

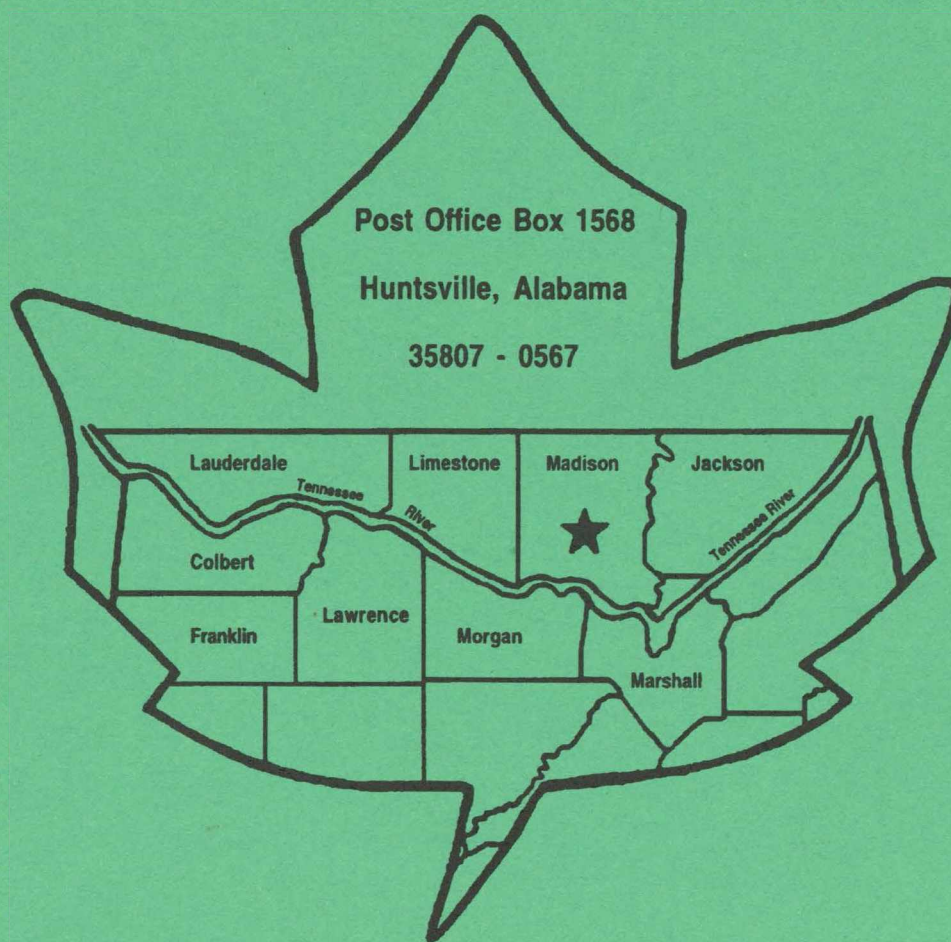
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## Things You Should Know

### This issue

We have combined the March and June 2004 issues of *Valley Leaves*. The reason is because your editor sustained a leg injury that prohibited the March issue being out anywhere near on time. In order to make up for the March issue being late, we chose to give you the June issue early.

This brings us to another matter we wish to put before our members. Many organizations are now putting out their "quarterlies" twice a year while continuing to print the same number of pages. This means the members would not be "shortchanged," and would get the same amount of information each year they did previously.

We would like to know how our membership feels about two large issues per year as opposed to four smaller ones. The plus for two issues (fall-winter and spring-summer) is that the cost of printing, handling and mailing would cut.

Please let us know your feelings by emailing us at [joybeam@aol.com](mailto:joybeam@aol.com) – your opinion means a lot. If you do not have a computer, please write to us at TVGS, P. O. Box 1568, Huntsville, AL 35807-0567.

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### Questions & Answers

#### Grave Signs

**Q:** My Husband's g-g-g-grandfather died in 1896 and is buried in Marshall Co., Iowa. The graves for him and his wife are marked by a single large headstone with a smaller one for each person. Each small stone is adorned with an eagle feather and the outline of a face with an Indian head dress. "Father" is on one and "Mother" on the other. What does this mean?

**A:** While it is certainly possible that this family had American Indian origins, more than likely the symbol showing the profile face with an Indian headdress indicates that your husband's

ancestor belonged to the Improved Order of Red Men. The women's auxiliary is known as the Degree of Pocahontas.

According to the organization's web site (<http://www.redmen.org>): "The fraternity was founded in 1765 and was originally known as the Sons of Liberty. These patriots concealed their identities and worked 'underground' to help establish freedom and liberty in the early Colonies.

"They patterned themselves after the great Iroquois Confederacy and its democratic governing body. The Iroquois' system, with elected representatives to govern tribal councils, had been in existence for several centuries.

"After the War of 1812, the name was changed to The Improved Order of Red Men. They kept the customs and terminology of Native Americans as a basic part of the fraternity. Some of the words and terms may sound strange, but they soon become a familiar part of the language for every member" [Source: Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, *Your Guide to Cemetery Research*.]

### What Number of Sources are Needed to Prove Something?

The only appropriate answer is "as many as it takes." Proof may come in one direct statement. If it doesn't, you will need to search for more evidence to convince the "genealogical jury" in your head that you have made the case. Say you have finally found someone in an old city directory who you think is your ancestor. Before moving on up your family tree, ask these questions to be sure you have the truth.

1. Is the conclusion likely in the time, place and other documented circumstances of the ancestor's life?
2. Is the person marrying too young or much later than the norm?
3. Is a child born when the mother is older than 45?
4. Do gaps of years between children suggest a second marriage?

5. Is your conclusion likely, logical and reasonable from what you know of your ancestor's life?
6. Would other searchers, looking at the same set of evidence, be likely to agree with your conclusion?

Note: Your editor, having been involved in one major court case involving a cemetery, wishes to add another item: Will your proof hold up in court?

[Source: Emily Ann Croom, Betterway Books, \$17.99, *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists*.]

### Connecting to Castle Garden

Q: Where can I find immigration information about an ancestor who came through Castle Garden, NY in 1874. I don't know what ship brought him to the United States.

A: Passenger lists from 1820 to about 1891 were known as customs lists. Ship company personnel completed these lists at the port of departure, printed them in the United States and maintained the records for statistical purposes.

Customs lists contain scanty information: name of the ship and its master, port of embarkation, date and port of arrival, plus each passenger's name, sex, age, occupation and nationality. These lists (with some gaps), have been microfilmed and are available through the National Archives (<http://www.archives.gov>) and through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City (<http://www.familysearch.org>) and its branch Family History Centers.

In the Family History Library catalog (also located in the Mormon branch genealogical research centers), look under United States Emigration and immigration (no subtopic), or look under New York, NY (City) Emigration and Immigration. Then scroll down to "Passenger lists of vessels arriving in New York, 1820-1897; index to passenger lists of vessels arriving in New York, 1820-1846, United States; Immigration and Naturalization Service."

If you do a film/fiche search on film number 350204. It will take you right to the series.

Unfortunately, there is a gap in the indexes for New York arrivals between 1846 and 1897 when the majority of Irish and German immigrants arrived.

From other records you may be able to narrow the date of arrival, but hundreds of ships arrived during this time period. Also, check book indexes dealing with ethnic arrivals such as the *Germans to America* (Scholarly Resources). [By Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, author of *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant and Ethnic Ancestors*]

### Copying Photos vs. Copyrights

Q: I have copies of professional photographs taken of my mother and aunts in the early 1940's. When I tried to make more copies using an in-store photo kiosk, I was told by store personnel that I could not do this. I know the studio no longer exists and the photographer has long since died. How can I make copies?

A: U. S. copyright law is notoriously complex and it does cover unpublished materials such as your photographs.

Basically, any unpublished work created before Jan. 1, 1978 is covered by copyright for the life of the creator plus 70 years or until Dec. 31, 2002 – whichever came last.

You can read copyright law at <http://www.copyright.gov>. There is a reader-friendly copyright table at <http://www.unc.edu/~uncnlg/public-d.htm>.

If the photographer was still living, you would contact him or her for copies, or for permission to copy. But copyright includes a concept called fair use: in many cases, material can be used for non-commercial purposes, such as a scrapbook, without violating copyright law.

In your case, the studio and photographer are no longer around to give permission and you are not economically profiting from the usage. You should be able to make copies of your family portrait, right?

Well, it is more complicated than that. Only a lawyer (specializing in copyright law) could say for certain whether fair use applies to your photos. But even if it does, stores don't want employees to be responsible for

interpreting the intricacies of the law, so if you use an in-store kiosk, try a different store. Explain to the manager how you're using the photos and bring whatever proof you have that the photographer is unreachable.

According to copyright lawyer Joshua Kaufman, a copy of the photo for one's own personal genealogical use will probably be considered a fair use. [Contributed by Maureen A. Taylor, author of *Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs*.]

### Cattle Brand Registrations

Q: How would I trace cattle-brand registrations? I have the names and sketches of some brands my great-grandparents used, and I'd like to see if the documentation would provide any genealogically relevant information.

A: According to Robert Gant, curator of the Old West Museum in Cheyenne, Wy., most states have livestock boards that regulate the movement and branding of livestock.

Records of active brands are kept in annual brand books. Current brand books can be purchased from the livestock board, or you can consult early books to identify brands used over the years.

The books are often available in county libraries or state archives; some livestock boards may search their records for a fee. You do not say where your grandparents lived but an internet search on the state name and "livestock board" or "cattle brand" should point you in the right direction.

In Montana, for example, you'd go to <http://www.discoveringmontana.com/liv/brands/history.asp> and find that records of 1873-1950 brands are at the Montana Historical Society Research Center (<http://www.his.state.mt.us>). Then you can submit a research request or search the online catalog. [Contributed by Diane Haddad who is the Family Tree Magazine e-mail Update editor and managing editor of Family Tree Magazine.]

### Ellis Island Records

Q: I have not been able to find my grandparents in the Ellis Island records. My

mother's maiden name does not even appear in the records. What now?

A: To find ancestors on the Ellis Island passenger lists, you need to know the ancestor's original name in the homeland. The name your ancestor gave when he or she purchased the ticket to America will be the name that will be recorded on the list.

Just like any document, the name could have been accidentally misspelled, or the name could appear to be spelled a different way because of the clerk's handwriting – an a looks like an o or an e, for example.

When using the database online, keep in mind that you are at the mercy of the transcriber who looked at the microfilmed copy of the passenger list and tried to interpret the name to enter it into the database.

A transcriber unfamiliar with the clerk's script may convolute a name you would find easy to read because you have looked at records with that type of script before. But all is not lost. You can do it the old-fashioned way by checking the microfilmed indexes and list, where you have more flexibility to check variant spellings.

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### National Historical Publications Records Commission (NHPRC)

In May, 2003, the National Historical Publications Records Commission (NHPRC) recommended the Archivist of the United States grant more than \$3 million for 59 projects designed to document and preserve the nation's history.

Approximately \$1.8 million of the grant would fund documentary editing projects at universities and historical societies – Duke University's Jane Addams papers, Rhode Island Historical Society's papers of Gen. Nathanael Greene, University of Tennessee's Andrew Jackson papers and more.

The remaining money would support a publication project relating to scholarly editions in an electronic environment, records-access

projects and state board administrative support projects.

The commission also approved a conditional supplemental grant of more than \$50,000 for the Center for Jewish History. The money would support the center's integrated collection management and access system project.

NHPRC is a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration. It encourages the preservation, publication and use of documents relating to United States history.

You can learn more about NHPRC's grant programs at [http://www.archives.gov/grants/about\\_nhprc/grant\\_programs.html](http://www.archives.gov/grants/about_nhprc/grant_programs.html).

### Close Call in Kentucky

In November, 2003, Kentucky researchers came close to losing a treasure trove of court records dating from the late 1700's.

The Pendleton County (located in northern Kentucky) deed books, ledgers and marriage licenses were damaged by a flood in 1997 and tests showed the papers were contaminated with E. coli, selenium and arsenic.

The Kentucky Department of Archives had been considering destroying the documents because they had already been microfilmed. Members of the Pendleton County Historical & Genealogical Society countered that the film is poor quality and can not replace the intrinsic value of the original documents. In early November 2003, state officials turned over custody of the records to a society member.

The tainted records, now in storage at a county building, are not available for perusal by the general public. The state and county will search for funds to decontaminate them.

### Census Consensus

Anyone researching U. S. ancestry knows that census records will aid genealogical efforts. But the same researchers tend to forget about this basic resource when faced with research outside the United States. Don't forget that many other countries had censuses, too, such as:

- Canada: The first official Canadian census was taken in 1871. Censuses were repeated every ten years until 1971 and every five years thereafter. At present, you can access the 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 censuses. Prior to 1871, search on the province level since provinces sometimes took it upon themselves to count their citizens.
- England: The first census of genealogical value took place in 1841. One of the peculiarities of that census is the "rounding down" of ages so a person who was actually 43 years old would have been listed as 40. Later census takers did not do this.
- France: The earliest French census was taken in 1772. Censuses from 1795 to 1836 are statistical and do not include names. From 1836 to 1936, France took a census every five years except in 1871 (taken in 1872) and 1916 (which was skipped entirely.) Unfortunately, France's census records have not been microfilmed and indexed so they are not easily searched. Focus on church and civil records instead.

[Source: *The Genealogist's Computer Companion* by Rhonda McClure, Betterway Books, \$18.99.]

### Alabama's Wallace State Library

One of Alabama's best and most utilized genealogical research centers, the library at the Wallace State University at Hanceville, will be closed from March 29 through April 2 and will close at 4:00 p.m. on May 12 and reopen May 24. This library houses one of the best, if not the best, microfilm collection in the state.

The Hanceville Inn, across the street from the college, is now open for business and will give a \$10. discount to genealogists. For more information, check the website: [www.hancevilleiknn.com](http://www.hancevilleiknn.com).



# Colbert County

## Marriage Record Book B

1878-1887

### Part 19

Colbert County was carved from Franklin County in 1867, thus their first marriage book begins that year. Marriage Book A covers the years 1867 to 1878. The following marriages are from Marriage Book B. The probate judge who issued the licenses was John A. Steele.

This series began in Volume 26 and is continued here from Vol. 38, No. 2, of *Valley Leaves*.

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Solemnized</u>	<u>By</u>
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Willis, J. M.	Mary E. Whitlock	7 Feb 1883	John G. Whitlock, MG
Stanley, Andrew H.	Laura P. Turner (Mrs.)	8 Feb 1883	C. W. Hare, MG
Thompson, Munroe	Sophy Kelley	10 Feb 1883	Rev. M. James
Laslie, Felix	Frances Mullins	17 Feb 1883	David Harris, MG
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Rutland, D. D.	Clarisia Brown	1 Feb 1883	W. E. Northcross
Alsobrook, Thomas	Fannie Somers	[License purchased 15 Feb 1883; no return.]	
Burnstein, Albert	Mely Mason	18 Feb 1883	Alexander Brown
Price, James M.	Anna Lightfoot	20 Feb 1883	Alexander Brown
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Alsobrook, Thomas	Fannie Somers	15 Feb 1883	E. C. Wallace
Fort, Haywood	Laura Kirk	22 Feb 1883	John A. Steele, Judge Prob.
Gipson, William	America E. Brown (Mrs.)	22 Feb 1883	M. G. Williams, MG
Devaney, C. H.	Georgia O'Brien	27 Feb 1883	W. M. Whitlock, MG
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Nance, Zac	Martha L. Spencer	22 Feb 1883	J. B. Hyatt, JP
Kirby, Calvin M.	Mary C. Saint	28 Feb 1883	Mike Finney, MG
Huston, Alfred	Virginia Polk	12 Feb 1883	A. S. Person, JP
Curtin, George	Lorinda Ussery	1 March 1883	Wyatt Oates, JP
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Northcross, W. E.	Mintie Weaver (Miss)	25 Feb 1883	Aleck Brown, MG
Tucker, Dred	Chancy Stewart	7 Mar 1883	A. L. Steenson, JP
Morgan, James O.	Fannie Whitehead	7 Mar 1883	J. N. Green, JP

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Moore, Richard	Mary Randolph	10 Mar 1883	Gustus Ricks, MG
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Stewart, Lee [Leo?]	Priscilla Jones	17 Mar 1883	A.L. Steenson, JP
Pettus, Booker	Mariah Marshall	20 Mar 1883	A. L. Steenson, JP
Abernathy, Alexander	Kate Seals	26 Mar 1883	James P. Murdock, NP/JP
Gipson, John B.	Lina Smith Brooks	27 Mar 1883	M. G. Williams, MG
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Brown, William P.	Lutie L. Barton	28 Mar 1883	D. N. Nelson, MG
Williams, Davis	Georgia Smith	2 Apr 1883	John A. Steele, Judge Prob.
Abernathy, James	Lilly Alexander	5 Apr 1883	Bowlin King, MG
Gargis, James D.	Callie D. Grissom	8 Apr 1883	John R. Looney, JP
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Smith, Henry	A. B. Duncan (Miss)	8 Apr 1883	John W. Bishop, JP
Felton, Simon	Angie Robertson	15 Apr 1883	Bowlin King, MG
Nix, Alonzo	Nancy Jones Bain	17 Apr 1883	J. N. Green, JP
Hogun, Bugg	Elizabeth Mullens	20 Apr 1883	Rev. D. Harris
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Jackson, Lewis L.	Levenia Guthrie (Mrs.)	14 Apr 1883	Isaac M. Blanton, MG
Vess, Simon P.	Elizabeth U. Vanderver	26 Apr 1883	Wm. J. Duley, NP/JP
Glover, Emasiah	Melissa Lutetia Smith	29 Apr 1883	A. S. Person, JP
Scott, Asbury	Hattie Payne	26 Apr 1883	R. H. Hurt, MG
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Candler, E. S. Jr.	Nannie P. Hazlewood (Miss)	26 Apr 1883	Isaac M. Blanton, MG
Rikard, Henry F.	Judy M. Taylor	3 May 1883	G. D. Daily, JP
Broaden, Benjamin	Fanny Somerhill	10 May 1883	E. C. White, MG
Mayne, Samuel W.	Elizabeth Kirkpatrick	11 May 1883	Samuel Stinson, MG
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Alexander, John	Adaline Miles	12 May 1883	G. W. Umbaugh, Pastor
Coger, Berry	Rosa A. Simpson	16 May 1883	John M. Goodloe, MG
Abernathy, Charles	Edy Abernathy	16 May 1883	C.C. Wallace, MG
Lindsey, Thomas W.	Lavinia Stokes	20 May 1883	Thomas A. Scruggs, MG
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Jones, George	Mollie Kerby	21 May 1883	Archelaus W. Walker, MG

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Ricks, Timothy	Jemima Hozendove	2 June 1883	James Hampton, MG
Bolling, Levi	Mattie Armstead	3 June 1883	Seaten Watkins, MG
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Rousseau, W. C.	Lelia Downs	6 June 1883	M. G. Williams, MG
Goodloe, Chatten	Fannie Malone	14 June 1883	D. N. Nelson, MG
Burgess, Mack	Annie Huston	10 June 1883	R. M. Lindsay, JP
Evans, Joseph W.	Harriett J. Long	24 June 1883	R. M. Lindsay, JP
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Vincent, Arthur H.	Mary L. Hall	27 Aug 1883	A. L. Steenson, JP
Franklin, John W.	Nancy Meyer	4 July 1883	John A. Steele, Prob. Jdg.
Fuller, Green P.	Ocia R. Fike	8 July 1883	J. O. H. Pace, MG
Houston, Wesley	Anne Kountz	License obtained 9 July 1883.	No return.
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John L. Mitchell	Phoebe M. Jackson	12 July 1883	John P. Witt, NP & JP
Pierce, Jesse	Mary C. Patrick	15 July 1883	John Askew, JP
James D. Clement	Alice Robertson	18 July 1883	W. E. Summers, MG
Halburg, William	Addie Goodloe	19 July 1883	A. L. Steenson, JP
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McKinney, James Thomas	Bettie D. Conway	22 July 1883	John N. Green, JP
Houston, Ben (Col.)	Harriett Jones (Col.)	16 July 1883	A. S. Peron, JP
Daly, Edward	Anna C. Crittenden	26 July 1883	P. N. G. Rand, JP
Harris, J. F. M.	Mollie V. Robinson	15 Aug 1883	Isaac M. Blanton, MG
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Roberts, George W.	S. D. Sparks	14 Aug 1883	W. L. Andrews, MG
Fountain, Jonathan Jr.	Catharine Holland	16 Aug 1883	John W. Rikard, JP
Madding, Harrison	Martha Hill	16 Aug 1883	Tom Morris, MG
Minor, Robert	Margaret Whisenant	26 Aug 1883	Thos. A. Scruggs, MG
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Beard, James E.	Mary Susan Woodis	30 Aug 1883	J. M. Hooper, JP
Thaxton, Richard	Jane Gilletton	30 Aug 1883	W. E. Northcross, MG
Fondrew, George W.	Sarah Elizabeth Pennington	1 Sept 1883	John Askew, JP
Jackson, Taylor	Easter McKenzie	1 Sept 1883	Saml. M. Steenson, MG

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<b><u>Page 395</u></b>			
Bryant, Joseph	Kizzie Garner	23 Aug 1883	A. J. Parker, NP & JP
Gadd, Samuel	Octavia Porterfield	5 Sept 1883	J. P. Witt, NP & JP
Young, Frank	Hibernia M. Anderson	6 Sept 1883	M. G. Williams, MG
Sanders, Jourdan	Harriett Dickson	2 Sept 1883	D. N. Nelson, MG
<b><u>Page 396</u></b>			
Bourland, Anthony	Mary Susan Patton	8 Sept 1883	John A. Steele, Prob. Jdg.
Mullins, Frank	Ells McKiernan	6 Sept 1883	Rev. Monroe Jones (Col)
Stokes, F. S.	Nancy Ann Fondren	12 Sept 1883	A. J. Parker, NP & JP
Beacham, Thomas	Nancy Bankhead	5 Sept 1883	Rusus Hurt, MG
<b><u>Page 397</u></b>			
Vaughn, Sidney	Betsy Vaughn	14 Sept 1883	Guson Ricks, MG
Long, Rufus H.	Eliza J. Sherrill	16 Sept 1883	John Askew, JP
Grissom, Charles Edward	Mary A. C. Dickert	16 Sept 1883	J. M. Hooper, JP
Tubbs, Addie E.	Martha Ann Fore	26 Sept 1883	Isaac Bradford, MG
<b><u>Page 398</u></b>			
James, William A.	Martha Culligin	19 Sept 1883	W. H. Camp, MG
Norman, Aaron	Violet Abernathy	19 Sept 1883	Henry Bynum, MG
Morris, Plummer	Fanny Fields	23 Sept 1883	Silas Vinson (by his mark)
South, Joseph	Virginia Florence Askew	27 Sept 1883	E. R. Little, MG
<b><u>Page 399</u></b>			
Abernathy, Alfred	Arrena King	4 Oct 1883	Bowling King, MG
Peet, Owen	Jennie Davis	12 Oct 1883	J. P. Murdoch, NP & JP
Castleberry, Robert E.	Ofie F. Archer	14 Oct 1883	P. S. Wood, MG
Cockburn, Harry	Harriet Jackson	14 Oct 1883	Parson Geo. Ricks
<b><u>Page 400</u></b>			
Tubb, Robert F.	Amelia Chestenia Saint	18 Oct 1883	Mike Finney, MG
Peters, Miles	Silvia Armstead	8 Oct 1883	A. J. Parker, NP & JP
Winston, Jefferson	Charlotte Ricks	18 Oct 1883	E. E. White, MG
Yarborough, Thomas L.	Florence Douthit	17 Oct 1883	Isaac M. Blanton, MG
<b><u>Page 401</u></b>			
Jones, Jerry	Susan Bolton	18 Oct 1883	Peter Alexander, MG
Challen, William P.	Susie B. Gillespie	24 Oct 1883	Jas. G. Lane, MG

Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By
Fort, Peyton	Lizzie Reynolds	1 Nov 1883	W. E. Northcross, MG
Bankhead, Nathan	Sarah McManus	7 Nov 1883	Ruphus Herst, MG

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Jackson, Thomas	Nancy Davis	5 Nov 1883	John A. Steele, Prob. Jdg.
Goin, James M.	Easter M. Warren	6 Nov 1883	J. M. Hooper, JP

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
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You are hereby authorized and required to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between *James M. Goin* and *Easter M. Warren* agreeably to the Statute in such cases made and provided, and a due return make to the Office of Probate, for the County aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* in the year of our Lord 18*83*  
*John A. Steele* Probate Judge.

I certify that I solemnized the RITES OF MATRIMONY between *James M. Goin* and *Easter M. Warren* on the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 18*83* agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.  
*J. M. Hooper J. P.*

Read, Hopye	Mary E. Hardy	1 Nov 1883	Thomas Walton, MG
Goins, G. W.	Josie L. Sargent	9 Nov 1883	J. M. Hooper, JP

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Jordan, John C.	Julia Ann Sparks	12 Nov 1883	D. D. Davis, MG
Vinson, Morgan	Joana Eggleston	15 Nov 1883	J. A. Battery
Sugg, Aaron	Betsy Freeman	14 Nov 1883	John A. Steele
Stewart, Charles	Annie Collins	14 Nov 1883	Elder Owens, MG

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Moore, E. G.	Semantha L. Davis	15 Nov 1883	Fox Deloney, JP
Mayo, Amosely	Georgiana Plyler/Plifer	18 Nov 1883	John G. Whitlock, MG

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Given under my hand, this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* in the year of our Lord 18*83*  
*John A. Steele* Probate Judge.

I certify that I solemnized the RITES OF MATRIMONY between *Amosely Mayo* and *Georgiana Plyler* on the *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 18*83* agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.  
*John G. Whitlock, H. G.*

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Solemnized</u>	<u>By</u>
Waddel, Thomas	Emma Howard	17 Nov 1883	W. E. Northcross, MG
Hurd, William D.	Eliza J. Bankhead	13 Nov 1883	Rufus Hurt, MG
<b><u>Page 405</u></b>			
King, O. L.	Ernestine H. McReynolds	19 Nov 1883	B. F. Mower, rector & etc.
Fry, John H.	Rutha B. Keller	22 Nov 1883	John M. Goodloe, MG
Ricks, Gee	Millie Reval	22 Nov 1883	Guston Ricks, MG, by his mark.
Smith, Lon	Sallie Barkerson	21 Nov 1883	D. N. Nelson, MG
<b><u>Page 406</u></b>			
Bird, James	Lucy Goodloe	27 Nov 1883	James P. Murdock, NP & JP
Holliday, Ralph	Willie Mills	25 Nov 1883	Rufus Hurt, MG
Jordan, Thomas J.	Ellen Byrd	6 Dec 1883	Frederick A. Ross, MG
Patterson, Jefferson	Frances Williams	9 Dec 1883	W. E. Northcross, MG
<b><u>Page 407</u></b>			
Pearsall, Paul	Annie Jones	11 Dec 1883	A. L. Steenson, JP
McCleskey, James R.	Maggie A. Hill	9 Dec 1883	S. M. Steenson, MG
Danner, Wiley	Abby Wallace	29 Nov 1883	Rufus Hurd, MG
Perry, George	Hattie Wilson	12 Dec 1883	Frank Pruitt, MG
<b><u>Page 408</u></b>			
Gilbert, Henry C.	Lucy A. Pride	13 Dec 1883	B. F. Mower, Rector, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia
Denny, Martin	Caroline Johnson	13 Dec 1883	Levin Warren, MG
Hurst, B. F.	Clora King	19 Dec 1883	Mike Tinney, MG
Williams, A. B.	Burney McAllister	2 Dec 1883	John W. Bishop, JP
<b><u>Page 409</u></b>			
Winter, Joseph	Sarah Francis Prestige	19 Dec 1883	W. H. Camp, MG
Darby, Anderson	Georgia Ann Gates	12 Dec 1883	Alex. Brown, MG
Carter, James	Amanda Jones	19 Dec 1883	John A. Steele, Prob. Jdg.
Perkins, Miles	Julia Wilkins	20 Dec 1883	W. E. Northcross, MG
<b><u>Page 410</u></b>			
Olive, L. W.	Maggie Drisdale	19 Dec 1883	Isaac M. Blanton, MG
Inman, Wiley	Martha Branscomb	26 Dec 1883	W. M. Whitlock, MG
Thompson, Charles	Nellie Tyler	24 Dec 1883	E. C. White, MG
Owen, J. C.	Emma Crawford	22 Dec 1883	W. J. Smith, JP

Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By
<b>Page 411</b>			
Turbyville, P. P.	Josephine Sherrod	23 Dec 1883	Hyatt, J. B., JP
Thomas, William	Minerva Foster	26 Dec 1883	William Weaver, MG
Terry, George	Susan Reed	25 Dec 1883	Ruphus Hurt, MG
Barton, Morris (Col.)	Laura Carroll	8 Dec 1883	A. J. Parker, NP & JP
<b>Page 412</b>			
Calhoun, W. M.	Sarah F. Ragin	29 Oct 1883	A. S. Person, JP
Taylor, Zachary	Maria Brown	27 Dec 1883	W. E. Northcross, MG
Bowling, Jacob	Molly Allen	27 Dec 1883	W. E. Northcross, MG
Woodis, Charles	Lucy Frances McCaig	30 Dec 1883	J. M. Hooper, JP
<b>Page 413</b>			
Hester, Hudson L.	Idilly Richardson	1 Jan 1884	J. P. Whitt, NP & JP
Jones, Robert M.	L. E. Webb (Miss)	1 Jan 1884	Saml. M. Steenson, MG
Dodd, J. M.	S. E. Burns (Miss)	27 Dec 1883	W. L. Vinson, MG
Hamlet, Worley W.	Laura E. Harrison	29 Dec 1883	F. A. Ross, MG
<b>Page 414</b>			
Higgins, George G.	Kate Lee Starns	30 Dec 1883	F. A. Ross, MG
Tubb/Tubbs, John H.	Hettie M. Golden	9 Jan 1884	Mike Finney, MG
Pollard, Robert	Sallie Smith	5 Jan 1884	W. E. Northcross, MG
Long, Isaiah	Sallie Maria Winston	8 Jan 1884	John Long, MG
<b>Page 415</b>			
Weatherlow, Camilla C.	Fannie Harrington	10 Jan 1884	Jno. G. Lane, MG
Revol, Clay	Margaret Olds	10 Jan 1884	Wilson Northcross, MG

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Colbert County. } To any Judge, Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace, Legally Authorized.

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*Clay Revol* and *Margaret Olds*  
agreeably to the Statute in such cases made and provided; and a due return make to the Office of Probate,  
for the County aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* in the year of our Lord 188*4*  
*John A. Steele* Probate Judge.

I certify that I solemnized the RITES OF MATRIMONY between *Clay Revol*  
and *Margaret Olds* on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 188*4*  
agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.  
*Wilson Northcross M.E.*

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Solemnized</u>	<u>By</u>
Harris, Orris	Becky White	15 Jan 1884	Wilson Northcross, MG
Carrell, Richmond	Maury Thompson	12 Jan 1884	M. W. Williams, MG
<b><u>Page 416</u></b>			
McKay, William	Margy Brown	10 Jan 1884	Wilson Northcross, MG
Smith, D. E.	Louisa Broden	15 Jan 1884	E. C. White, MG
Cochran, J. W. A.	L. F. E. Morgan (Miss)	13 Jan 1884	W. J. Smith, MG
Foster, George W.	Martha E. Rikard	17 Jan 1884	F. M. Jackson, MG
<b><u>Page 417</u></b>			
Stewart, Lige	Bell Towns	17 Jan 1884	Benj. Borner, MG
Gilton, Sam	America Fields	17 Jan 1884	W. E. Northcross, MG
Morrow, Archer (Col)	Ollie Goodhughes	17 Jan 1884	D. N. Nelson, MG
Webb, Amos	Matilda Hayley	19 Jan 1884	S. M. Steenson, MG
<b><u>Page 418</u></b>			
Taylor, Calvin E.	Mary C. Tharp	19 Jan 1884	John Askew, JP
Gadd, Charles	Susan Collins	22 Jan 1884	E. C. White, MG
Bugg, Robt. T.	Dora V. Armestead	22 Jan 1884	B. F. Mower, Rector
Gayer, Mack	Delpha A. Pride	13 Dec 1883	Wyatt Oates, JP
<b><u>Page 419</u></b>			
Watkins, Robert H.	Mamie K. Lindsay	23 Jan 1884	Jas. G. Lane, MG
Brooks, J. R.	Bettie Smith (Miss)	20 Jan 1884	Lewis Walden, JP
Newsom, Nep	Harriet Coleman	24 Jan 1884	Aleck Brown, MG
Morris, Plummer	Betsey Hampton	8 Feb 1884	T. M[?] Morris
<b><u>Page 420</u></b>			
Henry, Matthew F.	Sarah M. Thorn	Lic. purchased 28 Jan 1884; no return	
Boatwright, Anderson	Jennie Pettus	17 Jan 1884	A. J. Parker, JP
Henry, Matthew F.	Sarah Marilla Thom	29 Jan 1884	George D. Dailey, JP
Manley, C. C.	Mollie Lamb	31 Jan 1884	Saml. M. Steenson, MG
<b><u>Page 421</u></b>			
Smith, Owen	Georgia Carter	1 Feb 1884	N. S. Ricks, MG
Elder, Andrew	Marietta Alexander	2 Feb 1884	Thos. A. Scruggs, MG
Shirley, Richard	Laura Weaver	1 Feb 1884	Peter Alexander, MJ
Handy, Jacob	Francis Long	5 Jan 1884	John Long, MG
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<b>Groom</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Solemnized</b>	<b>By</b>
Weems, Charles W.	Martha A. Duncan	7 Feb 1884	John R. Looney, JP
Zills, J. P.	Mary Lucinda Heflin	8 Feb 1884	Saml. M. Steenson, MG
Bradford, John C.	Mary C. L. Sockwell	14 Feb 1884	W. C. Summers, MG
Watkins, Thomas	Milly Sugg	12 Feb 1884	W. E. Northcross, MG
<b><u>Page 423</u></b>			
Godsey, William E.	Wallie E. Allen	14 Feb 1884	M. E. Tumlin, MG
Jones, Frank	Cooper, Flem	14 Feb 1884	George Merrill, MG
Taylor, Michael	Mary F. Kent	21 Feb 1884	Mike Fenney, MG
Smallwood, Benjamin H.	Mary Sallie Richardson	221 Feb 1884	J. M. Hooper, JP
<b><u>Page 424</u></b>			
Tate, Peter	Frances Belue	20 Feb 1884	John A. Steele, Prob. Jdg.
Swoope, Reason	Mary Jane Vaughn	21 Feb 1884	Jesse Fearin, MG
Cameron, B. F.	S. E. Garner	20 Feb 1884	Wm. Cross, MG
Watkins, Giles	Harriet Barton	25 Feb 1884	W. E. Northcross, MG
<b><u>Page 425</u></b>			
Robins, W. C.	Fannie Grissom	24 Feb 1884	John G. Whitlock, MG
Meredith, Moses	Ida Washington	1 Mar 1884	G. S. Ricks, MG
Worsham, William H.	Ella M. Hall	2 Mar 1884	W. J. Smith, MG
Carter, George	Lucy Crow	2 Mar 1884	Dennis Jackson, MG
<b><u>Page 426</u></b>			
Pride, Ransom (Col.)	Mattie Williams (Col)	20 Feb 1884	Peter Alexander, MG
Robinson, Dick	Chaney Bailey	28 Feb 1884	Peter Alexander, MG
Ross, F. W.	Mary R. Little	12 Mar 1884	Thos. Armstrong, MG
Bradford, W. M. D.	Sarah L. Graves	20 Mar 1884	E. R. Little
<b><u>Page 427</u></b>			
Ellett, William	Mary J. Bryon	16 Mar 1884	J. N. Shelton, JP
Quillin, J. W.	Mary Permelia Lee	18 Mar 1884	John G. Whitlock, MG
Hogland, William	Cinthia Tune	2 Mar 1884	Wyatt Oates, JP
Matthews, Andrew (Col.)	Ann Hawkins	17 Mar 1884	Dennis Jackson, MG
<b><u>Page 428</u></b>			
Softly, Milton	Mattie Belue	22 Mar 1884	E. C. White, MG

Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By
Abernathy, Friday [?]	Loney Prewitt	31 Mar 1884	P. N. G. Rand, JP

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,** }  
Colbert County. } *To any Judge, Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace, Legally Authorized.*

*You are hereby authorized and required to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between*  
*Friday Abernathy and Loney Prewitt*  
*agreeably to the Statute in such cases made and provided; and a due return make to the Office of Probate,*  
*for the County aforesaid.*

Given under my hand, this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* in the year of our Lord 188*4*  
*John A. Steele* Probate Judge.

*I certify that I solemnized the RITES OF MATRIMONY between Friday Abernathy*  
*and Loney Prewitt on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1884*  
*agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.* *P. N. G. Rand J. P.*

Wallace, H. C.	Susie A. Walker	20 Mar 184	John Carrithers, JP
Shull, Alexander C.	Linda May Allen	5 Dec 1884	J. F. Randall, MG

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Thompson, George	Phyllis Thompson	29 Mar 1884	Saml. M. Steenson, MG
Tickle, Dabney M.	Mary M. Reeves	30 Mar 1884	Wyatt Oates, JP
Allen, Henry	Susan Boddy	24 March 1884	A. S. Person, JP
Hicks, J. W.	Sarah J. Davis (Mrs.)	19 Mar 1884	Wyatt Oates, JP

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Trotter, Paul	Callie Pride	29 Mar 1884	Samuel Greenhill, MG
Abernathy, Charles	Mary Ann Cotton	14 Apr 1884	Eli Hawkins, MG, CP church.
Witness: Wm. McCormack			
Norsham, George W.	Sarah Fisher	16 Apr 1884	Berry Barnes, MG
Walker, John	Eliza Hogelin	24 Apr 1884	R. T. Wear

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Boswell, Samuel A.	Eliza Jane Vuncannon	27 Apr 1884	John Askew, JP
Robertson, George	America Barton	16 Apr 1884	T. E. Sebury, PC
Whitley, William	Matilda Dancy	28 April 1884	W. E. Northcross, MG
Stover, Alfred	Lucinda Eggleston	3 May 1884	T. A. Scruggs, MG

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Copeland, William	Elizabeth A. Simms	8 May 1884	S. W. Kemp, MG
Scruggs, Henry	Lavinia Beckwith	11 May 1884	W. E. Northcross, MG
Brown, James T.	Martha Brown	14 May 1884	W. E. Northcross, MG

## Pensions Granted

### Part 2

This tattered old book is housed in the vault (records room) in the Colbert County Courthouse basement. It was copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson for inclusion in *Valley Leaves*. Many of the phrases mean nothing to us today but are copied here verbatim. Unless otherwise stated, a single name in the remarks column is the name of the person reporting the death.

One of the most difficult things to find in tracing your ancestors is the cause of their death or the status of their health; this record abounds with that information. The date this record was made is not shown. It was for Confederate (only) Civil War veterans and their widows. Deaths are in the Remarks column along with other information.

Name	Address	Co.	Regt.	Rnk	Date entered service	Age Now	Where wounded	Disability	Remarks (also date pension entered)
Collins, M. L.	Tuscumbia	K	51	---	---	---	---	---	Entered Oct 1907 Cancelled by state board Oct 1913; out of state; Kennesaw
Collins, Martha J.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Entered Oct 1907
Cribbs, Helen J.	Leighton	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Entered Oct 1907; dropped by state board 1 Oct 1912
Chisholm, Dr. L. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cawthorn, A. M.	Sheffield	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Entered Oct 1907
Cook, R. H.	Spring Valley	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Entered Oct 1907; dead 17 July 1911
Chisholm, J. S. (Mrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Entered Oct 1907
Cloud, R.	Tuscumbia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Clement, J. F.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Name	Address	Co.	Regt.	Rnk	Date entered service	Age Now	Where wounded	Disability	Remarks (also date pension entered)
Craig, F. A.	Cherokee	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cambron, S. J.	Sheffield, c/o Mrs. Mary M. Walker	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Crick, C. W.	Sheffield, c/o r. D. Cater	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dobbs, Silas	Frankford	I	63rd Ga	Pvt	Aug 1862	76	---	Old age	Dead 6 Jan 1902
Dickson, Henry	Cherokee	L	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pvt	Jan 1862	---	Town Creek	Disabled	Gone
Davis, Mary E.	Tuscumbia	---	11 <sup>th</sup> Texas	Major	---	---	---	---	Wid. of J. J. Davis
Duncan, Geo. B.	Barton	K	9 <sup>th</sup>	Pvt	---	57	Malvern Hill	---	Dead 1 June 1903
Davis, B. F.	Cherokee	F	11th	Pvt	Apr 1862	52	---	Wound	---
Daniel, M. A. (Mrs.)	---	#	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pvt	---	---	---	To be reported	Wid of P. C. Daniel; Dead 1 June 1901
Donaldson, J. T.	Leighton	K	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pvt	Dec 1861	---	Bainbridge	Wounds	---
Dotson, Wm. C.	Spring Valley	E	1st	Pvt	Nov 1862	76	---	Old age	Dead; reported to auditor.
Dill, B. F.	Tuscumbia	L	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pvt	2 Dec 1861	---	---	Blind	Dead July 1908
Dickert, Phebia	---	B	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pvt	---	---	---	---	Wid of John Dickert
Doss, Catherine	---	D	16	Pvt	---	---	---	---	Wid of Frank Doss; dead 18 July 1913
Davis, W. J.	Sheffield	A	27 <sup>th</sup> Ga Inf	Pvt	3 May 1861	63	Petersburg, Va	---	Dead
Dobbs, Nancy	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Wid of Silas Dobbs

Name	Address	Co.	Regt.	Rnk	Date entered service	Age Now	Where wounded	Disability	Remarks (also date pension entered)
Duncan, Emma	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Wid of G. B. Duncan 1905
Davis, S. C. (Mrs.)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Gone 25 June 1909; restored.
Douthit, L. E. (Mrs.)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Wid of W. J. Davis; dropped 10 Apr 1908
Davis, Mattie	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1906
Dill, Henry S.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Entered Oct 1907
Daily, L. L.	Sheffield	E	4 <sup>th</sup> Ala	---	---	63	---	---	Entered Oct 1907
Delony, Isaac F.	Leighton	D	35 <sup>th</sup> Ala	---	---	76	---	---	Entered Oct 1907
Durham, D. H.	Mynot	I	4 <sup>th</sup>	---	---	64	---	---	Entered Oct 1907
Dill, Lucy C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1908
Douthit, S. E. (Mrs.)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1908
Draughn, E. W. (Mrs.)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Transfer. Dead 29 July 1910
Daily, G. D.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1911
Durham, Alabama	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1911
Downs, E. C.	Sheffield	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Davis, B. J.	Riverton, c/o C. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Davis, M. A.	Harland Tuscumbia, Rt. 3, c/o Mrs. W. L.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Name	Address	Co.	Regt.	Rnk	Date entered service	Age Now	Where wounded	Disability	Remarks (also date pension entered)
Daily, L.	Burton	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Evans, Elizabeth	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1908
Fike, B. P.	Tuscumbia	E	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sgt	Mar 1862	---	---	---	---
Farris, James B.	---	---	Morelan ds	---	---	---	---	---	Entered 1908; dead 17 July 1901
Green, Allen	Littleville	H	16	Pvt	Mch 1862	---	---	Failing eyes	---
Grimes, N. W.	Leighton	D	27	Pvt	Dec 1861	---	---	Wounds	---
Gains, J. M.	Tuscumbia	C	11	Pvt	Sept 1863	---	---	Wounds	---
Grissom, Sallie A.	Roscoe	E	10 <sup>th</sup> Cav	Pvt	---	---	---	---	Wid of Jos. Grissom; dead 6 Jan 1901; reported to auditor.
Gibbs, T. A.	Barton	F	11 <sup>th</sup> Cav	Pvt	Sept 1862	60	---	Old age	---
Gotcher, W. J.	Leighton	A	27	---	Dec 1861	---	---	Piles	---
Goodwin, Ann	Leighton	---	35 <sup>th</sup>	Col.	---	---	---	---	Wid of Col. Edward Goodwin; died 6 Jan 1902
Gaisser, Mary A.	Dickson	A	16	Pvt	---	---	Died	To be reported	Wid of L. F. Gaisser; Dead 6 Jan 1901
Green, M. D. L.	Tuscumbia	B	35	Color bearer	Apr 1862	---	Peachtree Creek	Wounds; blind	Dead
Grissam, Elizabeth	---	Willia- mson's	---	Pvt	Oct 1907	---	---	---	Wid of Wm. F. Grissam; transferred to Franklin Co. in 1911

# Franklin County

## Marriage Record Book 3, 1902-1907

(Part 15)

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 begin in 1890. Book 1, 1890-1897, was carried in *Valley Leaves*, Volume 10 through 13. Book 2, 1897-1902, was carried in Volumes 15 and 16. Book 3 began in Vol. 35, No. 1 and is continued here from Vol. 38, No. 2, Dec 2003.

- 233    Smith, Ed                      Nix, Nancy                      18 Dec 1904    Elder G. B. Wade  
Married at Travis, Ala. Bondsmen: Ed Smith and J. H. Walston. R. A. Nix gave permission in writing for Miss Nancy Nix. Ed Smith made aff't that he is over the age of twenty-one years.
- 234    Thomeson, Grover C.    McAlister, Mary              22 Dec 1904    C. D. Britton  
Married at the Sloss Mines. Bondsmen: Grover C. Thomeson and G. B. McAnally. S. E. McAlister gave permission in writing. G. B. McAnally made aff't that Grover C. Thomeson is over the age of twenty-one years and that Miss Mary McAlister has neither father, mother nor legal guardian living.
- 234    Watson, George              Tollerson, Ida                21 Dec 1904    R. J. Moody, JP  
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: George Watson and W. J. James. Mrs. V. A. Tollerson, mother of the bride, gave her consent in writing. George Watson made aff't that he is over the age of twenty-one years.
- 235    Bolton, Amos Lenard.    Richardson, Dora C.        25 Dec 1904    W. C. McNally, JP  
Married at the residence of the brides' father. Bondsmen: Amos Lenard Bolton and W. J. Bolton. R. J. Richardson gave consent in writing. Father of Amos Lenard Bolton Gave his consent in writing.
- 235    Shewbart, C. A.              Ezzell, Carry E.              26 Dec 1904    J. P. Carr, JP  
Married at the Thomas Ezzell residence. Bondsmen: C. A. Shewbart and H. L. Blackburn. H. L. Blackburn made aff't that Miss Carry E. Ezzell is over the age of eighteen years and that C. A. Shewbart is over the age of twenty-one years.

-To be continued

## Will Book 1, 1902-1907

### Part 4

Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Continued here from Vol. 35, No. 3, p. 114. In Vol. 35 the Will Book is erroneously called Will Book 3, 1902-1907; it should be Will Book 1. The first in this series was carried in *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 35, No. 1. It is a final record.

Even though Franklin County was established in 1818, numerous fires have been devastating to the records. For this reason, the first will book still in existence in this county, begins in December 1890.

### Catherine S. Anderson

#### Petition to Probate Last Will & Testament

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John C. Anderson was named in the will of Catherine S. Anderson as executors, he is a non resident of Alabama and declined to qualify and act. In his stead, John C. Allen qualified to act as Administrator.

Catherine S. Allen died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Jan leaving a Last Will & Testament signed by her and attested to by R. N. Harris, Lang C. Allen Jr., and James E. Leeter of Clarksdale, Coahoma Co., Miss.

The following are the names, ages, residences, etc., of the next of kin, heirs at law and legatees of Catherine S. Anderson:

1. Lizzie Allen, wife of John C. Allen, who is of full age, residents of Franklin Co., Ala.
2. John C. Anderson, of lawful age, who resides in Clarksdale, Coahoma County, Miss.
3. Mrs. Aggie Ranson, wife of R. H. Ranson, who resides at Stout, Wayne County, Tenn.
4. Lelia Bullock, wife of Wm. J. Bullock, twenty one years old and resides in Russellville, Franklin Co., Ala.
5. Jesse Anderson, unmarried, who is twenty one years old and resides in Franklin County, Ala.
6. Dona Anderson, unmarried, who is a minor and resides in Russellville, Franklin Co., Al.  
All are of sound mind.
7. Jacinta C. Henderson, widow, a resident of Monticella, Arkansas is also one of the next of kin.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that a day be fixed for hearing this petition. Due notice must be given, as required by law, to the next of kin of said deceased and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees may be had and made as may be requisite and proper.

/s/ J. C. Allen

Witt:

A. M. Warnock, J. P.

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10 April 1891

R. H. Wildberger, Notary Public for Clarksdale, Miss, hereby certifies that the foregoing testimony and answers taken down and written by the several witnesses themselves, namely:

R. N. Harris

Lang C. Allen Jr.

James E. Luter

The testimony was read over to them and each assented. I have personal knowledge of the identity of said witnesses and am not counsel or kin to any of them and am not interested in the event thereof.

/s/ R. H. Wildberger, Notary Public for  
Clarksdale, Miss. 10 April 1891.

### Last Will & Testament Catherine S. Anderson

Dated 8 April 1890

Probated 27 April 1891

I, Catherine S. Anderson, widow, of the County of Franklin, Alabama, being at an advanced age and knowing the uncertainties of life and being of sound mind and wishing to make disposition of my property after my death,



do make and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, viz:

1<sup>st</sup> To my son, John C. Anderson of Clarksdale, Coahoma Co., Miss., two (2) acres of land in the southwest corner of what is known and called "Wood's Lot," fronting on the Courtland road and being a part of the home place.

After the two acres are staked off to him, I desire that all my property consisting of what is known as the Home Place and the White Place, all being in Franklin Co., Ala. be sold for cash. "I do not know the numbers or descriptions of the land but the same is well known to all of my heirs and they understand and know the location and boundaries of all said land."

This land to be sold at either public or private sale as my executors hereinafter appointed may see fit. The proceeds arising therefrom are to be applied first to the payment of a debt due by my late husband, F. H. Anderson, to my son Sidney S. Anderson, now deceased. After the said debt is paid off and discharged in full, the balance of the money arising from the sale of said land is to be divided equally between my children, to wit:

Jacinta C. Henderson, now living in Monticello, Arkansas;

Agnes Ranson, living near Stout, Tenn.

Lizzie P. Allen living near Russellville, Ala.

John C. Anderson living in Clarksdale, Miss.

"It is intended that the money paid to my grandchildren . . . [after paying off and discharging the above mentioned debt due to my son, Sidney S. Anderson, decd., and giving to my son, John C. Anderson, the two acres mentioned above, shall be equally divided between Jacinta, Agnes, Lizzie and John, my children now living."

I hereby appoint my son, John C. Anderson and my son-in-law, J. C. Allen, Executors of this my last will & testament and it is my wish that they shall not be required to give bond. I appoint them jointly with full powers to act and do what they may deem to be the best interest of all concerned and either to sell my property above mentioned at either private or public sale.

Signed, sealed and executed by me at Clarksdale, Mississippi this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. 1890.

/s/ Catharine S. Anderson

8 April 1890

Clarksdale, Miss.

We the undersigned witnesses to the Last Will and Testament of Mrs. C. S. Anderson, have signed the same at her request and in her presence, she declaring the same to be her last Will & Testament and we also sign the same as witnesses in the presence of each other.

/s/ R. N. Harris

/s/ Lang C. Allen Jr.

/s/ Jas. E. Luter

State of Alabama )

Franklin County )

I James M. Jordan, Judge of Probate Court, in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the within will and testament of Catherine Anderson, deceased, has been this day duly proven before me in said Court and duly recorded, together with the proof thereof, in my office in Book of Wills No. 1.

/s/ James M. Jordan

Judge of Probate

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### Bryce Wilson

#### Last Will & Testament

Dated: (No date)

Probated: 28 April 1879

In the name of God, Amen, I Bryce Wilson of Russell's Valley in Franklin Co., Ala, being in possession of my ordinary health bodily and mental, but considering the great uncertainty of its much longer continuance and wishing to determine in what manner my estate shall be managed and disposed of when I shall have ceased to live, do by these presents make, ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament.

1<sup>st</sup> If I depart this life in Russell's Valley, I desire to be buried in the Bellevue burying



ground and I direct the executrix and executors of this Will to subscribe and pay \$100 towards the purchase of the ground and the enclosure of the same in a plain and permanent manner.

2<sup>nd</sup> I direct that as soon after my decease as convenient, all my just debts be paid.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my faithful and beloved wife, Mary Ann Wilson, all and singular my Estate real, personal and mixed of whatsoever nature and whatsoever situate. She is to have and to hold same for and during the term or time she remains my widow, in Trust, for the due maintenance of herself and all my children. At her death or other termination, her Estate to be to be equally and fairly divided, share and share alike, among such of my children as may, at that time, be living.

The living bodily heirs of my deceased children are to divide among them the portion that would have gone to my said deceased child had he or she been living.

4<sup>th</sup> I direct that my wife make reasonable advances to my children at any time she thinks proper, keeping an account of the same along with the advances I have already made or may hereafter make. These advances are to be considered as part of the share of the child receiving the advance.

It is my wish that all my children shall fare as nearly alike as possible. No charge whatever shall be made against any of them for board, education, clothing, medical attention &etc., before and during the time they go to school and are at home. Only when boarded out at school a distance from home shall the expenditures made on their behalf be charged to them as an advance as has been hitherto done.

It is possible that the estate herein of my said wife may cease and determine [terminate?] while some of my children are yet in tender years and have not received a home education as did their elders, free of all charge. In every case, I direct the executors of this Will to allow and pay out of my estate a fair and equitable amount, not less than \$100 per annum, to each and every one each year he or she or they would or should have gone to school at home.

5<sup>th</sup> My wish is that business be conducted as though I were alive and I hereby grant and give full power and authority to my Executrix, with one of my executors concurring therein, and joining in the conveyance to sell any property, real or personal, belonging to my estate or to buy any such property taking conveyance to my estate.

6<sup>th</sup> In all cases, where I have sold land and given bond for title, where the purchase money was paid, I direct the executrix and executors of this Will to convey title in conformity to such bond whenever they are satisfied of the payment of said purchase money.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and grant to my Executrix and executors full power and authority, to receive, sue for and collect at law or equity, if need be, any money or other thing due to me or to my estate from any person, company or companies, incorporated or not, and located in New Orleans, Louisiana or in any other city, state or county whatsoever.

8<sup>th</sup> My executrix and executors may keep at interest any money which I leave at interest. They may hold it, or at their discretion collect the same and re-lend it to others. They may take good security for the money and invest the interest annually.

The money in the hands of my Nephew, William Henderson, or Patton Henderson & Co., New Orleans, La., may continue in the same business or increase or dismiss the capital.

My executrix and executors are to allow the sum of \$1000, which I lent to said Nephew, to remain in his hands at interest to be paid annually for the period of five years or longer if he shall desire the use of it, providing in doing so no apparent or reasonable danger is incurred to chance losing the debt.

9<sup>th</sup> My executrix and executors shall not be liable to make good to my estate, out of their own estate, any loss unless such loss happens because of their willful and gross neglect and default.

10<sup>th</sup> I appoint my wife executrix for and during the term of her widowhood and my sons,

Bryce Alexander Wilson and James Edward Wilson, executors. No security is to be required of them in any thing touching on the execution of this Will. The exception, of course, is the interference of a Court of Chancery if a proper showing of gross mismanagement in any thing relating thereto can be established.

11<sup>th</sup> To my wife, the tuition and custody of all my minor children for such time as they or any of them remain single and under age 21 as long as my wife remains my widow. Upon the death or marriage of my wife, I give the tuition and custody of said children to my Executors Bryce A. Wilson and James E. Wilson.

12<sup>th</sup> I will and direct that upon their final settlement, my Executors be allowed actual expenses incurred in the execution of the will and nothing more.

13<sup>th</sup> No inventory is to be taken of my estate nor any return or report of my effects be made to the Probate Court.

My executrix and executors are to have the plantation cultivated the best they can. They are to sell the crops and increase in stock that the plantation supplies, for cash or on credit, at their discretion.

Immediately after the termination [death or remarriage] of my wife, application must be made by my Executors to the Probate Court of said county to appoint commissioners to take and make a full and complete Inventory and Appraisal of all assets and real estate. When said inventory is complete, the division outlined in the third clause of this Will shall take place and the respective shares be divided over to the parties entitled thereto or to their guardians.

14<sup>th</sup> If any of my daughters, after coming into possession of their share of my estate, shall die leaving no living heirs of their body, her share shall be divided between her surviving brothers and sisters and to the living issue of such others of them as may have died.

It is not my intention to hinder or restrict my said daughters from selling any property, real or personal, which may fall to them. The proceeds from such sale shall remain the separate estate of said daughters.

In witness whereof, having written every word with my own hand, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this ... [bottom of page cut off] Signed sealed, published and acknowledged by the Testator as his Last Will and Testament in our presence and at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other, we have set our names as witnesses thereto:

J. Hillman  
Thos. East  
W. A. Shutze

State of Alabama )  
Franklin County )

I, James E. Moore, Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said State & County, do hereby Certify that the within Will and Testament of Bryce Wilson, deceased, has been this day duly proven before me in said county and duly recorded, together with the proof there.

/s/ James E. Moore,  
Judge of Probate

State of Alabama )  
Franklin County )

I, Amos L. Moody, Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing eight pages contain a true and correct transcript of the Will and Testament of Bryce Wilson, deceased, with certificate of the Probate thereof as of record in my office.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court at office the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1887.

/s/ Amos L. Moody,  
Judge of Probate

State of Mississippi )  
Pontotoc County )

I, W. P. Lowry, Chancery Clerk in and for said state and county, hereby certify that the within certified transcript of the Will of Bryce Wilson, Decd., was filed in my office for record at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1889 and duly recorded the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1889 in Book No. 20 on pages 416 to 421 of the Probate Record of the Chancery Court of said county.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1889. Filed Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 1889 at 10 o'clock a.m.

State of Alabama )  
Franklin County )

I, James Jarman, Judge of Probate Court, certify that the foregoing Will was filed in this office for record on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1892 and duly recorded the same day.

/s/ James Jarman  
Judge of Probate Court

### John Keelen

#### Last Will & Testament

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Dated: 9 Aug 1881

Probated: 2 March 1885

I, John Keelen of the county and state aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and declare the following as and for my last will and testament, viz:

1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> To my beloved daughter, Catharine<sup>1</sup> Sevier, wife of Dr. Daniel V. Sevier, and to her children jointly, the following described lands lying and being in the county of Franklin, viz:

SW/4 of Sec. 29-6-11W containing 160 acres, more or less, and the following lots in the Town of Russellville in Franklin Co: Lot No. 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189 and 190 except 30 feet off the north end of lot No. 185 on which a brick house and other improvements are situated. Said lands and lots are to be taken by her and her children "as of the value of Twenty three hundred Dollars."

She, my said daughter, Catherine, has already received from me, as her advances on her share of my estate, personal property of the value of \$660. Said personal property and the land above

<sup>1</sup> Written Catharine in one place and Catherine in another.

described must be accounted for as her share in my estate.

3<sup>rd</sup> To my grandchildren, the children of my daughter Jane Richardson, namely:

- Aramenta Blissett, wife of James Blissett
- James Blissett
- John Richardson
- Sarah Smith wife of William Smith
- Mattie Smith, wife of John W. Smith
- Thomas Hardy Richardson
- Elijah Richardson
- Turner Richardson

jointly and in equal parts, the following described lands in Franklin Co., viz:

- NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 30;
- NW/4 of NW/4 of Section 29, all in Township 7, Range 11 west.. Also:
- SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 19;
- SW/4 of NE/4 of Sec. 30 also in Township 7, Range 11 west,

to be taken by them at the value of \$1600. Their mother, Jane Richardson, in her lifetime received from me as advances on her share in my estate in personal property of the value of \$400 which amount must be considered as part of her share of my estate.

4<sup>th</sup> Sarah East, wife of Robert East, has already received as advances on her share in my estate, property which was of the value of \$1200. At the time, she was childless. I give her no more of my estate except as hereinafter provided.

5<sup>th</sup> To my daughter, Martha Freeman wife of William H. Freeman, the following described lands in Franklin Co., Ala., for her own proper use and benefit during her natural life:

- NW/4 of Sec. 25, Township 7, Range 12 west except that portion contained in the following boundaries, viz:

Commencing at a spring on a certain creek called the Morgan Spring, near the center of the eastern boundary of said quarter and running thence in a westerly direction with the meanderings of said creek to the mouth of a dry branch, coming into said creek on the north side thence up said branch in an easterly direction to the eastern boundary of said

quarter Section and thence south with said boundary to the beginning, supposed to contain four acres, containing 156 acres and valued at \$1560.

My said daughter has already received from me, by way of advancement, her share in my estate of personal property of the value at the time advanced of \$250 which, with the value of the lands herein devised to her, is her share of my estate.

If my said daughter dies leaving issue of her body surviving her, said lands herein mentioned are to vest in such issue. If she dies leaving no issue of her body surviving her then the lands devised to her are to be divided among my other surviving children and their children.

6<sup>th</sup> I have, before the execution of this will, given and advanced to my daughter, Mary Hollingsworth, in cash and personal property the amount of \$1800 which is her full share in my estate. Nothing more is to be due her except as hereinafter directed.

7<sup>th</sup> To my son, Napoleon B. Keelen and to his children now living and who may be hereafter born, jointly, the following lands in Franklin Co., viz:

NE/4 Section 24 and the SW/4 of the same Section, all in Township 7, Range 12 west.

He has never at any time received any money or other property from me by way of advancement on his share in my estate. I value said lands at \$2720.

8<sup>th</sup> I give and devise unto my son, Napoleon B. Keelen, the following lands in Franklin Co., to be held in trust by him for the use and benefit of my son, James Keelen, now an inmate of the Insane asylum at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, viz:

SE/4 of Section 25, Township 7, Range 12 west containing 160 acres, and of the value of \$1000.

The rents, issues and profits of said lands I direct to be applied by Napoleon B. Keelen for the use and benefit of my said son, James, during his life, in such manner and to such extent as Napoleon B. may think necessary for his comfort and necessities.

If James is hereafter restored to reason and to his right mind fully, then said lands are to vest in him. But if he dies before or without such restoration to reason or soundness of mind, I direct and empower my said son, Napoleon B., as trustee to sell said lands either at public or private sale and distribute the proceeds between my children and grandchildren then living.

9<sup>th</sup> If there be any residue of my estate at my death not disposed of in this will, I will and direct the same (after deducting my funeral expenses and such debts as I may have unpaid at my death and such costs and expenses as my Executor shall incur respecting the probate and administration) be divided among and distributed to my children and grandchildren that may survive me.

10<sup>th</sup> Having full confidence in the honesty and integrity of my son, Napoleon B. Keelin, I hereby nominate and appoint him as sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament and direct that no bond or security be required of him.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1881.

/s/ John Keelen

Witness:

L. C. Nance  
J. T. Mansell

State of Alabama )  
Franklin County )

I, Amos L. Moody, Judge of the Court of Probate do certify that the Will & Testament of John B. Keelen, deceased has been this day duly proven and duly recorded this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1885.

/s/ Amos L. Moody  
Judge of Probate

State of Alabama )  
Franklin County )

I hereby certify the within Will was filed in this office for Record on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1892 and duly recorded the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1891.

/s/ James M. Jordan  
Judge of Probate

## Mollie C. Lawler

### Last Will & Testament

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Dated 7 March 1892

Probated 13 Sept 1892

#### Petition to Probate

B. H. Jones respectfully represents that Mollie C. Lawler, who was at the time of her death an inhabitant of Franklin County, departed this life at Russellville on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1893 leaving assets in this state. She left a Last Will & Testament witnessed by James E. Wilson and James R. Spraggins.

Your petitioner is named in said Will as Executor and herewith surrenders said Will to the Court and prays that, after proper proceedings and proofs, it may be probated and admitted to record.

Your petitioner further represents that the names, ages, residences and conditions of the next of kin as follows:

1. Melveda (Lawler) Wilson, wife of John Wilson
2. Emma Patrons and her husband John Patrons
3. Ella Scott and her husband, John Scott.
4. Mollie Briggs and her husband James H. Briggs
5. John E. Lawler
6. Laura Lawler [written Lawley], all adults and reside at or near Center Star in Lauderdale Co., Ala. Also:
  7. Sarah Ross
  8. Robert Lawler, adults who reside at Clarksdale P. O., Coahoma Co., Miss.
  9. Miss Sarah W. Lawler, adult, residing at Sumpterville, Fla.
  10. T. B. Lawler, adult, resides at Leesburgh, Fla.
  11. Lizzie Melton, adult, resides at Sumpterville, Fla.
  12. Jennie Lawler, adult, resides at Belmont, Ala.
  13. Bettie Rhone
  14. Lou Parnent [?], adults who reside at Livingston, Sumpter Co., Ala.
  15. Thos. Lawler
  16. Fannie Clay
  17. Baker Nichols

18. Bennie Nichols, all adults and residents of Doublin, Miss.

Your petitioner would further represent that James E. Wilson and Jas. R. Spraggins, attesting witnesses, reside in Franklin Co., Ala. Petitioner asks for a day to be set for hearing of this petition, that due notice be given as required and citations be issued to the heirs above mentioned.

/s/ B. H. Jones

#### Statement of Witnesses

James E. Wilson and James R. Spraggins state the testatrix (Mollie C. Lawler) was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponents was fully capable of making her Will at the time the same was made. Said Testatrix was, on the day and date of making said will, was over the age of 21 years and resided in Franklin Co., Ala. Said Mollie C. Lawler signed the Will in the presence of Wilson and Spraggins.

/s/ Jas. E. Wilson

/s/ James R. Spraggins

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1892.

/s/ James M. Jordan

Judge of Probate

Recorded 12 Sept 1892.

## Mollie C. Lawler

### Last Will & Testament

I, Mollie C. Lawler, being in failing health but of sound mind, do make and publish this my Last Will & Testament.

As to my worldly estate and all the real, personal or mixed property of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath and dispose there in the manner following:

1<sup>st</sup> Pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as convenient.

2<sup>nd</sup> To Dr. John C. Harris, all my interest in household and kitchen furniture including silver, china, glass and plait [flat?] ware.

3<sup>rd</sup> To my beloved brother, T. B. Lawler, a resident of Florida, "all moneys and chose [?] in actions that I have or is due or may be due me" at my death.

Also, the following described real property to wit:

These certain town property situated in the town of Russellville, Franklin Co., Ala., and described as: Lots No. 161 and 162 according to the town plat and known as the J. C. Vincen Place,

provided the said T. B. Lawler shall erect two tombstones not to exceed \$300. One of the said tombstones to be erected over my grave and the other over the grave of Billie A. Harris, late wife of Dr. John C. Harris, of the town of Russellville.

4<sup>th</sup> I do nominate and appoint my good friend B. H. Jones to be the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and he does not have to post bond as such.

5<sup>th</sup> The above named B. H. Jones shall have power to sell the following described real property:

Two acres, more or less in Section 30, Township 6, Range 11 west commencing in said section at the SE corner of the lot recent sold to William East (by Jane C. & Henry Hargett) and running west along the line of said lot to the SW corner of said lot, thence south to the intersection of Washington and Cotaco Streets, thence east along Cotaco Street to the Military road, thence north along said road to the starting point.

Said permission is given if B. H. Jones finds it necessary to help defray the expenses heretofore enumerated, to be born by the said T. B. Lawler. If the said B. H. Jones finds it unnecessary to sell the above described lot the same shall pass in fee to my brother T. B. Lawler.

In testimony whereof I, the said Mollie C. Lawler, have to this, my Last Will & Testament, subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1892.

/s/ M. C. Lawler

Witnesses: James E. Wilson  
James R. Spraggins

I, James M. Jordan, Judge of Probate Court in and for Franklin Co., Ala. certify the within Will & Testament of M. C. Lawler, decd., has been this day duly proven. 12 Sept 1893.

/s/ James M. Jordan

## Araminta Chambers

### Petition to Probate Will

Pages 38-39

Will dated 8 Dec 1892

Probated 12 Dec 1892

Jane Chambers petitions the Court for the Probate of the Will of Araminta Chambers, decd.

Araminta Chambers, who at the time of her death was an inhabitant of Franklin County, departed this life at her home in Franklin Co., on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892. She left assets in this state and left a Last Will & Testament duly signed and witnessed by Wm. Burgess and J. L. Blackburn.

Your petitioner is named in said Will as a legatee and does now herewith surrender said Will to the Court and prays that, after proper proceedings and proofs, it may be probated and admitted to record.

The names, ages, residences and conditions of the next of kin are as follows, to wit:

1. James B. Chambers, an adult
2. Mary Thorn, wife of James K. Pa. Thorn, both adults and residents of Colbert Co., Ala.
3. Maria A. Goins, wife of Alfred Goins, both adults and residents of Franklin Co., Ala.
4. Petitioner, Jane Chambers, is also a daughter of deceased, resides in Franklin Co., and is over age 21.

Your petitioner further represents that Wm. Burgess and J. L. Blackburn, witnesses, reside in Franklin Co.

/s/ Jane Chambers

On 24 Dec 1892 James K. Thorn swore to the facts in the above petition to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

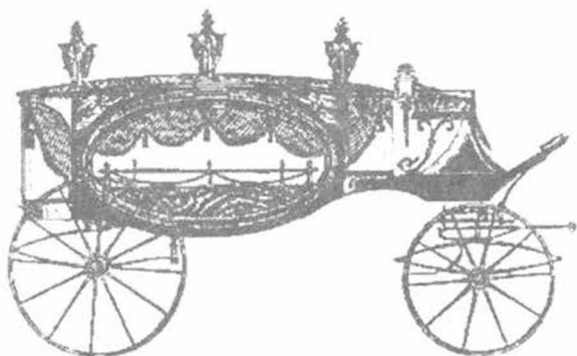
### Notice to Witnesses

On 12 Dec 1892 the Sheriff was ordered to summons William Burgess and J. L. Blackburn as witnesses to the Last Will & Testament of Araminta Chambers.

On 12 Dec 1892 J. L. Blackburn swore, on oath, that he knew Araminty Chambers in her lifetime

but that she is now dead. She died in Franklin Co. on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1892. The paper purported to be her will was executed by her on the date it bears. The same was read over to her in the presence of witnesses and she acknowledged to him that she signed the same as her will and that he witnessed the same at her request in her presence. In his opinion, Araminty Chambers was of sound mind at the time she made her will. She was over age 21.

James W. Bolton, on 12 Dec 1892, swore after examining the paper purporting to be the Will of Araminta Chambers, that it was the same one he and J. L. Blackburn witnessed.



**Last Will and Testament  
Araminta Chambers**

To all whom it may concern that I, Araminty Chambers of the County and State aforesaid,

being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being impressed of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, I do hereby make the following disposition of my personal property.

1<sup>st</sup> After my death I want all my just debts and funeral expenses paid.

2<sup>nd</sup> I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter, Martha Jane Chambers, all of my personal property, hogs, cattle, household & kitchen furniture, moneys, notes & accounts, goods & chattels of whatever description.

After my death, the said Martha Jane Chambers is to take possession of all my personal property as aforesaid and to use the same for her own use and benefit forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1892.

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Araminta X Chambers  
mark

Signed in the presence of:

Wm. Burgess  
J. L. Blackburn

Filed in office this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1892.

/s/ W. W. Waltrip  
Probate Judge

**For the Relief of Certain Families  
of Franklin County**

The Court of County Commissioners of Franklin County are authorized, if they deem it necessary and advisable, to support out of the county treasury, certain persons in the county with the same amount now allowed for paupers. These persons are Isaac Guinn and his wife and Isaih Stephens and his wife Sallie Stephens, and they are to be supported without their being kept in the Poor House of said county. [Source: *Acts of Alabama, 1859-60.* Approved February 10, 1860.]



# Jackson County

## Civil Register of County Officials

1832 – 1844

Part 5 (Final)

Contributed by  
Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.

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

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

This work is especially important in counties such as Jackson due to the loss of so many early records.

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<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Armstrong, William C.	Justice of Peace	3 April 1838	
Liddon, Wm. A.	"	"	
Witt, Charles	"	"	
Justice, John	"	"	
Frank, Henry	"	"	
Snodgrass, Thomas	"	"	
Berry, John	"	"	
Brook, William C.	"	"	
Proctor, William D.	"	"	
Foster, Richard	"	"	
Ivy, Brantley	"	"	
Young, Francis	"	"	
Scruggs, Thomas	"	"	
Evens, Saml.	"	"	
Smith, John P.	"	"	
Hardwick, Thos. J.	"	"	

<u>Official's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date/Comm.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Hampton, Silas	"	"	
Smart, William	"	"	
Gross, Jacob	"	"	
Shelton, Woodliff	"	"	
Patton, Samuel P.	"	"	
Longacre, Wm. J.	"	"	
Morris, Robert	Justice of Peace	3 April 1838	
Killingsworth, Matthew	"	"	
Finney, Alex	"	"	
Griffin, Dock	"	"	
Lawler, Furman	"	"	
McCoy, Anardo	"	"	
Mahan, William	"	"	
Lewis, Joel D.	"	"	
Frazier, Arthur	"	"	
Bridges, John	"	"	
Vaught, John	"	"	
Young, Thos.	"	"	
Shipp, Thos.	"	"	
Clinton, Kirby	"	"	
Hogue [Hogbe?], Solomon	"	"	
Owin, John	"	"	
Smith, John	"	"	
Collins, A. W.	"	"	
Ivy, Clemens	"	"	
Womack, Joseph	"	"	
Brown, Smith	"	"	
Williams, Jas.	"	"	
McFarland, Alexander	"	"	
Rush, Benjamin	"	"	

(End of Series)

## Bridgeport Cases

Contributed by Judge William D. Page  
(Part 7)

Continued from *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 37, No. 2. The following cases were rescued from the dumpster at the Jackson County Courthouse by Ms. Jackie Slaten and Judge Robert Hodges. They are carried here through the thoughtfulness of the late Carlus Page and Judge William D. Page.

### Prosser Jenkins

9 September 1896

Charge of burglary

The Grand Jury of Jackson County, Alabama charge Prosser Jenkins broke into the store or warehouse of of Patrick Woodall and John B. Woodall, partners. with intent to steal. In the warehouse were kept goods, merchandise, or meat things of value and were for sale or deposit.

Witnesses were P. H. Woodall, John B. Woodall and W. W. Glasner. Samuel Butler was foreman of the grand jury.

No further information.

9 September 1896

(This is a second indictment). Charge of grand larceny.

The Grand Jury of Jackson County charge that Prosser Jenkins feloniously took and carried away from a store-house or warehouse, "one ham of bacon of the value of one dollar and fifty cents," the personal property of Patrick Woodall and John B. Woodall, partners in trade under the firm name and style of Woodall Brothers.

Witnesses were P. H. Woodall, John B. Woodall and W. W. Glasner. No other information.

### Stokes Johnson

16 September 1890

George R. Chambless swears that Stokes Johnson had charge or custody of a horse and inflicted unnecessary cruelty upon the same against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama. Said affidavit sworn to before John M. Hall, J. P.

7 July 1891

Stokes Johnson posted an appeal bond, with Pip Johnson his bondsman, in the amount of \$49.

Outcome of case not shown.

### S. J. Jones

1 July 1895

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that S. J. Jones had been duly summoned to appear at this term of the circuit court as a petit juror for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the term, and who being called came not but made default.

He was deemed by the court to be in contempt of court and no excuse being rendered for him. It is ordered that a rule issue to him to appear in the circuit court on 26 August 1895 to show cause why he should not be found guilty of contempt and fined accordingly.

4 January 1896

S. J. Jones was summoned to appear in the Circuit Court as a petit juror for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the term and being called came not but made default. He was deemed by the court to be in contempt of court and no excuse being rendered for him, it is ordered that he appear in court on 2 March 1896 to show cause why he should not be found guilty of contempt.

Outcome of cases not given.

### Bayless E. Ladd

25 June 1894

Bayless E. Ladd states that on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 1893 he was charged with an attempt to murder. At the Jackson County Circuit Court he was indicted on said charge and was granted bail in the amount of \$5,000. He made bond and was "set at liberty."

Afterwards, on the \_\_\_ day of June 1894 he was surrendered by his securities to T. J.

Robertson, the sheriff of said county and by him was again put in jail. He is still in jail.

Ladd is advised that under the law he has a right to bail but that having surrendered by his bondsmen [not named] the Sheriff is not authorized to accept a bond without an order of the court.

Ladd asks the court to direct the Sheriff to "produce the body of your petitioner [Ladd] before your Honor" and that he be ordered to set petitioner at liberty under such restrictions as your Honor may see fit to impose.

Outcome not shown.

**Vincent D. Ladd**

12 February 1890

The Grand Jury of Jackson Co., Alabama charge that Vincent D. Ladd assaulted and beat David Smith.

Witnesses were David Smith, Hugh Smith and James Johnson.

**J. R. Lamb**

4 September 1905

The Grand Jury of Jackson County, Alabama charge that J. R. Lamb, whose Christian name is to the grand jury unknown, did carry a pistol concealed about his person.

Witnesses were Will Lamb, Steve Keller, L. L. Stephens, Louis Smith, and Rufus Keller.

**Paul Lamb**

4 September 1905

The grand jury of Jackson County, Alabama charges that Paul Lamb did enter into or go sufficiently near to the dwelling house of Andrew Presswood and, in the presence or within the hearing of the family, or a member of the family of the occupants thereof, made use of abusive, insulting, or obscene language.

Witnesses were Alabama Presswood and Andrew Presswood.

**Loomis & Hart Manufacturing**

vs

**Alley Brothers**

20 July 1905

Loomis & Hart Manufacturing Co. is a corporation chartered under the laws of Tennessee with its principal place of business as Chattanooga. They claim that E. Hurt Alley,

Virgil K. Alley, and William W. Alley, partners doing business as Alley Brothers, owe them \$79.05 due by account on 6 December 1904 with interest. Outcome of case not given.

**Cap Looney**

1 September 1906

The grand jury of Jackson County charge Cap Looney with intent to steal, broke into and entered a shop, store, warehouse or other building, of Clarence Bynum and Otis Bynum in which goods, merchandise, or clothing, or other things of value, were kept for use, sale or deposit.

Witnesses were Clarence Bynum and J. W. Barnett. Outcome of case not shown.

**Joe Hulsey**

4 March 1904

The Grand Jury of Jackson County charge that Joe Hulsey unlawfully and with malice aforethought did assault Albert Harrison with the intent to murder him. Witnesses were A. O. Harrison, Mrs. Henry Martin, Howard Garran, Joe Smalley, J. T. Gilbert and Jno. Browder. No other information.

**Bogue Hill**

1 September 1906

The grand jury of Jackson County charge that Bogue<sup>1</sup> Hill, unlawfully and with malice aforethought, did assault Albert Mason with a pistol with the intent to murder him.

Witnesses were Albert Mason, Alex Hill, Bob Malone, Charley Gilliam and Frank Hill.

A. H. Moody was foreman of the grand jury. John F. Proctor was solicitor for Jackson County. Witnesses were served 3 September 1906.

**Alfred Steel**

8 September 1899.

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that Alfred Steel did assault I. F. Hurst with brass knuckles. No other information.

<sup>1</sup> Also written Boge

**Wiley Taliaferro**  
**Alias Miss Taliaferro**

3 September 1896

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that Wiley "Toliver alias Miss Toliver," with intent to steal, broke into and entered the shop of Adolphus Hill in which horse shoes, nails, hammers, iron saws or pistols and other things of value were kept for use, sale or deposit.

Witnesses named on the grand jury true bill were Adolphus Hill, T. J. Robinson, and Wm. B. Bridges.

A. W. Darwin, Jim Beard, Jim Foster and Jim Hany were subpoenaed on behalf of Taliaferro and Robert McLendon was subpoenaed on behalf of the state. A jury trial was held and the verdict was: "We the Jury find the Defendant guilty as charged in the Indictment and assess his fine at \$10.00."

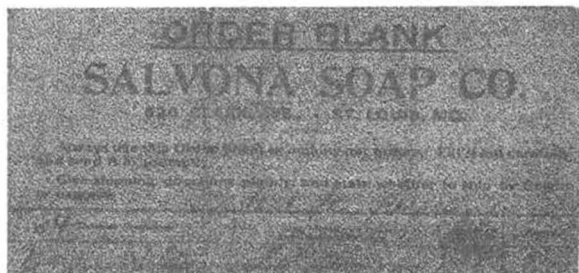
**Eliza Talley**

16 March 1901

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that "Eliza Talley, with the intent to injure or defraud, did falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit an instrument in writing in words and figures substantially as follow: I (or we) guarantee that the party whose name appears above will pay for goods to the amount of this order in 10 days from receipt of same. Address S. C. Fetch."

Witnesses listed on the true bill were Chas. F. Scoffield, S. C. Fitch and Mr. Hiney (railroad agent).

Ms. Talley was arrested and on April 29, 1901 and gave a \$250 bond with W. F. Kirk, Thomas Sharp, and R. C. Gunter her securities. She was charged with "obtaining goods under false pretences." The company from which the merchandise was ordered was the Salvona Soap Co. in St. Louis, Mo.



Instead of prepaying her order Ms. Talley had the merchandise shipped to S. C. Fitch, post master at Bridgeport, Al. Customers for whom she placed orders were:

Mary Streeter	Smoker set	\$1.00
Mollie Kelso	Pin tray	.50
Marthy Roach	Jewel box	.50
Rose Woodward	Towels	.50
Ellen Brazelton	Tray	1.00
Josie Finnie	Vase	.50
Mary B. Fitch	Jewel box	.50
Callie Elliott	Candle holder	.50
Eliza Branch	Dressing case	.50
Lula Goodwin	Jewel box	.50
Reckisa Stubblefield	Towels	.50
Katie Clifton	Teaspoons	1.00
Ella Jones	Pin tray	.50
Willie Jones	C. tray	1.00
Callie Gormt	C. holder	.50
Jessie Coun	Salt shakers	.50
Mattie Hill	Scissors	.50
Annie Streeter	Towels	.50
Jane Moore	Jewel box	.50
Ben Akines	Jewel box	.50
Mary Akines	Smoker set	1.00
Ruth Hill	Syrup jug	1.00
Sallie Simmons	Child's set	1.00
Tom Moore	Pocket knife	.50
Jinnie Akines	Tea spoons	1.00
Lizzie Coffee	C. tray	1.00
Sarah Carvin	D. comb	.50
Maggie Yorle	Oil bottle	.50
Lula Hotbert	Smoker set	1.00
Bell Ross	Jewel box	.50
Minnie Reese	Tea spoons	1.00
Mary Catner	Pin tray	.50
Ellor Goodwin	C. tray (2)	1.00
Annie Bright	Jewel box	.50
May Jones	Vase	.50
Lula Streeter	Vase	.50
Robert Elliott	Jewel box	.50
Jonnie Jones	Pin tray	.50
Mary Wheeler	C. tray	.50
Annie Reed	Towels	.50
Julia Green	Smoker set	1.00
Harriett Stewart	Towels	.50
Eva Hill	Pin tray	.50
Clara Glover	Candle holder	.50
Maggie Wilson	Salt shakers	.50
Tom Coltner	Pin tray	.50
Icy Murphy	C. tray (2)	1.00

Masie Jones	tea spoons	1.00
Ellor Love	Jewel box	.50
Mattie Williams	C. tray	1.00
Sallie Robertson	Syrup jug	1.00
Sam Eddings	Smoker set	1.00
Charlotte Streeter	Child's set (2)	1.00
Willie Payne	Pocket knife	.50
Annie Jones	Bread knife	.50
Tom Akines	Smoker set	1.00
Maggie Payne	Syrup jug (2)	1.00
Edd Gill	Puff box (2)	1.00
Tom Sharpe	Child's set (2)	1.00
Hattie Hatcher	Candle holder	.50
Pearl Hays	Scissors	.50
Jessie Winn	Tea spoon (2)	1.00
John Jennings	Towels	.50
Matilda Hinch	Towels	.50
Bessie Shepherd	Tea spoons (2)	1.00
Gordon McDonald	Candle holder	.50
Mary McDonald	Pin tray	.50
Jennie Sharper	Jewel box	.50
Ann Hill	Vase	.50
	TOTAL	\$47.00

**Charles Thornton**

8 March 1906

An indictment was found against Charles Thornton for gaming. He was arrested and posted bond of \$200 with T. F. Allison his security on 8 March 1906.

The case went to trial and the jury's verdict was: "We the Jury find the Defendant Not Gilty."

**Alex Waymires**

**James Waymires**

19 September 1899

An indictment having been found against Alex Waymires at the Spring 1899 term of the Circuit Court, the sheriff was ordered to arrest him on charges of concealing property covered by a lien. Alex was arrested and gave bond.

On 19 March W. A. J. Wann was subpoenaed as a witness on behalf of the state against Alex Waymires.

On Charley Vincent Jr., Jack Nash, George Matthews and Jim Carlile were subpoenaed on behalf of the defendants to appear in court on 21 September 1899. This showed both Alex and James as defendants.

On September 20 George L. Shrader Sr. was subpoenaed to appear and testify on behalf of the State.

16 March 1903

James Waymires was arrested for concealing property covered by a lien or claim. He gave bond.

No further information.

**Alex A. Waymires**

8 September 1899

The Ggrand Jury of Jackson County found that Alex A. Waymires "feloniously took and carried away a mule, the personal property of Charles W. Brown." Witnesses were C. W. Brown, S. B. Brandon, John Wilson and Sam Gilbert.

On 8 September 1899 Alex Waymires was arrested for grand larceny. He gave a \$300 bond with A. E. Morris, W. A. Morris, J. D. [T?] Middleton and J. P. Bryant, his securities.

Brown was ordered by the court to bring into court his books and accounts for the years 1898 and 1899 as they pertained to Waymires and the mule. [Ed: From this we must assume Waymires was purchasing the mule from Brown or vice versa.]

S. B. Brandon, John Wilson and Sam Gilbert were called on behalf of the State on 16 September 1899.

On 10 March 1900 Brown answered that Waymires had stolen Brown's "day book and ledger and all books and accounts showing the acct. between C. W. Brown and Alex Waymires for year 1898 and 1899 and especially all books and accounts showing credit by C. W. Brown to Alex Waymires for the mule."

On 12 March 1900 George Shrader, J. C. Jacobs, H. C. Arnold, Joe McFarland, Jim Austin, Joe Ashmore, John Willson, and Macklin Coffey were subpoenaed to testify on behalf of the State.

On 10 February 1902 W. G. Hayes, C. W. Hayes, A. E. Morris, F. A. Foster, C. L. Hammond, and C. W. Lovelady became Waymires's bondsmen in the amount of \$300.

Outcome of case not given.

**Alex A. Waymires  
James Waymires**

1 September 1899

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that Alex A. Waymires and James Waymires removed 68 bushels of corn valued at \$27.20 knowing Charles W. Brown had a lawful and valid claim to the corn. Brown had a lien on the property. Witnesses were C. W. Brown, Henry C. Arnold and S. B. Brandon.

In answer to the true bill, James Waymires states that Oliver Carlisle and Jack Kinney could testify that the corn in controversy was raised by James Waymires and was not a part of the crop covered by the lien.

It was rumored that the officers would attach all corn which could be found. Thereupon, James Waymires's family, in his absence and without his knowledge, covered up and concealed the corn in controversy.

The witnesses could also testify that James Waymires had been informed by A. A. Waymires that he had paid in cotton and corn prior to such attachment, more than sufficient to pay all claim against the crop for rent and advances the year it was grown. This was prior to the time the corn was concealed.

Signed by James Waymires by his mark on 15 September 1902. Witnesses by V. Bouldin.

**Alex A. Waymires  
Thomas Beavers**

1 September 1899

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that Charles W. Brown held a valid claims under a written instrument, a lien, on four mules (valued at \$50 each), one bay mare (valued at \$50) and two geldings for an aggregate value of \$350 plus one ash-colored horse mule (valued at \$50). That Waymires and Beavers, with the purpose to hinder, delay, or defraud Brown, did sell or remove said animal. Witnesses were C. W. Brown, Sam Gilbert and S. B. Brandon.

On 19 September 1899 the following persons (and their residences) were to be summoned as witnesses for the defendants:

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Mrs. Sallie B. Brown | Fackler   |
| P. P. St. Clair      | Hollywood |
| Dug St. Clair        | Tupelo    |
| A. D. Lowe           | Fabius    |

- |                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Jack Doss        | Fackler     |
| John Pittman     | Fackler     |
| Henry Bradford   | Fackler     |
| John Willson     | Fackler     |
| Goodson Carlton  | Fackler     |
| Jack Kinney      | Hollywood   |
| Tom Beaver       | Fackler     |
| H. Carlisle      | Cave Spring |
| J. F. Washington | Fackler     |
| J. C. Jacobs     | Scottsboro  |
| Josiah Beaver    | Bolilvar    |
| Wm. Pittman      | Fackler     |
| W. L. Rudder     | Stevenson   |
| Sam Shipp        | Allison     |
| J. B. Campbell   | Fackler     |
| Tom Vinson       | Fackler     |
| James Smith      | Stevenson   |
| R. C. Gunter     | Bridgeport  |
| Charley Vinson   | Fackler     |

Outcome of case not given.

**Alex Waymires**

9 September 1899

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that Alex A. Waymires did falsely pretend to C. A. Simpson that he had 40 acres of corn planted and by means of such false pretenses he obtained from Simpson \$2 in money, coffee, thread, and other merchandise articles valued at \$25.

Waymeyers was arrested 11 September 1899 for "obtaining money under false pretenses."

C. W. Brown and C. A. Simpson were called as witnesses for the state.

On 7 September 1899 R. C. Gunter was called as a witness for Waymires.

On 15 September 1899 George Matthews, James Austin, James Campbell, M. A. Carlisle, James Carlisle, G. M. D. Starkey, and J. P. Ledbetter were called as witnesses for Waymires. On 18 September 1899 James A. Lavett, E. W. Burgess, and T. W. York were called as witnesses for Waymires.

Outcome of case not given.

**Luther Wilburn**

1 September 1906

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that Luther Wilburn, in the presence or hearing

of a woman, made use of abusive or obscene language.

Witnesses were R. F. Fowler, John Archey, and Tom Hill.

**Horace Wilson**

16 March 1901.

The Grand Jury for Jackson County charges that Horace Wilson sold, bartered or exchanged spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors without a license and contrary to law, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

**G. W. Williams**

29 January 1893

G. W. Williams was charged with selling or giving away spirituous or malt liquors within the corporate limits of the City of Bridgeport. The Mayor's Court of Bridgeport summoned Lee Landers, J. E. Troxell, John Adams, Jim Barton, Pete Lamar, Bob Brooks and C. B. Dickerson as witnesses on behalf of the City. Williams was found guilty and fined \$50 plus \$10 costs. He appealed to the Circuit Court on 8 January 1894 and gave an appeal bond of \$100 with W. C. Glover his security.

**John Word**

10 September 1892

The Grand Jury of Jackson County found that John Word willfully interrupted or disturbed an assemblage of people met for religious worship by noise, profane discourse, or rude or indecent behavior at or near the place of worship. Witnesses were J. A. Baker, John Whitehead and James Holcomb.

Called to testify on behalf of the defendant were Jim McCamey, Jim Gross, Will Boshart, and Jim Benson

**Grace Wright**

8 March 1905

The Grand Jury found that Grace Wright entered into the dwelling house, or on the premises of, Fannie Winchester without having been wanted or without a good excuse, and failed to leave on being ordered or requested to do so.

Called as witnesses for the defendant were R. O. Starkey, Albert Starkey, Dal Starkey, Dr. Tate, Sam Gilbert, Alin Austin, A. J. Wann, Burt

Shroder, Tom Goings, John Winchester, and Goodson Carlton. Summoned on behalf of the state were Fannie Winchester, Mary Rooks, J. M. McGuffy, Bob Wann, G. C. Carlton, Rev. Charles Starky, Capt. Sam Cason and John D. House.

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**John R. Coffey vs. James P. Corbett**

\$120.00

*"On or before 1<sup>st</sup> Nov next I promise to pay John R. Coffey one Hundred & twenty Dollars for black mare, Nettie & her colt, binding them & their increase & all my other property for the payment of this note, waiving all right to exemptions under the Constitution & laws of the State of Alabama. Value need given under my hand & seal 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1877.*

*his*

*James P. (+) Corbett  
mark*

*Witness:*

*Clark Cross "(of Fackler, Al)"*

Received \$15 on note on 13 April 1878

Received \$25 on note on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1879

On 25 May 1887 suit was filed by Coffey against Corbett. His Complaint states: "The plaintiff (Coffey) claims of the defendant Eighty Dollars balance due by promissory note waiving benefit of exemptions as to personal property made by heirs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1877 and payable on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1877, with the interest thereon.

"And the plaintiff claims of the defendant another and different sum of Twenty Eight and Thirty Four Hundredths Dollars (\$28.34) balance due by account stated between plaintiff and defendant, for goods, wares and merchandise sold defendant by plaintiff at defendant's instance [?] and request at divers



times up to August 24<sup>th</sup> 1881 with interest thereon."

Signed by D. W. Speake, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Attorney Speake subpoenaed Clark Cross on 19 Oct 1887.

Corbett consented to the first count, that being he still owed \$80 on the promissory note. As to the rest, he stated the statute of limitations of six years had run.

Outcome of case not given.

**James Dunn**  
**Thomas Perry**

James Dunn was arrested and committed to jail 18 Feb 1897 but Thomas Perry had left the state according to Sheriff D. A. Thomas.

Witnesses were Ruffus Dunn and Mink Maxwell both of Febius, Al; Will Crabtree (could not be found), Clark Cross, Solt. [?] Bass, and V. B. Tipton.

There are no details regarding this case. There is, however, a note from the judge to the jury as follows: "The jury must look with great caution at evidence in regard to confessions that are not in writing, for the memory of any person is liable to be defective and the exact words that might have been used not remembered."

Another note from the judge to the jury states, "If the jury believe the evidence of William Dunn they can not convict the defendant." No further information.

**James Dunn**  
**Thomas Perry**

On 7 March 1896, the Grand Jury found that "James Dunn and Thomas Perry, with intent to steal, broke into and entered the dwelling house or a building within the cartilage of the dwelling house or shop, store, warehouse or other building of Clark Cross in which merchandise or meat things of value were kept for use, sale or deposit."

Witnesses were Solomon Bass, Clark Cross, Wm. Crabtree, and James Demayo [DeMayo?].

**Clark Cross Statement**  
18 March 1897.

"Solomon Bass, a witness in this case, would swear if present that he was living with Clark Cross at the time of the alleged burglary; that he was up at about eleven or twelve o'clock and discovered the smoke house of Mr. Cross had been broken into. The door was standing open and the lock was gone. He immediately notified Mr. Cross who was sleeping in an adjoining room to him and they returned to the smoke house together.

"Witness cannot state exactly how much meat was taken but he knows that there were not less than six sides [of bacon?] and probably not exceeding a dozen [taken.]

"Witness knows the smoke house door was locked that evening and the key delivered to Mr. Cross. A short time before this a lot of chickens were taken from the premises and some unknown party fired a gun or pistol. The party firing [the gun] was about forty yards from the dwelling, down about the horse lot."

/s/ C. Cross

Subscribed and sworn to before me 18 March 1897. /s/ J. M. Thompson, Circuit Court Clerk.

**Judge's Instructions**

"Before the jury can convict the defendant, they must believe beyond all reasonable doubt that he is guilty."

**Jury Verdict**

"We the jury find the defendant guilty of burglary as charged in the indictment."

/s/ B. C. Jones, Foreman

**J. R. Fields**

"Received of W. W. McCutcheon, Judge of Probate, Two Dollars for pay for J. R. Fields, as Inspector in Scottsboro Election, Fackler Precinct. March 19, 1907."

/s/ J. R. Hester

**Sherman Fowler**

8 March 1899

The Grand Jury of Jackson County found that Sherman Fowler "made use of abusive, insulting or obscene language in the presence or hearing of a woman." Signed by W. D. Holland, jury foreman.

Witnesses were I. H. Pennington, Dora Sisk, Mrs. John Southard, and Miss Sallie Southard. Fowler was arrested 24 March 1899: and posted a \$100 bond with W. D. Smith and John Wilson his bondsmen the same day.

Outcome not shown.

### William Lee Gaston

1 September 1906

The Grand Jury for Jackson County found that William Lee Gaston, with intent to steal, broke into and entered a rail road car. It was the property of Southern Railway Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Virginia, and connected with a railroad in Alabama. Goods, merchandise, or furniture and other valuable things were kept for use, deposit, or transport as freight in this car.

Witnesses were Z. H. Kennamer and D. W. Thomas. A. H. Moody was foreman of the Grand Jury. Clerk was J. M. Swaim. The sheriff was D. O. Austin.

Also in this file was a subpoena for S. B. Jenkins, Louis Rigney, Mabel Edmonson, and Billie Montgomery as witnesses against *Sam Gaston*. The subpoena was dated 14 Sept 1906.

Another subpoena in this file, also dated 14 Sept 1906, was to summon Will Gay, W. D. Sisk and J. C. Lipscomb as witnesses against *Will Gaston*.

Ed: It may be that Will, William Lee, and Sam Gaston is the same person but the file does not reflect that information.

Outcome of this case not given.

-To be continued



### James F. Nimmo Estate

#### 1856 Act of the Alabama Legislature

**An Act of the Legislature.** An Act to authorize the Probate Court of Madison County to take jurisdiction of the Estate of James F. Nimmo, deceased.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That the Probate Court of Madison County shall take jurisdiction of the estate of James F. Nimmo, late a citizen of the county of Jackson, who recently died in the State of Texas, whilst on a visit there, leaving a family and property in said county of Jackson. The said Probate Court is hereby authorized to grant letters Testamentary to Amos N. Nimmo and James P. Nimmo, who are named as Executors in the last Will and Testament of said James F. Nimmo, deceased. Said Letter to go to either of them, or letters of Administration and Testamento annexo, to some suitable person, in case said Executors (one or both) of them refuse or neglect to qualify as such and perform all other acts relating to said Estate as fully and completely as if the said James F. Nimmo, deceased, had been a resident citizen of Madison County at the time of his death. Approved 21 Jan 1856.*

# Lauderdale County

## Poll List & Registration

1901 – 1917

(Part 3)

Voter registration lists are an important tool in tracing activities of an ancestor. When people moved from one community to another they might have had to change the place they voted and if so it is reflected in the list. Sometimes they moved to or from another county and sometimes to or from another state.

In the following list you will see "Gone" which tells us the voter moved from that particular precinct. Some probably went to Texas. Periodically, as now, the voter list was purged and if a party was deceased or had left the area, a note to that effect was made by the name. You will find geographical locations in parentheses. It is probably where the voter last voted and he was transferring his vote from that area to this.

Often found in a poll list is a person's birth date or age. This is sometimes the only place the birth date can be found. Regretfully, it is not given on all persons in these records.

Another aid is that when a person died and the death was reported to the voting registrar, the notation "Dead" appears by the name.

When one registered to vote, one paid a "poll tax" each year he voted. This list does not prove the person voted in a given year but it does prove he had paid his poll tax and was *eligible* to vote. This book from 1901-1917 appears to be the earliest one on the shelf in the Lauderdale County Courthouse. If there is an older one, it is not on the shelf.

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### MITCHELL PRECINCT 7

NAME	Born	Year		Years Paid & Miscellaneous Info.
		Age	Registered	
Gullett, L.	---	22	1910	1910-15
Hammond, Albert	---	---	1912	---
Hammonds, A. H.	5-19-1891	21	1912	1912-15
Hammonds, A. M.	---	42	1902	1903-04
Hammonds, D. N.	---	34	1902	1903-07
Hammonds, E. G.	---	---	---	1910
Hammonds, Henry	5-19-1891	21	1912	--- [Entire entry marked out.]
Hammonds, J. F.	---	---	---	1904-05
Hammonds, J. H.	---	---	---	1903-04

NAME	Born	Age	Registered	Years Paid & Miscellaneous Info.
Hammonds, J. L.	---	---	1892	1893-13
Hammonds, J. M. Jr.	1-10-1880	28	1908	1901-15
Hammonds, J. S. Jr.	---	21	1904	1903-1915
Hammonds, J. W.	8-25-1887	21	1908	1910-15
Hammonds, L. Eugene	11-23-1890	22	1912	1912-15
Hammonds, L. H.	5-9-1886	22	1908	1908-15
Hammonds, S. B.	---	---	1912	1903-05
Hammonds, S. B.	---	21	1912	1813-15 [Entire entry marked out.]
Hammonds, V. A.	6-18-1915	22	Dec. 1915	--- [Entire entry marked out. Duplicate.]
Hammonds, V. A.	8-22-1887	21	1908	1910-15
Hammonds, W. J.	---	27	1902	Paid 1903, trustee 1905-07, paid 1908-15
Hammonds, Willis	---	45	1902	---
Hammons, J. W. Jr.	9-23-1892	22	1914	1913-15
Harberson, J. M.	---	---	---	1908-15 Registered in Florida
Harbinson, S. W.	11-2-1856	55	9-29-1911	---
Harbison, S. M.	---	---	---	(Registered in Cullman April 1902.)
Hargett, W. J.	5-1-1887	21	1908	---
Harris, L. C.	7-2-1886	23	1908	1907-10
Harrison, W. W.	---	---	---	1903
Hasting, B. F.	7-12-1876	35	9-30-1911	1908-15 (Cullman)
Hendrix, Iva	---	27	1915	1911-15
Hillis, W. A.	---	52	1902	--- (Tenn.)
Hogue, W. J.	---	---	---	1903 (Tenn.)
			<b>Year</b>	
Hogus, T. M.	---	53	1904	--- Dead
Holden, C. R.	---	41	1902	--- Dead
Hood, W. R.	---	21	1906	---
Howard, Aaron	---	64	1902	--- Dead
Howard, F. L.	---	22	1902	1903-10 [Entire entry marked out.]
Howard, F. L.	---	22	1902	1903-15
Howard, Gilbert	---	---	---	1903
Howard, J. A.	---	30	1902	Paid 1903-04, trustee 1905-07, paid 1908-13

NAME	Born	Age	Registered	Years Paid & Miscellaneous Info.
Howard, J. H.	---	---	---	[Entire entry marked out.]
Howard, J. J.	---	27	1902	1903-15
Howard, J. L.	---	29	1902	1903-09
Howard, J. N.	---	34	1902	---
Howard, J. W.	---	---	---	1903
Howard, Jessie S.	"Exempt certificate for 60 Bowen." [Meaning unknown.]			
Howard, L. D.	---	55	1902	--- Dead
Howard, P. H.	---	52	1902	--- Dead
Howard, R. A.	3-12-1887	21	1908	1909-1915
Howard, S. D. Jr.	---	22	1904	1903-15
Howard, T. J.	---	57	1906	---
Howard, W. B.	---	---	---	1905-12 Gone
Howard, W. H.	---	---	---	1904-05
Howard, W. P.	---	---	---	1902
Hudson, Lewis	2-17-1893	21	1914	---
Hughes, W. R.	4-28-1858	53	9-29-1911	---
Hughs, J. W.	5-5-1890	22	1912	1912-15
Hughs, W. L.	---	---	---	1909-10
Hulsey, J. A.	4-27-1891	23	1914	1913-15
Hulsey, Thomas	---	---	1914	1909-15 (Cullman)
Humphrey, J. H.	---	53	1914	---
Hunt, J. F.	---	23	1902	---
Hunt, J. F.	---	48	1902	---
Hunt, J. N.	---	21	1902	---
Hurn, W. E.	---	29	1902	1903-15
Hurn, W. F.	---	54	1902	--- Dead
Ingram, J. F.	---	---	---	[Entire entry marked through.]
Ingram, M. L.	---	24	1902	1904-06, 1909-10. Gone
Ingram, W. F. Jr.	---	29	1902	1903-15
Ingram, W. F.	"Not registered. Too old for poll."			
Jackson, Andrew	7-17-1891	21	8-30-1912	1913-15

Year

NAME	Born	Age	Registered	Years Paid & Miscellaneous Info.
Jackson, Edgar	10-7-1889	22	9-30-1911	1912-15
Jackson, F. M.	---	34	1904	1908-10
Jackson, Foley	3-7-1893	21	1914	---
Jackson, G. W.	3-10-1875	21	8-30-1915	---
Jackson, Robt. E.	---	39	1904	1904-09
Jackson, W. H.	---	37	1902	1911 (Limestone County.)
James, Alex	9-19-1893	21	1914	1914-17
James, J. L.	6-8-1866	46	8-30-1912	--- (Cullman)
Jenkins, L. W.	---	35	1902	1903-11
Johns, W. G.	---	47	1902	---
Johnson, H. G. W.	---	45	1902	1903-11
Johnson, S. R.	---	22	19102	--- Dead
Kelley, G. W.	---	37	1908	---
Kennemer, C. W.	---	22	1902	1905-07
Kennemer, S. C.	---	48	1902	---
King, W. A.	2-3-1889	21	1910	---
Looney, K. L.	---	---	---	1913-15
Luffman, John	2-10-1893	21	1914	---
Lyles, J. A.	12-3-1873	39	1912	1912-13

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### Notes from *The Huntsville Daily Mercury*

Florence, Ala. Miss Lottie Key, daughter of Mr. W. H. Key of this county, and one of our handsomest young ladies, will be married next Thursday at her father's residence to Dr. Charles M. Watson, a rising young physician of Eutaw, Ala. [*The Huntsville Daily Mercury*, Tuesday, September 29, 1885.]

Charles J. Phillips of Memphis, married Miss E. E. Andrews of Florence, 20 Jan 1869. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 26 Jan 1869.]

Joel J. Whitten [married] to Martha S. Beevers, all of Lauderdale Co., 3 Jan 1869. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 8 Jan 1869.]

## Will Book B

Copied and contributed by  
Alex Luttrell III  
Abstracted by Eulalia Welldon  
Part 6

Correction: In the previous issue of *Valley Leaves* it was stated to have been continued from Vol. 36. It should have been Vol. 37.

The first installment of the Lauderdale County Will Book B was run in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 28, No. 4, page 165. It is continued here from Vol. 38, No. 2, page 81. The Probate Judge is V. M. Benham.

### E. M. Spaulding

Pages 27-28  
Last Will & Testament  
Dated 27 June 1865  
Probated 11 Sept 1865

To my son, Frank Spaulding, offspring of my lawful wife Nancy Spaulding, a house and lot in the town of Florence, Ala. named as Lot No. 15. He is also have all my household and kitchen furniture to be used jointly between himself and his mother, Nancy Spaulding, all her natural life and as she remains in the state of widowhood after my death or after any lawful separation from me while I live. He is also have all my horses, cattle, vehicles, notes, accounts, and money of which I die possessed for his sole use.

Signed: E. M. Spaulding

Witnessed by James W. Stewart and Thomas Polk. Ack. 11 Sept. 1865.

### James S. Martin

Pages 28-29  
Last Will & Testament  
Dated 15 July 1857  
Probated 11 Sept 1865

Pay all just debts and funeral expenses.

To my son, John James Martin, one bed and furniture.

To my dearly beloved wife, Margaret Martin, during her natural life, my Negroes, household and kitchen furniture, stock of every kind, farming tools and wagon without impeachment for waste. At the death of my wife, Margaret Martin, I give to my son, John James Martin, the whole of my tracts of land containing 278 acres.

To my daughter, Elizabeth Martin, I give one bed and furniture, horse, saddle, cow and calf.

To my daughter, Sarah Martin, I give one bed and furniture, horse, saddle, cow and calf.

To my grand daughter, Mary Belew, I give one bed and furniture.

To my grand daughter, Martha Belew, I give one bed and furniture.

To James Belew, my grandson, a common English education, one horse, and one bridle and saddle provided he remains with my son, John James Martin, until he is 21 years of age. Should he not remain as above specified he is to have nothing whatever.

To the heirs of D. N. Martin I give One Cent.

To Joseph Belew, One Cent.

To Simon Palemore, One Cent.

At the death of my wife, Margaret Martin, and after the payment of the legacies, if anything remains, it is to be divided equally between my daughters Mary Waters, Caroline Holinsly, Elizabeth Martin and Sarah Martin.

My executor shall pay himself for the execution of this my will & testament.

I appoint my son, John James Martin, executor and John R. Bedford his advisor.

Signed by James S. Martin with his X

Witnesses: John R. Bedford

Wilson Whitsett

J. H. Weatherspoon

Acknowledged 11 Sept. 1865

### John L. Wilson

Pages 29-31  
Last Will & Testament

Dated 23 July 1860  
Probated 20 Sept 1865

Item 1. I wish the executor to sell the surplus perishable property of my estate reserving such stock and utensils, household and kitchen furniture that is necessary to carry on the farm and then pay my debts.

Item 2. Having advanced to my son, Thomas Wilson, in his lifetime, more than to my daughter, Ann Eliza Foster, and wishing to make them all equal at my death, my executors are to continue to keep up and cultivate my farms. My farms being the plantation on which I reside, and the farm on Cypress [Creek] which I loaned to my son Thomas Wilson. My executors may buy more land if necessary and to sell any land in order to invest the proceeds in other lands if proper to do so. They may hire out my Negroes but particularly request that it be to someone that will treat them with humanity, feed and clothe them well and not abuse them.

Item 3. It is my wish that my farms be kept up and cultivated by my Negroes until my grandchildren, Ann Eliza Wilson, daughter of my son Thomas Wilson, decd., and my grandsons, J. R. Wilson Foster and Turner S. Foster, sons of my daughter Ann Eliza Foster, decd., shall marry or become 21 years of age when my estate is divided equally between them or the survivors. I wish my Negroes to be selected by families so they will not be separated if possible.

Item 4. When my grand daughter, Ann Eliza Wilson, becomes entitled to her one-third [1/3] share of my estate, it is to be held for her sole and separate use not subject to any debts, liabilities or contracts of any husband she may marry.

Item 5. The proceeds of the crop raised on my farm, or a part thereof, is to be used for the maintenance and education of my grandchildren J. R. Wilson Foster, Turner S. Foster and Ann Eliza Wilson, divided equally between them, until time for the division of my estate.

Item 6. My old and faithful servant, Nelson, is to be taken care of and he is to be allowed to choose whomever he wishes for his master. He is to go to such person he may select. He is to be allowed, out of my estate pocket-change, support when he becomes unable to maintain himself.

Item 7. The money used for the maintenance and education of my grandchildren, prior to the division of my estate, shall be charged to each of them on final division between them.

Item 8. I wish, at my death, to be buried beside my wife and to have a suitable monument placed over my grave. I also wish to be paid out of my estate, one-half the sum necessary to erect a stone or iron fence around the family graveyard on my brother Matthew Wilson's plantation.

Item 8. I appoint John W. McAllister, Sidney C. Posey and Turner S. Foster, executors.

Signed by John L. Wilson

Witnesses: T. Burnside  
John Simpson, Jr.  
M. H. Wilson

Acknowledged 20 Sept 1865  
V. M. Benham, Probate Judge

### Robert E. Carr

Pages 32-33  
Last Will & Testament  
Dated 6 Nov. 1861  
Probated 23 Oct 1865

I desire my wife, Elizabeth Carr and my daughter Ann Marena [Morena?], all my estate both real and personal.

After the death of my wife, I give to my daughter, Ann Marena, my Negro woman, Norah. The residue of the property left by my wife, to be sold.

I give \$50 to my grand daughter, Elizabeth Wilks.

The surplus of my estate is to be equally divided between my daughters Elizabeth Wilks, Martha Faris, Ann Marena Carr, Lucino Brown and Angeline Brown and to my son, John Carr.

Upon the death of my daughter, Ann Marena, the Negro woman, Norah, to be sold with other property and proceeds divided among children before mentioned.

I give my daughter, Caroline Wilks, the west part of the NE/4 of Sec. 16, Twp. 2, Range 11 west running from the west boundary, east to a certain cross fence, thence north with cross fence between Frances Wilks and myself to the north boundary of said section, containing forty acres.

I appoint George Herndon, executor.



Signed Robert E. Carr

Witness: H. I. Hoge  
J. P. Oakley  
H. W. Butler  
John A. Thompson

**Peter S. Parker**

Pages 33-34  
Last Will & Testament  
Dated 29 July 1864  
Probated 11 Nov 1865

I wish all my just debts be paid.

I give to the bodily heirs of my daughter, Clemelia C. Cook, decd., the sum of \$5.00.

I give to the bodily heirs of my daughter, Mary Ann Hoge, decd., the sum of \$5.00.

I give to my son, Turner S. Parker, the sum of \$5.00.

I give to the bodily heirs of Elizabeth Garrett, decd., the sum of \$5.00.

I give to my son, William E. Parker, the sum of \$5.00.

I give to my daughter, Nancy J. Armistead, the sum of \$5.00.

I give to the bodily heirs of Elizabeth Lipscomb, decd., the sum of \$5.00.

I give my daughter, Sarah S. A. Reynolds, the sum of \$5.00.

I give my son, Andrew J. Parker, all the residue of my estate, both real and personal, chattels, rights and credits of every kind.

I appoint my son, Andrew J. Parker, executor.

Signed: Peter S. Parker

Witness: John P. Houston  
William Powers

**Elizabeth Summerhill**

Pages 34 - 35  
Last Will & Testament  
Dated: Not dated  
Probated: 15 Nov 1865 but continued to 21 Nov 1865. Acknowledged 21 Nov 1865

I, Elizabeth Summerhill, now in my 80<sup>th</sup> year, weak and feeble in body yet sound in mind, do hereby make my Last Will & Testament.

First: Bury me in a neat and plain manner.

Second: After my debts are paid, I give my daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Summerhill, a mule named Melissa and a mule named Tom, a table

candlestand, chairs, my cooking utensils in my room and some other things in my room, and all the money left after all debts are paid and all gifts awarded.

Third: To my grandson, William R. Summerhill, \$50.

Fourth: To my grandson, Richard T. Summerhill, \$150.

Fifth: I leave my grandson, George P. Summerhill, \$150 to be paid into the hands of his mother for his use and benefit.

Sixth: to my grandson, Jones Houston Summerhill, \$300 and the amount of a note on the estate of Edward Summerhill, decd.

Seventh: To my granddaughter, Eliza Jane Summerhill, \$300, one wardrobe, one castor. The money is to be paid to her mother for her use and benefit.

Eighth: To my granddaughter, Permelia H. Summerhill, \$300, one sugar chest and one little bureau.

Ninth: to Jones Houston Summerhill, my bed and furniture and one filly colt.

Tenth: To my daughter-in-law, Mary A. Summerhill, my old Negro man Mose.

I appoint Thomas C. Irwin executor.

Signed: Elizabeth Summerhill by her X  
Witness: Washington White  
Moses Brandon Barnes

**John Simpson**

Pages 36-39  
Last Will & Testament  
Dated 30 May 1860  
Codicil dated 19 June 1860

The death of my son, John, made it necessary to alter the disposition of property and make this will.

First: Pay all just debts before division of my estate.

Second: To my daughter, Mary Ann, wife of Richard W. Walker, the house and lot on which I live in the town of Florence, Ala., being part of Lot No. 364 as per the deeds from Patrick Andrews and Thomas and James Kirkland. She is to also have all my household and kitchen furniture in Florence and half of my silver plate.

Third: To my son, James Simpson, the storehouse and lot now occupied by McAlester

Simpson & Co., being Lot No. 144 in the town of Florence except 20 feet fronting on Court Street, south side, belonging to the heirs of Cameron per deeds from the Cypress Land Co., John A. Spaulding and Alexander H. Wood.

Fourth: To my son, William Simpson, the house and lot on which he now lives being Lots No. 125, 126 and 133 in the town of Florence as per deeds from the Cypress Land Co. He is also to have Lots No. 67 and 68 per deeds from I. R. B. Eldreds and B. McKeenan; also my two warehouses at the river, one being the west half of lot No. 278 in the town of Florence and the other being the east half of the lot and part of Lot No. 320 as per deed from B. McKeenan and also two lots in South Florence.

Fifth: To my son, Robert Tennent Simpson, Lot No. 357 as per deed from the heirs of John Coffee. He is also to have the SW quarter of Section 3, Township 3, Range 11 west as per deeds from Schlatter.

Sixth: I give to my daughter, Margaret Simpson, part of Lot No. 121 in Florence, Ala. on which is a brick storehouse as per a deed from Hugh Thompson, Commissioner. Margaret, my daughter, is also to have part of Lot No. 365 being in the southwest corner and containing 1.05 acres per the deed from H. Simpson. Margaret is also to have a portrait of her mother and me which hangs in my parlor and the remaining one-half of my silver plate.

Seventh: Should I sell any real estate, before my death, of any property heretofore devised, I will that after all debts are paid, to pay out of my estate to the child or children that the real estate was given, the amount for which I may have sold the land.

Eighth: The remainder of the real, personal and mixed estate of which I die possessed, I give to my children: Mary Ann, James, William, Robert Tenent and Margaret to be equally divided between them. If one or more of my children should die before me without issue, then their share shall be equally divided to the survivor except my servant, Fayette, who is to be made free because of his good conduct and care given to me in my long sickness.

Ninth: The division directed in the foregoing clause, the property I have already given by way of advancement, or may give in the future by way of advancement to any of my children, must

be considered as part of my estate so far as the division is concerned. The advancements must be considered by the children to whom they have been made, as so much of their respective shares.

A memorandum is in my own handwriting naming the property given in advancement and to which of the children given, and the amount and value thereof. This memorandum is to be used as a guide in making the divisions both to extent and value of said advancements. No interest is to be charged but the same is to be estimated at a value place on them without interest.

The divisions and bequests contained in this will are not to be considered advancements nor are they to be deducted from the respective shares of my children on the divisions directed in items No. 8.

These special devises and bequests are intended to be independent of and in addition to said shares.

Signed: John Simpson

Witnesses: John W. McAlister  
J. T. Hargroves  
Thomas Burnside

I appoint my sons James Simpson, William Simpson, Robert T. Simpson, and my son-in-law Richard W. Walker, executors. Dated 26 June 1864.

Signed: John Simpson

Witnesses: John McAlister  
J. T. Hargrove  
Thomas Burnside

**John Simpson Codicil**

Dated: 1 June 1865

All things executed by me in my Last Will and Testament are to remain the same except those revoked and altered in this codicil.

First: For payment of my debts, the following described lands are to be sold on terms and such a manner as the executors deem most advisable for the interest of my estate.

All that part of my plantation in Lauderdale County, Ala. lying south of the reserve road, containing 976 acres it being the SW/4 of Section 16, the NW/4 of Section 16, the W/2 of the SE/4 of Section 16, the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 16, the NW/4 of Section 21, the NE/4 of

Section 21, the south part of fractional No. 17, the W/2 of Fractional No. 17, all in Township 3, Range 12 west.

Also, all of my woodland in the vicinity of Florence for a total 560 acres, it being the SW/2 of Section 3, the NE/4 of Section 9, the SE/4 of Section 9 and the E/2 of the SE/4 of Section 5, all in Township 3, Range 11 west.

Second: To my son, Robert Tenent and my daughter, Margaret, as tenants in common and not as joint tenants, all that part of my plantation lying north of the Reserve Road containing one thousand forty acres described as the W/2 of the SE/2 of Section 9, the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 9, the SW one-half of Section 9, the NW/4 of Section 9, the east part of fractional Section 8, the W/2 of the \_\_\_W/4[illegible] of Section 4, and the SE/4 of Section 5, all in Township 3, Range 12 west.

Third: The land given in Item 5 of my will to my son Robert Tenent described as the SW/4 of Section 3, Township 3, Range 11 west I hereby revoke. It is a part of the woodland tract mentioned in Item No. 1 of this codicil and is to be sold to pay my debts.

Fourth: The war having destroyed, to a great extent, the value of the advancements made to my children, I hereby revoke the 9<sup>th</sup> item of my will and if any property not specifically devised to my children is to be divided equally between my said children as stated in Item No. 8 of my will without taking into account the advancements made to them heretofore.

Signed: John Simpson

Witness: Wm. Campbell  
J. Coffee Simpson  
Wm. H. Mitchell

Acknowledged 2 January 1866

**John E. Moore**

Page 40  
Last Will & Testament  
Dated: 17 June 1862  
Probated: 11 Jan 1866  
Probate Judge: V. M. Benham

I give to my wife, Letitie D. Moore, all my property, real, personal and mixed, to dispose of as she may see proper.

I appoint her executrix and no accounting is to be required by her by the Probate Court of any county.

Signed: J. E. Moore

Witness: J. W. Latham  
Henry C. Wood  
W. H. Price, Jr.

**George W. Abrams**

Pages 40-42  
Letter serving as Last Will & Testament  
Dated 6 Jan 1862, Colleton District, SC at  
Camp Brooks near Adams Run

Note by Eulalia Welldon: Pages 40 and 41 "are the incomplete letter of George W. Abrams which is his Last Will and Testament. On pages 51, 52 and 53 are complete letters and proceedings on George W. Abram's estate settlement which I have copied herewith." She further says, "Since this is a letter from a Confederate soldier to his mother, I have copied it complete for the historical interest it portrays."

6 January 1862

Dear Mother,

I now seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and enjoying myself as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

A soldier's life is a tolerable hard life. Sometimes I have a plenty to eat and sometimes I don't. I am doing tolerably well now. Some of my mess got a box of provisions the other day and we do fine as to eating.

The most I have met up with is standing guard and going on picket duty. I stood guard night before last and the rest of my camp was on picket. The Yankees fired on them but didn't do any damage. They threwed their bombs right close to our men.

I was on picket about a week ago. I had to stand right on the seashore close to a landing where the Yankees \_\_\_[illegible] of landing. It was the coldest night I ever put up with; there wasn't any timber to break off the wind and our orders was to shoot if there was any vessels come near enough, but there wasn't any come near enough for us to shoot. And I was not sorry of it because there wasn't any chance for us to

conceal ourselves and therefore I don't think we could have got away without getting wounded or killed.

I have to go again in the morning. I hear guns this morning. I know what it means. I heard all the guns, that is, the cannon. I never heard such guns. They [the Yankees] commenced firing on our men about 9 o'clock in the morning and they fired all day till about night but I suppose we whipped them badly. Two of our men got there the day of the battle and they got back to our camp last night and they said we whipped them badly.

They landed their troops under the firing of their guns, the Yankees did. And kept back our troops but we charged on them and they took to their scrapers. Our men ventured too near their gun boats and they threwed a shell amongst our men and killed six of our men and we killed 150 of theirs.

One of the Yankees got lost from the Yankee party and ours caught him. I suppose he run - hollowed like a good fellow.

I belong to Captain Gunnel's Company in Major James' Battalion. We don't belong to any regiment. There is about 300 of us and I suppose we have to do our own fighting - if so, we have a poor showing. They say the Yankees have all chances to cut us off but I am in hopes that is false.

I wrote a letter to you about 2 or 3 weeks ago but I haven't received any answer. I want you to write to me. I would like hear from you and all the rest. Write and let me know how you are.

I volunteered 13 Nov 1861 for 12 months for local defense of South Carolina. There is a great deal of sickness in camp. I have enjoyed fine health since I have been in camp.

I expect we will have to stay here next summer. If we do, it will be worse than fighting the Yankees. We have bad water to drink and next summer we will have still worse.

I left all my notes with Aunt Lydia Abrams. That is, all I have with me. \$920. Mr. Kountz has the rest of my notes - \$920 is the notes that I fetched with me. I have some other little notes, besides, I have \$50 note in my pocket on Uncle Jo. Abrams for a gin wheel I made, and I have an account on Aunt Lydia for making a cog wheel and cutting a screw.

And all my clothes are at her house - that is, at Aunt Lydia Abrams's house in my trunk. Mr. Kountz has the rest whatever it may be. He told me he had collected some - I forget the amount. I have the letters in my trunk that Mr. Kounce wrote; it tells all about it.

And if I was to get killed or die, that is, I don't know what I might do - there are a great deal that do die in camp and if I was to die I want you to have a portion anyhow - say, \$600 - understand me if I should die but I don't aim at that.

I don't aim at dying but if it should be the case, I want you to have \$600 and Joe [is to have] \$1000. This is all foolishness I reckon, but I don't know what might happen if I have to stay here next summer. I will have a good chance to be exposed to the yellow fever as we are where it rages in the summer season. I don't aim staying here if I can get away. I will make a great many efforts before I will stay next summer.

Some say we will leave in the spring. They say the Yankees can't stay here in the summer; they can't stand it but I don't know what they will do. I belong to Capt. Gunnel's Company and his company belongs to Major James's battalion.

Nothing more at present. I want you to write to me.

Yours truly,  
G. W. Abrams

Direct your letters to Adams Run in care of Capt. Gunnel or Major James' battalion, Colleton District, S. C.

~~~~~  
22 February 1866

Alcey Abrams petitions the probate court to admit the letter of George W. Abrams for probate as his last will and testament. Alcey was George W. Abrams' mother. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army and was killed 2 July 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg. Alcey says she is an aged woman, left destitute by the emancipation of her slaves, and the ravages of the war and that Joseph Abrams is a natural idiot.

-To be continued

# Lawrence County

## County Court Minute Book B.

1824-1825

Part 17

*Valley Leaves* began carrying the Lawrence County Court Minute Book B, 1823, in Vol. 25, No. 2, p. 79, December 1990. The series is continued here from Vol. 37, No. 2, Dec. 2002. Most of these entries are for recovery of debt and few details are given. This period in Alabama history was especially difficult as "from the 20 to 25-cent per pound high in 1818, the price of the average pound [of cotton] fell to about 9 cents in 1830."<sup>1</sup> With this knowledge, one can readily see that the cotton industry, on which the South's economy was based, was declining yearly leaving great indebtedness in its wake.

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**July Term 1824**

**7 July 1824**

Robert Rodgers )

vs )

Samuel Bigham )

(Case No. 266)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a Jury of good and lawful men to wit:

Joel D. Harris,  
James Kitchens,  
Thomas Ashford,  
Thomas Gallaway,  
M. B. McMahan,  
David Hall,  
Elijah L. Graham,  
Javan McVay,  
Jonathan Elam,  
Robert Montgomery,  
John McMahan,  
Abner McLemore.

They were sworn diligently to inquire of damages in this suit upon their oaths do say that the Plaintiff hath sustained damaged by occasion of the Defendant's nonperformance of the assumption in the declaration mentioned, to \$32.62-1/2. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the said Plaintiff recover against the

said Defendant and Jaben Isbell, his security, the said sum besides his costs.

Richard Fortune )

vs )

Nathaniel Kimbrough )

(Case No. 267)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and this Plaintiff fails further to prosecute his suit, it is ordered that said Plaintiff be nonsuited and it is considered that Defendant recover against said Plaintiff his cost about this suit expended.

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Alexander McAllister )

vs )

Elijah L. Graham )

(Case 127)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the said cause having been fully argued, it is considered by the Court that Plaintiff recover against Defendant and Joshua Leamans, his security, the sum of \$119 plus his costs of this suit.

David Hall )

vs )

Samuel Douglass )

<sup>1</sup> Elise Hopkins Stephens, *Historic Huntsville, A City of New Beginnings* (Woodland Hills, California: Windsor Publications, 1937), p. 31.

security, the sum of \$119 plus his costs of this suit.

David Hall )  
vs )  
Samuel Douglass )  
(Case No. 270)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and on motion of the plaintiff, by his attorney, that the Bond entered into by the defendant and Gilliam Clark, his security for the prosecution of said appeal be quashed for reason of alleged defect in said bond. The motion, after being fully argued, is sustained. It is, therefore, ordered that said bond be quashed and that a *procedendo*<sup>2</sup> issue to A. M. Degraffenreid, Esquire, the Justice of the Peace from whose Judgment the appeal was taken, commanding him to proceed to execution therein. It is considered also that plaintiff recover against defendant his costs about this suit spent.

William Robinson )  
vs )  
Jabes Isbell and )  
Samuel Bigham )  
(Case No. 273)

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and the defendants being solemnly [Page 92] called came not but made default. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that said plaintiff recover against defendant and Jonathan Elam, their security, \$49 debt, and \$2 damages by reason of the detention of said debt.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said appeal was taken merely for delay and it is considered that said plaintiff recover against defendants and their security, \$7.35 being 15% on the amount of said debt besides his cost in this suit.

Israel Blagg )  
vs )  
Aaron Green )  
(Case No. 154)

<sup>2</sup> Action wherein court of superior jurisdictions orders court of inferior jurisdiction to proceed to judgment. A writ by which a cause which has been removed from an inferior to a superior court is sent down again to the same court – *Black's*

On motion of the Plaintiff, by his attorney, this cause is continued.

John A. Mans [Marrs?] & Co. )  
for use of William Boyd )  
vs )  
Philip Roddy )  
(Case No. 274)

The death of the defendant in this cause being suggested, which fact appeared to the satisfaction of the Court. It is therefore ordered that a *scire facias*<sup>3</sup> issue to the legal representatives of said defendant to show cause why the said suit should not be revived against them.

James E. Kirkpatrick )  
use of James Robinson )  
vs )  
Martin B. McMahan )  
(Case No. 7)

Appeal

This day came the parties by their attorneys. Also came a jury of good and lawful men, to wit: John S. White, Ambrose R. Hunter, Theron E. Balch, Jesse Aarres [?], Robert Rodgers, Reuben Rucker, S. Bigham, John Norton, Wiley Bryan, [Page 93] Robert Bransford, James McChord, William White. Being sworn the truth to speak joined on their oaths do find for the defendant. It is considered by the Court that said defendant recover against the defendant his costs by him expended in this case.

Ordered that the Court adjourn until half past Eight O'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning, July 8, 1824. Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Beverly Hughes )  
vs )  
Edmund R. Anderson )  
(Case No. 152)

On motion of the plaintiff by his attorney, this case is continued.

<sup>3</sup> A process to revive the judgment after a change of parties – *Black's*

Hamilton Moffet )  
vs )  
David Keratt [?] Knott? )  
(Case No. 241)

On motion of the defendant by his attorney, it is ordered that the plaintiff give security for the payment of the costs of said suit on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of next term of court, or said suit stands dismissed.

Nancy Gunn, Admr. )  
vs )  
William Bradlow )  
(Case No. 261)

On motion of the plaintiff by her attorney, it is ordered that he be permitted to amend his petition on the payment of the costs of this term.

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
William Campbell )  
(Case No. 177 [?])

This day came the plaintiff by their attorney and the defendant [Page 94] being solemnly called came not but made default. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the said plaintiffs recover against the said defendant, the sum of \$64.80, the debt in the declaration mentioned with \$1.50 damages.

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
William Campbell )  
(Case No. 199)

This day came the plaintiff by their attorney and the defendant being solemnly called, came not but made default. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the said plaintiff recover against the said defendant the sum of \$50.72 debt with \$1.60 damages sustained by reason of the detention of said debt and the cost of this suit.

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
Nicholas Harden )  
(Case No. 201)

This day came the plaintiffs by their attorney and the defendant being solemnly called, came not but made default. It is therefore, considered by the Court that said plaintiff recover against the said defendant the sum of \$97.54, the debt.

They are also to recover \$3.03 [Page 95] damages sustained by way of detention of said debt plus costs.

Ordered that this Court do now adjourn.  
Peter W. Taylor, J. C. C.

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**January Term, 1825**  
**24 Jan 1825**

At a County Court began and held for the County of Lawrence at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January, 1825, present the Honorable Peter W. Taylor, Esquire, Judge.

Solomon Gunn )  
vs )  
John Glass )  
(Case No. 181)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant, having withdrawn his plea and now says nothing why judgment should not be rendered against him. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the said plaintiff recover against the said defendant the sum of ~~five hundred & twenty five~~ dollars \_\_\_[blank] cents, the debt in the declaration mentioned. This is plus the sum of \$45.35 for damages sustained because of the detention of the said debt.

John T. Cowan )  
vs )  
Francis Moody )  
John F. Farley )  
(Case No. 184)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendants having withdrawn their plea saith nothing. Therefore, the plaintiff remained against the defendants undefended. It is considered by the Court that the said plaintiff recover against the defendants the sum of \$85 debt together with \$7.20 damages occasioned by reason of the detention of said debt. He is also to have the costs of this suit expended.

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George Cockburn )  
vs )  
Robert Brennon )

(Case No. 186)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea saith nothing. The plaintiff, therefore, remains undefended. It is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against he defendant \_\_\_\_\_[blank]\_\_\_\_\_ the debt in the declaration mentioned together with \_\_\_\_\_[blank]\_\_\_\_\_ for his damages sustained by reason of the detention of the said debt.

Joshua Cox )  
vs )  
Benjamin Biggs )  
(Case No. 188)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded, saith nothing. The plaintiff therein remains undefended. It is, therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against the defendant \$84.41 debt together with \$5.06-1/4 damaged sustained by reason of the detention of the said debt besides his cost by him expended.

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
Benjamin Biggs )  
(Case No. 193?)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea saith nothing. The plaintiffs remain undefended and the Court therefore considers that plaintiffs recover against defendant the sum of \$110.36 debt and \$17.65 damages.

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C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
Benjamin Biggs )  
(Case No. 195)

Came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea and saith nothing, the plaintiffs are left undefended. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the plaintiffs recover of defendant the sum of \$75.52 balance of debt, \$5.80 damages by reason of the detention of the said debt plus costs.

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
John T. Farley )  
(Case No. 196)

Came the parties by their attorneys, and the defendant having withdrawn his plea and saith nothing, the plaintiffs therein remain undefended. Therefore, the Court rules that the plaintiffs recover against the defendant \$55.80 debt, \$4.02 for damages sustained by reason of the detention of said debt, plus the costs of this case expended.

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C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
Vincent Glass )  
(Case No. 202)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now saith nothing. His action leaves the plaintiffs undefended and therefore the Court rules that the plaintiffs recover against the defendant the debt of \$80.56 plus \$6.44 damages by reason of the detention of said debt, plus the costs of this case expended.

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
James Givins )  
(Case No. 206)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded, saith nothing. This leaves the plaintiff undefended. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the plaintiffs recover of the defendant the sum of \$54.65 debt and \$4.30 damages sustained by detention of the said debt plus their costs in this action.

Burrel Mapp (Moss?) )  
vs )  
Joshua Jarmans )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now saith nothing. This leaves the plaintiff undefended. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the defendant the sum of \$100 debt plus \$16 damages sustained by detention of said debt plus plaintiff's costs in this action.



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Nathan Gregg, epg )  
vs )  
Osborn Locklear )  
(Case No. 215)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now saith nothing. This leaves the plaintiff undefended and, therefore, the Court orders that plaintiff recover against defendant \$90.70 debt plus \$7.25 damages sustained by reason of the detention of debt besides his costs.

Tilford & Carlton )  
vs )  
Allen H. Doyle )  
(Case No. 221)

This day came the parties by their attorneys, and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded, now saith nothing. The plaintiffs now remains undefended and it is, therefore, considered by the Court that the plaintiffs recover from defendant \$160.02 debt and \$8.65 damages sustained by reason of the detention of said debt besides the costs by them spent on this case.

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James F. Garth, apg )  
vs )  
Robert Brannon )  
(Case No. 222)

This day came the parties by their attorneys, and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded, now saith nothing. This leaves the plaintiff undefended. Therefore, the Court rules that plaintiff recover against defendant the sum of \$100 debt plus \$10.09 damage as a result of the detention of said debt besides his costs expended in this case.

J. & J. Swoope )  
vs )  
Leonard H. Sims )  
(Case No. 224)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded, now saith nothing. Therefore, the plaintiffs remain undefended and the Court rules that plaintiffs recover from the defendant \$154 debt plus \$8.04 damages

sustained by reason of the detention of same and their costs expended in this case.

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
Leonard H. Sims )  
(Case No. 227)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded, now saith nothing. This leaves the plaintiff undefended and therefore the Court orders the plaintiff recover from the defendant \$112.25 debt plus \$5.80 damages sustained by reason of the detention of said debt being unpaid plus their costs in this case.

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William Robinson )  
vs )  
Jabes Isbell and )  
Samuel Bigham )  
(Case No. 228)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendants having withdrawn their action by them heretofore plead, now saith nothing. The plaintiff now remains undefended and it is considered by the Court that he recover from defendants \$50 debt and \$4.33 for damages he sustained by reason of the detention of said debt besides his costs in this suit expended.

John Craig )  
vs )  
Ephraim Anderson )  
(Case No. 231)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his action now saith nothing. The plaintiff now remains undefended and it is considered by the Court that he recover from defendant \$104.50 debt and \$5.50 for his damages sustained by reason of the detention of said debt plus his costs in this case expended.

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Samuel Wilson )  
vs )  
William Stovall )  
(Case No. 233)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by

him heretofore plead, now saith nothing. Therefore, the plaintiff remain undefended and the Court rules that plaintiff recover from the defendant \$119.50 debt plus \$14.07 damages sustained by detention of debt, plus his costs incurred in this case.

Fletcher Taylor )  
vs )  
John Gregg )  
(Case No. 239)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now saith nothing. The plaintiff is now left altogether undefended and the Court orders that he recover against the defendant \$240 debt plus \$12.10 damages by virtue of defendant withholding payment of debt, plus plaintiff's costs in this action.

Gregg & Johnson )  
vs )  
Leonard H. Jones )  
(Case No. 252)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now saith nothing. The plaintiff is now left altogether undefended and the Court orders that he recover against the defendant \$64.23 debt, \$13.00 damages sustained by virtue of defendant withholding payment of debt, plus plaintiff's cost in this action.

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John Hogan, use of &etc. )  
vs )  
Jacob K. Blackwell )  
(Case No. 253)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now says nothing. This plaintiff is now left undefended and the Court orders the plaintiff to collect from defendant \$120 debt plus \$19.80 damages sustained by reason of the debt being repaid. Also, plaintiff is to collect his costs in this suit.

Samuel Hogg )  
vs )  
Leonard H. Sims )  
(Case No. 232)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded now says nothing. The plaintiff is now left undefended and the Court orders that he recover against defendant the sum of \$181 debt and \$39.86 damages by virtue of defendant withholding payment of debt, plus plaintiff's costs in this action.

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George Keys )  
vs )  
William F. Moseley )  
(Case No. 238)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now says nothing. The plaintiff, therefore, is left undefended and the Court orders that he recover from the defendant \$550 debt plus \$47.54 damages by virtue of defendant withholding payment of debt, plus plaintiff's cost in this action.

James K. Polk )  
vs )  
Wm. Holcombe )  
(Case No. 189)

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now says nothing. The plaintiff, therefore, is left undefended and the Court orders that he recover from defendant \$90.12-1/2 debt plus \$10.80 damages by virtue of defendant withholding payment of debt, plus plaintiff's cost in this action.

Joseph Cotton, apg )  
vs )  
Vincent Glass )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having withdrawn his plea now says nothing. The plaintiff is now left undefended and the Court orders the plaintiff to collect \$142.61 debt plus \$11.75 damages sustained by reason of the debt being repaid. Also, plaintiff is to collect his costs in this action.

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## Biography: Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., F. A. S. G.

Henry Z. ("Hank") Jones, Jr. has been actively climbing family trees since the age of eight and since his graduation from Stanford, has specialized in tracing 18<sup>th</sup> century German emigrants. His books on the subject include *The Palatine Families of Ireland*, the two-volume *The Palatine Families of New York, 1710* (winner of the Donald Lines Jacobus Award as "Best Genealogical Work of the Year"), *More Palatine Families, Westerwald To America*, and his brand new three-volume set *Even More Palatine Families*.

Hank has written many articles over the years that have appeared in *The American Genealogist*, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, and other major publications.

He recently received the NGS Award of Merit for "Distinguished Work in Genealogy" and has been elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists of whom there are only fifty in the world. Hank has served on the national board of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild and as a Trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

As to his "other life" apart from genealogical research, Hank Jones was a film actor for twenty-five years. He appeared in many movies, among them eight films for Walt Disney Studios (such as "Blackbeard's Ghost," in which he costarred with Peter Ustinov). He has been featured on over 300 network TV shows such as "My

Three Sons," "Family Affair," "Petticoat Junction," "Mod Squad," "The Patty Duke Show," "Mork & Mindy," "The Jeffersons," and "Love Boat" which still come back to haunt him on cable TV today. He was also active as a singer, co-starring on ABC-TV's "Tennessee Ernie Ford Show" and recording albums on RCA and Capitol Records. His newest CDs are currently released on Epitomé Records.

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TIME Magazine recently had a cover-story devoted to genealogy in the new millennium and chose to close the article and tie things together with a quote from our speaker today – Hank Jones.

# Limestone County

## John Craig Revolutionary Soldier

On Sunday, September 28, 2003, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a military tombstone in honor of John Craig. The marker was placed in the Old Athens Cemetery three blocks from the town square. Absolute proof of John's burial place is not available, however, logic dictates that his burial is here as he lived in Athens at his death on March 24, 1852 and this was the only cemetery in Athens at that time.

Our gratitude goes to Joe Mason Craig and his wife, Mary Craig, for their excellent research on the Craig family. Joe descends from John's brother, James Jr. This marker was obtained through the efforts of Joe and Mary Craig of Oceanside, Cal. and the John Wade Keyes Chapter of the DAR.

### The Craigs, pre-Alabama

John Craig of early Blount Co., Tenn., and founder of Fort Craig, now Maryville, was born in York Co., Pa. on May 24, 1764. His father was James Craig, Sr. but his mother's name is unknown.

James Sr. had moved his family down the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to Fincastle Co., now Washington Co., Va. before 1774. He acquired land in the Wolf Hills area just east of what is now Abingdon, Va. John would have been about ten years old at the time.

In the latter part of May 1780, sixteen year old John volunteered as a mounted rifleman in a company commanded by Capt. Beattie and Lieut. Robert Edmondson.

John was at the Battle of Kings Mountain on Oct. 7, 1780. His part in this battle is detailed in his own words describing an incident that happened during the battle. It was during the counter attack by Ferguson's men that drove the Virginians back down the mountain that Lt. Robert Edmondson the younger, of Capt. David Beattie's company, was wounded in the arm. He then sheltered himself behind a tree with one of his soldiers, John Craig, who bandaged his limb.

In testimony in later years<sup>1</sup> John states, "As we dismounted near the foot of the mountain, I

saw Col. Campbell riding along the line to take the head and as he passed he said, 'Here they are, my brave boys, *shout like hell and fight like the devil!*' Campbell was then in advance of his men. We obeyed his orders and rushed rapidly up the mountain. We were driven down – rallied, returned and drove the enemy. They [the British] hoisted their flags in token of surrender."

John witnessed atrocities no sixteen year old should. He stated that there was a scattering fire kept up by our men after the surrender of the British but little or no firing after Campbell received the sword. The British surrendered in great confusion. The day after the battle, John was left as one of the guards to bury the dead then joined the main army that night.

"We marched to the place where the Torries were hanged. Only nine of them were executed. The others were removed by Col. Campbell." Col. Mills, one of the Torries, when he mounted the scaffold was heard to sing one of the State hymns, pray and consign his family to the care of his God and King George. "I, at this time, heard no conversation among any of our officers about the manner or need of hanging the Torries. It was late in the evening and dark before they were all executed. One made his escape. There were more executed in the piney woods and there were no tents stretched near the place of execution. I do not think any of our men or

<sup>1</sup> Sworn statement of John Craig made 20 Aug 1839 relative to the conduct of Col. William Campbell.

men or officers had any tents larger than a blanket during the campaign." The remains of Campbell's army marched from Kings Mountain to the old Moravian town in N. C.

Afterwards, John marched against a group of Shawnee Indians who had made an intrusion into Washington Co. in the spring of 1780 with Lieu. Samuel Church. Shortly afterwards, he went with Capt. Neigh against some Torries on New River. He later volunteered under Capt. James Daisey and joined Gen. Greene between Hillsboro and Guilford, N. C. In this service on March 6, 1781 he fought at the Battle of Whitsell's Mill against Gen. Cornwallis. At that time a ball struck his gun and he was much injured. After five or six weeks he returned home.<sup>2</sup>

The loss of his equipment and his wounds kept him out of the Battle of Guilford Court House that followed on the heels of the affair at Whitsell's Mill. The army was unable to replace his equipment and after five or six weeks he was ordered home.

John continued to live in Washington Co., Va. for about three years after the peace. After that, the Craig family moved to Green Co., N. C. (now Tennessee).

Sometime around 1783-84 John married his first wife, Martha. They had eight children that we know of, born between 1785-1810. They are:

Adam Hall Craig  
Nancy Craig  
James Craig  
John P. Craig  
William E. Craig  
David Craig  
Harvey Craig  
Alfred Craig

By 1785, John and Martha were living in Blount Co., Tenn. His brother, James Jr. lived near by.

Another brother, David, built a fortified home (Craig's Station) on Nine Mile Creek about ten miles from John's location.

John bought 343 acres from the Stockley-Donelson grant on Pistol Creek. There he built Fort Craig, enclosing 2.2 acres around a big

<sup>2</sup> Application for Revolutionary Pension dated 4 March 1834, Limestone Co., Ala.

spring. The fort had 18 foot walls with a two-foot wide platform on the inside five feet below the top of the wall to provide visibility and a place from which to fire. The Indians never took this fort even though it was attacked by as many as 500. This fort provided protection for the families living in the area. The Providence Presbyterian Church was founded within the fort in 1786.

"On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1794, about sunset, James Ferguson, his sister, and David Craig's son were fired on by Indians from ambush as they were passing from David Craig's on Nine Mile Creek to John Craig's on Pistol Creek.

"When the Indians fired on them they killed Ferguson who was leading. An Indian rushed into the road with uplifted tomahawk and seized the young lady's horse by the bridle. She gave the bridle a sudden jerk and broke loose from the Indian. Young Craig had halted to help her if he could and when she got loose they made off as fast as their horses could take them.

"The road forked near the place and came together again within a hundred yards. Miss Ferguson took one fork and young Craig the other and where the roads came together their horses met with such force that Craig's knocked the young lady's horse down and she was thrown off. Craig jumped off his horse and helped her remount and they fortunately made their escape although the Indians were close behind them."<sup>3</sup>

In July 1795, the General Assembly of the Territory South of the Ohio River, created a new county from Knox to be called Blount in honor of Gov. William Blount. Joseph Black, David Craig, Samuel Glass, Samuel Henry, John Trimble and William Wallace were appointed commissioners to select the site for the county seat.

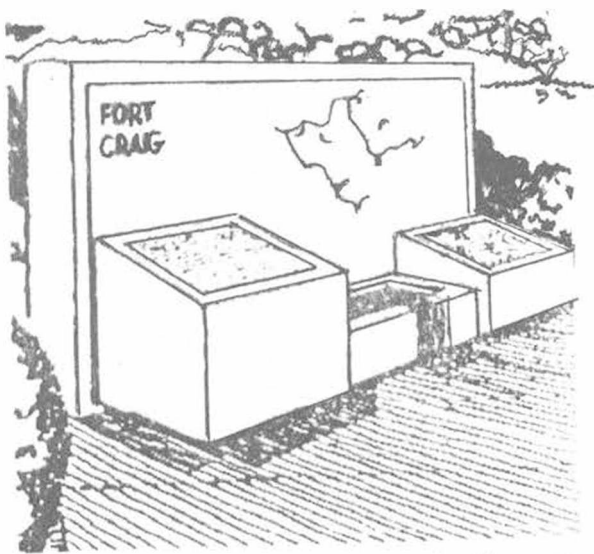
They chose 50 acres of the 343 acre tract belonging to Capt. John Craig near Craig's Fort and laid out 120 lots and streets necessary to establish a county seat. The county seat was named Maryville after Gov. Blount's wife, Mary Grainger Blount.

One of the first acts of the new County Commissioners was to grant John permission to

<sup>3</sup> From the Knoxville *Gazette* newspaper dated 13 Feb 1794.

build a mill on Pistol Creek. It was the first mill in the new county.

Nothing remains today of Fort Craig, but if you visit Maryville, Tenn. and take a path in Greenbelt Park, you will come to a Tennessee pink marble monument where a nicely flowing spring surfaces, the same spring that watered the pioneers back when Fort Craig stood proud. The monument has a short history of the fort inscribed on it.



Architect's sketch of Fort Craig monument

Side:

*John Craig's Fort built in 1785 encompassed 2.2 acres within 18-foot palisade walls. A two-foot wide walk was built along the inside wall five feet from the top to provide visibility on all sides. Small huts were built to house the families who sought refuge from the warring Indians. In April 1793 Governor William Blount "found 280 men, women and children living in deplorable conditions" in the fort. For safety during an Indian attack, the women and children were hidden in a dense thicket along the creek about a mile west of the fort. New Providence Presbyterian Church was founded within the fort in 1787. John Craig later set aside 50 acres of this land for the County Seat.*

Side:

*Creek and Cherokee warriors attacking singly or in bands were a constant threat to the early settlers. Five hundred Indians once attacked the fort but were successfully repelled by the accurate aim of the defenders, most of them seasoned veterans of the American Revolution, who were within the fortified walls. Cabin burnings and scalplings were common.*

Side:

*This fresh bubbling spring within the walls of the fort provided life-sustaining water.*

Nothing remains today of John Craig's fort but the spring which sustained the pioneers still flows beside the walking path in Greenbelt Park. The pink marble monument was erected at this spring behind the Bank of East Tennessee. It is designed to allow the spring to bubble up beneath the monument into a pool before flowing into the creek. The quarry from which the pink marble was taken is still in the hands of part of the Craig family today [2004].

#### The Craigs go to Alabama

Early Limestone County historian, Stith Malone, said James Craig and sons attempted to settle in Limestone County in 1800 but after three days were driven out by the Indians. "They encamped on the hillside above the big spring, about where Judge McClellan's residence now stands."

This is somewhat substantiated by the fact that some of James's family, including brother John, was listed on the 1800 Blount Co., Tenn. tax list but James was not listed; James's wife, Susannah, was. James was listed on the tax rolls, however, the following year which indicates he was gone from Tennessee in 1800 and returned in 1801.

In 1808 or 1809 John moved his family to Indian Territory to what is now Limestone Co., Ala. On May 27, 1809 his name is listed as part of the Sims's Settlement intruders in Limestone County. As an intruder, John was forced by the government to remove to nearby Madison County until 1819 when the Indians were removed and the state of Alabama was formed.

On June 13, 1815 at a special Orphans Court, John Craige and Rosannah Smith were issued Letters of Administration over the estate of



William Smith, deceased.<sup>4</sup> There was no indication of the relationship between Craig and Smith.

While in Madison County, John patented 164.17 acres of land (Patent No. 681) it being the SW/4 of Sec. 34, Twp. 2S, Range 2W on August 22, 1812.<sup>5</sup> He sold the south 1/3 of this property to Nancy Scott on Sept. 16, 1817 for \$450. The deed was witnessed by Adam H. Craig and Edward Ellis.<sup>6</sup> The remaining 2/3 was sold to William A. Powell<sup>7</sup> on 21 June 1822.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Madison Co., Miss. Terr. Orphans Court Minute Book 1

<sup>5</sup> Margaret Cowart, *Old Land Records of Madison County, Alabama* (Huntsville, Ala., self published, 1979), p. 62.

<sup>6</sup> Madison Co., Miss. Terr. Deed Book D, pages 67-68.

<sup>7</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Madison Co., Ala. Deed Book H, p. 253-254

Apparently John had already moved to Limestone County by the time he sold the remaining 2/3 of his land as he is listed on the 1820 Limestone Co., Ala. census as being a resident of that county. This census showed John and his wife plus four boys under age 21 and three slaves.

John's wife, Martha, died ca 1832 and on Feb. 18, 1834 he married Jane Benham, widow of Benjamin Benham in Limestone County.

John Craig died March 24, 1852.



## Deaths from the *Alabama Courier* (late 1800's)

### Clem Clay Withers Dies

6 Feb 1890

In this county last Wednesday evening, at the residence of his father, Dr. Withers at Mooresville, Mr. Clem Clay Withers died after a short attack of *la grippe*<sup>1</sup> that lasted only 24 hours.

Clem Clay Withers was a very intelligent and courteous young gentleman, about twenty-four years of age. He was full of life and made those around him enjoy life. His unexpected death was a severe blow to his parents and other relatives. His remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground on the Picket place five miles east of Mooresville on Friday, the thirty-first in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. Peace to his ashes.<sup>2</sup>

### Miss Eliza Bradley Dies

19 Jan 1898

Miss Eliza Bradley, living with her niece, Mrs. Robert Wiggins in this place, died early Monday morning after a brief illness with grippe. She was a frail woman and could not withstand the ravages of disease. Her remains were carried to Madison Monday for burial.<sup>3</sup>

### Mollie Walton [Woodruff?] Dies

19 Jan 1898

Miss Mollie Walton, one of the best known women in the county, a sister of the late James W. Woodruff and a woman of large means, died at the home of Judge W. N. Hayes near Mooresville on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> of January after a short illness with pneumonia.

Miss Walton was never married but spent a long life among her friends and relatives, looking after her large landed interests and other investments. She was a fine business woman

and had the run of her affairs as well in hand as a man, and was scrupulously honest and prudent in expenditures, as if she were poor. She was liberal in her donation to the cause of religion and when she took a fancy to anyone, she could not do too much for them.

Few women had such a fine idea of business and money getting as she, and the estate that she inherited as well preserved and kept up and added to with much more foresight than characterizes the business career of many men. She lived to a ripe old age and when death came it found her prepared to move from this vestibule into the mansion of God, built before the foundations of the world were laid. Her remains were taken to Huntsville, where sleep the loved one gone before, and there in the family plot she was laid to rest to await the final resurrection morn.

### Mary P. Bibb Dies

24 Feb 1898

Last evening at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William Greet, the spirit of Mrs. Mary P. Bibb took its flight. Mrs. Bibb was the widow of Porter Bibb and for many years was a resident of Limestone County at the famous old homestead, Belle Mina.

Her life has been long associated with this county and people. In early life she was an active useful woman, much beloved by all for her many noble traits of character. Mrs. Bibb was eighty-four years of age. She leaves sons and daughters and even great grandchildren to mourn their loss. Her remains were carried to Belle Mina and interred in the old Bibb burying ground.

The above notice is copied from the *Huntsville Tribune*. One by one the old landmarks of this section are being called away and it will not be long until there shall be left none of those that reigned in this country when it was a veritable empire of wealth and aristocracy. Mrs. Bibb was of that time, and before the war her home was one of the most popular in that rich section of south Limestone for she was a cultured and elegant woman and knew just how

<sup>1</sup> Influenza

<sup>2</sup> According to Linda H. Smith's excellent book, *Tombstone Inscriptions of Limestone County, Alabama*, this burial was in the Blackwell-Collier Cem. in the SE/4 of Sec. 11, Twp. 5, Range 4W.

<sup>3</sup> Madison is in Madison County. No tombstone could be found for her in Madison County.

to please and entertain. Few of those dear old people are left to tell of the times when wealth and plenty made this country the happiest spot on the globe.

She has left a noble heritage to her children and grandchildren of a life well spent, and a review of her life is sufficient to guide the footsteps of our young aright.

To the sorrowing relatives and bereaved children, the *Courier* tenders a sincere sympathy. A life so full of wise counsel and sweet acts is hard to give up.

#### David Taliaferro Bradley Dies

23 Jan 1890

David Taliaferro Bradley died at the residence of his brother, Mr. N. W. Bradley, at Belle Mina, Ala., January 10<sup>th</sup> 1890, from an attack of hermoragi<sup>4</sup> [sic] malarial fever after an illness of eighteen days.

The skill of physicians, who are masters of their art, and the most constant and tender care of his mother, sisters and brothers could not prevail against this disease although Mr. Bradley was a man of splendid physique, remarkable for his temperate habits and in the full strength of young manhood.

His death breaks the circle in a family much beloved in our community for their high standard of citizenship, devotion to each other, to their friends and to the best interest of the community.

David Bradley's walk in life was almost exclusively within the family circle. It was a charmed spot to him and in it he lived contented and happy as the constant companion of his aged mother and his sister, and his devotion to them and to his brothers was as constant as the breath he drew, and reflected honor and credit to the best impulses of the human heart.

Beyond the limits of his family hearthstone there were around Mr. Bradley a cordon of friends limited only by the number of his acquaintances. He was thirty-eight years old but had not lived long enough to make an enemy. His family and this community have suffered an irreparable loss.

<sup>4</sup> Hemorrhagic. Pertaining to or marked by Hemorrhage

#### Sarah Fletcher Bradley Dies

1 Sept 1898

Friends of Mrs. Sarah Fletcher, and that includes everybody she knew, the accomplished and attractive wife of Mr. Lewis Bradley, were deeply shocked and grieved at the sad intelligence of her death. She died last Sunday at the home of her devoted husband near Belle Mina after an illness from typhoid fever.

Mrs. Bradley was truly a lovely and lovable woman, graced with all the accomplishments and attractiveness that makes a woman truly grand and worthy of adoration.

Reared by indulgent and loving parents, surrounded by all that is cultured and elevating, breathing an atmosphere of true refinement, blessed with a brilliant mind. She was gifted with a disposition that enriches itself by her surroundings. This young woman grew to the estate of womanhood developing into all that is required in the most refined and cultured society. She was truly a woman that shone with splendor.

When just blooming into womanhood, she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Lewis Bradley, one of the most popular young planters in South Limestone, a gentleman in every sense worthy of the rich prize that had fallen to his lot in the matrimonial world. He was congratulated by all his friends on the good fortune that had attended his efforts and the friends of the bride felt that she had chosen wisely for he was worthy of the love and trust of a true and good woman.

In the few years that blessed their union, there was there ever crowded into two lives more of the true sunshine of happiness than was their daily portion.

Their home had been blessed with a baby upon which the love of both met in a common adoration and this only served to knot their loving hearts in a firmer bond. Their union was more sacred and binding by the rich gift of the giver of all good and perfect gifts. It seemed as if their cup of happiness was running over, when the dark angel of death crossed their pathway and the loving wife and mother was called from the garden of life and transplanted to that garden where blooms the richest flowers of the creator.

The sudden death and early cutting of this precious flower leaves a withering blight in the life of him who had only a few years since at the altar promised to love, cherish and protect until

death did them part, little dreaming that the crown of joy was to be of such short duration.

Hundreds of friends mourn with him the loss of wife and the mother of his beautiful boy. May the shadow have in it a guiding hand that will lead him on to where such pure spirits as hers find eternal joy and peace forever.

**Miss Minnie Lee Richardson Dies**

10 March 1920

One of the saddest deaths that has been reported in the country in some time was that of Miss Minnie Lee Richardson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William N. Richardson. She died at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Leslie at Harris Station, Sunday morning of pneumonia after two days illness.

Minnie Lee went to the home of her sister a few days prior to her death to nurse her sister and brother-in-law, both of whom were flu victims. After they were about well she had an attack of the disease followed by double pneumonia and her death resulted in about forty-eight hours.

She was a young woman of delightful personality and charming manners. Reared in a home of refinement, accorded every advantage, she grew into a woman of striking characteristics and had a wide circle of friends who were ever pleased to have her with them.

Miss Richardson was about thirty-six years of age. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. William Leslie and Mrs. John Harris of Birmingham; three brothers, Capt. Schuyler Richardson of the Army, Lieutenant Commander William Richardson of the Navy and James Richardson, planter, with whom she resided at her ancestral home at Harris Station.

Her funeral was held in the home of Mr. R. H. Richardson in Athens Tuesday at eleven o'clock and her remains laid to rest in the family plot in the city cemetery where sleep her parents and other members of the family gone before.

The shock to the family and friends of this lovely woman was one of the most unexpected and her many friends shared with them the great sorrow occasioned by this dispensation of providence.

**Ella Houston Dies**

Mrs. Ella Houston, wife of G. S. Houston, died at the Old Houston house in Athens on 4 August 1909. She was an invalid for many years. She was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mack Drenen of Birmingham, three step-children, John P. Houston, George S. Houston Jr. and Miss Ella Houston.

**News from The National Banner & Nashville Whig**

4 March 1831

Athens, Alabama. March 4<sup>th</sup> Homicide. William Williams, an old man, formerly a resident of this town [Athens], was killed by a man named William Martin on Nubban Ridge, in Madison Co on Friday evening, 25 February 1831.

Wed. May 3, 1826

Died in Philadelphia, Mr. Robert Lockhart, merchant of Athens, Ala.

Sat. Sept. 2, 1826

Died in Limestone Co., Ala., Mr. John Coleman, aged 28, late of Kentucky

Fri. July 3, 1829

Died in Limestone Co., Ala., Capt. Robert Thompson of Huntsville, aged 77

Fri. Aug. 7, 1829

Died in Limestone Co., Ala., Mr. Edward H. Lewis, a native of Va.,

Died in Limestone Co., Ala., Mrs. Mary Byrd, wife of Mr. Pleasant Byrd

## William E. Collier Last Will & Testament

Dated: 28 July 1833

Probated: 20 Nov 1833

... of Limestone County, Alabama.

... pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts.

The balance of my property to be kept together until my daughter, Amy R. Collier, shall be age 21 or be married. In the meantime, out of the proceeds of said property I wish her to be well educated and supported.

It is also my wish that my father and mother-in-law, Mr. Robert Stewart and his wife, shall, if they wish it, reside on my farm and be supported out of the proceeds during their lives. If they desire it, or if it should be found necessary or advisable, they have the authority to erect suitable additional buildings for the comfortable accommodation of the family.

It is also my wish that my three step children: Ellen F. Slaughter, John R. Slaughter and Lawrence S. Slaughter, be kept supported and educated out of the proceeds of my estate until their marriage or mature age.

When my daughter comes of age or is married, she is to have my farm in Limestone County on which I now reside with all improvements and appurtenances and one-half of all my personal estate, money on hand and claims of every kind due me.

The other half of my personal estate is to be equally divided amongst my three step-children, above named, as they come of age or when Ellen marries.

In the event any of my step-children should die before they become of age or Ellen marries, then that person's share is to be divided as follows:

One-half to my daughter and one-fourth to the children of Dr. Wm. T. Young and the other one-fourth to the children of Charles E. Collier.

Should my daughter die during her minority or before marriage, then her entire portion is to be divided as follows:

One-third to the children of Dr. Wm. T. Young, one-third to the children of C. E. Collier, and the other one-

third to Mr. Robert Stewart and present wife during their lives and after their deaths the unused residue is to go to the children of C. E. Collier.

It is also my wish that my slaves should be well treated, comfortably clothed and fed at all times and not to be worked hard or unreasonably, but to be attended to well in sickness and old age.

It is also my request that the remains of my two deceased wives and the children of Dr. Young and C. E. Collier shall, at my decease, be removed to my present farm and interred with me in a burying ground to be laid off and decently enclosed. The graves are to be marked with plain marble slabs to designate each grave.

I appoint William T. Young, Charles E. Collier and William H. Blackwell the executors of this my last Will. In addition to such commission as he may be entitled to for his services and trouble in attending to the business of my estate, I give to William H. Blackwell \$500 to be paid out of the proceeds of my estate.

In testimony whereof I have this day, being of sound mind and memory, signed, sealed and delivered this instrument as my last Will on this 28 July 1833.

/s/ Wm. E. Collier

Test:

W. I. Adair  
Isaac O. Winston  
Daniel Harding

20 Nov 1833

The Last Will & Testament of William E. Collier, deceased, late of Limestone County, was this day produced in open Court and the execution proven by the oath of Daniel Harding and ordered to be filed and lie over for further proof.

4 March 1834.

The Last Will & Testament of William E. Collier, heretofore proven by Daniel Harding, was further and duly proven by the oath of William I. Adair.

/s/ Robert Austin Jr., Clerk

## Will Book 4 1837

Ellie Frost and Linda Smith abstracted all wills prior to 1837 and ran them in *Limestone Legacy*, the quarterly of the Limestone County (Alabama) Historical Society. The wills ran from Volume 1, issue No. 1, October 1978, through Volume No. 17, No. 4, July 1995. They were run through 1836.

We have chosen to abstract the wills beginning in 1837, starting where *Limestone Legacy* left off.

**Page 651-652, 4 Jan 1837**

Estate of Aaron B. Higgins, decd.  
Hiram H. Higgins, Admr. of Aaron B. Higgins

In Account with said estate

Date	Account	Owed	Interest
2-12-1835	M. W. Tinsley	\$10.00	\$1.41
7-23-1835	Isaac Holman	74.00	19.73
8-17-1834	Due decd. for work	49.13	8.84
1-1-1836	Pd by B. J. Higgins	27.00	1.89

Contra Credit (paid)

2-1-1835	___ Prout	\$14.00	1.96
2-13-1835	Evans & Malone	19.50	2.73
4-7-1836	___ Edmondson	10.00	.50
4-8-1836	___ Trotter & Co.	6.25	.31
4-8-1836	Notes & int. on Isaac Holman	93.73	----

Claims against Estate., (Accounts)

1-1-1834	Blessing & Gilliam	\$11.75
1-1-1832	Richardson & Sexton	3.00
3-20-1834	J. H. David note	21.00
12-20-1834	J. W. Hill acct.	21.57
April ...	Charles Smith acct.	1.50
no date	James Ellis acct.	2.50
1-1-1835	John S. Blairs acct.	5.75
no date	Trotter & Co. acct	13.13

Certified 4 Jan 1837 by P. Hildreth, JCC. The certification states the administrator has received \$192 and has paid out \$181.18 leaving a balance of \$10.82 to be divided among creditors. There being \$95.60 to be paid out which leaves only .11 to the dollar to be distributed among them as follows:

Blessing & Gilliam	\$1.61
John H. David	2.80
Richardson & Sexton	.45
J. W. Hill	2.71
Charles Smith	.19
James Ellis	.36
John S. Blair	.72
Trotter & Co.	1.66

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Mary Waterson, guardian of Robert Waterson, her ward.

12-29-1836	Cash pd. Keyes Richardson & Co.	\$45.75
12-31-1836	Cash pd. Judge & clerk's fee for settlement	1.50
5-12-1835	Amt. due her on settlement	16.13

Certified 5 Jan 1837 before J. Paul Hildreth, Judge of the County Court by Robert Austin, Clerk of the County Court.

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Mary Waterson, guardian of Abraham Waterson, her ward.

5-12-1835	Bal. due on settlement	\$14.55
12-15-1836	Cash pd. Trotter & Co.	12.50
12-29-1836	Cash pd. Keyes & Co.	70.80
12-31-1836	Cash pd. Judge/Clerk	1.50

Certified 5 Jan. 1837 before J. Paul Hildreth, Judge of the County Court by Robert Austin, Clerk of the County Court.

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Mark M. Collier in acct. with Kissiah Roberds.

Date	Acct.	Amount	Int.
2-26-1835	From John Roberds, Admr. of Richard Roberds	\$2.20	.33
1-21-1836	ditto	33.33	2.52
3-1-1836	From Elizabeth Roberds, Admr. of Willis Roberds, decd.	36.90	2.46
1-1-1836	Recd. for 1835 land rent	6.26	
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11-22-1833	Pd. judge and clerk	\$1.00	
3-15-1836	Pd. Elizabeth Roberds for 1835 10-mo. board	7.00	
12-25-1836	Pd. Elizabeth Roberds for 1836 boarding	10.00	
1-6-1837	Pd judge and clerk	1.00	
Certified 6 Jan 1837			
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Mark M. Collier in account with Nancy Roberds, heir of Willis Roberds.			
2-26-1835	Cash recd of John Roberds, Admr of Willis Roberds, decd.	2.00	1.00
1-21-36	Cash recd of admr.	23.00	2.00
3-1-18__	Cash recd of Elizabeth Roberds, admx. of Willis Roberds, decd.	36.00	
1-1-1836	ditto for 1835 land rent	6.00	
(no date)	One note on Ephraim Jackson for 1836 rent	4.00	
Credits			
11-22-1833	Pd Judge & clerk	1.00	
3-1-1836	Pd Elizabeth Roberds for 1835 boarding	\$7.00	
1-6-1837	Pd for 1836 boarding	10.00	
Certified 6 Jan 1838			
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Mark M. Collier in account with Mary M. Roberds, heir of Willis Roberds.			
2-26-2835	Cash from John Roberds, Admr of Richard Roberds, Decd.,	\$2.20	1.33
1-21-1836	Cash from admrs.	33.33	2.52
3-1-1836	Cash from Elizabeth		

	Roberds, Admr. of Willis Roberds	\$36.90	2.246
1-1-1836	Recd. 1835 land rent	6.25	.50
(no date)	Note on Ephraim Jackson due 1-1-1837 for 1836 rent of land	4.36	
Credits			
11-22-1833	Pd judge & clerk	1.50	
3-1-1836	Pd Elizabeth Roberds for 1835 boarding	7.55	.50
12-28-1836	Pd Elizabeth Roberds for 1836 boarding	10.00	
1-1-1837	Pd Keyes Richardson & Co.	6.57	.52
(no date)	Pd William Peace for shoes	1.50	.12
12-19-1836	Pd judge & clerk	1.62½	
Certified 6 Jan 1837			
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Joseph M. Keyes			
12-11-1836	William Miller note due Dec 1835	\$674.08	
12-26-1836	Wilson Robinson note due 12-25-1836	65.00	
		119.23	
		788.31	
1 Jan 1836	Pd Keyes Richardson & Co.	92.51	
6 July 1836	Pd A. Stewart	14.56	
9-10-1836	Pd P. Tanner & Co.	24.13	
9-10-1836	Pd E. H. Inghish \$11 on a \$35.13 note	11.00	
5 Nov 1836	Pd Sarah Miller	10.00	
1-1-1837	Pd to Keyes Richardson & Co.	71.97	
		By bal. due 1 Jan 1837	524.55
Certified 1 Jan 1837			

-To be continued

# Madison County

## Johnson to Bayless Deed

Jackson County, Al Deed Book F.

Copied and contributed by Wendell Page of Scottsboro, Al

Hezekiah Bayless Sr.'s name has been variously written Bailes, Bayles, Bayless, etc. He was a soldier of the Revolution.<sup>1</sup> He and his wife, Jane, and their children (including Hezekiah Jr.), were some of Madison County's earliest settlers having patented land there in 1809.<sup>2</sup> His land fell in that part of Madison County that was taken to make Decatur County which was carved from part of Madison and part of Jackson.

Decatur County was created by the Alabama Legislature December 13, 1821 and abolished on Christmas Day, 1825. This action was taken as a survey revealed it did not have enough residents to meet the constitutional requirements. The county seat was Woodville, now known as "Old Woodville" in present-day Jackson County.

The Legislature elected Hezekiah *Bailes* [believed to be Jr.] as the first Judge of the County Court of Decatur County. His term expired Jan 1, 1823 and he was reappointed Jan. 4, 1823. He resigned in June<sup>3</sup> 1823. Hezekiah Sr. was born 16 April 1757 in New Jersey and died 12 September 1835. His wife, Jane, was born in 1762 and died 28 August 1837.<sup>4</sup> Both are buried in the Rice Cemetery in Madison Co.

Hezekiah Sr. would have been about 64 years of age when Decatur County was created in 1821, hardly an age to begin a new career. His son, Hezekiah Jr. was born April 23, 1790

and would have been only 32 in 1821 – the prime of life. For this reason, I must conclude that the Hezekiah Bayless who was appointed as the first county court judge in 1821 was Junior.

Hezekiah Sr. died Sept 12, 1835 and the following deed was dated 2 Oct 1835 which proves it was Junior.

### Deed

Deed of Conveyance dated 2 October 1835

This indenture dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1835 between William S. Johnson and Margaret Johnson, his wife, of the first part, and Hezekiah Bayless of the second part, all of Jackson Co., Alabama.

William S. Johnson and Margaret, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of \$140 to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is by us acknowledged, sell and convey all that certain tract of land lying and being in Jackson Co., Alabama containing 80-30/100 acres known as:

W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East in the district of lands subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama. Bayless to have and to hold all and singular the above described land hereby granted along with the hereditaments<sup>5</sup> and appurtenances<sup>6</sup> thereunto belonging.

The said William S. Johnson and Margaret Johnson, his wife, doth warrant and will forever defend the right to the above tract to Hezekiah Bayless, his heirs and assigns.

Wm. S. Johnson  
Margaret Johnson

Witt:

Edm[und] Bridges, J. P. and A. Brindell, J. P.

<sup>1</sup> Pauline Jones Gandrud, *Alabama Soldiers* (Hot Springs, Arkansas: Bobbie Jones McLane, 1975)

<sup>2</sup> Margaret Matthews Cowart, *Old Land Records of Madison County, Alabama* (Huntsville, Alabama: self published, 1979)

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr., *Decatur County, Alabama Civil Appointments, 1822-1825*, The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society's quarterly, *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp 47

<sup>4</sup> Dorothy Scott Johnson, *Cemeteries of Madison County, Alabama Vol. 2* (Huntsville, Alabama: Johnson Historical Publications, 1978), p. 145.

<sup>5</sup> Hereditaments: Things capable of being inherited, real and/or personal; items that, by custom, may descend to an heir along with the land. (*Black's*)

<sup>6</sup> Appurtenance: An appendage. That which belongs to something else such as barn, garden. An article adapted for use on the land. (*Black's*)

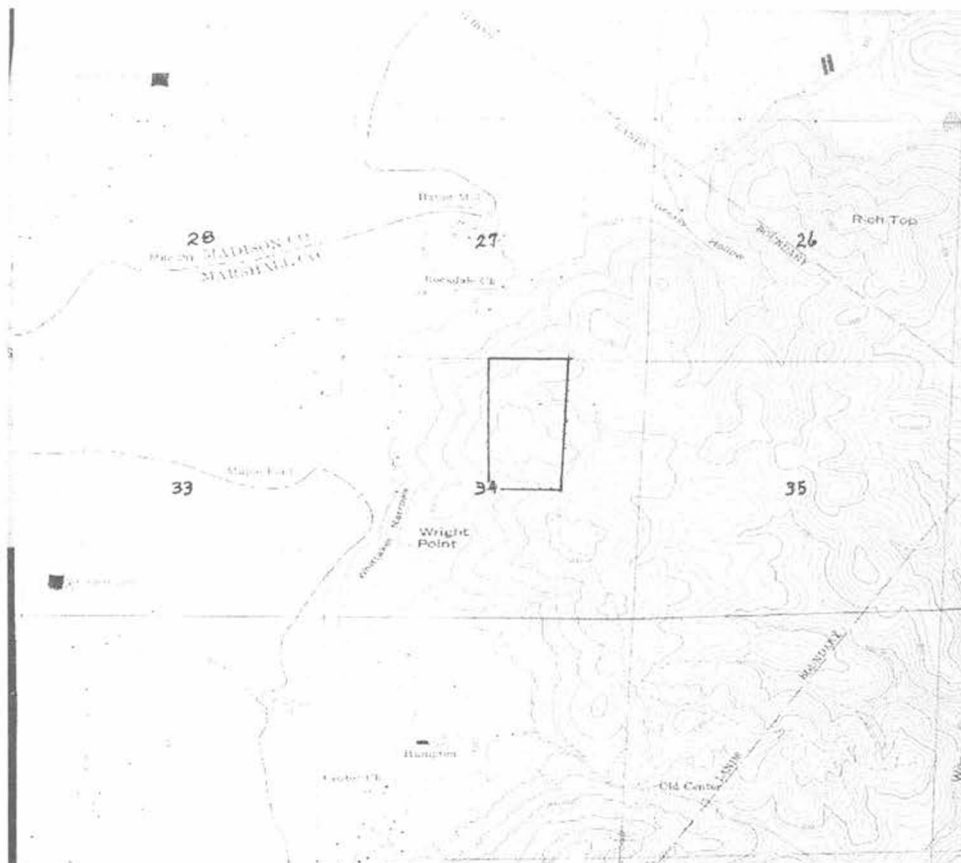


Johnson to Bayless Deed  
(-continued-)

Proven before Bridges and Brindell 2 October 1835 in Jackson Co., Ala. and certified 5 Oct. 1835 by Richard B. Clayton, Clerk of County Court.

It is interesting to note that the land covered by this Jackson County deed is now in Marshall County as shown by the topo map below. It is two miles south of the Jackson County line as the crow flies. Hezekiah Jr. was in Jackson Co.

in 1830 and lived in Marshall County in 1840 according to the Federal censuses. If, in fact, he lived on the land outlined below (covered by the deed), he may never have moved. It is more likely, however, that he never lived on the land since it is so remote.



Tennessee Valley Authority topographical map showing the deeded land., Grant quadrangle.

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**Margaret (Rhoda) Toney**  
**Southern Claims Commission**

The name of claimant was "Margaret" Toney in the records, however, Mr. Rowe calls her "Rhoda."

**William Rowe Deposition**  
(Undated)

My name is William Rowe, my age is 82 years, will be 83 years old first day of September next. Residence, seven miles south of Madison, Madison County, Alabama. Occupation, planting; not related at all to the claimant, Rhoda Toney. No interest upon the face of the earth in her claim.

My acquaintance with her began back yander in 1818. I lived about one mile and a half from her during the war but our plantations join.

Why, yes, we were intimately acquainted during the war. Yes, I saw her occasionally, neighbor-like, you know. We would visit each other.

Yes, sir, I frequently conversed with her about the war and its causes. She was hurt, as well as I was, by the way the southern people were going on, you know, and we would talk it over about what a calamity was coming upon us. We just concluded we was to be ruined by it.

It was a bad state of things and she was displeased with it as well as us who did not want war.

We had here men who were for secession and carrying on all this Devilment and she is no political lady – just an industrious, hard-working land owner, and was opposed to this war business.

She had one son who she opposed going into the rebel army but he got in some way, and she lost him. She had another one just coming on to an age to go in and she told me he should never go; she said she would hide him, and she wished to God she had hid her other son, and he never did go.

I was a Union man in favor of the Union cause under all circumstances and if we had

a Union lady in the whole south, she was one.

She regarded me as a Union man and she would express herself freer to me than to others because she knew I was a Union man.

The Federals camped on her land and they slayed a tremendous quantity of her timber to build their forts and for life [?] alien [?] and they taken from her about two mile of what they called board fence, what we call plank fence.

I was talking to her about it saying they were treating her pretty rough, and she observed, "Mr. Rowe, they must be protected and have suitable winter quarters." She never grumbled at any thing they taken from her and they occupied near her house all the winter and spring and they were at her ... [missing]

... [missing] it was because I was a Union man. I am satisfied that they visited her house because she was in sympathy with their cause and I know they did not go to other houses as they did her house and mine, and we were the Union citizens and the others were secessionists.

We would converse on this subject when we would be together but I can't recollect now whether others were present or not. She never grumbled at anything they took from her or when they spoiled her fencing; never heard of the rebels threatening her on account of her Union principles. If they had done any thing of that sort they would have kept it to them selves for they might have jumped on me too.

If she did contribute anything to the Union cause or its army I never heard anything about it.

I never heard of her contributing any thing to aid rebel soldiers or the rebel cause and if she had I reckon I would have known it – never heard of anything of the kind.

No, she never owned or had a rebel bond in her life. She had some of this infernal confederate money, and there was mighty few people but did not have it.

All the interest I have in her claim is that she was a mighty pure and good loyal woman and was always true and never complained about anything the Union boys did.

A man by the name of Yancey was the root of all this evil of the war and during the war. I said if I had killed him when he was introduced to me it could only have been my life lost and his and it might have saved thousands. She was as bitter against him as I was and she opposed all the leaders of the confederate army in conversations but she was a lady and could not express herself publicly like a man could.

Well, as a matter of course, her neighbors considered her in sympathy with the Union side. They could all see that for she treated the Union soldiers so friendly. What she had done for the rebel cause was she never could have established her loyalty to it but what they might have required for loyalty I don't know.

I never heard her use language against the confederacy which might have prevented her from establishing her loyalty to it only the way I have heard her talk and abuse the leaders and what we called the secessionist.

After Alabama had been seceded she just submitted to it, just like the rest of us, but grumbled and complained about having such a devil of it to pay to the rebel government.

No, she never done anything for the rebel cause. She owned slaves and she never grumbled or said ought because or about them being freed.

Signed: William Rowe

Test: James H. Bone, Special  
Commissioner

NOTE: I could not locate a tombstone for Mrs. Toney but found William Rowe's grave in the Rowe family graveyard on Triana Road north of Triana in a grove of huge fir trees. He was born 1 Sept 1792 and died 4 June 1876.

### **William Campbell Assassinated**

Six disguised men were in the lower part of the Big Cove Saturday night, beyond where William Campbell was assassinated. They came from beyond Flint River. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 6 August 1869.]

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### **Allison Shot Bass**

Mr. John A. B. Allison who shot and killed J. N. Bass at Vienna for an attempted rape on his daughter, a school girl, had a hearing before Judge Richardson Saturday and was discharged.

[*Huntsville Gazette*, Nov. 22, 1879.]

# Madison County

## Williams Bible & Family Records

Contributed by  
Doris E. Williams-Keefer

Doris E. Williams-Keefer of Limestone County contributed the following Bible and family information. Her notes reflect extensive genealogical and historical research and they are used here to augment the family information. The Bible is owned and in the possession of Gladys (Miller) Greene of Huntsville, Alabama.

[Married at the home of:]  
J. N. Scivalley  
By Jim Smith SGens [?]

G. M. Williams<sup>1</sup>  
George Meobrith Williams  
Anner Nancy Jinnie Scivalley<sup>2</sup>  
Was Married November the 11, 1886  
G. M. Williams Was Bornd Nov the  
11, 1862

Anner  
was Bornd Dec the 18, 1868



<sup>1</sup> George Merbrith Williams. His middle name is also written Merebrith and Medrith elsewhere.

<sup>2</sup> Anner was the dau. of Jasper Newton Scivalley at whose home the marriage took place. Most of her children and other documents say her true name was Nancy Jane Anna Scivalley although at times she went by "Anner" and at times, "Jinnie."

## Family Record

The "Family Record" portion of the Bible was too dim to reproduce here, however, it is copied verbatim in its entirety. There are a few Bible pages missing and the title page was one of them. For this reason, we can not determine the date of the Bible but believe it to have been published between 1902-1904. One chapter in the Bible, however is entitled, "The Temple Library and School, Nippur, Babylonia" and is copyrighted in 1902 by A. J. Holman & Co.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>
G. M. Williams	November the 11, 1862
Anner Williams	December the 19, 1868
Thomas Nuton Williams <sup>3</sup>	July the 19, 1887
Bertie Ida May Williams <sup>4</sup>	July the 28, 1888
Nancy Jane Williams	October the 30, 1889
Walter William Williams	January the 11, 1892
James Jasper Marion Williams <sup>5</sup>	February the 23, 1894
Georgie Alford Andrew Williams <sup>6</sup>	July the 15, 1896
Lillie Vilo Williams <sup>7</sup>	March the 21, 1899

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>
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<sup>3</sup> Thoms Nuton is later found as Thomas Newton Williams and Newton Thomas Williams. He died young.

<sup>4</sup> Bertie Ida May Williams is also found, and remembered, as Ida May Bertie Williams and Ida Berthie May Williams. She died young.

<sup>5</sup> James Jasper Marion Williams' name was shown as James Marion Williams on the birth certificate of a son. In later years he is found to be James Jasper Williams but went by Jim most of the time. He never learned to read or write and died at the home of his son, -----, in Sacramento, Cal. in 1971.

<sup>6</sup> Georgie Alford Andrew was George Alfred and was murdered in 1930. There was some type of quarrel, according to a descendant, over a day labor job that he got and someone else did not.

<sup>7</sup> Lillie Vilo was Lillie Viola Williams and went by Viola her whole life. She is buried with her husband, Isom Jones Miller, in Charity Cemetery, Madison County. She lived in Huntsville as do many of her descendants. Viola received George's Bible at some point in her life, from her sister Millie. It was passed to her daughter, Gladys, and is still in the box it was shipped in. The Bible is weathered and has lost most of its binding over the years from lots of use. Somewhere along the way, someone put it back together and put the front cover upside down. Many of the New Testament pages are damaged and falling to pieces. The Bible is kept wrapped up and in the box in which it was shipped to Viola.

Jaley Angl Williams <sup>8</sup>	June the 4, 1904
Hattie Williams <sup>9</sup>	November the 23, 1906
Aaron Williams <sup>10</sup>	July the 28, 1910
Mollie Flornce Williams <sup>11</sup>	November the 11, 1901

[The following entry was written below the above].

Aaron Williams was Bornd July 28, 1910.

<sup>8</sup> Jaley Angl Williams is said to have actually been Jalley Ann Williams. In one document Jaley appears to be Jolly. She died young.

<sup>9</sup> Hattie Williams was actually Hattie Louella Williams and lived in several parts of Lincoln Co., Tenn. for many years. When she died, she owned a house in Huntsville. She is buried in Pleasant Point Cemetery in Lincoln Co., Tenn. with her husband, John Keith Bradford. Hattie's children, Raymond Bradford and Dorothy Jean Bradford, Wells Thrasher Hall (died in 2003) are buried near her in the family plot. Her brother, Aaron is also buried nearby.

<sup>10</sup> Aaron (Arown in some places) Williams was actually Aaron Edward Williams and was born after the 1910 census was taken. He owned a horse ranch for a while in Lincoln Co., Tenn. His wife is the last remaining survivor of all the siblings and their spouses and it is currently (November 2003) believed to be in a nursing home in Tennessee. Aaron is buried in Pleasant Point Cemetery in Lincoln Co., Tenn. and is on the same side of the cemetery as his sister (nearest the church), Hattie, but on the back row.

<sup>11</sup> Mollie Flornce was actually Mollie Florence Elizabeth Williams as seen in vital records and on her social security application but she went by Mollie. She moved to Texas with her husband, Lewis Carroll Hollis, and lived there the rest of her life but returned to Alabama for visits. Her descendants still live in Texas.

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## Clark Cemetery

Copied and contributed by  
Dorothy Scott Johnson

Location: Section 30, Twp. 6, Range 1 east. Located in the S/2 of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of the NW/4. Alvie Lemley, Madison County forest ranger at the time, took me to this cemetery in a four-wheel drive vehicle. It is an extremely isolated place. I counted a total of 22 graves.

Row: There is an unmarked grave of an adult next to Wm. H. Clark.

**William H.  
Clark**  
Born  
Jan. 6, 1855  
Died  
July 27, 1911  
Sleep, Father and  
take thy rest  
God called thee home  
He thought it best.

Row: There were six unmarked graves in this row.

Row: There were seven unmarked graves in this row.

Note: Roda Hensley's tombstone was copied exact. Hers was probably the last burial in this cemetery.

D.  
1915  
AP 26  
**Roda Hens  
ley**

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## Stewart Cemetery

Location: Section 12, Twp. 6, Range 1 east. NW/4 of the SE/4 of the SE/4.

This is probably the John Stewart Cemetery. John patented the SW/4 of the SE/4 and the SE/4 of the SW/4 of section 12, Twp. 6, Range 1 east in 1838 and 1852.

There were a number of unmarked graves in this cemetery. It is located on a hill behind a farm home. The lady living there confirmed that it was the Stewart Cemetery but did not know anyone buried there or know anything about the Stewarts.

**Nannie Bell Hornbuckle**  
Born  
Oct. 1, 1877  
Died  
August 12, 1909  
She died as she lived,  
trusting in God

**G. W. McMin**  
Born  
April 2, 1858  
Died  
Dec. 17, 1911  
The Lord is my Shepherd

## Mayo Cemetery

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by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Location: Section 21, Township 6, Range 2 east, W/2 of the SW quarter of the SW /4 on Mayo Mountain. This is a very secluded cemetery and equally difficult to get to. I was taken to this cemetery by Alvie Lemley in a four-wheel drive vehicle.

### Row 1

There are two unmarked graves of children in this row.

### Row 2

There are two more unmarked graves of children in this row.

### Row 3

**John R. Henry**  
Born  
May 18, 1900  
Died  
July 26, 1906

**J. V. Mayo**  
Born  
Oct. 14, 1849  
Died  
Nov. 12, 1901

### Row 4

There were three children buried in this row in unmarked graves.

### Row 5

There were six children buried in this row in unmarked graves. There is also one illegible funeral marker on an otherwise unmarked grave on the other side of Artina Schrimsher.

**Artina [?] Schrimsher**  
Died Aug. 2, 1937  
Age 0 yr., 0 mo., [?], 1  
Day

[Note: This was a nearly-illegible funeral marker.]

### Row 6

There was one unmarked grave in this row.

### Row 7

One unlettered field-stone marking grave.

**Jamie White**  
Mar. 3, 1878  
Oct. 17, 1923  
Our loved ones, of such  
is the Kingdom  
of Heaven

Child's grave here with  
"E. N." scratched on a  
marble slab.

**Richard Lee Ford**  
Born  
Sept. 1, 1922  
Died  
Dec. 7, 1923

### Row 8

There were three unlettered fieldstones marking graves in this row.

## Old Dick Glover Cemetery

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Dorothy Scott Johnson

Location: Section 10, township 5, range 2 east. In the W/2 of the NW/4 of the SE/4 of the NW/4. Approximately 1/3 mile east of Low Gap Road in Glover's Cove in the Big Cove area of southeast Madison County.

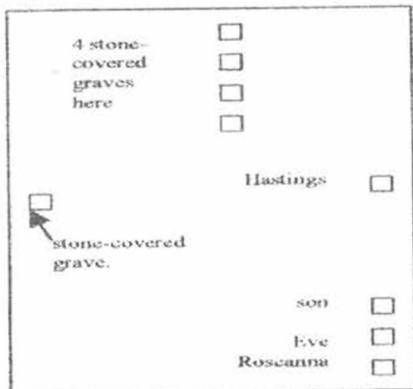
There were many unmarked graves indicated by "sinks," in this approximately quarter-acre cemetery. In about the center of the cemetery is a very old grave covered with stacked cut stone blocks but no name is on the stone. In the corner of the cemetery, there are four more graves covered with stacked cut stones but none have identification. These four graves are very old and the stones have been somewhat scattered, apparently from trees growing up through them or vandalism. They were apparently the oldest in the graveyard. This land once belonged to Richard Glover whose family cemetery this is.

**Louisa Bowers Hastings**  
died 1902  
and  
**Berry Hastings**  
Died 1895

Son of  
W. T. Atchley &  
Eva Hastings.  
1899  
[Note: No name given]

**Roseanna Ledbetter**  
**Hastings**  
Wife of  
W. T. Atchley  
1876 - 1902

The above four tombstones were identical and probably purchased at the same time. There was a blank space between the grave of Louisa Bowers and the other graves.



### Last Will & Testament of Richard Glover

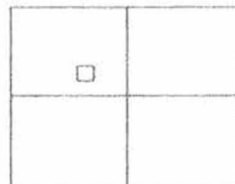
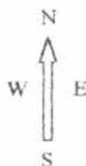
Dated 26 May 1856

In the name of God, Amen, I Richard Glover of Madison County and state of Alabama do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following . . . And my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Family at *the burying* [sic] place on my farm and one-half acre at that place I wish to remain unsold for publick burying [sic] ground . . . I bequest unto my beloved wife, Elisabeth Glover, all I possess after my debts are paid, during her lifetime and at her Death what is then left I want it Equally Divided between my children: Martha A. Ledbetter, Elizabeth C. Ledbetter, Polley B. Ledbetter's children, their Mother's share only \$100 of their part to be given to my Dauter [sic] Nancy E. Glover for taking care of them while small, Logan R. Glover and Nancy E. Glover . . . [torn] . . . I do hereby appoint my son Logan R. Glover my Executor . . .

An untitled document found in Richard Glover's estate file listed the heirs of the estate as:

1. Martha Ledbetter, wife of John Ledbetter
2. Elizabeth C. Ledbetter, wife of Gardiner C. Ledbetter
3. Nancy Glover
4. Logan R. Glover
5. Mary B. Ledbetter, deceased, whose heirs and distributees are Joel C. Ledbetter and Nancy G. Henry, wife of Isaac Henry.

The document was dated 8 June 1872 and signed by Logan R. Glover, executor.



Location of Cemetery within section



## Rice-Bailey-Lyon Cemeteries

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Dorothy Scott Johnson

### Rice Cemetery

Location: Section 18, Township 6, Range 2 east. Center of the SW/4 of the SE/4 of the SE/4. Mr. Alvie Lemley took me to this cemetery in a four-wheel drive vehicle. We counted a total of 57 graves of which most were unmarked. There may be more as we may not have been able to discern some as graves. Mr. Lemley said the last burial there was Russell Meeks and he is in an unmarked grave.

**J. H.  
Lemley**

Note: Nothing else was on this cut stone covered grave. He was a brother of Ed Lemley; Ed Lemley has a daughter, Betty, living at Cave Springs.

**N. N. Dunn**  
B. 1831  
D. 1886

Note: This was a stone covered grave.

**Mary E.**  
Wife of

**Isaac Rice**  
June 25, 1845  
Dec. 6, 1909

Note: This was a granite marker.

### Bailey Cemetery

Location: Section 21, Township 4, Range 1 east, in the approximate center of the SW/4. In Bailey Cove approximately one-quarter mile east of the intersection of Four Mile Post Road and Bailey Cove Road. It was scheduled to be moved in 1997 and the legal notice for removal was dated 19 Nov 1997. It was not, however, moved. This is the Bailey Cemetery but they are buried here without tombstones. Cynthia Huse's last name is misspelled and should be Hughes. Apparently the stonemason simply did not know how to spell Hughes but spelled it like it sounded. The Hughes and Bailey families were related.

**Cynthea Huse**

Born May 30, 1785  
Died September 6, 1847

### Lyon Cemetery

Location: Section 33, Township 4, Range 1 east, in the NE/4 of the SW/4 of the SE/4. I visited this cemetery after a major tornado had ripped through and uprooted huge trees in December 1967. Many stones may have been destroyed as I could find none carrying the name Lyon.

**Anna E. Medley**

July 26, 1931  
Aug. 10, 1932  
At rest

**Nannie Mac Webster**

March 1916  
Jan., 1919

**W. F. Hymer**

Born July 29, 1888  
Died Jan. 16, 1919

**Doris Kelly**

Oct. 27, 1870  
March 10, 1907

# Marshall County

## Probate Court Final Record

### Part 5

Copied and contributed by Coy Michael  
Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Continued here from Vol. 38, No. 2.

### Sarah C. Nicholson Estate

Pages 45-53

#### Administrator Appointed - Bond

24 November 1850

Comes Isaac E. Nicholson, as next of kin to Sarah C. Nicholson, deceased, and was appointed Admr. after giving \$3,000 bond. James Lamar and I. M. Sturgus became his securities.

#### Appraisers Appointed

23 January 1851

Ordered that William McKee, David Baker and Stephen Newman be appointed appraisers of the personal property of this estate and return the appraisal to court on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. in Feb. 1851.

It appears to be necessary that the personal property of this estate must be sold and the administrator is so authorized.

#### Bill of Appraisement

25 Jan 1851

Property of the estate:	
1 Negro girl, Ellen, .....	\$ 500.00
1 Note of hand on J. J. & A. H. Lamar of Mississippi bearing interest from 17 Dec 1850 at 6% per annum.....	350.00
1 side saddle & bridle .....	11.25
Total .....	\$ 861.25

Certified 14 Feb 1851

#### Additional Bond

On 23 April 1853, Isaac E. Nicholson, Admr., was summoned to appear before the Judge of Probate Court and give additional bond.

On 9 May 1853 additional bond was given in the sum of \$3000. James Lamar and James M. Harris became bondsman for Isaac E. Nicholson.

#### Mary E. Peebles Application

3 January 1855

Mary E. Peebles of Marshall Co., Ala. is one of the heirs and distributees of this estate. She respectfully represents that more than 18 mo. has passed since Isaac E. Nicholson was granted Letters of Administration and she is entitled to 1/6 share of the estate. The assets of the estate are more than enough to satisfy the debts of the estate. She prays for her distributive share.

#### Citation to Administrator

3 Jan 1855

Mary E. Peebles has petitioned the court for her 1/6<sup>th</sup> distributive share of the estate. Isaac E. Nicholson is ordered to appear in court in Guntersville on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. in Feb. 1855 to hear said petition and show cause, if any, why distribution should not be made.

#### Order

17 March 1855

Came Isaac E. Nicholson, Admr., and files his account and vouchers for final settlement. Ordered by the Court that the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in April 1855 be set for final settlement. Notice of settlement to be given by publication in the *Marshall Eagle* for three successive weeks.

#### Guardian *ad litim* Appointed

17 March 1855

Samuel K. Rayburn is hereby appointed guardian *ad litim* of (1) Edward G. Nicholson, (2) Richard L. Nicholson, (3) Eliza Nicholson and (4) Superior Nicholson, minor heirs of the estate of Sarah C. Nicholson, decd.

#### List of Heirs

17 March 1855

1. Edward G Nicholson
2. Richard L. Nicholson
3. Eliza Jane Nicholson
4. Superior Nicholson, children of John R. Nicholson, decd., who are minors;
5. Jane Harlan, wife of Nelson R. Harlan

- 6. Isaac E. Nicholson
- 7. Martha Tyner, wife of William L. Tyner
- 8. David L. Nicholson
- 9. Mary E. Peebles, wife of James E. Peebles

**Objection to Final Settlement**

14 May 1855

Mary E. Peebles objected to the account currently filed by Isaac E. Nicholson, admr. Ordered that Isaac E. be notified of the filing of said objection and that he be required to be and appear at the next term of this court and that final settlement be continued.

Mary objects to said account because (1) the admr. has not charged himself with interest on the price of the Negro girl which is marked as having been sold for \$700 (2) Because said admr. has not charged himself with the hire of said Negro girl from the time she came into his possession until the time she was sold; (3) Because the amount charged for services in said account is exorbitant; (4) Because he has charged interest on the amount so claimed for his services and which by law he is not entitled to.

The portions of the settlement objected to by Mary E. Peebles are as follows:

- (1) For services rendered \$220. and \$48. interest.
- (2) She seeks to charge the admr. with the hire of said Negro girl from the time she came into his possession until the time she was sold.
- (3) She seeks to charge the admr. with interest on the sum of \$700, the amount for which said Negro girl was sold.

On 11 June 1855 Isaac E. Nicholson states he has not used the funds of the estate of Sarah C. Nicholson for his own benefit nor has he made any profit or legal interest upon the funds of said estate which has come to his hands.

**Accounts Current**

Negro girl sold 3 Mar 1851 on 6 mo. cr. ...	\$700.00
Note on J. J. Lamar at 6% due 12-17-50....	350.00
Interest on same.....	5.00
One side saddle.....	[Illeg.]
Interest on same.....	[Illeg.]
Hire of Negro girl for 2 mo. in 1851 .....	4.00
	<u>\$1123.84</u>

By acct. with James Ditto & Co.....	14.27
By acct. with Dr. Andrew Moore .....	37.50
Interest on same to 3 Sept 1851.....	2.25
Account for Coffin (Garvin).....	12.00
Fees for Probate Judge .....	4.40
By account with R. Nickles .....	4.35

Services Rendered .....	225.00
Interest on same .....	24.00
Acct. with Jas. Lamar by A. G. & S. Henry	26.02
Printer's fee for voucher No. 7 .....	4.00
Probate Judge's fees .....	15.50
	<u>369.29</u>

Balance due 11 June 1855 ..... 754.55  
 Dated 17 March 1855

**Decree on Final Settlement**

This day comes Isaac E. Nicholson, Admr., and James E. Peebles, husband of Mary E. who is the sister of the deceased. Isaac, having filed his acct. & vouchers for final settlement, the Court examined his account and vouchers and the objections heretofore filed against said account by Mary E. Peebles, are by her husband, James E. Peebles, withdrawn.

The Court finds Isaac E. Nicholson chargeable with \$1,123.84 and entitled to the sum of \$369.29 leaving a balance in the hands of said admr. of \$754.55 for distribution among the heirs of said estate.

Distribution among heirs is as follows:

Edward G. Nicholson, son of John R. Nicholson, who was the brother of said Sarah C. Nicholson, decd., - \$31.44

Richard L. Nicholson, son of John R. Nicholson who was the brother of the said deceased, - \$31.44

Eliza Jane Nicholson, daughter of John R. Nicholson, decd., who was the brother of said intestate, the sum of \$31.44

Superior Nicholson, son of John R. Nicholson, decd., who was the brother of said intestate, the sum of \$31.44.

Jane Harlan, sister of the intestate, and her husband Nelson R. Harlan, the sum of \$125.75 for the use and benefit of said Jane.

Isaac E. Nicholson is authorized to retain the sum of \$125.75 for his own benefit and distributive share of said estate.

Isaac E. Nicholson, Admr., is to pay over to Martha Tyner, sister of said intestate and her husband, William L. Tyner, for the use and benefit of Martha, the sum of \$125.75

David L. Nicholson, brother of the intestate, the sum of \$125.75.

Mary E. Peebles, sister of said intestate, and her husband, James E. Peebles, the sum of \$125.75 for the use and benefit of said Mary E.

-To be continued

## Deed Book B, 1840-45

### Part 3

Copied and contributed by Coy Michael, abstracted  
by Dorothy Scott Johnson

This large book is housed in the records vault of the office of Probate Judge in the courthouse in Guntersville. It is continued here from *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 37, No. 4.

Many farmers, planters and merchants lost everything they had during this period and it is reflected in these deeds. To better understand the reasons behind this financial downward spiral, one must be aware of certain historical events of the era.

The nation found itself in a panic and depression in 1837 which, by 1840, sent cotton prices down to around 6¢ per pound from 14¢ five years before. Cotton cost more to produce than the farmer could sell it for. Prices touched bottom in 1845 at 5¢ per pound and did not rebound until the Mexican War and the discovery of gold in California. Prices rose to 8¢ in 1850 which made cotton a profitable crop once again.

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Date: 4 Aug 1840

Certification and Proof of Deed of Trust

This is the certification of a Deed of Trust carried in *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 37, No. 4. [William Tidwell executed a deed to James Tidwell, in trust, to secure L. D. Boshart for "certain sums of money." The property was the E/2 of the NW/4 of Sec. 18-7-4E.]

The deed was certified by Richard S. Randals, Clerk of the County Court.

Pages 33-34

Date: 23 May 1840

Deed from James M. Barton and Rebekah W. Barton, his wife, to David Boshart.

James M. and Rebekah W. Barton, for \$900 to them in hand paid, sold, delivered and conveyed to David Boshart, the NW/4 of Section 5, Township 7, Range 4 east in Marshall Co., Ala. containing 160 acres, with tenements and appurtenances.

Signed: James M. Barton  
Signed: Rebekah W. Barton

Witness:

W. C. Thomas, J. P.

Acknowledged by the Bartons on 23 May 1840. On the same date, Rebekah W. Barton, apart from her husband, relinquished her right of dower and, apart from her husband, swore she

signed the deed of her own free will without any threats or complications of her said husband. Delivered for recording and recorded 17 Aug 1840.

Pages 34-35

Date: 12 August 1840

Indenture of Apprentice, Andrew M. Jones to Richard J. Jones.

Stephen Baxter and K. C. Carter, overseers of the poor of Captain Carter's beat, Marshall Co., Ala., of the one part and Richard J. Jones of Marshall Co., of the other part.

Baxter and Carter, by virtue of an order of the court dated 10 Feb 1840, have placed and bound Andrew M. Jones, age 9 years on 17 April 1840, to be an apprentice to Richard J. Jones. Andrew is to dwell with Richard from now until Andrew reaches age 20.<sup>1</sup>

During this time and term, Andrew M. Jones shall regard Richard J. Jones as his master and faithfully serve him in all of Richard's lawful business. Andrew is to behave himself honestly and obediently in all things and behave himself toward the rest of the family of Richard J. Jones.

For his part, Richard J. Jones is to instruct Andrew in the craft, mystery and occupation of a farmer. Richard is to find and allow Andrew sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging

<sup>1</sup> This is probably an error since most indentures ran until the child reached age 21, not 20.

and all other things needful or meant for an apprentice during the term aforesaid.

Richard shall teach, or cause to be taught to Andrew, reading, writing and common arithmetic including to the rule of three. Richard will, at the expiration of apprenticeship, furnish Andrew with a complete suit of clothing and two shirts.

Signed: Richard J. Jones

Witness:

Stephen Baxter  
K. C. Carter

Approved by the Commissioner's Court on 17 Au 1840 and same ordered recorded; recorded same day.



Pages 36-37

Date: 4 Aug 1840

Deed from David and Martha Parkhill to Jordan Fletcher.

For \$600 already paid, the Parkhills sell to Jordan Fletcher land in Marshall County being on the waters of Haney Creek and containing 162 acres. The land is the E/2 of the Nw/4 and the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 3, Township 7, Range 3 east. Sale includes all and singular the tenements, appurtenances and hereditaments pertaining or belonging to said parcel of land.

Signed: David Parkhill

Signed: Martha Parkhill by her mark

Witness:

James Fletcher, Jun.

Thomas Davis, by his mark

Acknowledged by the Parkhills on 22 Aug 1840. Martha relinquished her right of dower. She was examined separately and apart from her husband and says she signed the deed as a matter of choice and not from fear or threat from her husband.

/s/ J. H. Kyle, J. P.

Delivered for recording and recorded on 22 Aug. 1840.



Pages 37-38

12 Aug 1840

Indenture of Apprentice, George W. Jones to Richard J. Jones.

Stephen Baxter and K. E. Carter, overseers of the poor of Capt. Carter's beat, Marshall Co.,

Ala., of the first part and Richard J. Jones of the second part.

By virtue of an order of the court of Marshall Co., Ala. dated 10 Feb 1840, Baxter and Carter bind and place George W. Jones, age 14 years on 26 Dec 1840, with Richard J. Jones as an apprentice.

From this date forward, until George W. comes to the age of 21 years, George W. is to dwell with Richard J. Jones. During this time, George W. is to consider Richard J. his master and is to faithfully serve Richard J. in his lawful business according to George's power and ability. George W. Jones is to honestly and obediently behave himself towards the rest of the family of Richard J. Jones.

Richard J. Jones is to allow George W. to have sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging and all other things needful or meant for an apprentice during the term aforesaid. Richard J. is also to teach, or cause to be taught, George W. reading, writing and common arithmetic including to the rule of three. At the expiration of said time, Richard J. is to furnish George W. a complete suit of clothing and two shirts.

/s/ Richard J. Jones

Witness:

Stephen Baxter

K. C. Carter, overseer of poor.

Filed and approved by the Judge of the Commissioners' Court of Marshall County on 17 Aug 1840 and ordered recorded. Certified by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

/s/ R. S. Randles



Pages 38-39

12 Aug 1840

Indenture of Apprentice, James M. Jones to Joseph D. Jones.

Stephen Baxter and K. E. Carter, overseers of the poor in Capt. Carter's beat in Marshall Co., Ala. of the first part and Joseph D. Jones of the second part, all of Marshall Co., Ala.

By virtue of an order of the court of Marshall Co., Ala. dated 10 Feb 1840, Baxter and Carter bind and place James M. Jones, age 13 years on 27 Feb 1840, with Joseph D. Jones as an apprentice.

From this date forward, until James M. comes to the age of 21 years, he is to dwell with

Joseph D. Jones. During this time, James M. is to consider Joseph D. his master and is to faithfully serve Joseph in his lawful business according to James M.'s power and ability. James M. is to honestly and obediently behave himself towards the rest of the family of Joseph D. Jones.

Joseph D. Jones is to allow James M. to have sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging and all other things needful or meant for an apprentice during the term aforesaid.

Joseph D. is also to teach, or cause to be taught, James M. reading, writing and common arithmetic including to the rule of three. At the expiration of said time, Joseph D. is to furnish James M. a complete suit of clothing and two shirts.

/s/ Joseph D. Jones

Witness:

Stephen Baxter

K. C. Carter, overseer of the poor

Filed and approved by the Judge of the Commissioners' Court of Marshall County on 17 Aug 1840 and ordered recorded. Certified by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.



Pages 40-41

15 Aug 1840

Deed of Trust

David Parkhill (debtor) of the first part, Josiah Tidwell, (trustee), of second part and James Fletcher Jr. (creditor) of third part.

David Parkhill owes James Fletcher \$240 by a note payable 25 Dec 1842. David P. is willing and desirous to secure the payment when it falls due. Therefore, Parkhill deeds to Josiah Tidwell, in trust, the following property:

- One bay colt, 3 years old
- One colt, 6 mo. old
- 12 head of cattle, mostly stock cattle
- 10 head of sheep
- 25 head of stock hogs
- 2 beds and furniture
- 1 large kettle
- 1 large pot
- 1 set blacksmith tools

Tidwell is to allow Parkhill to remain in possession and use of this property until default in payment to the said James Fletcher, Jr. If

Parkhill defaults in payment, after giving 30 days notice by advertisement at three or more public places in said county, of the time and place of sale, Tidwell is to sell the above described property. The property is to be sold at public auction, on the premises, for ready money. Tidwell is to pay Fletcher the amount still owed on the debt. After paying Fletcher and all costs of this indenture, the balance is to be paid to Parkhill.

If Parkhill pays this entire debt when it fall due, then this deed is void.

/s/ David Parkhill

/s/ Josiah Tidwell

/s/ James Fletcher Jun.

Attest:

Jordan Fletcher

A. h. Parkhill

On 22 Aug. 1840, Jordan Fletcher proved the above Deed of Trust (mortgage) before Richard S. Randalls, Clerk of the County Court.



Pages 41-42

15 Aug 1840

Deed of Conveyance

William Houston Vance of one part and James C. Vance, of second part, both of Madison County, Ala.

William H. Vance, for \$200 to him in hand paid, sold and conveyed to James C. Vance, two tracts of land in Marshall County. One tract is known as the:

SE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 34, Township 5, Range 3 east containing 40.03 acres, and also:

the E/2 of the SW/4 of Section 3, Township 5, Range 3 east containing 40.03 acres and a second lot known as the E/2 of the SW/4 of Section 3, Township 6, Range 3 east containing 80.63 acres "all amounting to one hundred and twenty acres and Sixty Six hundredths."

Property includes all tenements and appurtenances.

/s/ William Houston Vance

Acknowledged by William H. Vance before George Loy (Lay?), J. P. for Marshall Co. on 15

August 1840. Certified by Richard S. Randles,  
Clerk of the County Court, on 24 Aug. 1840.

Pages 43-44  
3 March 1840

Warranty Deed, Beard to Dickerson

Arthur C. Beard and Jane P. Beard, his wife,  
and James H. Beard, of the one part of Marshall  
Co., Ala. and Benjamin Dickerson and Daniel S.  
Dickerson of the other part.

Arthur C. and Jane and James H. Beard, for  
\$600 to them in hand paid, sell and convey to  
Benjamin and Daniel S. Dickerson the following  
land in the town of Claysville, Marshall Co.,  
known as Lot No. 4 and bounded as follows:

Beginning on Main Street at Rector's corner  
thence with Rector's line 200 feet back to where  
said line joins to and crosses on Simeon  
Nichols' land. Then go with said line 120 feet to  
a cross street separating the said Simeon  
Nichols' lot No. 3 from lot No. 4, thence with  
said cross street 200 feet to its junction with  
Main St. thence with Main St. 120 [feet] to the  
beginning containing half an acre more or less.  
The Dickersons are to have and to hold the  
property along with tenements and  
appurtenances thereunto belonging.

/s/ Arthur C. Beard

/s/ Jane P. Beard

/s/ James H. Beard

Witness:

J. W. Campbell

John B. Russell

S. D. Read

Arthur C. and Jane P. Beard and James H.  
Beard acknowledge deed before William H. E.  
Wheeler, J. P. on 28 March 1840. Jane P. Beard  
was examined separate and apart from her said  
husband, A. C. Beard, and acknowledged that  
she signed and delivered the within deed of  
conveyance without any fear or compulsion  
from her husband.

/s/ Wm. H. E. Wheeler, J. P.

Filed for registration and recorded 24 Aug 1840.

Pages 45-46  
30 July 1840

Sheriff's Sale, Deed of Conveyance: Hugh  
Henry Jr., Hugh Henry Sr., and Andrew Moore,  
and their security John Baxter.

By a writ of *fieri facias*<sup>2</sup> issued from the  
Circuit Court of Morgan County, Ala., Joel  
Higgins, sheriff of Marshall Co., was  
commanded to levy on the goods, chattels, lands  
and tenements of Hugh Henry Senr., Hugh  
Henry Junr. and Andrew Moore, partners doing  
business under the name of Henry & Moore.

Henry & Moore made a note, with John  
Baxter as their security, in the amount of  
\$1619.23 in favor of the Branch Bank of the  
State of Alabama in Decatur. This amount was  
for debt, damages and costs. The Writ of *fieri  
facias* was dated 4 May 1840 and was placed in  
the hands of Sheriff Higgins on 11 May 1840  
and by him levied on the following tracts of  
land:

W/2 of NE/4 of Section 30, Township 7,  
Range 4 east containing 84.10 acres;

E/2 of NW/4 of Section 30, Township 7,  
Range 4 east containing 84.10 acres;

the SW/4 of Section 19, Township 5, Range 4  
east containing 159.70 acres;

E/2 of the SE/4 of Section 19, Township 5,  
Range 4 east containing 79.83 acres as the  
property of Andrew Moore on 12 July 1839.  
Said sheriff gave due and lawful notice of sale  
by advertisement of time and place of sale.

On 6 July 1840 the sheriff did sell all the  
right, title and interest of Moore to the above  
described lands to Hugh Henry for the amount  
of \$25.

Certified and delivered for recording 3 Sept  
1840.



<sup>2</sup> Fieri facias: "That you cause to be made." - Blacks

**Circuit Court Records – Civil**

**Book 1**

**Part 12**

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

This previously unknown document dates from September 1838. The first 99 pages are criminal cases with civil cases following.

This series began in Vol. 24, Issue No. 2 and is continued here from Vol.37, No. 1.

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Date: 2 Sept 1840

Andrew Horn & Co.       )  
vs                               )       ss:  
John Cole, S. W. Woolard,)  
& E. Moreland               )

Writ

The sheriff is commanded to "take the bodies of" John Cole, Swain W. Woolard and Elisha Moreland, wherever they may be found, and them safely keep so as to have them before the Judge of our Circuit Court in the town of Marshall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. in Sept, 1840. They are to answer Andrew Horn and John Gardenkin, late merchants and partners doing business as Andrew Horn & Co. in a Plea of Covenant [agreement] Broken to their damage of \$200.

Witness: John O. Feemster, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838 Cole, Woolard and Moreland executed and delivered to Andrew Horn & Co. their note for \$318 drawing interest from Oct. 19, 1838 and due on or before 25 Dec. 1839. Said debt to be paid in bank notes on the State Banks of Alabama and Tennessee.

The defendants have not paid the debt in any part although often requested to do so but have wholly failed and refused, and still refuse, to pay the said sum in violation of their agreement and to the damage of the plaintiffs of \$200.

E. A. Webster, Attorney for Plaintiffs

Receipts

Received on the within note, \$50 this 11 Sept. 1839.

Received on the within note \$200 this 26 Feb 1840. Signed: John Gardenkin

The balance of the note is still due and unpaid.

No bail required.

The sheriff executed (served) on the defendants by handing each a copy on 22 Sept 1840. Signed: Joel Higgins, Shff. by his deputy, Wm. T. Todd.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841 the defendants being solemnly called to come into Court and defend their suit, comes not but makes default. It is, therefore, ordered by the Court that the said plaintiff have and recover judgment against the said defendants in the amount of \$104.69 damages together with their costs.



Joel Higgins, Admr.    )  
vs.                        )  
Andrew Moore         )

The following writ was issued and returned to our Circuit Court at the courthouse in the town of Marshall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. in Sept 1840. Signed by Daniel Coleman, Judge.

To any Coroner of the State of Alabama, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to take the body of Andrew Moore wherever he may be found in your county and him safely keep so that you have him before the Judge of our next Circuit Court to be held in Marshall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. in Sept, 1840. He is to answer Joel Higgins (who is now the Sheriff of Marshall County and by virtue of his office he is the administrator of the estate of John M. Cabaniss, deceased.) Moore is to answer Higgins in a Plea of Trespass in the case for damages of \$120.



Herein fail not. Witnessed by John O. Feemster, Clerk of the County Court. Issued 2 Sept 1840. September term 1840

Joel Higgins, is administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of John M. Cabaniss, decd., plaintiff. He complains of Andrew Moore, defendant, now in custody, in a plea of trespass, to wit: on 10 Jan 1837 in the lifetime of John M. Cabaniss, Andrew Moore made and delivered his promissory note to Cabaniss in the amount of \$92.81 and due one day later. Said amount was not paid in full.

This action is founded on the promissory note of Andrew Moore to John M. Cabaniss, decd., in substance as follows:

\$92.81

*One day after date I promise to pay John M. Cabaniss, ninety two 81/100 cents for value received of him the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1837.*

*And. Moore*

On the back of said note is the following credits:

Recd. \$4.50 on 29 Feb 1837

Recd \$15.27 on 27 March 1837

Recd. \$5.00 on 8 April 1837

The balance of which is still due and unpaid and for the recovery of which suit is brought. No bail required.

Signed: Webster, pro. plff.

*I accept the service of the within writ waving all legal objections.  
15 Sept. 1840.*

Signed. *And. Moore*

Be it remembered that at a Circuit Court began and held at the courthouse in the town of Marshall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841, the following proceedings were held in this cause.

Signed: Hon. Geo. W. Lane[?]

Comes a Jury of good and lawful men, to wit: Lewis Manning and eleven others, who being duly sworn upon their oaths say "We the Jury find the issue in favor of plaintiff and assess his damages to the sum of \$69.92 together with his costs."

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-To be continued



# Morgan County

## Rescue Methodist Church

### Minutes

#### Morgan City, Alabama

Part 1 of 2

These 65 pages of minutes are from 1891 through 1895. They are all of the Warrenton Charge, Guntersville District, North Alabama Conference. The Rescue Methodist Church was in Morgan City, Morgan County, even though that church belonged to Marshall County organizations.

### Minutes

28 Jan 1892

#### First quarterly conference for 1891-1892.

M. E. Butt, P. E. was the chair. After religious services conducted by M. E. Butt, the roll was called and the following members were present:

B. H. O. Cochran, P. C.

J. P. Goodson, Sd. [Steward]

F. M. Couch, Sd.

W. A. Johnson, S. S. Supt.

J. P. Goodson was elected Secretary. There were no appeals or complains. Estimated claims and the final settlements of the same is as follows:

| Name                 | Claimed  | Settled for: |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| P. C.                | \$315.00 | \$174.00     |
| Bishops              | 2.50     | 2.50         |
| Conference claimants | 7.00     | 7.00         |
| Foreign ministers    | 20.00    | 20.00        |
| Domestic missions    | 9.20     | 9.20         |
| Church extension     | 6.20     | 6.20         |

The money raised in support of the ministry as follows:

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Warrenton      | \$6.00  |
| Mt. Olivet     | \$9.50  |
| Brasier Chapel | ---     |
| Union Grove    | ---     |
| Oleander       | 1.00    |
| Rescue         | ---     |
| Lacy's Spring  | ---     |
| Cane Creek     | 1.00    |
| Total          | \$17.50 |

Spent \$1.00 on Sunday School supplies.

The next quarterly conference will be held in Warrenton.

M. E. Butt, presiding elder

J. P. Goodson, Secretary

W. T. Bartee

#### Supplement A:

*There is only one Sunday School now on the work that we can call our own. This school is doing some good work. There are two union Schools in the charge in which our people take an active part. We have done very little during the quarter in the way of pastoral visiting and instruction of children on account of bad weather.*

*Respectfully Submitted*

*B. H. O. Cochran*

### Minutes

30 April 1892

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Conference for 1891-1892

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Conference for the current year, 1891-92, Warrenton charge, Guntersville District, North Ala. Conference, was held at

Warrenton, Ala. April 30<sup>th</sup> 1892. Rev. M. E. Butt, P. E., in the chair.

After religious services conducted by Rev. M. E. Butt, the roll was called and the following members were present:

- B. H. O. Cochran, P. C.
- W. T. Bartee, L. D.
- B. A. Hamby, Sd.
- James Cooley, Sd.
- Gideon Cadenhead, Sd.

W. T. Bartee was elected Secretary. \$290 was used in support of the preacher this present year.

The following amounts were expended:

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Presiding Elder      | \$36.25 |
| Bishops              | 4.60    |
| Conference claimants | 13.50   |
| Foreign Missions     | 35.00   |
| Domestic Missions    | 16.21   |
| Church Extension     | 12.00   |
| Education.           | 10.10   |

The amount raised during the present quarter for the support of the ministry and how it has been applied:

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Warrenton      | \$8.00  |
| Mt. Olivet     | 17.00   |
| Center Point   | 8.50    |
| Brasier Chapel | 1.00    |
| Union Grove    | .25     |
| Oleander       | ---     |
| Rescue         | ---     |
| Lacy's Spring  | 5.25    |
| Cane Creek     | ---     |
| Total          | \$40.00 |

75¢ spent on Sunday School supplies.

Delegates elected to the District Conference were:

- E. Gideon Cadenhead
- B. A. Hamby
- T. A. Street, Jr.
- T. H. Ditto

Alternates:

- B. A. Hanby
- J. P. Gordan
- J. W. Elliott

The next Quarterly Conference will be held in Lacy's Spring.

M. E. Butt, Presiding Elder  
W. T. Bartee, Secretary

W. T. Bartee, Recording Steward

B. P. Johnson, J. Q. Brasier and James Barnard tenders their resignations as Stewards which were accepted. John Singuefield [?], Jno. M. Lynn, N. G. Skidmore and Frank Prentice were elected in their places.

## Minutes

18 Aug 1892

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Conference for 1891-1892

The third Quarterly Conference for 1891-1892, Warrenton charge, Guntersville District, North Alabama Conference was held at Rescue on Aug. 18, 1892. B. H. O. Cochran, P. C., Chairman.

After religious services conducted by B. H. O. Cochran, the roll was called and the following members were present:

- B. H. O. Cochran, P. C.
- T. H. Ditto, Trustee
- Geo. W. Griffin, Steward
- J. P. Goodson
- W. T. Bartee, L. D.
- J. M. Ditto, Sec. Ch. Conf.

Rev. J. I. Williams, pastor of Guntersville Station, was present and introduced to the conference.

W. T. Bartee

The amounts spent in the present quarter for the support of the ministry:

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Warrenton      | \$12.20 |
| Mt. Olivet     | 15.00   |
| Center Point   | .75     |
| Brasier Chapel | ---     |
| Union Grove    | .75     |
| Oleander       | ---     |
| Rescue         | 2.50    |
| Lacey's Spring | 2.50    |

There are no vacancies in the Boards of Trustees.

## Minutes

15 Oct 1892

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Conference for 1891

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Conference for 1891, Warrenton charge, Guntersville District, North Ala. conference was held at Lacy's Spring Oct.

15, 1892. M. E. Butt, P. E., Chairman. After religious services were conducted by M. E. Butt, the roll was called and the following members were present:

B. H. O. Cochran, P. C.  
W. G. Barte, L. D.  
T. H. Ditto, Trustee  
Jno. M. Linn, Sd.  
G. W. Griffin, Sd.

W. T. Barte was elected Secretary.

The following amounts were raised during the present quarter for the support of the ministry. It was applied as follows:

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Warrenton      | ---   |
| Center Point   | ---   |
| Rescue         | \$.25 |
| Cain Creek     | .50   |
| Brasier Chapel | 2.05  |
| Mt. Olivett    | ---   |
| Union Grove    | 1.00  |
| Oleander       | 1.00  |
| Lacy's Spring  | 9.00  |
| Total          | 14.80 |

Money raised for other projects include:

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Foreign Missions       | \$10.00 |
| Conference Claimants   | 2.00    |
| Sunday School Supplies | \$5.00  |

The following local preachers and exhorters passed an examination of character and their licenses renewed:

P. A. J. Renfroe, L. D.  
W. T. Barte, L. D. (he presented his written report.)

The following men were elected Stewards for the ensuing Conference-year:

G. W. Griffin  
J. M. Ditto  
Henry Doggett  
Gideon Cadenhead  
W. A. Johnson  
James Cooley  
Amos W. Strange  
E. T. Pesnell  
Jno. M. Linn  
P. B. Johnson

J. M. Ditto was elected Recording Steward and T. H. Ditto was elected District Steward. G. H. Ditto, A. W. Strange, Adkins Street and W. A. Johnson were elected Sunday-school Superintendent.

#### Statistics

There are two local preachers, 355 members (all white), 20 additions by certificate, 18 removals by death, certificate and otherwise, 10 adults baptized, 5 churches, and \$400 expended for churches and parsonages.

| Name                 | Financial |         |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|
|                      | Claimed   | Paid    |
| Presiding Elder      | \$36.25   | \$15.80 |
| Preacher in charge   | 253.75    | 110.00  |
| Bishops              | 450.00    | 300.00  |
| Conference claimant  | 13.50     | 6.00    |
| Foreign Missions     | 35.00     | 10.00   |
| Domestic Missions    | 16.00     | 6.00    |
| Church Extension     | 12.00     | 5.00    |
| Education            | 10.00     | ---     |
| Exp. Del. Gen. Conf. | 84.00     | 5.00    |

#### Sunday School

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Number of schools                 | 5      |
| Number of officers and teachers   | 27     |
| Number of Scholars                | 275    |
| Amt. collected for Sunday Schools | \$8.00 |

There is no miscellaneous business. The next Quarterly Conference is to be held in Arab. The Minutes were read and approved:

M. E. Butt, Presiding Elder  
W. T. Barte, Secretary

#### Report A

*There is only one Sunday School on the work at present that we can call ours.*

*There are three Union Schools in which our people are actually engaged; all these schools are in moderate working order. The pastoral instruction of children has been attended to, to some extent.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*B. H. O. Cochran*

**Report B**

*The general state of the charge is somewhat better than at last report. We have received, by certificate, the following persons, viz:*

*Marcus A. McDonald  
Harriet McDonald  
Eugenia Thompson  
Telulah A. Thompson  
Wm. S. Shores  
Margaret C. Shores  
A. W. Strange  
Callie Strange  
Mrs. Chambus &*

*daughter*

*Received by assumption of laws:*

*L. C. Mimms  
P. H. Mimms  
Eddie Rineheart*

*Received by baptism:*

*Mary F. Lambert  
J. J. Smith  
B. D. Woodall  
Willie Emma Barcliff  
Nellie Whistenant  
Mary Cooley  
Mary Cleo Long  
Dora Pesnell*

*Received by certificate:*

*Mrs. Mary Smallwood  
J. C. Owen  
Mrs. Ida Owen  
John D. Travis  
Elbert B. Hughes*

*Josie Ricketts  
Respectfully submitted,  
B. H. O. Cochran*

**Local Preacher's Report**

*To the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Warrenton charge of the M. E. Church South:*

*Dear Fathers and brethren:*

*I beg leave to submit to you the following report of my labors during the current conference year.*

*I have assisted the P. C. in holding two protracted meetings; have held one myself and have presided several time at other points; have done some Sunday School work at home.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. Barteo*

**Minutes**

**Feb. 18, 1893**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Conference 1892-1893**

The first Quarterly Conference for the years 1892-1893, Warrenton Charge, Guntersville District, North Alabama Conference, was held at Arab, Alabama Feb. 18, 1893. Rev. E. N. Pitts, P. C., chair.

After religious services conducted by Rev. F. M. Byars, the roll was called and the following members were present:

*E. N. Pitts  
J. M. Ditto  
James Cooley  
B. P. Johnson  
T. H. Ditto*

J. M. Ditto was elected secretary.

The amount raised in the present quarter for the support of the ministry and how it has been applied is as follows:

Arab – 50 Cents  
Warrenton  
Center Point  
Mt. Olivet  
Union Grove  
Mason’s Chapel  
Oleander  
Rescue – 50 Cents  
Lacy’s Spring  
Cane Creek  
Total: \$1.00

M. A. McDonald and Frank Prentiss were elected Stewards in the place of Amos W. Strange and E. T. Pesnel for Arab Church.

The next Quarterly Conference to be held at Mount Olivet.

The minutes were read and approved, and Conference adjourned:

E. N. Pitts, P. C., Presiding Elder  
J. M. Ditto, Secretary  
J. M. Ditto, Recording Steward

**Report A**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1892-1893**  
**Sunday Schools**

*We have two Sunday Schools of our own using our literature. One of these schools has been running all the quarter; the other one was organized a short time ago.*  
*The weather has been so cold and our churches so open that it has been almost impossible to hold Sunday School in them, but we hope to be able to organize several schools during the next quarter. Children are receiving some pastoral instructions.*  
*Kindly submitted,*  
*E. N. Pitts*

**Report B**  
**General State of the Church**

Six members were received by certificate:

Willie Nation  
Mrs. Emma Nation  
M. L. Hinds  
Mrs. J. L. Hinds  
Mrs. M. E. Owen  
Miss E. E. Dunn.

Five members were removed by certificate:

Miss A. T. Boyd  
Mrs. S. C. Smith  
R. E. Grantland  
Mrs. S. E. Grantland  
Mrs. Hattie L. Wright

*The spiritual condition of the church is not what it should be. Some of the members have been intoxicated and some have been dancing. Church services have been poorly attended but we attribute it to the inclement weather and uncomfortable houses. We have [had] one prayer meeting.*  
*Kindly Submitted,*  
*E. N. Pitts.*

**Minutes**

**29 April 1893**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Conference 1892-1893**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Conference for 1892-1893, Warrenton Charge, Guntersville Dist., North Alabama Conference, held at Mount Olivet on April 29, 1893. Rev. M. E. Butt, P. E., in the chair.

After religious services conducted by the P. E. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Rev. E. N. Pitts  
E. A. J. Renfro  
T. G. Cadenhead  
James Cooley  
B. P. Johnson

B. P. Johnson was elected Secretary.

Amounts apportioned by the District Stewards:

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| For Bishops              | \$4.20 |
| For conference claimants | 12.00  |
| For foreign missions     | 32.40  |
| For domestic missions    | 14.20  |
| For church extension     | 11.35  |

Amounts raised for the support of the ministry this quarter and how it was applied:

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Mt. Olivet     | \$3.00 |
| Mason's Chapel | 1.15   |
| Warrenton      | ---    |
| Center Point   | 3.50   |
| Arab           | 2.50   |
| Union Grove    | ---    |
| Oleander       | ---    |
| Rescue         | ---    |
| Lacy's Spring  | 2.00   |
| Cane Creek     | ---    |

Paid. P. E. \$1.75

Paid P. C. \$10.40

T. G. Cadenhead appointed as a trustee in place of T. H. Ditto who was removed.

Delegates elected to the district conference:

- B. P. Johnson
- T. A. Street, Jr.
- T. G. Cadenhead
- J. M. Ditto

Alternates elected were:

- James Cooley
- E. T. Pesnell

The next Quarterly Conference will be held at Center Point.

### Supplement A

Report on Sunday Schools and pastoral instruction of children.

*We have seven Sunday Schools, five of them are using our literature and all of them are doing reasonably well. Children are receiving some pastoral instructions.*

*Kindly submitted,  
E. N. Pitts*

### Supplement B

Report on general state of the Church.

We have received two members by certification:

William A. Johnson and his wife, Rachel

*Ten were removed by certificate:*

*L. C. Mims and wife, P. H.*

*Mims*

*Miss Lula E. Ditto*

*T. H. Ditto*

*S. W. Ditto*

*G. T. Reed*

*Dora H. Reed*

*Mosille Reed*

*Hugh S. Reed*

*Jas. H. Guthrie*

*Mrs. Mattie Culbreath was removed by death.*

*Most of our members attend public worship and the spiritual condition of the church seems to be improving.*

*Kindly submitted,  
E. N. Pitts*

**Note:** The following page is identical to that of the next set of Minutes, - date, names and all. It was a loose page in the original book and in very bad condition. This page appears to be a duplicate of the next set of minutes, however, the information following that first page is different. This should be for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Conference, 1892 and 1893 not the 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Minutes

12 Sept 1893

4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Conference 1892-1893

Warrenton Charge, Gunterville District, North Alabama Conference was held at Sweet Home Church. M. E. Bull, P. E., chairman.

After religious services conducted by the P. E., the roll was called and the following members were present:

- E. N. Pitts
- W. T. Bartee
- G. W. Griffin
- J. F. Prentice
- J. M. Ditto
- E. T. Pessnell
- T. G. Cadenhead
- B. P. Johnson

J. Martin Ditto was elected Secretary.

Note: We believe the above is a duplicate of the next set of Minutes. The following, however, should be for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

The amount raised for the present quarter for the support of the ministry and how it has been applied:

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Warrenton      | ---    |
| Mt. Olivet     | ---    |
| Center Point   | ---    |
| Arab           | \$6.57 |
| Oleander       | 4.20   |
| Union Grove    | ---    |
| Rescue         | 1.00   |
| Lacy's Spring  | 9.00   |
| Cane Creek     | .75    |
| Mason's Chapel | .25    |

Local preachers and exhorters passed an examination of character and have had their licenses renewed:

- P. A. J. Renfro, L. E.
- W. T. Barton, L. D.
- C. N. Pitts, L. R.

Those elected Stewards for the ensuing Conference year:

- James Cooley
- B. P. Johnson
- J. H. Ashley
- M. L. Hinds
- Wm. Goodwin
- N. Skidmore
- E. T. Pesnel
- T. G. Cadenhead
- G. W. Griffin
- J. M. Ditto
- E. B. Bush

The following men were elected:

- J. M. Ditto, Recording Steward.
- T. G. Cadenhead, District Steward.

Sunday-school Superintendents elected were:

- Emory Horton
- J. F. Prentis
- R. J. Owen
- J. P. Goodson
- W. T. Bartee
- E. T. Pesnel

### Membership, Baptism & Church Property

There are two local preachers, 354 white members (no colored) this year with a total last year of 341.

## Minutes

12 September 1893

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Conference 1892-1893

Warrenton Charge, Guntersville District, North Alabama Conference. Present were:

- E. N. Pitts
- W. T. Bartee
- G. W. Griffin
- J. F. Prentice
- J. M. Ditto
- E. T. Pessnell
- T. G. Cadenhead
- B. P. Johnson

J. M. Ditto was elected Secretary. The following was raised and applied as follows during the present quarter for support of the ministry.

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Warrenton      | ---  |
| Mt. Olivet     | ---  |
| Center Point   | ---  |
| Arab           | .65  |
| Oleander       | 4.20 |
| Rescue         | 1.00 |
| Lacy's Spring  | 9.00 |
| Cane Creek     | .75  |
| Mason's Chapel | .25  |

The local preachers and exhorters passed an examination of character and had their licenses renewed:

- P. A. Renfro, L. E.
- W. T. Bartee, L. D.
- E. N. Pitts, L. P.



The following are elected Steward for the ensuing Conference year:

James Cooly  
B. P. Johnson  
J. H. Ashley  
M. L. Hinds  
William Goodwin  
N. G. Skidmore  
E. T. Pesnell  
T. G. Cadenhead  
G. W. Griffin  
J. M. Ditto  
E. B. Bush

J. M. Ditto was elected Recording Steward. T. G. Cadenhead was elected District Steward. The following were elected Sunday-school Superintendents:

E. T. Pesnell  
Emory Horton  
J. F. Prentice  
R. J. Owen  
J. P. Goodson  
W. T. Bartee

#### Membership, Baptism & Church Property

We have 2 local preachers and 354 white members this year (there were 541 members last year).

The next Quarterly Conference will be held at Oleander.

M. E. Butt, Presiding Elder  
J. M. Ditto, Secretary and Recording Steward

#### Report A

We have five Sunday schools and 340 scholars enrolled but not more than half this number attend regularly. We have given no special attention to the instruction of children.

Kindly Submitted  
E. N. Pitts

#### Report B

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

The church is in a good condition spiritually. We have prayer meeting and have had some gracious [?] revivals this quarter. We have received two members by certificate:

N. G. Skidmore and wife,  
M. J. Skidmore.

Two have removed by certificate:

Mrs. E. E. Thompson  
Mrs. Martha King

We have received by profession 25 members:

Murf Hinds  
Miss Ophelia Barnard  
Miss Vassie Phillips  
Miss Minnie Aldredge  
Miss Ida Williams  
Miss Cordelia Barnard  
Miss Ida Barnard  
Miss Emma Thompson  
Miss Susie Thompson  
Miss Belee Elliott  
Mrs. E. Fielding  
Joe Fleming  
W. G. Smith  
J. A. Ashley  
Mrs. Lizzie Wood  
Miss Fannie Bowers  
B. V. Alexander  
J. H. Foster  
Miss Sarah Horton  
Miss Jennie Bell  
Miss Lizzie Morrow  
Joe Foster  
Walter Thompson  
Clifton Boyles

#### Preacher's Report

*Dear Brethern*

*I beg leave to make the following report. I have preached occasionally through the year [and] helped in two protracted meetings. I baptized four adults and one infant and held a meeting at Bethlehem which resulted in five conversions. I have been at work in the Sunday School all of my spare time and think I am stronger spiritually than ever in my life.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*W. T. Bartee*

#### Official Roll

Presiding Elder: M. E. Butt

Assistant: J. W. Cowan, P. C.  
Jas. Cooley  
P. R. Johnson  
J. H. Ashley  
M. L. Hinds  
Wm. J. Goodwin  
N. G. Skidmore  
E. T. Pesnell  
T. G. Cadenhead  
G. W. Griffin  
J. M. Ditto  
E. B. Bush  
Emory Horton  
J. F. Prentice  
R. J. Owen  
J. P. Goodson  
W. T. Barte, L. P. & SS Supt.

P. A. J. Renfro, L. P.

The amount raised in the present quarter for support of the ministry and how it was applied:

|               |        |         |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| Warrenton     | \$1.60 |         |
| Center Point  | .95    |         |
| Oleander      | 8.50   |         |
| Union Grove   | 2.90   |         |
| Lacy's Spring | 3.00   |         |
| Rescue        | 1.00   |         |
| Mt. Olivett   | 6.00   |         |
| Arab          | .50    | \$24.45 |

Turner Stone and N. G. Skidmore were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees.

-To be continued



# Book Review

## New Market Memories

Compiled by  
Patsy McFarlen

Soft Cover  
60 pages, 8-1/2 x 11  
Spiral bound  
No index  
Cost \$10. plus \$5. postage, total \$15.

Authors:

Lambert Clevenger  
Orval Huskey  
Imogene Huskey Walker  
Fred (Bill) Baker  
Howard Norris  
Nell Norris

Many old Madison County families are mentioned in the numerous stories scattered throughout this book. Some of these families are Baker, Boles, Brewer, Campbell, Clevenger, Cochran, Cox, Edwards, Fanning, Golden, Hillis, Huskey, Mitchell, Moore, Norris, Sharp and Smithey. Some of the first families included Indian heritage.

There are stories of good times and bad times as these families grew and spread out. Some trace their roots from places such as Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. The Huskeys are traced back to Ireland in 1657 and the Norrises back to the reign of Henry II of England (1216-1272).

Lambert Clevenger speaks of living through the lean years of the Great Depression which was followed by the Second World War. Among other stories, he tells of his second gunner not screwing the barrel of his gun on properly resulting in the gun backfiring. When he returned to his tent with facial burns the radio was playing "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." The outline of his life and experiences on Molokai in the Hawaiian Island chain is fascinating.

The many photographs included in the Clevenger section depict several generations of that family and add to the value of the publication.

Orval Huskey wrote a most interesting history of his family and of his youth. Among the other memories, he describes being bit by a snake as a youth, his sister Burlene dying at Christmas time, snow blowing through the cracks in the walls and the difficulty of getting an education. He speaks warmly of his Fanning ancestors. Without embellishment, he describes what life was like before indoor plumbing, super highways (or just roads) and supermarkets.

The Baker chapter by Fred (Bill) Baker gives a family genealogy and mentions his Indian roots on the Edwards and Wilson lines. He tells many fascinating stories such as driving great herds of hogs to South Alabama and how Jess Baker went back to North Carolina each summer to visit family and friends only to come home in the fall with all the news and gossip.

Mr. Baker gives a detailed account of the infamous "Mountain Meadows Massacre." Among the many in the wagon train killed by the Mormons were John T. Baker and some of his family. Three Baker children survived.

Much family history is given. In 1760, 150 members of the Long Creek, S. C. settlement moved their possessions to Augusta, Georgia for safety when they became stuck in the mud. Their wagon train was attacked by 100 Cherokees. Several of the Norris family were among 30 killed.

The Norris narrative vividly describes some of their trials in the 1700's in Virginia. A good genealogy and history is given after moving to Madison County.

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