even though his age does not appear in these affidavits, he must have been around 60 when he made his claim and died around 1881.. There were several receipts for foraged property given to Woodall in this file.

**Lewis & Fullerton, Attorneys**  
Washington, D. C.  
(No date)

Pleasant Woodall expects to prove his loyalty by the testimony of John T. Haden, a man about 55 years old and residing at New Hope; by Robert Flippin, a man aged 46 years residing at Paint Rock; by Joseph C. Bradley, a man about 65 years old residing in Huntsville; by Thomas N. Green, a man about 60 years old residing in Huntsville; by John B. Russell, 30 years old residing in New Hope, and John Kennamore, aged 45 residing at Woodville.

The attorney expects to prove the property that was taken by the testimony of Robert C. Woodall, about 24 years old, the son of Pleasant Woodall. His testimony will be backed up by the testimony of Mariah Kennamer, colored, age 34 and a Woodville resident and Caroline Laughinghouse, 30 and residing near Woodville.

**Pleasant Woodall**  
12 August 1871

Pleasant Woodall, a resident of Paint Rock, Jackson Co., Al states some of his property was taken in the months of November and December of 1863 by soldiers of General Wilder's Brigade

stationed at Maysville (Madison Co.) and Woodall (Jackson Co.). In January and February 1864 soldiers of Gen. Rusterhorn's [?] command at Woodville (under Gen. John A. Logan), took the rest

**Hiram N. Roberts**  
December 1873

Hiram N. Roberts, 48, presently residing in Chattanooga, has known Pleasant Woodall 16 years. He swears that Woodall was at all times in sympathy with the rebellion and had one or two sons in the Confederate Army.

Roberts is a carpenter and cabinet-maker but is not now in business. He lived part of the time during the war at New Hope, Madison Co., Al. He often saw Woodall in New Hope where meetings were held two or three times a week to "get up volunteers." He never heard Woodall spoken of as a Union man.

Roberts states there were four or five Union men in their community (near New Hope) during the war; they were all killed. A man named Howard was killed<sup>1</sup>, one named Renfro was killed, one named

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<sup>1</sup> This was Elijah Howard who was murdered by William Cloud.

named Renfro was killed, one named Bonderlant<sup>2</sup> was killed and a man named Evans was taken away and never heard of again. They killed Roberts's brother in 1864 and his remains were never found. Roberts says he was the last Union man left in the community. He had to go inside the Federal lines to save his life.

**Edward E. Douglass**  
(No date)

Edward E. Douglass of Madison County is 53 years old, and has known Woodall "a great many years." At the beginning of the war, Woodall was a Union man and afterwards became disloyal.

**John P. Smith**

5 Oct 1871 at Haden's Store

John P. Smith, age 62, is a farmer living near New Hope, Al. He has known Woodall 40 years as they were raised together and during the war, they lived about three miles apart. Woodall was bitterly opposed to the war and said if the Confederates won, they would soon be knocking on the door of the Union for admittance. Smith and Woodall always conversed in private, as it was dangerous to let anyone know you were for the Union. Smith was also a Union man. Smith says Woodall always fed the Union troops when they were there but never knew of him contributing to the Union.

Woodall voted against secession and talked against it. He heard Woodall cursed by Confederate soldiers on account of his Union sentiments.

**William Brannum**  
(12 April 1897)

William Brannum, 76, a blacksmith, lives at Poplar Ridge in Madison County. He has known Pleasant Woodall intimately at least 50 years and lived about three miles from him. Woodall was a Union man and opposed to the war. Their conversations were private as both were Union men and

that was dangerous. Woodall fed Union soldiers but doesn't know if he ever contributed anything else. Woodall voted against secession and at the end of the war was even stronger against secession than in 1861.

**John M. Maples**  
(12 April 1894)

John M. Maples, 65, a farmer, lives at Poplar Ridge. He has known Woodall since he was a boy and lived about two miles from him throughout the war. They discussed the war but always alone or in the presence of Peter Maples, his father, or William Manning who all were Union men. Woodall cared for a sick Union soldier in his home for several weeks but does not know if he contributed anything else to the Union.

**Horatio H. Haden**

5 Oct 1871 at Haden's Store

Horatio H. Haden, 50, a farmer living near New Hope in Madison County. He has known Pleasant Woodall 15 years and lived about four miles from him during the war. He believes Woodall to be a Union man.

**Pleasant Woodall**

Haden's Store 5 Oct 1871

Pleasant Woodall, a farmer, is a resident of Madison County who resided six miles from Vienna before, during and after the Civil War. He was often threatened because of his Union sentiments, and molested by rebels and bushwhackers and had to move within the Federal lines for protection.

He states that Captain Kennamer, J. L. Kennamer, S. M. Kennamer, L. T. Kennamer and R. S. Kennamer lived in Kennamer's Cove in Marshall County and knew the claimant.

The Kennamers were Union men and made up a company of home guards to act in concert with the Federal troops to do what they could to stop bushwhacking and Confederate depredations. The Kennamers lived four or five miles from Woodall.

He fed Union soldiers frequently and took care of a sick Union soldier for almost

<sup>2</sup> This name is Bondurant and may have been William Bondurant who lived in that neighborhood.

a month. He fed as many as 50 at a time free of charge.

He had two sons in the Confederate Army but he did nothing for them except furnish them some clothing. He had a nephew in the Union Army. Woodall fed his nephew and his nephew's Company at times.

**S. F. Kennamer**

10 May 1898

S. F. Kennamer lived in Kennamer Cove four miles from Grant's Post Office, Marshall County, during the war. He has known Pleasant Woodall all his life. Woodall is now dead but he doesn't know exactly when he died - it was about 17 years ago. Woodall lived in "this community, about five miles from me."

At the beginning of the war, Woodall opposed secession but after the war began, his sympathies were with the South. Two other Woodall families, brothers of claimant, lived in the community. Presley Woodall was very loyal to the Union and he and his family had to move north because of it in the winter of 1863. One of Presley's sons remained here and went into the Federal service as a soldier.

F. S. Kennamer was on the Union side and was a U. S. soldier.

Kennamer speaks of hearing of some difficulty that Woodall got into with a saloon keeper in Woodville regarding Capt. Kennamer's Northern company taking dinner with Woodall and Woodall's refusal to feed a squad of Confederates.

**Robert S. Kennamer**

(No date)

Robert S. Kennamer, 58, a farmer, resides near Columbus City in Marshall County, five miles from Grant Post Office. During the war he lived 6½ miles from Pleasant Woodall and has known him since he was a little boy.

Presley Woodall, Pleasant's brother, a Union man, left here and went to Illinois where he died about the end of the war. Claimant's nephew, Silas Woodall, was

Presley's son and he was in the Federal army.

**Maria Kennamer**

("Colored")

5 Oct 1871 at Haden's Store

Maria Kennamer, formerly a slave of Pleasant Woodall, 34 years old, a farmer, resides near Vienna, Madison County.

She states that in 1863 she saw Yankee soldiers come to Pleasant Woodall's farm where she then lived, and take off one sorrel and one chestnut sorrel horse. About the same time they took off in sacks about 75 bushels of sweet potatoes. A short time afterwards they came and took off another horse [?], about 200 or more pounds of bacon and 15 bushels of wheat just from the mill. All these were taken toward the railroad.

Maria states that in the winter of 1863 and 1864 (believes it to have been January and February), Yankee soldiers took off from claimant's farm a quantity of flour, not less than 150 pounds, also about 25 head of cattle, in good order, for beef, and 100 [illegible].

Yankee soldiers killed 75 head of hogs for she helped count the heads of the hogs killed. About the same time they took seven or eight loads [?] of fodder.

In July or August, 1864, she saw Yankee soldiers take from Woodall about 160 bushels of corn and they also then killed and carried off about eight or nine hogs. In July or August they came from across the mountain and carried back in wagons about 120 bushels of corn taken from Woodall. In the summer of 1864 20 cavalry men got rations for themselves and horses at said Woodall's house. In the fall of 1864, Yankee soldiers came with two wagons, filled them with corn from claimant's crib and went back in the direction of Paint Rock Bridge.

In the latter part of winter 1864, Yankee soldiers came and drove off ten head of beef cattle in the direction of Paint Rock Bridge. She does not know the value of the above-described property. She only knows that she

saw all she has mentioned, taken by Yankee soldiers.

**Moses Mc. M. Maples Jr.**

5 Oct 1871 at Haden's Store

Moses is 25 years of age, a farmer, resides near Vienna [New Hope] in Madison Co. In January or February 1864 he lived near Pleasant Woodall and knows that the Federal soldiers were often at claimant's farm foraging. [Ed: Basically, he confirms what Maria has already attested to.] He also states that Pleasant Woodall's farm embraces in excess of 800 or 900 acres and that in 1863 he had over 100 acres cultivated in corn. The farm was worth above \$6,000 and is worth that sum now.

**Sarah V. (Woodall) Douglass**

5 Oct 1871 at Haden's Store

Sarah V. Douglass is 37 years of age, resides near Vienna in Madison County and is a housekeeper. She is the daughter of Pleasant Woodall and lived with him in 1863 and 1864. [Basically, she confirms what Maria Kenamer said and it will not be repeated here.] She did say one horse was seven years old and one was five years old. [Her father could not remember the color or ages of the horses taken.]

**Robert C. Woodall**

5 Oct 1871 at Haden's Store

Robert C. Woodall, age 24, a farmer, resides near Vienna and is the son of Pleasant Woodall.

Robert lived with his father in the years 1863 and 1864 and was at home all the time. He attests to the property being taken.

**Thomas J. Green**

Huntsville, Al - No date.

Thomas J. Green, aged 53, resides in Huntsville and has no regular occupation at present. He has known claimant 15 years or more. He knew him to be a Union man and was an open advocate for Douglass for President. In 1861, he was for Clemens and Davis as Delegates to the state convention. Green lived about 30 miles from claimant in 1861 and 1862 but saw him on several occasions when he expressed himself freely to Green in favor of the Union.

Since the war, he has been threatened by his Rebel neighbors and in one case had a serious difficulty in which "he was forced to kill several of the opposing party to save his own life." [Editor's Note: He was undoubtedly referring to the Whitecotton family members. They were dangerous bushwhackers on the side of the South who killed and pillaged for the joy of it according to sources. On 24 June 1869, the Woodalls and Whitecottons got into a fight at a spring half way between Woodville and Paint Rock. Jim and Hy Whitecotton were killed and, according to reports, the community rested easier.]

**McElyea Title Transfer**

Copied and contributed by Addie Shaver

Orphans Court, 6 May 1836. James G. McElyea filed petition that he purchase from John P. McElyea the NE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 25, Township 1, Range 4 East containing 39.91 acres. The said John P. McElyea has since departed this life without making a title. Whereas Jesse McElyea of said [Jackson] County has been appointed administrator of said deceased. James G. McElyea prays the Court that said Jesse McElyea ... convey him the title ... to appear all persons interested at the Courthouse in the town of Belfonte<sup>1</sup> on the 13<sup>th</sup> August next to show cause, if any, [why title should not be made.] (Source: *Huntsville Democrat* of 7 May 1836.)

# Lauderdale County

## Deed Book A2

1822-1828

(Part 11)

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

This book began in Volume 29 of *Valley Leaves* and is continued here from Volume 37. In studying the script, and considering certain obvious errors in this book, it makes one believe it 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.

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

**Page 283. Land Patent. From James Monroe, Pres. of the U. S., to John McKinley of Lauderdale Co., Ala.**

1 May 1824

John McKinley of Florence, Ala. has deposited with the General Land Office a certificate hereby it appears that full payment has been made for the NE/4 of Sec. 11-3-12W containing 159.64 acres in Lauderdale Co., Ala.

Signed for Pres. James Monroe by George Graham, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Recorded in Volume 10, page 89 [in the Washington D. C. land office] and recorded 7 Feb 1825.

**Page 284. Deed. John McKinley to William O. Perkins.**

5 Feb 1824

John McKinley of Florence, Lauderdale Co., Ala., sold land and slaves to William O. Perkins of Franklin Co., Ala.

The purchase price was \$67,000 to be paid in ten equal annual installments. The property sold was 3-1/2 quarter sections of land in Lauderdale County, Ala., as follows:

W/2 of SW/4 Section 1-3-12W

SE/4 Section 2-3-12W

NE/4 of Section 11-3-12W containing 559.50 acres. The sale also included seventy-one Negro slaves, to-wit: Abel, Agnes, Albert, Amos, Amy, Anthony, Ben, Betsey, Black, Burney, Caroline, Caty, Charles, Corydon,

Cromwell, David, Dennis, Dodie, Edmund, Eliza, Evans, Faithy, George, Glasgow, Hannah, Harriett, Harry, Henry, Isaac, Jacob, Jane, Jenny, Jim, John, Judy, Julia, Kiezek, Lewis, Lucy, Margaret, Maria, Mariah, Martha, Mary, Minor, Moses, Nancy, Peter, Peggy, Rachael, Randol, Reuben, Rex, Sally, Smith, Sylvia, Taylor, Tom, Tom Berry, Tom Evans, Upsey [Ussey?], Viney, Washington, Wells and William. [Editor's Note: Only 66 named.]

Signed by J. McKinley

Recorded 7 Feb 1825.

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**Page 286-288. Mortgage. William O. Perkins to John McKinley.**

5 Feb 1825

John McKinley of Florence, Lauderdale Co., Ala., hath this day sold and conveyed to William O. Perkins of Franklin Co., Ala. the following land and Negro slaves:

W/2 SW/4 Section 1-3-12W

SE/4 Section 2-3-12W

NE/4 and SE/4 Section

and slaves:

1. Glasgow, a man about 42 or 43 year old.
2. Betsey, his wife, about 40, and her children:
3. Cary, about 11 years old
4. Henry about 9 years old
5. Washington [age not given]
6. Jacob, a man, between ages 40 and 45 years

7. Caty, a woman about 18 years of age
8. & 9. Harry, about 37 years of age and his wife [not named] about 36, "and her children."
10. Taylor about 18 ) Probably
11. Jim about 16 ) children
12. Rex about 13 ) of
13. Harriett about 7 ) Harry's
14. Faithy about 5 ) wife
15. Edmond about 18 mo. )
16. Ben about 25 years old
17. Amy, his wife about 18 years old
18. Mary about age 36 and her children:
19. Peggy about 15
20. John about 10
21. Agness about 9
22. George about 7
23. Peter about 5
24. Margaret about 18 months.
25. Tom Evans aged about 45<sup>1</sup>
26. Nancy, his wife, about 40
27. Sylvia about 35
28. Eliza, aged 9, child of Sylvia
29. Julia, aged 4, child of Sylvia
30. Moses, aged about 40
31. Rachel, his wife, age about 23 and her child
32. Isaac about 3, child of Rachel
33. Dennis about 16
34. Willis about 16
35. Alice about 27
36. Albert about 17
37. Lucy about 17
38. Winney about 27
39. Reuben about 11
40. Charles age about 12
41. Tom Berry age 40 and
42. Amy, his wife, about 30.
43. Randall about 40 and
44. Jenny, his wife about 36 and her children:
45. Martha about 10 years
46. Corydon about 5
47. David about 7
48. Charles (blacksmith) about 46 or 47 and
49. Judy, his wife, about 32 and her children:

<sup>1</sup> There were three Toms in the previous list, Tom, Tom Berry and Tom Evans. Since it is extremely unusual for slaves to have a second name, Berry and Evans were probably added to distinguish the three. Berry and Evans may have been purchased from men of those names.

50. Anthony about 9
51. Lucy about 7
52. William about 4 or 5
53. Charles about 2 years old
54. Sam about 25 years old and
55. Marie, his wife about 22 years
56. Nancy, about 40 and her children:
57. Lewis about 12
58. Hannah, about 9
59. Ussey<sup>2</sup> about 7
60. Caroline about 4
61. Maria about 4 [twins?]
62. John about 2 yrs.
63. Keziah, an infant
64. Sally, a woman about 23 or 24 years old
65. Jane, a girl about 10
66. A man [name omitted] age 67.

This mortgage is for and in consideration of \$67,000<sup>3</sup> payable in ten annual installments for the payment of which the said William O. Perkins has this day executed his ten notes for \$6700 each. The first note is payable on the first day of March 1826. The second is payable on the first day of March 1827 and a same amount on the first day of March each succeeding year until the entire balance is paid (1 March 1835).

To secure John McKinley the payment of the said ten \$6700 notes as they respectively come due, Perkins has agreed to and hereby doth mortgage to McKinley the aforesaid land and Negroes, together with a section of land in Franklin County whereon Perkins now resides. That land is Section 2 of Township 4, Range 10 West plus 82 Negroes and their future increase, to-wit:

1. Dave, a man about 35
2. Nelly, his wife, age 27, and her children:
3. Edward about 8
4. Sarah about 6

<sup>2</sup> Written Upsey in the foregoing deed.

<sup>3</sup> One might wonder if Perkins was able to meet all the payments. Cotton brought 20 to 25 cents per pound in 1818 but fell to nine cents in 1830. In 1835 it shot up to around 14 cents in an inflationary spiral that thrust the country into a depression in 1837. Cotton was down to six cents per pound in 1840 and at five cents in 1845. This deed and mortgage was surely based on future cotton income. [Elise Hopkins Stephens, *Historic Huntsville, A City of New Beginnings* (Woodland Hills, California: Windsor Publications, 1984), p. 31.



5. Patsey about 4
  6. Dandrige, a man about 20
  7. Solomon, a man about 20
  8. Nancy, a woman about 28
  9. Caroline age 15
  10. Henry age 13
  11. Jane about 11
  12. Miles, a man about 32
  13. Elly, about 26 and her children:
  14. Miles about 8
  - 15-18 "and her four younger children."
  19. Hickman, a man about 20
  20. John about 18
  21. Jim about 20
  22. Louisa about 16
  23. Jim about 30
  24. Ruth, his wife, about 28, and her children:
  25. George about 12
  26. Aaron about 10
  27. Artenica, about 8
  - 28-32 and five other children [not named]
  33. Washington, a man about 21
  34. Jack about 40 and his wife:
  35. Dorcas, about 36
  36. Orange age 18 ) Probably
  37. Peter about 16 ) children of
  38. Leander about 15 ) Dorcas although
  39. Matilda about 13 ) not stated.
  40. Martin about 12 )
  41. Lewis about 10 )
  42. Moses about 8 )
  43. Mantis, a woman about 29 & her children:
  44. Juda about 14
  45. Eli about 12
  46. Sally about 10
  47. Jenny a woman about 36
  48. Peter about 40
  49. Anthony about 20
  50. Silvia about 18 and her child
  51. [not named] age 6 or 7.
  52. Aggy about 16
  53. Peter Crowley age 14
  54. Ned age 12
  55. Madeline about 10
  56. Hannah about 27
- "and all the other Negroes now owned by the said William O. Perkins,"<sup>4</sup> and their future increase.

<sup>4</sup> This mortgage says he owns 82 slaves so 26 are not named here. Black genealogy is extremely difficult

Signed by William O. Perkins.

Acknowledged by Perkins in Lauderdale County before William W. Garrard, Clerk of the Lauderdale County Court, on 5 Feb 1825. Recorded 7 Feb 1825.

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**Page 291-292. John Allen to David Hubbard.**

10 Jan 1825

John Allen, debtor

David Hubbard, trustee

Thomas Kirkman and James Kirkman, creditor, doing business under the firm name of T. & J. Kirkman.

John Allen owes T. & J. Kirkman \$164.43, \$89.43 due by account 1 Jan 1825, and one note due the firm "as assignee of James Sample for" \$74 due 1 Aug 1824. Allen is willing and desirous to secure the Kirkmans against loss.

For this reason, and for the further sum of 12½¢ paid by David Hubbard, as trustee, to Allen, Allen deeds and conveys to Hubbard, in trust, the following property:

- 1 bureau
- 1 secretary
- 1 bay horse
- 1 feather bed, bedstead and furniture
- 1 cow
- 2 sets of bench planes
- 3 hand saws
- 1 broad axe
- 1 hand axe
- 9 augers
- 1 set of which ... [sentence missing]
- 4 drawing knives
- 1 iron & 2 steel squares
- 1 paint stove
- 1 spoke shave
- 1 grind stone
- 1 vise
- saws
- 2 pair of compasses

to trace prior to the 1870 census which lists all their names, ages, etc. This mortgage is a gold mine for genealogists tracing their black ancestry in this period.

1200 felloes<sup>6</sup>  
2000 spokes  
400 feet of plank.

Allen is to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the property until 1 Jan 1826. If debt is unpaid at that time, David Hubbard is to take possession of the property.

After giving 30 days notice of the time and place of sale, Hubbard is to sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder at the court house in Florence.

After satisfying the Kirkman debt plus interest and expenses, any balance is to be paid to Allen. If the entire debt is paid by 1 Jan 1826 then this deed is void.

Acknowledged 10 Jan 1825 by all parties concerned and recorded 8 Feb 1825.

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**Page 295-296 Power of Attorney. Middleton to Middleton.**

14 Feb 1825

William H. Middleton of Lauderdale Co., Ala., appoints John Middleton of Edgeford District, SC as his lawful attorney. John to work on behalf of William H. and enter into all and every act concerning the lands, tenements and hereditaments situated in Augusta, Richmond Co., Ga.

John Middleton is to represent William H.'s interest in his share of the estate of Hugh Middleton, deceased, late of Edgeford<sup>7</sup>, SC including lands, tenements and hereditaments.

William is to be able to prosecute against any person for the recovery or obtaining the possessions of said premises or any part thereof. Also, to perform any other act or things tending to the recovery of his share of the estate of Hugh Middleton.

William H. Middleton grants unto William the right to make and conclude with any person or persons any agreement whatsoever touching the premises in a full and ample a manner "as I myself could do were I personally present."

/s/ William H. Middleton

<sup>6</sup> The exterior rim, or segment of the rim, of a wheel supported by the spokes. [*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary.*]

<sup>7</sup> Probably should be Edgefield District, SC

Witness: M. A. Mackenzie  
Proven before William W. Garrard, Clerk of the County Court by William H. Middleton who acknowledges the signing of same.

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**Page 298 – Memorandum of Agreement**

11 Feb 1825

James Lewis and David C. Lewis of the one part;

John Simpson, Thomas Simpson and Alexander McFadden, merchants and partners of the town of Florence, trading under the firm name and style of John Simpson & Co., of the other part.

On 17 June 11825, David C. Lewis executed to James Irvin, as trustee, a Negro boy named Newman, to secure a payment of \$225.20 to John Simpson & Co. This was a Deed of Trust payable 1 January 1825.

James Lewis denied David C. Lewis had any right to said Negro man and claimed the Negro man as his own property exclusively. He is willing and desirous, however, that said debt should be secured to the said John Simpson & Company and in consideration that all claims by said trust to Irvin, as trustee, be relinquished.

James Lewis and David C. Lewis make title to the said Negro boy, Newman, to the said John Simpson & Co. for so long a time as the value of said Newman will be sufficient to pay said debt and all costs which have accrued thereon. This includes all necessities which John Simpson & Co. may be obliged to furnish for the comfort and benefit of Newman during the time it may be necessary for them to keep Newman for the discharge of said debt.

/s/ James Lewis

/s/ D. C. Lewis

/s/ Alexander McFadden

/s/ Thomas Simpson

/s/ John Simpson, by Thos. Simpson, his atto. in fact

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**Page 300- Bill of Sale**

4 Oct 1824

John W. Byrne, Admr. of Alfred Gibson, to James Kirkman.

John W. Byrne, Admr. of Alfred Gibson, decd., this day sold at public sale, to James Kirkman, a certain Negro boy named Willis, age about 19. The sale price was \$460 which Kirkman this day paid to Byrne in Tennessee money.

Byrne warrants Willis against all claims whatsoever forever. Byrne also warrants Willis to be sound, healthy and clear of any disorder whatsoever.

/s/ John W. Byrne, Admr.

Ack. by Bryne 25 Feb 1825 and recorded on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1825.

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**Page 302 Bond. Henry Garrard.**

28 Feb 1825

Henry Garrard, as tax assessor and collector for Lauderdale Co., Ala., posts his \$10,000 bond. His securities are himself, William Garrard, John Simpson, J. Bailey and James Files, all of Lauderdale Co., Ala. All are firmly bound to Isiah Pickens, Governor of Alabama, for the said sum of \$10,000.

Henry Garrard has this day been appointed by the County Court of Lauderdale as tax assessor and collector for the year 1825.

If Henry Garrard shall well and truly perform the duties of his office and pay over the money collected by him by virtue of his office, this bond to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

/s/ Henry Garrard

/s/ William Garrard

/s/ John Simpson

/s/ J. Bailey

/s/ James Files

Witness: Wm. S. Fulton [Fuller?],  
Judge of the County Court  
Recorded 1 March 1825

**Page 303 Indenture of Orphan, Berry Franklin.**

2 Dec 1824

James Edgar, one of the overseers of the poor for Lauderdale County of the one part, and Isham R. Leath of the other part.

By order of the Orphans Court, James Edgar binds unto Isham R. Leath, Berry

Franklin, an orphan boy about 14 years of age until he becomes 21 years old.

Berry Franklin is to well and truly obey his master (Leath) and keep his lawful commands at all times. In all things, Franklin is to readily and willingly obey him and keep Leath's secrets. Franklin is not to visit taverns and places of gaming and shall not waste the goods of Leath nor willingly and knowingly suffer it to be done by others.

The boy shall keep and demean himself as a good and faithful apprentice during the whole time or term of his apprenticeship.

On his part, Isham R. Leath agrees and binds himself to provide Berry Franklin sufficient and wholesome provisions, clothing, washing and lodging. He is to also teach Franklin the mystery or trade of brick laying in as full and ample a manner as he is capable of. Leath is also to teach Franklin, or cause him to be taught, to cipher to the rule of three. Leath is to also care for Franklin in as suitable manner as necessary.

When Franklin's time is up, Leath is to furnish him a suit of clothing and two shirts.

/s/ James Edgar, Overseer of Poor

/s/ Isham R. Leath

Ack. 7 Dec 1824 and recorded 1 March 1825

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**Page 305 – Bill of Sale, Bryant to Hearlson**

7 Mar 1825

For \$450, Samuel Bryant sells to Thomas B. Hearlson, a certain Negro boy, Alston, aged about 16 or 17. Bryant warrants Alston to be free from claim of any one person or persons.

/s/ Samuel Bryant

Witness: D. W. McRex

Proven by McRex 7 March 1825. Recorded 4 March 1825. [Editor's Note: It is not clear how it could be recorded before it was proven.]

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**Page 307 Bond – Brahan to Elliott**

23 Mar 1824

John Brahan sells to Joseph G. Elliott the certificate for the SE/4 of Section No. 22 and the SW/4 of Section 22, Twp. 2, Range 10 west. One installment is paid. The balance is to be

paid to the government or its agent by Elliott for certificates No. 4119 and 4120 dated 30 Sept 1821.

Elliott gave Brahan two notes for \$500 each in current money of the State of Alabama and of which the first is due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1825 and the other is due and payable the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb. 1826.

If Elliott pays the notes as they become due, Brahan is to transfer the two certificates to Elliott but not until payment is made.

/s/ John Brahan

On 8 March 1825 Thomas Childress proved Brahan's signature.

Recorded 8 March 1825

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**Page 309 Indenture of Apprentice – Taylor to Sample**

7 Mar 1825

James Taylor of Florence binds himself to James Sample of Lauderdale Co., Ala. as an apprentice for the term of three years. Taylor is to live with Sample and obey his lawful command at all times. Taylor will not visit taverns and houses of gambling and will not waste the goods of Sample nor willfully allow it to be done by others. Taylor is to keep Sample's secrets at all times and in all things and carry himself as a good and faithful apprentice ought to do during the three year term.

On his part, James Sample doth bind himself to teach and instruct (or counsel to be done) Taylor in the mystery and art of brick masonry. He is to provide Taylor with good and sufficient boarding, lodging, clothing, etc. and covenant to give him six month's schooling during the term and to give him one suit of clothing and one fine hat at the end of his term.

his

James X Taylor  
mark

/s/ James Sample

Witness: W. W. Garrard, Clerk of the County Court.

Recorded 10 March 1825.

**Page 310 Indenture of Apprentice – Charles Mesk- John S. Allen**

4 March 1825

Charles Mick [also written Mesk and Meck] binds himself to John S. Allen, both of Florence, Ala., as an apprentice for and during the term of two years to learn the art of the trade or calling of wagon making.

Mick binds himself to live with John S. Allen, keep Allen's secrets and abide by his lawful command at all times. Mesk will not visit taverns and gaming houses and will not waste the goods of his master nor knowingly suffer it to be done by others.

John S. Allen will teach, or cause the said apprentice to be taught, in the art, trade, or mystery of wagon making during the time of his two year apprenticeship.

Allen is to furnish Mesk good and sufficient boarding, lodging, etc., convenient for such apprentice and to furnish him with one fine hat the expiration of his term.

his

Charles X Meck  
mark

/s/ John S. Allen

Ack. 11 March 1825

-To be continued

**Martin Harris Hung and Shot**

We are reliably informed that a man by the name of Martin Harris was hung and then shot several times through the body last week near Wallace's Mill on Anderson Creek in Lauderdale County near the Limestone County line, by some unknown persons.

Harris is represented as a trifling, worthless character and a terror to his neighborhood and doubtless deserved his fate.

# Lawrence County

## Thomas Broughton, Revolutionary Soldier

The following is from pension claim W. 897 of Thomas Broughton and his widow, Mary Wallace. Abstracted from the microfilm. Thomas was inscribed on the rolls at \$240 per annum for his service as an officer. His certificate of pension was issued 30 Oct 1843 and sent to the Hon. John W. Crockett of Benton, Tenn., his residence when he first applied for a pension. His pension was obtained through an Act of Congress passed on 3 March 1843. After moving to Lawrence County his checks were issued through the Branch Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur. He died in Lawrence County on 14 Feb 1836.

A Family Record kept by Thomas Broughton lists seven children by he and his wife, Mary Wallace. They are:

1. Robert Wallace Broughton, born December 31, 1784, died June 29, 1785.
2. Ann Singleton Broughton, born June 29, 1786.
3. Sarah Broughton, born September 12, 1789, died October 23, 1789.
4. Thomas Broughton, born September 8, 1791.
5. Mary Broughton, born May 9, 1794.
6. Isabel Stewart Broughton, born March 15, 1799.
7. Ruth Broughton, born May 14, 1802, married Josiah Penn.

Lawrence Co., Ala.  
3 Nov 1835

Before James P. Wallace, judge of the County Court, Thomas Broughton made the following declaration.

He is a resident of Lawrence County, aged 74 years. He was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1760 in St. John's Parish on Cooper River in South Carolina. During the Revolution he resided in Saint George's Parish.

He enlisted in a company of militia and served as a private under Col. Vining until 1779 when Vining was ordered to take charge of the magazine at Charleston. Col. Vining divided his company into two divisions and these divisions served monthly tours so that he was engaged only one year in actual service at this time. In

other words, Broughton was required to do military duty one month in every three.

In 1779 he was appointed sergeant by Capt. Waring to take the command of six men and go on board a schooner to convey powder to our troops the night before the British crossed to march from Savannah to Charleston. After delivery, he went down to Charleston by land and remained there until Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln fought the British at Stone [?] Ferry and was then discharged and returned home.

In February 1780, Capt. Waring's Company was ordered out again and joined Col. Washington's cavalry. They were in the surprise at Moncks Corner<sup>1</sup> where Col. Washington was in command. They lay at Biggins' [?] Church and was surprised at the same time.

Broughton was in service until May of this year. After the taking of Charleston, the militia generally returned to their homes and he amongst them.

Early in the spring of 1781 (he thinks in March), he volunteered under Capt. John Wright, Captain of the Was... companies who had raised 19 other volunteers and went to join Gen. Marion<sup>2</sup> in the Santee Swamps. Shortly after arriving, Gen. Marion, Capt. Wright, Col. Wade Hampton and Col. Thomas (the last two of Gen. Sumter's brigade) were ordered to the road

<sup>1</sup> Written Moncks throughout document but is actually Moncks.

<sup>2</sup> This is Francis Marion who was dubbed "old swamp fox" by the British officer, Col. Tarleton.

leading from Moncks Corner to Charleston to go as far down as the officers should think prudent.

They went within six miles of Charleston. There, Capt. John Wright was killed. They took about 30 British regulars, baggage wagons and about 90 head of horses which the British had turned out to pasture.

After Capt. Wright was killed, all his men returned home except John Gibson and Broughton. They were then encamped on Santee River opposite Galliard Island.

Col. Hezekiah Mahan was at that time enlisting men for a regiment of light horse. Broughton and Gibson enlisted, Broughton for 12 months as forage master to the regiment. He served eight months as forage master and was then promoted to a lieutenant in the 3<sup>rd</sup> troop of said regiment commanded by Robert W. Kelvy. His commission was signed by Gov. Rutledge but was lost in a trunk stolen from him in Charleston.

At the first meeting of the legislature of South Carolina, after the fall of Charleston, Col. Mahan and Gen. Marion were elected members and both went.

Marion left his brigade under command of Col. Harry of the light horse. The whole regiment and light horse were surprised on the Waccamaw. Col. Mahan's regiment was left under the command of Capt. John Carraway Smith.

We lay about 25 miles above Marion's Brigade and Harry's horse on the Santee at James Sinclair's plantation. On receiving the news of the surprise, Capt. Smith marched off to cover the retreat.

As soon as we got to the ground where Marion's brigade lay, we also were surprised. Broughton was with Marion when he went to Pee Dee where he had a truce with Col. Faureny [?] and Major James. Broughton was at the Battle of Wapitaw [?] on 3 Jan 1782 and received a wound in the ear.

Col. Mahan's regiment was alone in the battle. Broughton was also at the taking of the British hospital near Moncks Corner by Col. Mahan. They were accompanied by Cols. Shelby, Sevier and Robertson who soon came over the mountains.

Broughton was discharged in Charleston in 1782 after the British left. He had no written

discharge or documentary evidence of his service except the enclosed copy of a settlement made by him in 1784 as forage master. He served 12 months as a lieutenant of a troop of horse, making a total of time served three years and three months. Eight months of said time was served as forage master and 12 months as lieutenant of horse.

Broughton refers to the certificates of Judge Wallace, Crocket McDonald, John Grigg and John Gallagher as evidence of his character.

/s/ Tho. Broughton

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### Affidavit

We, Crockett McDonald, a clergyman, residing in Lawrence Co., Ala., and James B. Wallace, judge of the County Court, and John Gregg and John Gallagher, residents of Lawrence County, certify they are well acquainted with Thomas Broughton who has subscribed to the above declaration. They believe him to be 74 years of age. He is believed and reputed, in his neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion.

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### Mary Broughton Affidavit

Gibson Co., Tenn.  
9 June 1841

Mary Broughton, a resident of Gibson Co., Tenn., aged 78, makes declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of 7 July 1838 to give certain widows half pay.

Mary is the widow of Thomas Broughton who was a Revolutionary Soldier. Thomas was placed on the pension rolls in the latter part of 1835 and his pension was payable at the Pension Agency at Decatur, Ala., he being a citizen of Lawrence Co. at the time.

Mary was married to Thomas Broughton, if her memory is correct, in the summer of 1783. Her husband died in February 1836, a short time

before his pension certificate was received. She drew that money.

She further declares that she knows of no one now living by whom she can prove her marriage. The only proof she can submit on that point is the old family record kept by her husband, in his own handwriting, of the births of their children which remains in her possession.

her  
Mary X Broughton  
mark

Witness:

Nelson Tarver,  
Justice of the Court of Gibson Co., Tenn.

**Affidavit**

9 June 1841  
Gibson Co., Tenn.

Edwin Sharp, Justice of the County Court, and Samuel Boothe, Esquires, residents of Gibson Co., Tenn., are well acquainted with Mary Broughton. They state they have been well acquainted with Mary Braughton for 30 years or upward and that she and Thomas Broughton lived together as man and wife and had always been respected as such. They know her to be a lady of good character and credibility.

They further state they have examined her family record. They know Ann Singleton Braughton, Thomas Braughton [Jr.], Mary Braughton, Isabella Stewart Braughton and Ruth Braughton whose ages are therein recorded to be the children of Thomas and Mary.

/s/ Saml. Boothe  
/s/ Edwin Sharp

**Affidavit of Thomas Braughton Jr.**

Haywood Co., Tenn

Thomas Braughton Sr. applied for a pension based on the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832. Thomas Jr. is administrator of his father's estate. Thomas Sr. was a Revolutionary pensioner. Mary died 22 April 1847.

**Winfield Scott Letter**

A letter in this file from Winfield Scott summarized the genealogical and historical information as follows:

"I devise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension Claim, W. 897, it appears that Thomas Broughton was born April 18, 1760 in Saint John's Parish on Cooper River in South Carolina, and resided during the Revolution in Saint George's Parish, South Carolina.

He served at various times from 1776 to late in 1782, as Private, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Forage Master and Quartermaster in the South Carolina Troops.

He died February 14, 1836 in Lawrence County, Alabama.

He married in Edgefield District, South Carolina, in the summer of 1783, Mary Wallace. She was allowed pension on her application executed June 9, 1841 while living in Gibson County, Tennessee, aged seventy-eight years. She died there April 22, 1847.

The children of Thomas and Mary Broughton were:

Robert Wallace Broughton, born Dec. 31, 1784, died June 29, 1785.

Ann Singleton Broughton born June 29, 1786.

Sarah Broughton, born September 12, 1789, died October 23, 1789.

Thomas Broughton born September 8, 1791.

Mary Broughton born May 9, 1794

Isabel Stewart Broughton born March 15, 1799.

Ruth Broughton born May 14, 1802, married Josiah Penn.

Respectfully,  
Winfield Scott,  
Commissioner.

-End-

**Elizabeth Lackey**  
**Widow Pensioner of William Lackey**

“Satisfactory evidence having this day been exhibited to said Court, that Elizabeth Lackey was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of Seventy Nine Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents per annum. She was a resident of the County of Lawrence in the State of Alabama and died in said County of Lawrence in the said state on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1855, the same is ordered recorded. [Copied verbatim. Source: Probate Minute Book 4, page 403, Madison Co., Alabama.]

Note: Elizabeth was the second wife of William Lackey (1754 Ireland – 1848 Lawrence Co., Al).

**Marriage Contract & Deed of Trust**  
**Anderson Hutcheson & Mary Macon Mitchell**

Source: Lawrence Co. Deed Book C, pp 38-39

Year: 1824

A marriage is intended presently to be solemnized between Anderson Hutcheson of Madison Co., Alabama and Mary Macon Mitchell, relict of Edward Mitchell, deceased, of Lawrence Co., Alabama.

Shortly after his marriage with Mary, Edward died seized and possessed of a considerable real and personal property in and to which the said Mary did or may acquire some interest, right or title.

Anderson Hutcheson wishes to acquire no interest whatsoever in any of the estate, rights, or credits of the said Edward in consequence of the above intended marriage, nor thereby to become in any manner bound or responsible for any of the debts of the said Edward.

Therefore, the said Anderson Hutcheson and Mary Macon Mitchell hereby bargain, sell, convey and transfer to Benjamin M. Williams, in trust, all right, title and interest or claim either of them may have, or may hereafter have. This includes claim and interest they might have by such intended marriage, in and to said Edward's estate, real or personal.

Nevertheless, that the said Benjamin M. Williams, after paying the just debts of Edward Mitchell out of the said estate, the surplus rights, titles, and interest of the said estate “if any, shall be paid to the said Mary Macon Mitchell, her heirs,” & etc.

Witness: Fr. W. Michaux  
Ch. Peerson  
B. Brandon



# Genealogical Seminar

*Presented by*

**Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society**

**Saturday, October 18, 2003**

**8:30 a. m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Place:**

**Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., SE  
(At the corner of Whitesburg and Airport Road)**

**Book Vendor tables will be open at 8:30 a.m.**

**Speaker:**

**Margaret M. Hofmann**

**Margaret Hofmann** has lectured, worked and taught in the field of genealogy and local history for more than thirty years. She has published more than a dozen and a half genealogical reference books.

Mrs. Hofmann's published works include wills and deeds at the county level, eight volumes of colony-wide land patents and grants which cover NC's colonial period, and two "how to" books for beginning and intermediate researchers. She is currently abstracting and publishing the North Carolina State Grants.

She is a charter member of the North Carolina Genealogical Society of which she was a board member and Publications Chairman when *North Carolina Research* was first published in 1980.

## **Schedule and Topics**

### **"Three Hundred Years of North Carolina Patents and Grants"**

**Research information for all of us.**

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| 08:30 Registration. Coffee. Vendors open.                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                         |
| 09:00 "First-owner" Secretary of State-level records covering the Proprietary, Crown & Granville Eras (Colonial history.)                       | 01:00 NC Records. Bonds, census, court records, marriage records, tax records, vital statistics, miscellaneous records. |
| 10:00 Break                                                                                                                                     | 02:00 Break                                                                                                             |
| 10:30 "First-owner" Secretary of State-level land records beginning with grants in 1778 through more than half of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century. | 02:15 Researching families from land records. Includes deeds, wills and estate records.                                 |
| 11:30 Lunch                                                                                                                                     | 03:15 Question & Answer Session [Questions must be submitted in writing in advance.]                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                 | 03:45 Adjourn                                                                                                           |

# Registration

## Cost

Seminar (Luncheon included) — \$35.00

No refunds after October 15<sup>th</sup>

## Special Note

All persons should be pre-registered in order to receive a badge. The fee at the door will be \$38.00 and will NOT include lunch. This must be done in order to provide an accurate number of attendees to our caterer. It also allows us to enter your surnames of interest on our List of Attendees.

## How to Register

Make your check payable to the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society.

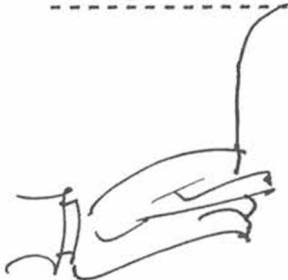
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# Limestone County

## Bits and Pieces from Athens Newspapers

We thank the late Eulalia Welldon for the following excerpts from Limestone County newspapers. A favorite pastime of hers was to read ancient newspapers and copy items of historical or genealogical content. The following excerpts were taken from Limestone County newspapers printed shortly after the end of the Civil War.

### **The Athens Weekly Post**

T. B. Reynolds, Editor

#### **Greenhaw-Smith Final Settlement**

5 Oct 1868

This day came Wm. Greenhaw in right of his wife, Elizabeth Greenhaw, formerly Smith, and makes application to the Judge of this Court for an order citing William R. Hansard, Guardian of the said Elizabeth Greenhaw to come forward and show cause, if any he has, why he should not make final settlement of his said guardianship.

And it being known to the Court that said William R. Hansard, guardian as aforesaid, has removed from the State of Alabama and now resides in the State of Tenn. and County of Giles.

It is ordered by the Court that publication be made for three consecutive weeks in the *Alabama Weekly Post*, a public newspaper printed in said County of Limestone. It is to notify and require said Hansard to come forward on the second Monday in November 1868 and file his accounts and vouchers for a final settlement, or show cause why he should not, as required by the statutes of said state in the case of the removal of guardians, administrators and executors.

It is further ordered that a copy of said paper containing this order be sent by mail to Elkton, Giles County, Tenn., the post office of the said Wm. R. Hansard. Given under my hand this October 5, 1868

Silas Thurlow,  
Probate Judge

#### **Judge Silas Thurlow Dies**

7 Nov 1868

Silas Thurlow, who occupied the position of Judge of Probate by virtue of the election of last February, died in Huntsville on last Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, of wounds received in the riot in that city on last Saturday night. The wound was accidental and from one of his friends.<sup>1</sup> [Editor's note: An earlier newspaper article stated that "Five white men and two Negroes have been indicted at Huntsville, Alabama for the murder of Judge Thurlow and Alex Reid, a Negro in that city, during the Negro riot Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>."]

#### **M. Goldsmith Appointed Tax Collector**

31 Oct 1868

Mr. M. Goldsmith has been appointed and received his commission from Governor Smith as Tax Collector for Limestone County. This is a good appointment and Mr. Goldsmith will give satisfaction.

#### **Thomas J. Cox – Biggest Shot**

31 Oct 1868

Col. Thomas J. Cox on last Wednesday fired into a gang of black birds, killing seventy-

<sup>1</sup> This incident is reported in the 7 Nov 1868 issue of the *Athens Weekly Post* and was taken from the *Huntsville Advocate*. It states that 150 KKK members attacked attendees at a Republican meeting being held at the courthouse in Huntsville. Judge Silas Thurlow of Limestone County, standing "at the gate", was shot by one of three white men and is very dangerously wounded in the abdomen. He "is at the Johnson House in critical condition."

nine and crippling from forty to sixty at one shot. This beats any shooting we ever heard of.

#### **R. E. Harris Whipped**

31 Oct 1868

We are informed that a party of disguised men visited the residence of R. E. ("Dad") Harris, near Lentzville in this county, on Wednesday night and terribly whipped the old fellow.

#### **J. W. S. Donnell's Horse Stolen**

31 Oct 1868

On the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> of October a bay mare was stolen. She was about 7 years old, glass eyes, white spot in her forehead, perhaps one white foot, and about 15 and a half hands high; very gentle, works kindly in harness and rather poor in flesh.

I would direct attention to a trifling white man who was prowling about with saddle, bridle, etc., the same night she disappeared. He was said to be here with the 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cavalry.

At the same time, there disappeared a notorious Negro mule thief named Braddock Selby who had been in my employ.

A liberal reward will be given for any information that will lead to her recovery.

J. W. S. Donnell

#### **James Andrews Estate Bankruptcy**

I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, on the public square in the town of Athens, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1868, the following described property belonging to the estate of James Andrews, bankrupt, to wit:

The southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 south, Range 6 west containing 162 acres and embracing the Twelve Corner Meeting House and Spring; also the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36 containing 80 acres; also the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 3 containing 80 acres, all in Township 3, Range 6 west, containing in all 322 acres.

J. L. Coman,  
Assignee

#### **"The Thing Couldn't be Did ..."**

The matrimonial fever which has been raging with terrific fury in our community for the past six weeks is now completely blocked for the want of a probate judge.

Some of our young men are becoming very impatient and say they can't stand it much longer and if Governor Smith doesn't hurry up and appoint a Probate Judge for this county they will be compelled to visit Morgan and have the ceremony performed there.

Two gentlemen from the country applied for licenses last Wednesday but the colonel told them, "the thing couldn't be did just at this time," - then they departed sorrowing.

#### **An Acceptable Appointment.**

Judge Clark has continued our friend J. A. Moore as clerk of the circuit court of this county. Of course, this will give entire satisfaction to the people of our county for Mr. Moore is well known as an efficient and faithful officer and a true, clever and honorable gentleman.

We hope to enjoy his rare good humor and see his pleasant face about the courthouse for many a day.

#### **Horse Stealing**

28 Nov 1868

Horse and mule stealing in this county has become very common of late. We are convinced there is a regular organized band of thieves operating in North Alabama.

A few days ago, Mr. John Owen had a valuable mule stolen and sometime during last week Mr. Jacob Alexander lost a fine horse.

If the law is inadequate to protect the property of our citizens, let them band together, hunt down the thieves and if caught, hang them to the first limb.

#### **Flora Wilburn An Object of Pity**

28 Nov 1868

One of the most pitiable objects in human form, that we have ever seen, is now daily to be observed on our streets. Unless something is done for Flora Wilburn to whom we have reference, our citizens may not be surprised some morning to learn of a death, from actual starvation and destitution, in our very midst.

We passed her the other evening when it was raining in torrents, her clothes dripping with water, with no shelter for the night. A small amount of money will build quarters at the County Poor House by which she could be restrained from wandering at large – a shame and a disgrace to Athens. Will not our officials act in this matter without delay?

#### **Fire!**

The cotton factory, gin and etc. of Thomas J. Brown & Co. at Veto, Giles County, Tennessee, was totally destroyed by fire on last Wednesday night. No particulars.

#### **\$1000 Reward!**

2 Jan 1869

About 3 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, the gin house, etc. of the subscribers on their plantation at Veto, State Line, Nashville and Decatur Railroad, was maliciously set on fire and destroyed by some evil disposed person or persons unknown. One thousand dollars reward is hereby offered for information that will secure the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

Thomas J. Brown & Co.  
Veto, Giles Co., Tenn.

#### **A Lucky Escape**

12 Dec 1868

Our former fellow citizen, E. Marshal, with his wife and child, were passengers on the ill-fated steamer *United States* during the recent terrible disaster on the Ohio River. They luckily escaped uninjured.

#### **Mary Menefee Dies**

2 Jan 1869

Mary Menefee, a woman of bad repute, froze to death in the upper edge of this county on Christmas night.

#### **Joshua P. Coman Appointed Probate Judge**

2 Jan 1869

Dr. Joshua P. Coman has received the appointment of Judge of Probate for Limestone County, replacing Silas Thurlow, deceased.

We mean no reflection on the other applications when we say this is a good

appointment. Dr. Coman is one of the oldest citizens in our county, is a high-toned, worthy gentleman, has served the people in various public capacities, always giving satisfaction, and we have no doubt this action of Gov. Smith will meet the approbation of the people generally.

#### **County commissioners**

2 Jan 1869

James M. Lane, A. C. Legg, W. W. Phillips and S. Isom have been qualified as County Commissioners. It has been generally understood that Esq. Bullington had been appointed but such is not the case.

#### **Judge Coman Issues Marriage Licenses**

2 Jan 1869

Judge Coman has entered upon his duties and has, for the past few days, been quite busy issuing marriage licenses. There seems to be more excitement on that important question than for many years past. We wish all the happy couples a merry and joyous time.

#### **A Plea For Flora Wilburn**

(No date)

To the shame of Athens with its four regularly organized churches, and of Limestone County, fully reconstructed as it is with a Probate Judge and Commissioners of the Poor, Flora Wilburn, the poor lunatic, is permitted to perambulate the streets and highways by night and by day – a moving monument of disgrace and reproach to the whole community.

Why she has not perished during the late inclement weather seems miraculous and can only be accounted for on the principle of obtuseness of sensibility so often peculiar to lunatics.

Is there no law by which the county authorities may extend protection to her? And has benevolence ... ceased to be a Christian virtue. Has paying a preacher and the frequent singing of psalms at church come to be the whole of a Christian's duty? True charity beginneth at home and it does seem that Flora should be provided for....

#### **Horton Lands**

January 1869

The sale of the Horton lands was postponed last Monday, to some time in February of which due notice will be given through the *Post*.

### Many Changes

January 1869

So many of our advertising patrons have "changed their base," and we have been unable to make the proper correction in the Athens Directory.

J. F. Sowell & Co. will move to the new brick building of J. L. Coman on next Monday. Robert Ragsdale has moved his tin shop to the new building just south of Mason & Co. Dr. Duval's office is in the new brick building east of R. & W. A. Hine.

### New Firm

January 1869

Capt. Geo. Mason, having associated with him in business, our young friend F. T. Sloss, the firm will hereafter be known by the name of Geo. Mason & Co. They will continue the dry goods business at the old stand on the west side of the public square.

### W. E. Fletcher

January 1869

Mr. W. E. Fletcher, who intended to open a school in this place on last Monday, having gone into another business, will not teach.

### Flora Wilburn Aided

16 Jan 1869

Commendable - At the last session of the Commissioner's Court for this county, an order was made to have a hut built at the Poor House in which to confine the crazy girl, Flora Wilburn, who has so long been a disgrace to our town. We commend this action of the Commissioners and in behalf of the people of this community return hearty thanks.

### Farm Labor Needed

16 Jan 1869

We had a call from our friend, Mat. Z. Roberts of this county, a few days since. Mr. Roberts tells us but few of his neighboring farmers have procured a sufficient number of hands to cultivate their lands. This complaint is general throughout the county.

### John H. Elliott, Auctioneer

16 Jan 1869

Attention is directed to the card of Mr. John H. Elliott, Auctioneer. Mr. Elliott is an old hand at the business and we doubt not will give entire satisfaction to all who favor him with their patronage.

### Economics of Agriculture

#### The Policy of Our Farmers

16 Jan 1869

In the year 1866 the cotton crop was equally as large as it is this year and most of the crop of that year was sold for twenty five cents per pound or upward.

Notwithstanding these facts, there was great distress among Southern planters the following year. What was the cause? It was the result of not having raised during the year 1865 a sufficiency of provisions to sustain the plantations.

During 1867, corn was bought by the planters at from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per bushel and bacon at twenty five cents per pound.

Although the crop of this year is selling for less than did the 1866 crop, and probably will not exceed the crop of that year in bales, the farmers are in a much better condition because they have but few supplies of bread and meat to purchase.

If the people would raise their own bread-stuffs and supplies of meat, and their own mares, mules and cattle, which they might easily do, they could better afford to raise cotton at fifteen cents per pound than they could to raise it at twenty five or thirty cents per pound and have all these things to buy.

### Disturbance at Negro School

23 Jan 1869

We understand a great many shots and bullets were thrown through the widows of the Negro school house a few nights ago, breaking glass and several hitting Miss Wells, the principal. They were thrown with slings.

This is decidedly wrong and Mayor Tanner informs us if he can find out the perpetrators he will make them suffer to the extent of the law.

# Madison County

## Marriage Book 1

Part 13 of 14

Researched and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

For a complete introduction to these marriages please refer to Vol. 37, issue No. 1. This series began in Vol. 35, Issue 1.

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| 225         | William Sherrod to Polly Brown.             | 18 Jun<br>1817 | Groom's name appears to be written Shoone. A deed to John Evans, dated 17 Apr 1820, shows sellers as John & Elizabeth Brown, Mary Sherrod, wife of William Sherrod, and others. <sup>1</sup>                                     |
| 226         | Alexander Black to Rebecca Jones            | 21 Jun<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 326         | Jeremiah Lauderdale to Elizabeth Lauderdale | 14 Jun<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 327         | Isaac Toland to Delitha Neal                | 24 Jun<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 327         | Jacob W. Fennell to Rebeca Troop            | 28 Jun<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 328         | Henry Webb to Rhody Clemmons                | 26 Jun<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 328         | Richard Stewart to Elizabeth Kelly          | 30 Jun<br>1817 | Groom's name appears to be written Stuard.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 329         | William Mahan to Polly Box                  | 1 Jul<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 329         | Isaac Boon to Lucinda Bell                  | 2 Jul<br>1817  | Bride was dau. of John N. & Judith Bell according to John N. Bell's will. <sup>2</sup> Isaac Boon was a Pvt. in War of 1812. <sup>3</sup>                                                                                        |
| 330         | Isham James to Martha King                  | 3 Jul<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 330         | Sutton F. Allen to Elizabeth S. Allen       | 11 Jul<br>1817 | Sutton F. Allen & Elizabeth S. Allen released their interest in land owned by her parents, Samuel & Mary Allen, on 3 Nov 1820 <sup>4</sup> Samuel Allen Sr. gave his son, Sutton F. Allen, his farm on 24 Nov 1819. <sup>5</sup> |
| 331         | John F. Winford to ... Cottrell             | 1817           | Bride's first name and rest of date omitted.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 331         | William Finnister to Anna McCutchings       | 12 Jul<br>1817 | Groom's name is probably Feemster.                                                                                                                                                                                               |

<sup>1</sup> Deed Book F, p. 298-300.

<sup>2</sup> Probate Minutes, 1818-20, p. 109 – Last Will & Test of John N. Bell.

<sup>3</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 99, Burrus's 16<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Mississippi Militia.

<sup>4</sup> Madison Co., Al Deed Book G, p. 25-26.

<sup>5</sup> Madison Co., Al Deed Book F, p. 8, 9

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| 332         | Michael Ditto to<br>Peggy Simpson     | 12 Jul<br>1817 | Margaret "Peggy" Simpson was dau of Joshua & Elizabeth Simpson from Wake Co., Ky to Tn to Madison Co., Al. <sup>6</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 332         | James Brown to<br>Matilda Kelly       | 14 Jul<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 333         | Robert McGaha to<br>Mary Bruce        | 14 Jul<br>1817 | Groom's name appears to be written McGahee. John Bruce's probate file (No. 240A) mentions his daughter, "Mary McGaha, wife of Robert McGaha."                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 333         | Hopkins Lacy to<br>Margaret Simpson   | 15 Jul<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 334         | James Box to <i>Bob<br/>Benina</i>    | 15 Jul<br>1817 | Obviously, there is at least one error in groom and bride box as at that time men did not marry one another. One John Binnion is listed in the 1810-15 tax list; his name also written Bennian and Benmen. One Michael Box also listed in 1810-15 tax records. Who were their brides? Can anyone clarify this? |
| 334         | William Walker to<br>Peggy McCowen    | 21 Jul<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 335         | Thomas K. Roberts<br>to Sally Bishop  | 22 Jul<br>1817 | On 31 Aug 1820 Thomas K. and Sarah (also written Sally) Roberts sold a Huntsville lot to Wyatt Bishop. <sup>7</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 335         | John G. Sanderson to<br>Sarah Bell    | 23 Jul<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 336         | William White to<br>Eliza Churchwell  | 25 Jul<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 336         | William Pitts to<br>Rebecca Thompson  | 25 Jul<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 337         | Benjamin Blanton to<br>Polly Langston | 6 Aug<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 337         | David Lemley to<br>Betsey Snole       | 5 Aug<br>1817  | Groom's name appears to be written Lembley. David Lemley was son of John Lemley Sr. <sup>8</sup> Bride's name unproven.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 338         | Joseph Waters to<br>Eliza Williams    | 15 Aug<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 338         | Elbert H. Thompson<br>to Martha Scott | 7 Aug<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 339         | Isaac Inman to<br>Martha Frost        | 5 Aug<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 339         | John Seaton to<br>Rachel Jackson      | 8 Aug<br>1817  | Bride was dau. of Coleby and Elizabeth Jackson. <sup>9</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 340         | James Gray to Jane<br>Milligan        | 12 Aug<br>1817 | Groom is son of Joseph H. Gray. <sup>10</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

<sup>6</sup> Chancery Court Min Bk C, pp 28.

<sup>7</sup> Deed Book F, p. 505-506, Madison Co., Al

<sup>8</sup> John Lemley Sr's probate file No. 2304, Madison Co., Al

<sup>9</sup> Coleby Jackson's probate file No. 894, Madison Co., Al

<sup>10</sup> Joseph H. Gray's probate file No. 76, Madison Co., Al



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| 340         | Ezekiel Ford to<br>Nancy Vining        | 13 Aug<br>1817  | Married 21 Aug. 1817. He m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Nancy Muse 28 Dec 1797 in Amelia Co., Va, abandoned her & moved to Madison Co., Al. He died 1 May 1839. Bitter suit resulted between wives. <sup>11</sup>                    |
| 341         | Jeremiah Fullin to L.<br>Davis         | 14 Aug<br>1817  | Could groom's name be Pullin or Fuller?                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 341         | Sherwood Smith to<br>Nancy Meacham     | 16 Aug<br>1817  | Banks Meacham's will dated 14 Aug 1814 mentions his wife Nancy and daughter Nancy. <sup>12</sup>                                                                                                                         |
| 342         | William Neal to<br>Nancy Cornelius     | 16 Aug<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 342         | Hugh Malone to<br>Sarah Moore          | 18 Aug<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 343         | Henry Martin to<br>Betsy Milligan      | 23 Aug<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 343         | William Renick to<br>Ann Rodgers       | 27 Aug<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 344         | Samuel A. Allen to<br>Nancy Arnold     | 2 Sep<br>1817   | A law suit states Nancy Arnold was dau. of John & Nancy Arnold and the wife of Samuel A. Allen. <sup>13</sup>                                                                                                            |
| 344         | Jacob Arbaugh to<br>Sally Winn         | 6 Sep<br>1817   | Lowry Andrews's probate file (No. 1548) mentions Sally Winn, dau. of Creasy Winn, and Sally's husband, Jacob Arbrough of the Arkansas Territory by 1835. Jacob <i>Arbrough</i> was a Sgt. in War of 1812 <sup>14</sup> . |
| 345         | William Peevy to<br>Frances Patterson  | 7 Sep<br>1817   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 345         | John Wilson to<br>Elizabeth Toney      | 9 Sep<br>1817   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 346         | William Lynn to<br>Betsy Kyle          | 10 Sep<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 346         | Thomas Cavett to<br>Betsey McAdory     | 16 Sep<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 347         | William Morrison to<br>Ellinor Evans   | 17 Sep<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 347         | Juney Weans to<br>Gincy McDaniel       | 17 Sep<br>1817  | Can anyone clarify bride's and groom's names?                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 348         | Hiram Saunderson to<br>Juda Jagers     | 17 Sept<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 348         | Willis Roberts to<br>Elizabeth Meacham | 22 Sep<br>1817  | Mark Meacham's will dated 10 Aug 1814 mentions his daughter Elizabeth Meacham. <sup>15</sup>                                                                                                                             |
| 349         | Edmund Ellis to<br>Mary Tobin          | 23 Sep<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

<sup>11</sup> Chancery Court Minute Book "M"<sup>12</sup> Deed Book C, p. 12-13, Madison Co., Al<sup>13</sup> Chancery Court Record Book B, p. 84, Madison Co., Al<sup>14</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 4<sup>15</sup> Deed Book A, p. 77, Madison Co., Al

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| 349         | Daniel Wilder to<br>Elizabeth Nixon       | 23 Sep<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 350         | Malchum Patterson to<br>Margaret Dunsmore | 25 Sep<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 350         | James Roland to Polly<br>Hudstreth        | 25 Sep<br>1817 | Polly Hudspeth?                                                                                                                         |
| 351         | Henry Rigney to Lydia<br>Hinds            | 28 Sep<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 351         | William Fuller to<br>Mary Harris          | 28 Sep<br>1817 | One <i>Maria</i> Fuller divorced William Fuller in Nov., 1818. <sup>16</sup> It was ratified by the State Legislature in November 1818. |
| 352         | William Craig to Sally<br>Montgomery      | 27 Sep<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 352         | John L. Davidson to<br>Fanny Cannon       | 30 Oct<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 353         | James Dement to<br>Susannah Byrd          | 28 Oct<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 353         | Jordan Hundley to<br>Emily Wooldridge     | 27 Oct<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 354         | Joseph C. Horton to<br>Jane Brown         | 3 Oct<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                         |
| 354         | John Glover to Mary<br>Young              | 4 Oct<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                         |
| 355         | Frederick Weeden to<br>Mary Thompson      | 6 Oct<br>1817  | Frederick and Mary Weeden sold ¼ acre lot at corner of Williams and Franklin Sts. 27 April 1820.                                        |
| 355         | John Webb to Cynthia<br>Lynn              | 8 Oct<br>1817  |                                                                                                                                         |
| 356         | Charles Dunaway to<br>Sally Vaughn        | 13 Oct<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 356         | John McGlaway to<br>Catharine Brinker     | 13 Oct<br>1817 | Index says groom's name is McGlaway. It appears to be written Glanay in marriage record.                                                |
| 357         | Robert Ringo to Polly<br>Morris           | 13 Oct<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 357         | William Wilson to<br>Martha Cross         | 17 Oct<br>1817 | Bride's name could be anything: Crisp, Aress, or ?? Can anyone give us the correct name?                                                |
| 358         | John B. Alyrd to<br>Temperance Bailey     | 21 Oct<br>1817 | Groom's name appears to be John B. Alford. Bible record says John Bibb Alyred married Temperance in Madison Co., Al. <sup>17</sup>      |
| 358         | William Walker to<br>Patsy Jones          | 22 Oct<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 359         | John Graham to Silvy<br>Lewis             | 29 Oct<br>1817 |                                                                                                                                         |
| 359         | George Moseley to<br>Sarah Hill           | 23 Oct<br>1817 | Sarah was the widow of Thomas Hill, late of Cumberland Co., Va. George and Sarah signed prenuptial agreement. <sup>18</sup>             |

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<sup>16</sup> Acts of Alabama, 1818

<sup>17</sup> Pauline Gandrud, *Alabama Records*, Madison County, Vol. A-B, p. 1A

<sup>18</sup> Deed Book D, p. 103, Madison Co., Al

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## 1857 HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Contributed by Dorothy Williams Potter

Tucked in the back of an old city directory housed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives is a short listing of the business people of Huntsville, Alabama. An announcement placed in the original book reads thusly:

“Campbell’s Nashville Business Directory. Volume III. Just issued, (May, 1857) containing also a directory of the cities of Memphis, Clarksville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and other towns in Tennessee; also the city of Huntsville, Alabama. This Volume is much improved and enlarged, and is of great value to Business Houses, both North and South. 354 pages, octavo size, neatly bound, at \$2.00 per copy.”

The following listing is taken from pages 343-346, and contains the entire Huntsville portion. Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are presented as found in original.

Source: The Rev. John P. Campbell, compiler, *Nashville Business Directory for The City of Nashville (Tennessee) and Suburbs*, Vol. III, 1857 (Nashville, Tennessee: Smith, Camp & Company, 1857), pp. 343-346.

### HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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Huntsville, county seat of Madison, is situated in north Alabama, near the western base of the Cumberland mountain, a few miles north of the Tennessee River, and on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

It has a population of about five thousand; and is justly celebrated for its intelligence, morality and wealth; the character of its schools and churches will justify this statement.

A Railroad is in progress of building from Huntsville to Decherd, which will give another connection with the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, and a closer connection with the city of Nashville.

We are indebted to our worthy friend A. R. Wiggs, of the *Independent*, for the following Business Directory of Huntsville.

We ask of the Merchants, Manufacturers, Attorneys, Physicians and others, to take a copy of this work. We also ask the attention of our numerous patrons to the growing business prospects of Huntsville.

#### CHURCHES.

Presbyterian, N S; Rev. F. A. Ross, D D,  
pastor.

Methodist; Rev. A. R. Erwin, D D, pastor.

Cumberland; Rev. W. D. Chadwick, pastor.

Protestant Episcopal Church; Rev. Henry C.  
Lay, pastor.

#### PRINTING OFFICES.

Democrat; J. Withers Clay, editor and  
proprietor.

Southern Advocate; W. B. Figures, edtr. and proprtr.  
Huntsville American Independent; Wiggs & Dew, proprietors; A. R. Wiggs, editor.

#### SCHOOLS.

Parish School, (Episcopalian) Miss Judkins, principal.  
Huntsville Female College; Rev. G. M. Everhart, president.  
Huntsville Female Seminary; Miss Frances Robinson, principal.  
Green Academy; John R. Gwaltney, principal.  
There are, in addition to the above, schools for females taught by Miss Sarah Bradley, and Mrs. William McCay; and schools for males, taught by James Neeley, and T. L. Taylor.

#### HOTELS.

Johnson House; Alexander Johnson, proprietor.  
Venable's House; J. M. Venable, proprietor.  
Franklin House; George W. Lane, proprietor.  
Southern Hotel; James Hickman, proprietor.

#### NOTARIES PUBLIC.

John J. Coleman.  
Robert D. Wilson.

#### CITY AUTHORITIES.

Z. P. Davis, mayor.

#### ALDERMAN.

H. M. Veal.  
A. Rison.  
T. B. Trotman.  
Thomas W. White.  
C. H. Patton.  
H. McAnnally.  
Sam Coltart.

Rritain (sic) Fauks, constable.  
Robt. D. Wilson, tax collector.  
Northern Bank of Alabama; Jas. J. Donegan, president; Theo Lacy, cashier.

#### COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

Bradley, Wilson & Co.  
Scruggs, Drake & Co.

Bradford & Sanders.

#### ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

William Acklen.  
Theodore Acklen.  
Richard B. Brickell.  
C. C. & J. W. Clay.  
C. C. & H. L. Clay.  
John J. Coleman.  
Isaiah Dill.  
Davis & Lowe.  
J. W. Garth.  
D. C. Humphreys.  
Moore & Moore.  
Robinson & Jones.  
S. S. Scott.  
Walker, Cabaniss & Brickell.  
R. M. Vannoy.  
Ed Wallace.  
D. B. Young.  
V. M. Robertson.

#### PHYSICIANS.

Newman & Robinson.  
Henry Robertson.  
Erskine & Sheffey.  
Albert Erskine.  
J. C. Spotswood.  
\_\_\_ Leftwich.  
A. R. Burrirt, homeopathic.  
E. D. Gilson, homeopathic.  
James Clopton, botanic.

#### DRY GOODS.

J. H. Beadle.  
J. W. Cooper.  
Fariss & Gaston.  
Mastin & Brothers.  
T. S. McCalley & Co.  
John Patton & Brother.  
Pleasants & Spotswood.  
O. D. Sledge & Co.  
Trotman & Nance.

#### DRUGGISTS.

James L. Cooper.  
J. M. Hudgin & Co.  
J. C. Spotswood & Co.  
Yerger & Newman.  
\_\_\_  
J. G. Teatman & Bro, clothing house.

Coltart & Son, book and fancy store.

JEWELERS, ETC.

G. W. Atwood & Co.  
Birnstein.  
David Knox.  
L. J. Gildersleeve.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCERS.

W. T. Blunt.  
Brown & Scott.  
R. K. Dickson & Co.  
Johnson & Seat.  
McBroom & Bransford.  
Ben M. Noel.  
W. H. Powers.  
Thomas Erwin.  
John Huey.

COURTS.

Hon. S. D. Hale, judge of circuit court.  
R. S. Spragins, clerk of circuit court.  
David S. Newlin, sheriff.  
Isaiah Dill, register of chancery court.  
Hon. F. L. Hammond, judge of probate court.  
Gen. Benj. Patterson, marshall of U. S. circuit court.  
B. T. Moore, clerk U. S. circuit court.  
Court of county commissioners.

SADDLERS &c.

James O'Neil.  
W. Gormley.  
James Cross.

TINNERS.

J. N. Leftwich.  
Small & McDonald.

HOUSE JOINERS.

Veal & Hardy.  
Hugh N. Moore.  
Pollard & Weatherly.  
Wm. H. Wilson.  
Wm. Kerr.  
Samuel Allison.

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTERS.

William Elliott.  
Richard Elliott.

Smith Adams.

BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURERS.

F. O. Shandies.  
W. Steele.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Smith Adams.  
Robert D. Wilson.

ARCHITECTS.

M. W. Steele.  
Winston & Jones

AUCTIONEERS &c.

B. Norvell.  
D. Fariss.  
D. Johnson.  
J. W. Weaver.

MILLINERY AND FANCY  
ESTABLISHMENTS.

Mrs. William Spence.  
Mrs. Margaret Eastley.  
Mrs. M. Preston.

PORTRAIT PAINTERS.

William J. Halsey.  
William Frye.

DRAPERS AND TAILORS.

George S. Wilson.  
D. A. Brown.  
Thos. M. Clarke.  
Cyrus Staymate.

MADISON TURNPIKE COMPANY.

George O. Bieme, president.  
W. O. Cruse, secretary.

CONFECTIONERS.

A. F. Yahr.  
Mrs. H. Schlack.  
F. Rebman.  
William Edwards.

MACHINISTS.

Bison & Hobbs.  
W. Pryor.

CABINET WORKMEN.

CABINET WORKMEN.

Weaver & Williams.  
Hugh Easley.  
H. Delp.

CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS.

A. Hentz & Co.  
Halsey & McKibben.  
M. Callaghan.

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A. J. Johnson, hatters.  
Neal & Fariss, brokers.  
James Neeley, turner &c.

H. McAnally, wagon manufacturer.  
C. Beman, smith.  
H. Severs, smith.  
L. F. Bruckner, resident daguerreotypist, &c.  
William J. Windham, post master.  
John S. Dickson, hardware merchant.  
Drs. Wilkinson & Ryder, resident dentists.  
Swift & Dickson, iron and brass foundry.  
Weaver & Veal, steam flour mill, (not quite finished.)  
J. H. Newman, president of Huntsville gas company.  
Hart & Stratford, harness makers.

**Death of William P. Anderson**

23 May 1831

Died in Winchester (Franklin Co., TN) in 56<sup>th</sup>\* year of age, about 7:00 p.m., Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo, Col. William P. Anderson ... good father, husband and friend ... enlightened zeal in favour of his country ... During the late war with Great Britain [Revolutionary War] and when upon the very point of starting to assist in asserting those rights, and maintaining those principles which the statesmen of the revolution successfully advocated ... he received a wound in his left side which prevented him from proceeding to the head of his troops and from the effects of which he never entirely recovered and which, ultimately, terminated his life ... left disconsolate widow, a numerous progeny & many friends to mourn his loss.

Mon. 30 May 1831

Died on 25<sup>th</sup> April last, at house of James Campbell, Esq. In Winchester [Franklin Co., Tn], Col. William P. Anderson in 58<sup>th</sup> year of age\*. He was a colonel of the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment of U. S. Infantry during the Revolutionary War ... member of Presbyterian Church ... left wife ... several children.

\*His age is obviously incorrect as it would make him born in 1783 – hardly old enough to be in a position of leadership in the military even by the end of the war.

# Marshall County

## Probate Court Final Record

### Part 3

Abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

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 appears to be the oldest of the probate final record books on the shelves of the Marshall County Courthouse in Guntersville. Continued here from Vol. 37, No. 4.

#### Morning Cargile Guardianship

Pages 22-29

16 Jan 1854 (Special term)

Comes Isham H. Fennell and files his bond as Guardian of the person and estate of Morning Cargile, a resident of Marshall Co., in the amount of \$5,500.

Said bond is payable and conditioned as required by law, with David Ricketts and Barton S. Clapp his securities. The bond is approved by the Court.

The Court therefore orders that Isham H. Fennell be, and he is hereby appointed, guardian of the person and estate of Morning Cargile, a non compos mentis.

#### Bond

Isham H. Fennell, David Ricketts and Barton S. Clapp, all of Marshall Co., Ala., are held and firmly bound unto M. Gilbreath, Judge of the Probate Court, in the sum of \$5,500.

Morning Cargile has been found to be non compos mentis by a jury. Now if Barton S. Clapp<sup>1</sup> shall faithfully perform all the duties required of him by law as guardian.

/s/ Isham H. Fennell

/s/ David Ricketts

/s/ B. S. Clark

#### Order of Publication

6 April 1855. Isham H. Fennell files his accounts and vouchers for annual settlement of his guardianship of the estate of Morning Cargile.

The Court orders that the first Monday in May be appointed for said annual settlement.

<sup>1</sup> This name is in error. Clapp is a bondsman and this name should be Isham H. Fennell, the guardian.

Notice of the filing of said accounts and vouchers and the time and place be given by notice put up at the court house door and three other public places for three consecutive weeks. All persons interested may attend if they see proper.

Samuel K. Rayburn appointed guardian ad litem of Morning Cargile.

#### Order of Continuance

7 May 1855. Case ordered continued. Another continuance was ordered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May 1855.

#### Inventory

22 May 1855. Inventory as returned by Isham H. Fennell:

Slaves:

Young, man about 46 years old

Paletha, woman about 37

Hugh, boy about 13

Perry, boy about 8

Davy, boy about 6

Rachael, girl about 4

Prince, boy about 1

50 lbs. bacon

1 horse

20 head of hogs

1 small table

5 chairs

1 box

2 sad irons

1 coffee pot

1 small lot of shelf ware

2 small beds & furniture

1 looking glass

1 plank dresser

2 cane baskets

- 1 knife box
- 1 wash pan
- 3 water pails
- 1 spinning wheel and one pair of cards
- 3 cows and calves
- 1 Cary
- 1 bull tongue & 1 shovel plow
- 2 weeding hoes
- 1 jug
- 1 small pitcher
- 1 large and 1 small pot
- 2 ovens
- 2 pair of pot hooks
- 2 axes
- 205 acres of land being her dower.

The above property was received by Isham H. Fennel "as guardian of the former guardian" about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1854.

4 Aug 1854. Recd. of Wm. H. Moore, Pension Agent - \$108.30

4 Oct 1854. Recd. on acct. \$50.

16 March 1855. Recd. on acct., \$50

22 May 1855. Accounts certified before M. Gilbreath, Judge of Probate.

**Accounts Current - Debits**

The estate of said Morning Cargile.

January 1844:

- Cash paid per voucher No. 1 - \$59.00
- Cash pd former gd., voucher No. 2, \$74.98
- Cash pd. per voucher No. 3 - \$1.30
- Cash pd. Fed. Buckhart for work - \$1.00

February through August:

- Cash paid for coffee - \$2.00
- [Mr.] Carpenter for Flour - \$3.50
- For sugar and coffee - \$4.10
- [Mr.] Bratsmen for Irish potatoes - \$1.00
- For 56 lbs. salt - \$1.12
- For 9 bushels of corn "got of a Tennessee boat", 4/6 per bushel - \$6.75
- Mrs. Cargile - \$1.50
- [Mr.] Starkie for 20 bushels corn @ 4/6 \$17.50
- 1 sack flour sent by [Mr.] Lofemon - \$17.50
- Mrs. Cargile - \$3.00
- Cash to pay D. Ricketts - \$7.00
- Cash paid [Mr.] Wagoner for 48 lbs. bacon, \$4.80

Total - \$191.93

4 Aug 1854.

Recd. of Mrs. Moore Pension - \$108.30

Settlement approved. May 22, 1855

**Sarah Farmer Estate**

22 May 1855

Isham H. Fennell, admr. of the estate of Sarah Farmer, on 15 Oct 1853, filed his final settlement. Freeland Farmer and Townsend Farmer object to said settlement and appealed same to the Alabama Supreme Court. On 5 Jan 1855 the Supreme Court ordered that the judgment of the Probate Court be in all things reversed, annulled and held for naught.

All parties appeared in Probate Court and Fennell filed a new account and vouchers for final settlement. The Farmers waive publication and agree that accounts and vouchers be now examined, audited and allowed.

The Court finds that Fennell is charged with \$1,035.49 and entitled to credit of \$129.97 leaving a balance in the hands of Fennell of \$905.52 for distribution to the heirs. Heirs are:

William M. Griffin assignee of Tabitha Sulcer who was the dau. of Sarah Farmer and her husband, James Sulcer - \$150.92

Isham H. Fennell, assignee of Julia Ann Smith who was the dau. of Sarah Farmer and her husband, Simpson Smith, retain \$150.92 in his hands.

Isham H. Fennell, assignee of John Farmer, son of decedent, retain in his hands \$150.92.

Isham H. Fennell, assignee of Parmelia Farmer, daughter of decedent, retain \$150.92 in his hands.

Isham H. Fennell, admr., is to pay to Freeland Farmer, son of decedent, the sum of \$150.92, his distributive share. Freeland Farmer, by his attorney, Frank Gilbreath, now here remits \$92.15 being the amount and interest heretofore received from Fennell by Freeland Farmer leaving a balance due Freeland of \$58.77.

Ordered that Isham H. Fennell, admr., pay over to Townsend Farmer, the son of decedent, \$150.92, his distributive share. Townsend, by his attny. Frank Gilbreath, remits the sum of \$92.15 incl. interest heretofore recd. of Fennell by Townsend Farmer, leaving a bal. due Townsend Farmer of \$58.77.

Settlement approved by Probate Court on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1855.



# Morgan County

## Old Salem Church – 1825 – 1851

Contributed by  
Mrs. Richard Gilliam, Jr.  
(Part 7 – Final)

Continued here from Vol. 37, No. 4, June 2003. This series began in Vol. 36, No. 3, March 2002. Many of the pages in this “legal sized” book have been torn and parts of pages are missing. The missing parts will be noted by an ellipsis (...). Some pages are missing entirely. The book is numbered backwards and the first page is page 56, the last page is number 141. Pages 1 through 55 are missing – if they ever existed. See Vol. 36, No. 3 for a full introduction to this series.

### Page 68

#### October [1846?]

Antioch. Fourth Saturday in October.  
Church met.

Sunday. The business came up regarding brethren and sisters that sent off was attended and those that the gospel steps had been taken with was excluded to wit: Brother Jesse Nearin,

Sister Polly Nearin, Elizabeth Nearin, Margaret Perkins.

Then it was motioned, seconded and put to the Church and carried, that Brother Jones attend us and be our pastor twelve months from this time.

Lowel Newsom, Clerk

### Pages 65-67 torn and missing

### Page 64

The top of this page was torn off and missing. It had been a list of names and the only one left were:

6. ... Wade
7. Thomas Jones
8. James Dunn

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Female Members:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mary Cowen          | 7. Rachel Jones      |
| 2. Rachel Blake        | 8. Roda Blake        |
| 3. Dicy Jones          | 9. Caroline Puckett  |
| 4. Far[ab]y Sutherland | 10. Polly Clarke     |
| 5. Cinthy Black        | 11. Elizabeth Nearin |
| 6. Sary Black          | 12. Jane Walker      |

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 13. Delila Caudle   | 17. Martha Ann Ranes |
| 14. Pruby [?] Young | 18. Polly Nearin     |
| 15. Margret Nearin  | 19. Malinda Nearin   |
| 16. Marindy Clun    | 20. Rachel Sims      |
|                     | 21. Sister Williams  |

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#### August 28<sup>th</sup> 18[ ]?

Church met according to appointment.  
Opened conference letter to the association.

Altered the day of holding meeting from 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday to 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Mr. Fish

Note: In a different, fine, hand was written: Mr. Fish Harris, Mr. Frank Walter.

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#### November 26, 1850

Providence Baptist Church. In conference. Sermon by Brother Webb. Church door opened and received Martin Brisco, Alexander Winn, J. C. Smith who are to be baptized next day.

Church received, by recantation, Rev. Thomas Brisco granting to him all the privileges of a gospel minister that he held before joining our Church.

Church granted a certificate of standing and ministerial office to Brother Brisco.

Church granted a certificate and recommendation to Rev. J. A. Webb who gathered and constituted this Church and was expecting to proceed on his journey.

Church adjourned until tomorrow.

Rev. J. Webb, Moderator  
George W. Brisco, Church Clerk

**November 27, 1850**

Providence Baptist Church. In call meeting. Sermon by Brother Webb. Church door opened and received John Freeman, Wyat Reins, Elizabeth Freeman, and Martha Reins from Antioch and Salem Churches without letters, it being out of their power to obtain letters. Our Church knew them to have been members of Salem and Antioch Churches when they broke up and the hand of fellowship was given to the brothers and sisters.

Church went into ordination of deacons which were elected at our first regular meeting. Rev. Brothers Webb and Brisco were present and ordained the deacons.

Church door opened and received by experience were Elizabeth Cagle, Louisa Reins, John M. Black and are to be baptized next day.

John L. Wright, Church Clerk

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**November 28, 1850**

A church door opened and received Sarah Brisco and Sarah Reins from Salem Church without letters.

Sermon by Brother Webb. Church door opened and received James Black by experience to be baptized the next day.

John L. Wright, CC

**November 29, 1850**

Providence Baptist Church. In Conference. Church door opened and received Jane Elender Prince by experience, and to be baptized the next day. Received Margret Light Charlton [?].

**November 30, 1850**

Providence Baptist Church in Conference. Sermon by Brother Webb. Church adjourned until first Sunday in December next.

John L. Wright, CC

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**March 1<sup>st</sup> 1851**

The Church met according to appointment.

After worship a door of the Church was opened for the reception of members. Received one [not named] and adjourned until morning.

James L. Black, CC

**April 1851**

Third Saturday before 1<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day. The Baptist Church at Providence met and union found. Opened a door for the reception of members. None came forward. Conference closed in order.

James L. Black, CC

**May 1851**

Saturday before the first Lord's Day in May. The Baptist Church at Providence met and union found.

[James] L. Black, CC

**June 1851**

The Baptist Church at Providence met and union found. Opened a door for the reception of members. None came forward.

James L. Black, CC

**July 1851**

Before the first Lord's Day in July the Baptist Church at Providence met according to appointment. A door was opened for members and accepted Mrs. Cagle.

J[ames] L. Black, C Clk.

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**August 1851**

Saturday before the first Lord's day in August the Baptist Church at Providence met. A door opened for the reception of members. Received none. Dismissed two: Brother Bowlin & wife.

James L. Black, CC

-End-

## Civil Register, County Officials 1832-1844

Part 4 of 4

Contributed by

Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.

The earliest Register of Civil Appointments found in the Alabama Department of Archives and History is from 1819-1832. That series was run in *Valley Leaves* in Volumes 5 and 6.

The current series (1832-44) is from the Civil Register of County Officials, Volume II. It is housed in the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Richard Gilliam, past president of TVGS and past editor of *Valley Leaves*, for obtaining and contributing this information. Continued here from Vol. 37, No. 4.

| <u>Official's Name</u> | <u>Office</u> | <u>Date/Comm.</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| Burnett, Robert M.  | Constable | 17 Mar 1841 |  |
| Marchbanks, Burrell | "         | "           |  |
| Thomas, Joseph G.   | "         | "           |  |
| Owen, Charles       | "         | "           |  |
| Gandy, Alfred       | "         | "           |  |
| Jones, William      | "         | "           |  |
| Utley [?], John     | "         | "           |  |
| Des[ui?], Smith     | "         | "           |  |
| Poteat, Hiram       | "         | "           |  |
| Morrow, Robert      | "         | "           |  |
| Gilbert, William J. | "         | "           |  |
| Sharp, Joseph       | "         | "           |  |
| Ross, Alex.         | "         | "           |  |
| Gilbert, William J. | "         | 13 Apr 1841 |  |
| Shaw, Samuel Q.     | "         | 27 May 1841 |  |
| Brodeny [?], John   | "         | 7 June 1841 |  |

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|----------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| Campbell, William H. | Notary Public    | 5 Oct 1839 |  |
| Adair, John T.       | Constable        | 5 Nov 1839 |  |
| Amonett, William     | "                | 7 Nov 1839 |  |
| Bodiny, John         | "                | "          |  |
| Sherrell, Wiley B.   | Justice of Peace | 4 Jan 1840 |  |

| <u>Official's Name</u> | <u>Office</u>    | <u>Date/Comm.</u> | <u>Remarks</u>     |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>Page 254</u></b> |                  |                   |                    |
| Skidmore, William      | Justice of Peace | 3 Mar 1840        | Vice: Isaac Holmes |
| Gandy, Alfred          | Constable        | "                 | Vice: Hiram Smith  |
| Means, Andrew M.       | Justice of Peace | 11 Mar 1840       |                    |
| Pendleton, Henry T.    | "                | 25 Mar 1840       |                    |
| Simpson, Abington      | Constable        | 30 Apr 1840       |                    |
| McGlathery, Sam E.     | "                | 12 June 1840      |                    |
| Barnett, Albert M.     | "                | 8 Dec 1840        |                    |
| Bell, Francis          | "                | 18 Nov 1841       |                    |
| Peters, James O.       | Justice of Peace | 28 Mar 1841       | Written Petters    |
| Stuart, Robert A.      | "                | "                 |                    |
| Morris, Job            | Constable        | "                 |                    |
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# Book Reviews

## Some Descendants of William Jones and Grizzie Riddle Washington County, Arkansas

Compiled by  
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This is Mrs. Ledgerwood's second book about the Jones and Riddle families from Jackson and Madison Counties, Alabama to Washington County, Arkansas. Her first book was a directory of various Jones and Riddle families of Jackson and Madison Counties.

This book deals primarily with the two families after relocating to Arkansas. It is well documented with a bibliography at the end of each chapter. Other reliable, but not proven, information is clearly identified as "tradition." The Modified Register System is used to identify individuals.

Part 1 provides background information, both tradition and fact, of the earliest known ancestors. William Jones was born 25 December 1820 in Alabama. His parents were not identified. William married Grizzie Riddle about 1841. She was the daughter of Mathan Riddle and Rhoda Cooper. Mathan was born about 1800 in North Carolina. Various census records indicate his birth ranging from 1796 to 1804. The parents of Mathan have not yet been determined.

Other Jones and Riddle families who were in early census and land records are included in this part of the book in

anticipation of possible further family connections.

Parts II, III and IV cover the genealogical history of William Jones and his descendants after their move to Washington County, Arkansas. The twelve chapters in these sections each describe an individual and their family members and descendants. Some of the families later settled in Oklahoma.

Extensive appendices include William Jones' land patent and homestead application forms and documents. Also included are family member burials in five Arkansas cemeteries and the Civil War Pension application of Charles M. Jones.

The thoroughness of the coverage of the Jones and Riddle families is best indicated by the 25-page index of names and locations.

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## A Lotta Southern Shotts

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*A Lotta Southern Shotts* is a compilation of information, primarily about the descendants of David Hilliard Shotts and Nancy J. Clark (ancestors of the author), who came to Cahaba, the first capital of Alabama, presumably from South Carolina. After David Hilliard Shotts died, Nancy Clark Shotts moved to a place in Marion Co., Alabama that became known as Shottsville. Many of the descendants listed and discussed in the book were born and are buried in Shottsville.

The author has collected an admirable amount of information about this family. Especially enjoyable are the many photographs sprinkled throughout the book and grouped together at the end of most of the 16 chapters. There is also quite a bit of anecdotal information; the book goes well beyond names and dates.

David Schatz, born in 1720 in Germany, is the first known member of this family to immigrate to the United States, according to the book. *A Lotta Southern Shotts* begins with Joseph Shotts who was born about 1758 in Westmoreland Co., Penn. Most of the rest of the book concentrates on the descendants of Joseph Shotts's son David Hilliard Shotts. One chapter is devoted to Daniel C. Shotts, Sr. and descendants. Daniel C. Shotts and his wife Sarah Parker went to Mississippi where many branches of

that family were born. The final chapter is devoted to David Shotts and his wife Mary Wagoner and their descendants. This family settled in Ross Co., Ohio. David Shotts is the brother of Joseph Shotts from Virginia.

Fourteen of the 16 chapters are devoted to David Hilliard Shotts and Nancy J. Clark and their descendants.

The author uses a system for tracking descendants based on numbers, letters and birth order. The original ancestor is 1. His first child is 11. His second child is 12. His third child is 13. The first child of the second child is 121. The second child of the second child is 122, etc. The numbers are not unique; they are repeated in each chapter. That is, the earliest ancestor in each chapter is number 1.

In this age of electronic communication, the author makes use of a variety of sources to document his information. These sources include books, articles, grave markers, vital records, interviews, family Bibles, obituaries, census records, IGI records, email communications, Internet forum postings and web sites. Sources are footnoted and explained at the end of each chapter.

The book's title and table of contents appear in all capital letters. Readability would be improved by using uppercase and lowercase text. All caps text should always be avoided because it is so difficult to read. An exception is the commonly used practice of placing surnames in all caps so they stand out easily from the text. Also, the book would have benefited from more diligent proofreading and editing.

All in all, it is a "lotta" great information about the Shotts family.

Reviewed by Beverly Perry

# Queries

## Miller-Giddens-Mitchell-Strong

Am seeking info. on the burial places of: Joel J. Miller (b. ca 1833 - d. ca 1868) and his wife Mary V. Giddens Miller (b. ca 1837 - d after 1880); Josiah Miller (b. ca 1799 - d. ca 1839) and his wife Margaret Mitchell Miller (b. ca 1800 - d. after 1870); John Giddens (b. ca 1796 - d. ca 1862) and his wife Nancy Strong Giddens (d. bef. 1850). They lived in Madison County and all are probably buried there. I am interested in contacting anyone researching this family.

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## Delony/Deloney

I am looking for researchers and descendants of the Edward Brodnax Delony family in the northern and north-western part of Alabama. Also any other related Deloney family descendants. I am compiling a master Deloney family file. Please contact me at:

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## Sharp-Harbin-Gray

Looking for information on the Sharp, Harbin and Gray families. Eli Jackson Sharp m. Jennie Lou Gray (d/o of Thomas & Nancy Ellen Harbin Gray. Eli was b. 3 March 1881 and d. 7 March 1957. He married Jenny 24 June 1905. They had 10 children and lived in Madison and Jackson County, Alabama. Any information would be appreciated.

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## Vann-Jacobs-Cobb

Need date of death and burial location of Edward H. Vann, believed to be ca 1892-1899. Also need death date and burial location of Maggie/Margaret Jacobs-Vann-Cobb, possibly ca 1917-1919.

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## Erwin

Need parents of William Erwin (1786-1828, Giles Co., Tn) & wf Susannah Collins (ca 1790-1857 Giles Co., Tn) - m. 9 Nov 1809 prob. in NC, SC or Tn. Ch: (1) James Gibson Erwin (1812-76) m. 1<sup>st</sup> 1837 Marilla E. West & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy Catherine Pate in 1850. A son, Edward (1860-1928) m. George Alice Dedman in 1903 (she b. 1867 Madison Co., Al & d. 1938 Birmingham). (2) John Dickson Erwin (1820-?) (3) Josiah Ashel Erwin (1821-1862 in prison) m. ca 1847 Martha Jane Wheeler (4) Anna H. Erwin (1824-1901 Birmingham), m. 1845 David D. Dedman (b. 1821 & d. 1896 in Madison Co., Al) (5) Suanah Erwin (2827 & after 1850).

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