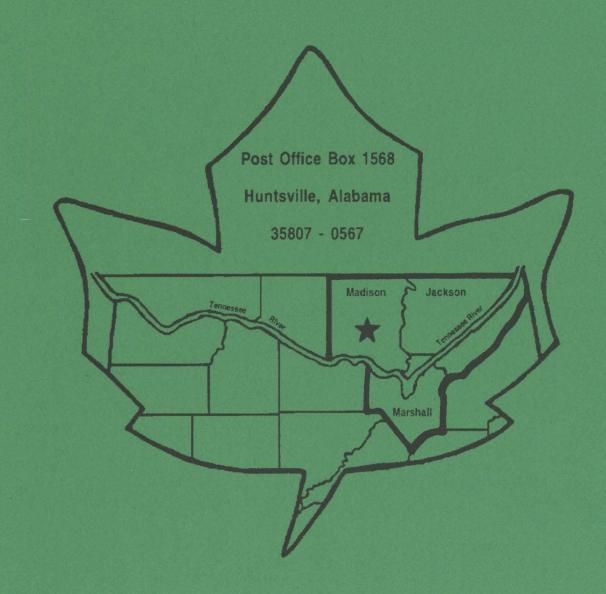
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7 p.m.

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Thursday, May 25

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Jackson County James Armstrong and The Citizen

Copied, Abstracted, and Contributed by Dovie Rieff

The Scottsboro newspaper, *The Citizen*, was established by James Armstrong in October 1877. ¹ For 34 years, James Armstrong published the newspaper and participated in local affairs. First Monday Trade Day in Scottsboro began as Horse Swappers Day in 1902, an event promoted by James Armstrong for years. As times changed, it would later become the First Monday Trade Day. ²

Armstrong's family, his mother's Campbell family, and his wife's Henderson family were active and well-respected residents of Scottsboro. They had all come from other counties and states to live in Jackson County.

As editor and proprietor, he published the paper until his health failed in 1911. Publication was suspended upon his death. Just before his death, *The Progressive Age* took over *The Citizen*'s subscription list and Mark L. Tucker continued a merged paper until he sold it in 1919.

In this issue, excerpts and abstracts are taken from the 1890 issues of *The Citizen*. In the absence of an 1890 census, many residents and their family connections can be identified by being mentioned in the newspaper. Also, some of the flavor of Scottsboro at that time is reflected.

The Armstrong/Campbell Line

James Armstrong³ was born 7 Sep 1855 in Lawrence County, Alabama and died 21 Oct 1911. He was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Scottsboro. He was one of two sons born to James Armstrong (1824-1855), a Lawrence County lawyer and Representative to the State Legislature and his wife Lucy McKissack (1827-1920). Lucy was the daughter of Archibald McKissack (1789-1869) and Susan Harrison McKissack (1789-1856). Archibald had lived in Giles County, TN, having been taken there by his parents, Thomas McKissack (1755-1826) a Revolutionary soldier from North Carolina, and his wife Lucy Hudson (1748-1825) 4 Thomas and Lucy are buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Giles County. 5 Archibald and Susan relocated to Mississippi where Lucy grew up in a large family. The 1850 census for DeSoto County, MS lists Archibald and Susan and 8 children.

After James Armstrong Sr. died, Mrs. Lucy McKissack Armstrong married Judge Green D. Campbell (8 Dec 1823-7 Feb 1904), a lawyer, born in Madison County, AL but who subsequently lived in Lincoln County, TN, DeSoto County, MS, and Lawrence County, AL.

The Judge and Lucy, with her son James Armstrong, moved to Scottsboro in 1869. 67

The 1860 census for Lawrence County, AL lists Lucy Armstrong 29, born in TN, and sons Andrew, age 6 and James, age 4.

The 1870 Census for Jackson County, Scottsboro, lists Green B. Campbell, age 46, born in Alabama, and Lucy 43, born in TN, and their sons Parker, age 7, and William D., age 4, along with James Armstrong, age 15, who was attending school.

The 1880 census for Scottsboro lists G. D. Campbell, age 56, lawyer, and wife Lucy, age 57, son W. D., age 13, and James Armstrong, age 25, who was then a publisher, and Mali (his wife) age 19, born in Kentueky.

^TKenamer, John Robert Sr., *History of Jackson County, Alabama*, 1993, pp 95-97.

² Jackson County Historical Association, *Jackson County Chronicles*, Newsletter No. 28 pp 2-3.

³ Smith and Deland, *Northern Alabama Historical* and *Biographical*, p. 94.

⁴ Progressive Age, 21 Oct 1920.

⁵ Cemeteries of Giles County, TN and Giles County Lineage Book.

⁶ Progressive Age, 21 Oct 1920 ⁷ The Citizen, 11 Feb 1904.

On 18 May 1880, James Armstrong married Malis Henderson in Morgan County, AL. 8

In the 1990 census for Scottsboro, James and Malis had three sons, Phillip H., born in 1881, Andrew, born in 1883, Harry C., born in 1885, and a daughter born in 1892. Another son, Thomas W. had died in 1888.

In 1910 James Armstrong, widower, was living on Willow Street in Scottsboro with his widowed mother, Lucy Campbell, age 82. Judge G. D. Campbell and Lucy had three children, but only Parker was living when the Judge died 7 Feb. 1904 in Scottsboro. Archer had died in infancy, and William Duke was murdered in 1887. Lucy died 11 Oct. 1920. All are buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

James Armstrong's wife Malis was the daughter of Rev. Phillip LaFayette Henderson (1829-1879) and Lizzie Henderson. Rev. P. L. Henderson, born in Kentucky, joined the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church in 1853 and held pastorates in the Louisiana, Kentucky, and St. Louis Conferences before transferring to the North Alabama Conference. He was living in Decatur, AL when he died in 1879.9 Lizzie Henderson was born and reared in Kentucky. After the war, she was the lady principal of Arcadia College in Missouri, and later founded Shappard Hall, a female college, in Chambers County. She died in Scottsboro at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Armstrong. She had another daughter, Cheatham, who died in 1892, and a son Harry.10

James Armstrong visited his old homestead in Lawrence County in June 1905, and wrote about living there, as well as his many ancestors. This was published in the Moulton Advertiser as well as in his own paper.11

Excerpts from The Citizen

9 January 1890

Knights of Honor

The following officers of Berith Lodge, No. 1659, Knights of Honor, were installed last Thursday evening for the ensuing year:

James Armstrong, Dictator

J. W. Ellis, Vice Dictator

J. P. Stuart, Ass't Dictator

J. H. Gregory, Reporter

W. H. Payne, Financial Rep'r

T. D. Starnes, Treasurer

W. G. Stuart, Chaplain

W. D. Parks, Guide

J. W. Moody, Guardian

J. B. Ashley, Sentinel

M. P. Brown, R. JC. Ross, and R. C. Hunt, Trustees

R. C. Hunt, Representative to the Grand Lodge, Alternate, J. H. Gregory

The Jackson County Medical Society

The following is a list of the officers elected for the ensuing year:

G. T. Haves, President

J. M. Dicus, Vice-President

Andy Boyd, Secretary

W. C. Maples, Treasurer

J. R. Tarrant, W. C. Maples, J. H. McCord, G.

T. Hayes, and Andy Boyd, Board of Censors

J. R. Tarrant, County Health Officer.

County Directory

Chancellor - Thomas Cobbs Circuit Judge - John B. Tally Judge of Probate - John H. Norwood Clerk of the Circuit Court - L. W. Willis Register in Chancery - J. A. Kyle Sheriff - J. L. Gentry Tax Collector - J. F. Barclay Tax Assessor - M. M. Looney Treasurer - Dr. J. M. Dicus Superintendant of Education - C. W. Brown

Coroner - Ben Hancock

Commissioners - N. B. Burch, A. A. Gay, J. C. Stoner, and D. T. Rousseau

County Surveyors - T. Boyd Foster and Charles T. Wood

County Health Officer - Dr. Andy Boyd

⁸ Minter, Elbert J., Morgan Co, AL MD D-29 r. Marriages of Morgan County, Alabama, p 6.

⁹ Lazenby, Marion Elias, History of Methodism in Alabama and Florida, p 387, 1156.

¹⁰ Progressive Age, 26 Jan 1905.

¹¹ Borden, Myra Thrasher, Footprints in Time from Lawrence County, Alabama Newspapers, p 295-296.

Town Directory

Mayor - J. D. Snodgrass Aldermen - J. F. Stuart, J. C. Garland, J. W. Barnett, and K. C. Miller

The Scottsboro College & Normal School Faculty

J. M. Bledsoe, Pres. - Latin, Greek, and School of Philosophy

Wenter B. Terrill - Mathematics, Bookkeeping and Commercial Law

Miss Maude Terrill - School of History and Primary Department

Miss Rosa Palmer - English Language and Literature, Natural Science

Mrs. M. E. Gaband - Grammer School and School of Natural Science

Miss Olie Gregory - Drawing and Painting Mrs. J. M. Bledsoe - Department of Ornamental Work

1 May 1890

IOOF Reorganized

Barcelona Lodge No. 60 IOOF was reorganized in Scottsboro last Tuesday night by H. C. Weaver of Huntsville. The following officers were elected:

W. G. Stuart, NG

W. H. Payne, VG

D. K. Caldwell, Sec'y

R. H. Bynum, Treas.

23 January 1890

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Excerpt from 27 February 1890 The Citizen

Private "Bill" Larkin

The Decatur News is about to abolish the time honored custom which has obtained recognition throughout the South for a quarter of a century. Hear it:

The Guntersville Democrat prefixes to the name of W. R. Larkin of Larkinsville, Al. the title of Colonel. We have known the gentleman for thirty-three years and never heard him called anything except "Bill" before. He is a most worthy, genial, accessible and familiar man, and hence, everybody old and young, white and black, calls him "Bill." He is so commonly and universally called "Bill" that we strongly suspect Mrs. Larkin and the little Larkins call him "Bill." We know that W. R. (Bill) Larkin was not in the late unpleasantness in the role of a Colonel. Take it back, friend Neety, and make the amende honorable.

This would give Mr. Larkin the distinguished honor of being one among the half dozen privates that survive the late war. Our apologies at the suggestion of Editor Grubbs are therefore offered to private Larkin - Guntersville Democrat.

Mr. Larkin, although a wealthy man, is known all over Jackson County as plain "Bill" Larkin. When quite a young man, he represented this county in the legislature, but having no taste for politics and office seeking, he declined to run for office any more. However, he always keeps posted on the current events of the political world, and is a good Democrat.

In 1888, Bill Larkin was the largest taxpayer in Jackson County, and he owns one of the finest stock farms in North Alabama, and he had rather look at a fine Jersey bull than to behold the President of the United States.

Bill is plain Bill - simply that and nothing more.

22 May 1890

Democratic County Convention

Martin and Brown Indorsed. A Primary Election Ordered. General Wheeler Indorsed.

The County Democratic Convention was called to order by Hon. W. H. Boart. Hon. W. J. Higgins was called to the chair, and J. W. Timberlake, Esq., we elected Secretary.

A committee on credentials was appointed by the chair: R. C. Hunt, R. A. Coffey, John A. Brown, Wm. McC. Maples and Edward Cotton. An appointed committee on permanent organization, consisting of W. H. Clanton, J. B. Ashley, S. G. Grimmett, H. G. Kirby, and J. R. Foster. They reported the following permanent officers: Chairman Hon. W. H. Bogart, Secretary John W. Timberlake, Assistant Secretary James Armstrong.

The committee on credentials reported the following delegates accredited to votes in the convention.

Langston – Walter Davis, Wm. H. Allen, J. W. Vaughn, B. F. Shook.

Stevenson – C. D. Stoner, J. W. Timberlake, M. L. Rudder, Dock Wilson, H. Caulfield, C. M. Porter, T. T. Foster, A. P. Joyner.

Hunt's Store – D. M. Cowley, John Maples. Bellefonte – W. H. Harris, A. M. Holland, P. P. St. Clair, M. L. Tate, E. H. Caldwell.

Berry's Store – J. J. St. Clair, J. B. Foster, A. L. Precise.

Collins - S. G. Grimmett, J. T. Anderson, J.

R. Austill, L. M. Prince, A. E. McCullough. Bass – John H. Rogers, R. M. Gonce, J. J.

Arnold, Joe McCarnold, James Hackworth.

Dutton – James W. Gullatt, E. R. Smith, J. S. Smalley.

Bolivar – J. R. Graham, John Wilson, T. J. Scruggs, Dr. Wm. James, R. C. Jones, W. S. Allen.

Holly Springs - C. H. Owen.

Woodville - W. H. Woodall, J. A. Brown, G.

R. Hodges, D. A. Thomas, J. L. Chambliss.

Fackler – J. R. Tarrant, John H. Roach, A. B. Womack, Jonas B. Campbell.

Limrock – F. G. Petty, T. J. Erwin, Ira P. Brown, James Barclay.

Scottsboro – J. B. Ashley, T. B. Parks, Virgil Bouldin, W. J. Robinson, J. H. Young, R. S. Skelton, R. C. Hunt, F. D. Hurt, S. W. Frazier, H. G. Kirby, J. W. Moody, W. A. Coffey, James Armstrong, J. S. Brown.

Holly Tree – Wm. McC. Maples, J. J. Cunningham.

Cave Spring – R. A. Coffey, T. F. Russell. Kyle's Spring – R. M. Higginbotham, L. M. Barbee, J. P. Bryant.

Larkinsville – Wm C. Manning, Ed Cotton, W. W. Davidson, Wm. McCutchen, Bur Smart. Hawk's Spring – John T. Richards, Wm. Berry, A. A. Gay, C. O. Steel.

Kirby's Mill – R. S. Stringer, to vote 3 votes. Fabius and Kash – W. J. Tally, E. F. Gamble, W. H. Clanton, G. S. Caperton, F. M. King, W. B. Smith.

The following precincts were not represented: Bridgeport 5 votes, Carpenter 3 votes, Anson 3 votes, Harmony 2 votes, Garth 1 vote, Gross Spring 3 votes, Hargwood 3 votes.

A committee was appointed by the chair to select nine delegates to the Democratic State Convention to convene in Montgomery on the 28th day of May. Appointed to select the nine delegates were: W. H. Clanton, J. B. Campbell, W. W. McCutchen, and J. H. Woodall. They reported the following list of delegates to the State convention: R. C. Hunt, J. F. Brown, Virgil Bouldin, Ira P. Brown, Frank D. Hurt, W. W. McCutchen, Wm. McC. Maples, W. H. Bogart, and W. H. Clanton.

A resolution was adopted: Resolved, that a primary election is hereby ordered by this convention to nominate two Democratic candidates for the Legislature and a County Superintendent of Education. The manner and mode of conducting the election and the date of holding it to be determined and published by the County Executive Committee.

Hon. Ira P. Brown offered the following resolution, which was passed: Resolved that the Democratic party of Jackson County, in convention assembled, do hereby indorse the able, energetic and patriotic course of Gen. Joseph Wheeler in Congress, and recommend his unanimous renomination to Congress from the Eighth District.

The chair appointed a committee of five – consisting of Ira P. Brown, C. D. Stoner, John H.

Roach, James H. Young, and S. G. Grimmett to select a new executive committee for the next two years. Named were: 1st dist. W. H. Bogard and Wm. McFarlane; 2nd dist., A. A. Gay and Dr. J. R. Tarrant; 3rd dist., Virgil Bouldin, W. W. McCutchen and S. W. Frazier; 4th dist., W. J. Swann and John A. Brown.

Items from the 1890 Brevities Column found in *The Citizen*

- 9 Jan Died at the residence of her grandfather, Mr. Robert Ross Sr., of heart disease, Miss Ida Ives, aged fifteen years.
- 9 Jan Rev. M. E. Gabard has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Bigleyville, Maury County, Tennessee....His wife will go later.
- 9 Jan Dr. J. P. Rorex has another fine boy at his home.
- 9 Jan Rev. H. H. Horton and his son Jimmie are preparing to open a family grocery.
- 23 Jan John A. Thomas of Stevenson, who killed Ike Hamer, was acquitted last week. He was defended by Hon. J. E. Brown, one of the best criminal lawyers in the state.
- 23 Jan Mrs. Ives of Wisconsin, who has been visiting her father, Mr. Robert Ross Sr., returned home.
- 23 Jan David Larkin, son of Mr. W. R. Larkin, of Larkinsville, will be married this Thursday afternoon in the Methodist Church at Opelika to Miss Mary Augusta Emory, one of South Alabama's charming and accomplished young ladies.
- 23 Jan Miss Annie, daughter of Mr. J. W. Moody, has accepted a position in the Stevenson College. She is said to be one of the finest mathematicians that has ever graduated from the famous Wesleyan Female College of Macon.

- 23 Jan D. I. Durham has moved from Kirby's Creek to Fort Payne.
- 23 Jan Johnny Payne, now of Little Rock spent a portion of last week on a visit to his mother.
- 23 Jan Miss Norvelle Jackson, of Apple Grove, Morgan County, has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. J. Porter.
- 23 Jan Dr. B. F. Graham, a prominent and wealthy surgeon of Minneapolis, accompanied by his wife, is visiting Mr. Robert Ross, Sr. Mrs. Graham is Mr. Ross' daughter.
- 23 Jan The people of Stevenson and Bridgeport are delighted with their new Methodist preacher, the Rev. James H. Leslie.
- 13 Feb Scottsboro is without a hearse, S. H. Hunt having sold and shipped his to a Huntsville party.
- 13 Feb Jim Tom Parton, a white brakeman, was knocked from a freight train and killed, as it was passing under a bridge...Tuesday night. He lived near Stevenson.
- 13 Feb Capt. Ives Rodes and wife, of Fayetteville, Tenn., spent last Sunday visiting Mrs. J. H. Gregory, Mrs. Rodes' sister....
- 13 Feb Commissioner Rousseau was summoned home last Tuesday on account of the death of his father, Mr. Hilliard Rousseau, who died at the ripe old age of 88 years. He was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Paint Rock Valley.
- 12 Feb From the *Winchester Democrat* (KY): Cards are out announcing the marriage of Rev. C. B. Clark to Miss Etta Tanner which took place at Sugar Ridge Church Tuesday Feb. 11th. The bride is the daughter of James W. Tanner...The groom is pastor of the Sugar Ridge Church. Mr. Clark was the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Scottsboro three or four years ago....

Jackson County

- 20 Feb Mrs. Maria Beaver, with her two children of Florence, is visiting her father, Prof. W. G. Montrose near town.
- 20 Feb From the *Chattanooga Times*: W. D. Roberts of Dyersburg, Tenn. has gone to Scottsboro, Ala. where he will put up a stave factory.
- 20 Feb Miss Minnie Snodgrass, who is attending the Peabody Normal at Nashville, came home last Saturday for a short vacation, and to attend the marriage of her cousin, Miss Lizzie Snodgrass.
- 20 Feb C. S. Freeman of this place and his brother-in-law, Mr. Alley, have bought Gunlar and Spiller's store at Bridgeport. Charley has sold his Scottsboro store to his brother John.
- 20 Feb Mrs. Fannie Snodgrass, widow of the late Tom Snodgrass, and her two children, left last week for Louisiana, where she will reside with her parents. Mrs. Reech accompanied Mrs. Snodgrass as far as Memphis.
- 20 Feb. W. P. Johnson of the *Gadsden Times-News*, spent last Thursday in town. He was en route to Langston to visit a sister, Mrs. Black....He and his partner, Col. Meeks are two of the wealthiest newspaper men in the state.
- 20 Feb Mrs. Lucy Whitley of Pulaski, Tenn. accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Lena McGrew, is visiting her son, Judge Brown.
- 20 Feb Mr. Percy Wingo, the popular and handsome young depot agent at this place, was married yesterday in Huntsville to Miss Irene Roper, a charming and accomplished young lady.
- 6 Mar Jack Ashley and Sam Ryan feel like they have a right to step around with some degree of pomposity. Each one has a new boy at his house.
- 6 Mar Mrs. G. A. Gunter died at Bridgeport a few days ago. She was the mother of Capt. R. C., W. M., and John Gunter, and died at a ripe old age.

- 6 Mar John D. Freeman, who has been attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, returned home a few days ago.
- 6 Mar Mrs. Gregory received a telegram Tuesday from Manchester, Tenn. announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Pell. Mrs. Gregory left on the evening train for Manchester.
- 13 Mar Mrs. R. E. Sanders of Memphis, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Snodgrass.
- 13 Mar Mrs. Ellis brought around to our office yesterday two charming young ladies Miss Carrie Smith of Larkinsville and her cousin, Miss Annis Smith of Tahlequah, Indian Territory.
- 13 Mar Mrs. Anna Bradford of Stevenson, widow of the late Col. Hal C. Bradford, of Scottsboro, with her daughter, Mrs. Eva Timberlake and her bright little boy, spent last Monday in town....
- 14 Apr Charley Walker, of Baldwyn, Miss. has been visiting his cousin, R. C. Hunt, this week.
- 14 Apr Miss Susie Harrison, a charming young lady of Huntsville, spent Tuesday with her aunt, Mrs. E. C. McBroom.
- 14 Apr Mrs. J. A. Kyle has the typhoid fever. Her brother, Dr. Walter Sanders and her sister, Miss Kittie, who have the fever, are reported better.
- 14 Apr Col. Ben P. Hunt, a prominent and talented young lawyer of Huntsville, and the well known Huntsville correspondent of the *Chattanooga Times*, spent Tuesday in town. He is a cousin of our Col. Dick Hunt.
- 14 Apr Died: In Chattanooga, Levi E. McClendon, aged 31 years, 4 months, and 16 days....His remains were brought to Scottsboro for Monday night, and the funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. D. Shook Tuesday morning, at the residence of John H. McClendon, esq., father of the deceased. The interment took place at Centre Point, near this

- place. Mr. McClendon had been railroading for several years....He leaves a wife and two children.
- 17 Apr Mrs. Nathan Francis, of Winchester, Tenn. is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Brown.
- 17 Apr Mrs. Mollie Redden, of Florida, came up to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Will Brown.
- 17 Apr Col. Thomas Hewlett of Huntsville, is the guest of his son, Mr. T. H. Hewlett, just out of town.
- 17 Apr Died: Near Woodville, April 14, Mrs. Jennie Brown, wife of Mr. Will Brown and daughter of Mr. John A. Brown...a member of the Methodist Church...Her remains were brought to Scottsboro for interment....
- 1 May Mr. T. J. Hollis of Sauta, accompanied by his children, Georgia, May, and Ollie, made us a pleasant call last Friday.
- 1 May Mrs. R. E. Sanders of Memphis, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Mollie Snodgrass....
- 1 May Rev. S. O. Howard of Fort Payne, formerly of this county, gave us a pleasant call a few days ago. His sons are getting rich at Fort Payne.
- 1 May Lee Cotton, son of Mr. Ed Cotton, died of typhoid fever near Larkinsville on April 29.
- 1 May While on the cars last week, the editor met Will Spotswood, who lived in Scottsboro when a boy a few years ago. He is now a partner in the Davis Quilting Frame Company of New York, and is traveling in its interest....
- 17 June Miss Annie Skelton left for Little Rock last night where she will visit her sister Mrs. Sam Kirby.
- 17 June Dr. Hudson, an old and respected physician of Maynard's Cove, died suddenly of heart disease last Sunday.

- 17 June Misses Juliette and Lena Morris of Paris, Texas, accompanied by their little cousin, Emma Pryor, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. G. D. Campbell.
- 17 June George W. McCutchen of Campbell, Mo., a former Jackson County young man, was in town last Monday and gave us a call. He is a brother to W. W. McCutchen of Larkinsville.
- 17 June Died: June 14 near this place, Miss Vickie Robinson, aged about 50 years. She had been sick with the typhoid fever, but had recovered sufficiently to be carried to W. B. Hunt's near town, where she had a relapse. The deceased was a sister of the late Capt. Robinson and Mrs. Judge Kyle, and an aunt of Mrs. J. H. McCord, W. J. Robinson, and the Kyle brothers....a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church...Rev. J. R. Morris conducted the funeral....Her remains were interred in the Kyle Graveyard near Belafonte.
- 23 June Mrs. John Wilmore died near here last Monday.
- 23 June Mrs. James Armstrong is visiting her mother in Chattanooga.
- 23 June Mrs. E. E. Payne and daughter Miss Ellen, are visiting relatives at Estill Spring, Tenn.
- 23 June Mr. Robert Ross and wife left last Monday for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will spend the summer with relatives.
- 10 July C. H. McCord has returned from the Commercial College at Lexington, KY. Charley has completed a thorough business education, and we learn that he will take charge of a commercial department to be established in our college.
- 10 July Miss May, aged about fourteen years, daughter of Dr. J. H. Boyd of Larkinsville, was struck and killed by lightning last Tuesday evening....She is a sister of Dr. Andy Boyd of this place.

- 17 July L. V. Law and wife of Revson, Giles County, Tenn. are visiting relatives in the county.
- 17 July Dock Beard, who lives on Miller Isbell's place near Limrock, brought us a full cotton boll last Saturday.
- 17 July Married at the parsonage, the residence of the bride's parents in Scottsboro, on Monday July 14, Rev. M. P. Brown united in marriage Mr. Parker Campbell and Miss Mary Della Ward, eldest daughter of Rev. D. W. Ward, pastor of the M. E. Church, South...Mr. Campbell is the half-brother to the editor of *The Citizen*...has been for several years in the newspaper business...but for some time has been preparing himself for the law.
- 31 July Mrs. Thomas Gullatt, mother of Mrs. J. J. Beeson and John D. Allen, died at Pisgah last Monday.
- 31 July Mrs. Bledsoe, wife of Prof. Bledsoe, died yesterday in Winchester, Tenn.
- 31 July Mrs. Marcus McClure of Decatur, is visiting her father, Judge Brown.
- 7 Aug Mrs. S. J. Nance of Russellville, Ala. is visiting her son W. F. Kirk.
- 7 Aug Misses Maggie and Gertrude Scruggs of Huntsville, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. R. C. Hunt.
- 7 Aug Mrs. L. W. Caine is visiting her father, Rev. D. W. Ward, who has been quite sick.
- 7 Aug Miss Sallie Hopkins of Decherd, Tenn., accompanied by her niece, Miss Arledge, is on a visit to Mrs. J. M. Dicus.
- 7 Aug W. L. Montgomery has leased the J. R. Harris farm, near Larkinsville, for a term of five years.
- 7-Aug Mrs. James Armstrong, who has been in Chattanooga for the last six weeks, returned home Monday night, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Henderson, and brother

- Harry. Miss Cheatham is spending the summer with relatives in Kentucky.
- 14 Aug Perry McBroom and wife of Chattanooga, spent last week with relatives in town.
- 14 Aug Dr. Black of Decatur spent last Sunday in town. His wife, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McBroom, returned with him.
- 21 Aug Mrs. Tom Shipp, of Hartselle, is visiting her mother near Fackler. Tom Shipp is making quite a reputation as a traveling salesman.
- 21 Aug Misses Juliette and Lena Morris of Paris, Texas who have been spending the past two months with their aunt, Mrs. G. D. Campbell, left last Saturday for Spring Hill, Tenn. to visit relatives.
- 21 Aug W. M. Gill, a telegraph operator in the C & W RR at Birmingham, a former Jackson County boy, was in town yesterday....He is the grandson of R. C. T. Gill of Fackler.
- 21 Aug Died: At Paint Rock, Mr. W. A. Phillips...a young man...formerly the depot agent at Paint Rock...his widow, a daughter of Rev. M. E. Johnston.
- 21 Aug T. N. Brown of Jacksboro, Texas, son of Mr. John A. Brown of Woodville, this county, has received the Democratic nomination for district and county clerk of Jack County.
- 28 Aug Rev. William Huff is the father of Mrs. R. S. Skelton.
- 28 Aug S. B. Kirby, of Little Rock, was in town one day last week.
- 28 Aug Mrs. Lydia Compton of Carlo, Ill., is on a visit to her father, Mr. Charles Driver, at Larkinsville.
- 4 Sep John T. McClendon and wife of Atlanta, have been on a visit to Limrock.

- 4 Sept Death of David Larkin: David Larkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Larkin, died at the home of his parents, at Larkinsville on Sunday evening, August 31, 1890 at age 28 years and 2 days. David lingered for several weeks with typhoid fever...married only a few months ago. Mr. Larkin was laid to rest in the family burying ground near Larkinsville.
- 1 Sep Mrs. Garland, wife of E. W. Garland, died in Chattanooga a few days ago.
- 1 Sep We extend our sympathy to Editor Timberlake of the *Stevenson Chronicle*, on the death of his sister, Mrs. R. T. McMahan, who died a few days ago.
- 1 Sep We learn that Bridgeport is to have a newspaper at last. Mr. Wallace has moved his paper from Shelbyville, Tenn and the *Bridgeport News* will appear next week.
- 8 Sep Mrs. Fannie Snodgrass received a telegram last Tuesday announcing the death of her father, who died at his home in Louisiana.
- 8 Sep Mr. George A. Titterington of Paris, Texas and Miss Lena Morris were married at Spring Hill, Tenn. a few days ago....The bride is a niece of Mrs. G. D. Campbell.
- & Sep W. C. Lewis, formerly of Woodville, but now of Weatherford, Texas, was in town....He has a good railroad position at Weatherford, that of 1st division road master of the Rio Grande Division of the Texas Pacific Railway.
- 8 Sep Uncle Tommy Bingham, who died in Paint Rock Valley a few days ago, was one hundred and one years old. He had lived in the Valley more than a half century, and was enjoying good health up to a short while before he died.
- 25 Sep Frank Parks returns to Texas this morning.
- 25 Sep Capt. Jim Young has rented Mr. Griffith Chapman's farm on Sand Mountain, near Dutton.

- 13 Nov Rev. J. C. Brown and family of Fort Smith, Ark. are on a visit to his father, Judge M. P. Brown.
- 13 Nov Mr. J. P. Hamlett and wife and L. Keeble are on a visit to Mrs. W. W. Hamlet of Tuscumbia, Ala.
- 13 Nov Married at the residence of the bridge's father at Paint Rock Valley, on Nov. 5, 1890, Dr. J. M. Brewer and Miss Cora Frazier. Elder Geth Honea officiating.
- 13 Nov Died at his residence in this place Sunday night, Nov 9th of consumption, Mr. N. W. Barron.
- 11 Dec A child, 18 months old, of Mrs. Mary Rogers living near Fackler...was severely burned and died a few hours afterwards on Friday of last week.
- 11 Dec Bills have been passed by the Legislature to prohibit the sale of liquor at Bellefonte, Larkinsville, and Bridgeport. They law will go into effect on the 1st of January next.
- 11 Dec Letter List: The following is a list of letters in the post office at Scottsboro uncalled for and if not called for in the next 30 days, they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.:

J. L. Thomas O. F. Cunningham James Sims Perry Barnes Bettie McGee J. L. Rolsin Malinda Thure A. B. Thomas Mary Wells Edna Winn W. H. Whited Robt. E. Lee E. Middleton Mamie Lasater John Havnes Urist Hicks L. C. Cleighton W. J. Elder T. W. Brents A. D. Barradall

18 Dec – Married, near Scottsboro, recently at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Alex Gayle, Mr. Chas. H. Broadway to Miss Eula Gayle.

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Madison County

Madison County Estate Files

Part 1

You will discover that some files contain extensive information while others have very little, or are completely missing. This is primarily due to family researchers who felt, since it was their ancestor's file, they had the right to take from it whatever they wanted. Descendants were not always to blame, however,

Often an estate ended in litigation and the lawyer would take the entire file to his office. Several years ago some legal offices burned and the standing "joke" around the courthouse was that half the courthouse burned that night.

In the years since their deaths, it has come to light that some previously highly respected genealogists and historians also helped themselves to the packets containing estate records. One of them actually told me that she would send the file to a client with the request that the file be returned. I wonder how many were returned?!

Countless estate files and Madison County records are in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama Library as they were donated to that institution by a descendant of a highly respected local genealogist. A lawsuit may be necessary to retrieve these files. The same can be said of the University of Alabama, Huntsville Campus, which came into possession of a number of county files from the estate of an esteemed historian of Huntsville.

Another reason some of our files are somewhat incomplete is the fact that we have had five different courthouses, all in the same location. Before one was torn down, all records had to be boxed and stored then after the next courthouse was completed the records were returned and re-shelved. Many slips of paper were lost or destroyed during five such moves.

We, in Madison County, are fortunate in that we have a dual system of record keeping. We not only keep the priceless old original files including receipts, bills, etc. in all estates up to through the Civil War but we have the major documents such as petitions, orders, etc., entered in ledgers. Too, this county has not had a major fire. In some cases where the original documents are missing I have resorted to abstracting the documents recorded in the ledgers.

Madison County records begin in 1809. While feeling their way around the establishment of a filing systems, probate (then called the Orphans Court) officials recorded many documents such as wills, in Deed Book One. That may have been the only ledger available in the county until enough money was scraped together to buy other ledgers. At the present time (March 2006) this deed book is off the shelves being restored. The estate files have been abstracted and published in *Madison County*, Alabama Deed Books A, B, C, D, E 1810-1819 (territorial) by Dorothy Scott Johnson and is carried by Shaver Books located on Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville. Too, not everyone who died in Madison County has a probate file. There are many records in the earliest Orphans Court Minute books that name persons not found elsewhere.

During the reign of Probate Ferdinand L. Hammond, judge of probate from 1853-1859, many changes took place in probate. Marriage books were recopied (often with disastrous results), the Orphans Court became the Probate Court (same court, different name), and an attempt was made to establish a filing system of the probate records. Great hands-full of probate packets were gathered together and assigned numbers, 1, 2, 3 and so on as they were picked off the stack; they are definitely not in alphabetical or chronological order.

Beginning with File No. 334, (that of John Allison who died in 1841), it appears the stacks were separated by the alphabet; all the A's together, the B's together, etc. It was not until much later that the files were kept and numbered in chronological order. Because of the changes in filing systems, you will find estate files dated before 1819 next to files dated in the 1840's.

The file number used herein is the actual file number of the packet. It must be stated that all of these probate files have been transferred from the courthouse to the County Records Room on the third floor of the Huntsville Madison County Public Library under the supervision of archivist Ms. Rhonda Larkin. Ms. Larkin has worked with the Alabama Department of Archives and History to preserve the records in an archivally accepted manner. All of the probate records have been put in flat folders in alphabetical order instead of order by the file number.

Since copying every item in each file was impractical, items had to be selected and were chosen following the following criterion:

- 1. Anything showing heirs and family connections or relationships.
- Everything that mentions geographical locations that might be clues showing where the family came from or where family members may have gone after leaving Madison County.
- Statements and receipts from persons not known to be Madison County residents but who may have lived here a short while but did not own land and may not be shown in any other record.
- 4. Receipts or bills clearly defining a person's occupation.
- 5. Receipts showing whether or not children were schooled, by whom and the cost.
- 6. Physicians' statements that reflect name of the patient treated, the illness, the type of treatment or the patient's death.
- 7. Anything giving a clue as to the person's personality, tastes, and way of life, i.e., was he religious, a drunkard, rich, poor, etc.
- 8. Anything showing church affiliation.
- 9. Items of geographical or historical interest.
- All bills for tombstones, coffins, funeral tickets, shrouds, or anything that might reflect date of death and place buried.
- 11. Receipts showing who children lived with if orphaned.

Anything in brackets [] is an editorial comment and not part of the original record. Information obtained from sources other than the deceased's file will also be noted in brackets. Anything in parenthesis () is in the original document.

My apologies for this lengthy introduction but in order for you to get the most from this work, it is necessary that you understand the background and history.

Dorothy Scott Johnson, compiler

Edwin Rodney Davis Estate File 1

William Richardson, Admr.

This file mentions a lawsuit in Limestone Co., Ala and several bills due from estate to persons in that county.

Nicholas Davis is mentioned several times; Nicholas paid J. B. Bradford \$151.95 in the spring of 1832 which sum was a debt of E. R. Davis.

There was a promissory note dated 15 Dec 1831 for land in Section 16, Township 4, Range 3 West [Limestone Co.] for \$42.85 to William Word, Jacob Fisher and A. M. Bradley. The note was signed by E. R. Davis and P. A. Walker.

A Circuit Court suit, dated 4 Mar 1833, shows Richard May vs. James B. Wilkerson, Edwin R. Davis and William E. Phillips in Limestone Co. The sheriff of Limestone Co. is to jail Wilkerson, Davis and Phillips for a \$247.75 debt they owed from 1 April 1832 plus costs and damages.

Proceeds from the sale of perishable property dated 28 Aug 1823 is shown to be \$451.703/4.

John N. L. Jones, guardian of Mary Walker and William Walker, children of John F. Walker, decd., asked \$100 for services of their three Negroes for the year 1833. This was a claim against the estate for slaves rented to Edwin Rodney Davis in 1833.

This file is incomplete. There was nothing in file but bills and receipts; no heirs or wife was mentioned.

Frederick W. James Est. File 2

Letters of Administration were issued to George S. Smith after giving \$50,000 on 22 Feb 1825 with Anthony Smith and Thomas Bolling. his bondsmen. On 11 March 1826 John R. B. Eldridge was appointed administrator after giving a \$50,000 bond with John F. Newman and John M. Leake his bondsmen.

Petition to Divide Slaves: William B. Johnson, petitioner, states that in 1824 Frederick James of Madison Co., died intestate leaving eight children:

- 1. Alfred T. James
- 2. Martha Ann (James) Johnson
- 3. Mary L. James
- 4. Isabella James
- Marion James
- 6. Archibald B. James
- 7. Elizabeth Catharine James
- 8. Richard James

Martha Ann Johnson, your petitioner, was legally married [to William B. Johnson] in the year 1824. She states that Frederick W. James died seized of 40 or 50 Negroes at the time of his death and that they have increased since his death to 53 in number. Petitioner prays that commissioners be appointed to divide Negroes. /s/ William B. Johnson.

Petition for Division of Personal Property [slaves] dated 16 Nov 1826... Petitioners:

- 1. Alfred T. James
- 2. Wm. B. Johnson in right of his wife, Martha Ann Johnson, formerly Mary Ann James.
- 3. George S. Smith, guardian of Mary L. James, Jane C. James and Richard B. James, infant children of Frederick W. James, decd.
- 4. John R. B. Eldridge, guardian of Isabella M. James, Elizabeth C. James and Archer B. James, infants of Frederick W. James, decd.

Division of Personal Property dated 14 Dec Nicholas Hobson and Elisha Dodson were appointed to divide the personal estate and same was certified before A. Bransford, JP pursuant to an order of the court made 7 Dec 1825: Each person received slaves and money totaling \$2040.62 except Catharine who got \$2040.66.

- 1. Lot No. 1. Marion James got: Blair valued at \$550 Ellen and Spottswood, \$500 Henry, \$500 Betsy, \$450 Lot No. 2 is to pay Lot No. 1 \$9.38
 - Lot No. 7 is to pay Lot No. 1 \$31.24
- 2. Lot No. 2 drawn by Mary L. James who got: Abby & child Matilda, \$550 Nelson, \$275 Eliza, \$200

Jess, \$150

Ned, \$500

Harry, \$375

This lot to pay No. 1 \$9.38

3. Lot No. 3 was drawn by Richard James:

Sally, \$200

Archer, \$450

James, \$450

Harriet, \$350

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Tom, \$550

Lot No. 7 to pay Lot 3 \$40.62.

4. Lot No. 4 drawn by Elizabeth James

Barnwell, \$400

Colly, \$2225

Nancy, \$100

John, \$175

Moses, \$300

Lewis, \$325

Albert, \$500

Lot No. 7 to pay Lot No. 4 \$15.62

5. Lot 5 was drawn by Bolling [Archibald]

James:

Devonshire, \$475

Mary and child Fanny, \$450

Charles, \$100

Lovisa, \$425

Morris, \$500

Lot No. 7 is to pay Lot No. 5, \$90.62.

6. Lot No. 6 drawn by William B. Johnson:

Jack, \$375

Suckey, \$250

Emma, \$175

Reuben, \$200

Billy, #250

Job, \$300

Everlina, \$450

Lot No. 7 to pay No. 6 \$6.28

Lot No. 8 to pay No. 6 \$34.34

7. Lot No. 7 drawn by Alfred W. Jones

Peggy, \$275

Maria, \$4400

Madison, \$300

George, \$500

Anna, \$400

Boveat, \$350

This lot to pay Lot No. 1 \$31.24

This lot to pay Lot No. 3 \$40.62

This lot to pay Lot No. 4 \$15.62

This lot to pay Lot No. 5 \$90.62

This lot to pay Lot No. 6 \$6.28

8. Lot No. 8 was drawn by Catharine James:

Malindy, \$425.

Child Fanny, \$100

Robert, \$150

Jenny, \$50

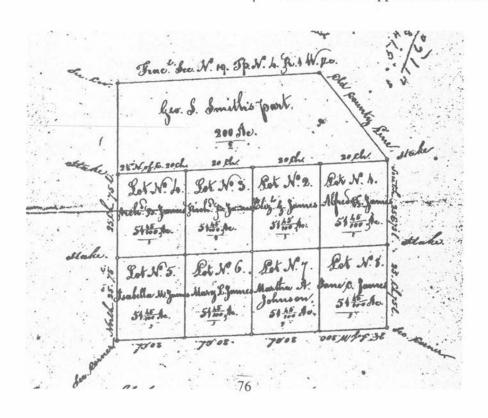
Charlotte, \$400

Walter, \$500

Lucy his wife, \$450.

This lot to pay Lot No. 6, \$34.34

Division of Real Estate Among Heirs was made by Eldred Rawlins and William Weedon, commissioners appointed for same.



There were 411.61 acres on south end of Section 19-Twp.4-Range1W that were divided into eight equal parts according to size and quality. Each tract is to

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contain 51.45 acres according to a survey made by Hunter Peel, County Surveyor. The heirs drew lots by lottery "and the name of each respective legatee placed on the number by him or her drawn on the said plat of survey."

A Petition for Division of Slaves dated 14 Dec 1825 and a Petition for Division of Property dated 16 Nov 1826 showed the following heirs. [widow not mentioned.]:

- 1. Alfred W. James
- 2. Mary L. James
- 3. Catherine James [is prob. Jane Catherine.]
- 4. Richard B. James
- Elizabeth G. James m. Samuel Martin 27 Sept 1835 [Marr. Bk. 4]
- Bolling James [Is prob. Archer Bolling James.]
- Isabella M. James [Is probably Isabella Marion James.]
- William B. Johnson in right of his wife, Martha Ann Johnson, formerly Martha Ann James.

A partial settlement was made 9 March 1826 before Judge Samuel Chapman. It showed:

- 1. Sale of effects of estate, \$6,442.141/2
- 2. Cotton sold to Beirne & Patton, \$1,734.04
- 48 bales cotton sold in New Orleans, \$3,869.87
- 4. Cash received by overseer for water- melon
- & pd over to Alfred James, \$47.25
- Sale of black horse to Dr. Johnson withmy knowledge, \$40
- Premium [interest?] on \$2114.45 at 5½ per lot, \$116.29
- 7. Bal. due est. by G. S. Smith, \$4,730.56

John R. B. Eldridge was apptd. administrator de bonis non on 13 March 1826.after giving \$50,000 bond with John M. Leake his security. [Source: Orphans Court Minute Book 4.]

On 27 March 1826 Eldridge was chosen by Marion James, over age 14, to be her guardian. He was appointed guardian of Archibald B. and Elizabeth James, under age 14. John Newman and -John M. Leake were Eldridge's securities. [Source: Orphans Court Min. Book 4.]

On 17 Nov 1826 it was reported that this estate was entirely solvent and without debt, therefore, the court appointed William Weedon, Elbert H. Thompson, William E. Phillips, Eldred Rawlins and Richard E. Mead to divide the real estate among the heirs reserving the widow her dower² [Source: Orphans Court Min. Book 4]

On 16 Dec 1826 George S. Smith, guard. of Cathrine James, Richard James and Mary L. James, made final settlement and resigned his guardianship. John R. B. Eldridge became guardian after giving a \$12,000 bond with George S. Smith and John M. Leake, his securities. [Source: Orphans Court Min. book 4.]

A statement in file from Christopher Hunt from 1 Feb 1823 through Nov 1823 showed, among other items, shoeing horse (25¢), making pick peck for grindstone (37¢). And mending one clevis³ (12½¢), etc.

A statement in file from William Baker for 500 Lbs. of bacon, dated 19 Sept 1825 and paid on 18 Jan 1827, \$50. plus \$4. interest.

Statement and receipt in file to "Capt. James" from William McCay for repairing silver watch on 25 Oct1824, \$3.00 was paid 21 Dec 1825

A statement [bill] dated July 1824 showed the estate owed Joseph Whitaker for 641/8 gallons whiskey at a cost of \$40 plus interest from 25 Dec 1825 to 25 April 1825.

A statement and receipt for 61 gallons whiskey, from A. Nevith and J. D. Morgan, at 50¢, on 19 Aug 1824, \$32.44 was paid 1 Jan 1825

A statement in file dated July 1824 from Joseph Whitaker for \$40.07 for 641/8 gal. of whiskey. It was paid 19 April 1825.

A medical bill and receipt dated 1824 reflected the following charges:

¹ One Richard B. James m. Sarah Johnson, license dated 6 Nov 1839 [Marr. Book 4] and one Richard B. m. Sarah A. Howard 3 Oct 1850 (Marr. Book 4A.]

² Widow not named. She may have been Dorothy Ann Dandridge, a descendant of Pocahontas (Rebecca Rolfe). See *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 18, Issue No. 4.

³ A part used on the end of the tongue of a wagon.

- 1. 17 Feb: Visit, tartar & prescription for Miss Mary, \$5.50
- 2. 18 Feb: Visit, prescription for Miss Mary, \$4.50
- 3. 22 June: Visit, bleeding, Jalap [?], calomel, and prescription for Abby, \$10.
- 4. 8 Aug: Visit from William Smith's: sugar, lead & prescription for Negro boy, \$3.50.

William A. Fowlkes Estate File 3

John P. Harrison was appointed admr. 2 Dec. 1833. [Husband of Martha A. Fowlkes.]

Appraisal of Personal Property shows the following:

- 1. Open account against William Garrett due 30 Nov 1831, \$17.
- Open account against William Morrisett due 30 Nov 1831, \$12.
- 3. Open account against William Crutcher due 1 Jan 1833, \$32.17.
- Amt. of appraisement as per account rendered in the Clerk's office, \$2020.88
- 5. Cash rendered in Clerk's office, \$400.

Total, \$2,466.05

Expenses of the estate included:

- Cash paid William W. Johnson of Winchester, Tennessee on 9 Nov 1833⁴ for coffin as per account and receipt, \$15.
- 2. On 10 Nov 1833-\$24.50 cash was paid to Dr. Estel of Winchester, Tenn.⁵
- On 11 Nov. 1833 \$17.25 cash was paid Dudley Johnson of Franklin Co., Tenn. [Reason for charge not shown.]
- 4. On 5 Dec 1833 \$7.18¾ and \$2,56¼ was paid, in cash, to R. B. Purdum [Reason for charge not shown.]
- On 5 Dec 1833 \$3.50 cash was paid D. Faris [Reason for charge not shown.]
- 5. On 7 Feb 1834 \$10 cash was paid William Crutcher on settlement of acct.

Final settlement of accounts made 20 Feb 1835.

6. On 20 July 1834 \$3.50 cash was paid to D Farres for advertisement six times for final settlement.

⁴ This may be the death date or the day after death.

Inventory and Appraisal of Personal Estate of William A. Fowlkes was taken 2 Dec 1833 by Peter Binford and Harry B. Turner:

Sopha, a woman, aged 24 yr., \$450.

Sally, her child, aged 7 yr., \$125

Coleman, her child, aged 5 yr., \$200

Patric, her child, aged 3 yr., \$125

Jackson, her child, aged 1 yr., \$100

Aaron, \$400

Buck, \$375

1 chestnut sorrel mare, \$60

1 sorrel horse, \$65

1 Jersey waggon & harness & cover, \$55

1 saddle, bridle & martingale, \$8

1 pair saddle bags, \$6

1 shot gun, \$18 & brace of pistols, \$5, = \$23

1tent cloth, \$1

1 trunk, \$3

2 six foot blankets, \$1.50

1 white counterpin⁶, \$2

1 small oven, \$1

1 small frying pan, 50¢

1 tin pan, 121/2

1 axe, \$1.25

1 silver watch, slide & seal, \$15

1 curry comb & brush, 75¢

Open account against Wm. Garnett due 30 Nov 1831, \$17, credited 2 Jan 1832 with\$16 leaving \$1 balance.

Open acct. against Wm. Morriset due 30 Nov 1831, \$12

Cash of Mr. Johnson, \$290

Cash of Mr. Betts, "\$10.00/\$400.00"

Set of shaving tools, 50¢

Shaving glass, cloth, brush, 75¢

2 halters, \$1.50

Wm. Crutcher open acct. due 1 Jan 1833, \$32.17

Certified by Peter Binford and Henry B. Turner 4 Dec 1833

Physician's Statement from Dr. William Estill: 1833

- 5 Nov, night visit, travel. 6 mi, \$6.25
- 6 Nov, night visit, travel. 6 mi., \$6.75
- 6 Nov, Laudanum, 50¢
- 7 Nov, visit, quinine, \$3.50
- 8 Nov, visit, \$3

"Visit to the pond, five miles," \$2.50 Acct paid 10 Nov 1833 by Wm. Estill

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⁵ This would lead one to believe Fowlkes died in Winchester, Franklin Co., Tenn.

⁶ bedspread

Robert M. Rhea Guardianship File 4

Robert M. Rhea is the infant⁷ child of Samuel Rhea, deceased.

The final settlement, dated 28 Jan 1829, of John Snoddy, guardian, settled his accounts with a balance due Robert M. Rhea of \$451.93. Out of this amount, \$24 was paid to "Mrs. Austin for supporting, clothing &c."

John Rhea then became his guardian.

Fleming J. McCartney Guardianship

File 5

Fleming J. McCartney Est. (-continued-)

Dr. Fleming Jordan, guardian.

A bill in this file addressed to Dr. Fleming Jordan, dated 20 July 1842, was for \$15 and was from John D. Perryman for "tuition of nephew Fleming McCartney" in Green Academy, one quarter ending 20 July 1842.

Miscellaneous receipts and statements in this file.

James B. McCartney Guardianship File 6

Dr. Fleming Jordan, guardian.

Miscellaneous statements and receipts in file.

Julia Bass & Mary Bass Guardianship File 7

Minor children of Uriah Bass, Sr., Decd.

James Weldon Estate File 8

[Also see file No. 289 for guardianship file of minor children, William A., Nancy S., James, and Letitia M. S. Weldon.]

John Hardin, Admr.

Heirs

- 1. John A. Weldon
- 2: Jones G. Weldon [Also shown as Jane on the guardianship file.]

- 3. William Weldon
- 4. Nancy S. Weldon
- 5. James Weldon
- 6. Letitia M. S. Weldon
- 7. Richard C. Weldon
- 8. John A. Weldon
- 9. Samuel Weldon

William P. Terry was guardian of the first six listed children; the last three were of legal age.

James Collier Estate File 9

James Collier in account with Charles E. Collier:

1825, Dec: Bal. due on Smart's note, \$10.

1826, Bal. due on horse, \$30.

1827, Jan. Cash, \$2.

Hire of Negro for 1826, \$500.

1828, Jan 1, Hire of Negroes, 1827, \$500.

Services rendered overlooking plantation from 1 Sept to 30 Dec 1820 @ \$400 per annum, \$133.33

1828, Dec 21. My proportion of corn made on plantation this year, say 280 bbl, \$350.

My proportion of oats, 8400 bbl., \$28.

My proportion of wheat, 121/2 bushels, \$9.19.

My proportion of potatoes, 105 bushels, \$35.00.

Total \$550.29

1829 This amount allowed instead of a Negro woman, \$350.

My part of cotton crop, \$846.00

Grand total, \$3022.181/2

John H. Whalen certified before James Penn, J. P., that in 1828 his plantation made 1,000 barrels corn, 51,000 lbs fodder, 30,000 lbs oats, 40 bushels wheat, 100 bushels rye and 300 bushels potatoes; that there were 95 working hands [slaves], seven of which belonged to Charles E. Collier.

Signed by James Penn 23 Oct 1832

Statement from John S. Logan for surveying land, \$25., dated 12 July 1834. The land surveyed was not shown.

Statement from Benj. Kurkendall dated 20 July 1833, \$116.84 for "enclosing with cedar (and painting) the graveyard. Settled by arbitration by Patton & Sadler."

⁷ All children are "infants" until of legal age.

Receipt from R. Brewer, J. P., dated 22 July 1834 for "administering oath to D. H. Tillinghast & J. C. Ayrs, commissioners appointed to divide the estate of James Collier," 50 Cents.

Statement dated 22 Aug 1832. "Paid the Rev'd J. Thompson for preaching Funeral Sermon of Mr. J. Collier. \$20.00."

Statement for \$185.71 dated Oct., 1832 through 6 Feb 1833, "Bot of Wm. Dennis, Agent of S. Brect, & etc."

Statement dated 1831 and paid 18 June 1834: "Cash paid B. M. Low⁸ for Martha Littlepage tuition for one session at the Female Seminary at Huntsville (fall session), \$13.00."

Physician's Statement from Dr. Hutchison Dent to James Collier, dated 1832 as follows:

3-17 Visit, prescription & medicine, \$2.

3-28 Visit, reduction of hernia, \$3.

6-8 Two vials of peppermint. 25¢

6-12 & 6-13 Visit, prescription & medicine for Jerry, \$2.

James Collier Est. (-continued-)

6-13 Venesection⁹, Isabel, \$1.

6-18 Visit & etc., Jerry, \$2.

6-19 Venesection, Jerry, \$1.

6-19 Venesection, \$1.

6-20 Visit, prescription & medicine, \$2.

6-20 Venesection, \$1.

8-7 Visit, prescription & medicine (self)¹⁰
 \$2.

8-8 Visit, medicine & 5 blisters (self)¹¹, \$3.

8-8 Attendance day & night, \$4

8-9 Visit & attendance, \$4.

8-10 Visit & constant attendance until 20th inclusive, \$44.

Total bill, \$75.25

[Bill paid in full 14 Feb 1833]

Physician's Statement from Dr. Wm. T. Young. The bill was paid in full 21 Feb 1833 with the following note: "Payment in full of this account of Charles E. Collier amounting to \$59.13." Most of the calls appear to be for slaves and are from 23 Aug 1832 through 9 Jan

1833; calls are for Lucy, Charles, Wills, Eady, Nelly, Jim, Richard, Mary and Jenny.

Receipt: Judith Mowery received \$10 of James Collier for weaving 100 yards of *clawth*¹²- 1 Nov 1832.

Medical bill from Hutchinson Dent in 1831:

4-21 4 oz. vial of Tinct. Assaifetiaa, 50¢

5-10 2 oz. vial of Yellow Wash, 25¢

8-22 Visit & medicine, Negro man, \$1.50

10-8 Visit & medicine, \$1.50

10-9 Visit & medicine, \$1.50

10-15 Vial gonorrheal mixture, 75¢

Promissory note: \$500. "On the first day of March 1830 we promise to pay William A. Slaughter on order the sum of \$500 value received 30th Dec 1828." Signed by Chas. E. Collier and B. Collier.

Tombstones:

To the Memory
of
JAMES COLLIER
Who was Born in
Lunenburg Co., Va.
October 13th A. D., 1757 and
Died

the 20th of August A. D., 1832 And though after my skin, worms destroy this body

Bet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself and my eyes shall Behold and not another.

To the Memory
Of
ELIZABETH BOULDIN
Of Charlotte County, Va.,
Wife of James Collier,
Who was Born
the 13th [15th?] of February, A. D., 1763,
and Died
the 23rd of February, A. D., 1828
All flesh is grass and all the goodliness
There is as a flower of the field,
For the wind passeth over it and it is gone and the place thereof shall know it no more.

⁸ This is General Bartley M. Lowe

⁹ Means phlebotomy (bleeding).

¹⁰ Means for James Collier

¹¹ ibid

¹² cloth

Note: James married Elizabeth Bouldin July 3, 1777 in Lunenburg County, Va. She was the daughter of James Bouldin (eldest son of Col. Thomas Bouldin) and Nancy Clark. They moved to Madison Co., Ala. in 1818.

According to local residents, the Collier cemetery was destroyed by a subsequent land owner. He used a sledge hammer to break up the beautiful marble markers and dumped them in a ditch as fill.

Slaughter, John A. & Samuel Guardianship

file 14

[File missing]

Elizabeth Tillman

File 15

[Guardianship file missing]

James Tillman

File 16

[Guardianship file missing]

Louisa C. Ely and Merritt Thomas

Ely

File 17

[Guardianship files missing]

Miles Ely

File 18

[See John W. Hewlett File No. 116]

Thomas J. Sumner Estate

File 19

[File missing]

Dwelling Brewer Estate

File 20

On 21 Sept 1838 Richard Purdom was appointed guardian for:

1. Julia Brewer [m. Anderson Hamer 1 Aug 1840 (MB 4-523)]

- 2. Bradford Brewer [m. Louisa Buford 1 Aug 1844 (MB 4A-38)]
- 3. Dwelling Brewer [Jr.] [m. Margaret E. m. Dickey 3 July 1851 (MB 4A-413)]
- 4. Robert Brewer

At the December term, 1846, the heirs were listed as Bradford, Dwelling and Robert [What happened to Julia?]

At his death, Dwelling Brewer Sr. owned the W/2 of the SE/4 Section 9-6-2E.

James Mitchell Petition

File 21

Note: James Mitchell [1790-1850] m. Elizabeth Millhouse [1791-1842] 24 Oct 1812 in Madison Co. and moved to Limestone Co., Ala. Both are buried in the Mitchell Cem. In Limestone Co. (See *Tombstone Inscriptions of Limestone County, Alabama* compiled by Linda H. Smith). Only the petition was in this file.

A Petition dated 11 March 1835 shows that James Mitchell of Limestone County is desirous of building a water sawmill and a water grist mill on lands purchased of Richard Robertson's estate, said land in Madison County in Section 6, twp. 2, range 2 west lying in the NW/4 beginning at the mill pond on the half-mile stake. The dam and mills are to be erected on Limestone Creek running through said land. Commissioners were appointed to determine possible damage to any neighbor from said dam. The mills are to be erected at a point known as "Richard Robinson's Old Mill."

Silas M. Glover vs. Jason M. Brazelton

File 22

On 21 July 1835, Silas M. Glover petitioned to build a water saw mill and other water works on his own lands (NW/4 of the SW/4 of Sec. 5-5-2E). Dam is not to exceed six feet high and to be built on Cobb's Creek which runs through said land.

Freeholders appointed by the court to determine possible damage to neighbors resulting from a dam being built were: John C. Grayson, Jason Brazelton, Edward H. Vann, Dickson Cobb, Elias Nelson, Burges McGaha and David Lacy.

Jason M. Brazelton objected to the building of said mill. Suit resulted. Outcome of suit not given. Witnesses for Brazelton: Henry Styers, Moses Reno, and James G. Click. Witness for Glover was John C. Grayson.

John C. Grayson Petition

File 23

On 21 July 1835 John C. Grayson petitioned to build a water grist and saw mill "and other water works" on his land (in the NW part of fractional Sec. 19-5-2E). Dam is not to exceed five feet high and to be erected on the Flint River at a place known as the Slipping Shoals which runs through said land. Court is to appoint freeholders to assess possible damage to neighbors.

Mary Ann Cook and John Cook guardianships

File 24

Mary Ann and John Cook are infants of John Cook, deceased. Josiah Miller was appointed their guardian on 4 Feb 1831.

A Petition of Josiah Miller dated 9 Jan 1833 states that a "considerable time has yet to lapse before she [Mary Ann] will attain full age . . . " He petitions to sell slave to help with her expenses.

John Cook died owning the SW/4 of Sec. 12-2-1E and the W/2 of the SW/4 of Section 7-2-2E and he left seven (7) heirs of which Mary Ann and John are two. Josiah Miller requests land be sold.

Hezekiah Eastland is the admr. of John Cook's Estate. The land was sold at public auction on 12 May 1832 for \$311. [Note: Other heirs not named in this file].

John Hobbs Heirs

File 25

[Also see John Hobbs Estate file No. 117] William Echols, Jr., is guardian of the following infant heirs of David M. Hobbs:

- 1. Isham M. Hobbs [m. Susan S. Sandidge 20 Oct 1841 in Madison Co.] [MB 4]
- 2. Herbert Hobbs

- 3. David M. Hobbs [m. Emily B. Sandidge 21 Jan 1847] [MB 4!-163].
- 4. Eliza Ann Hobbs [Ann Eliza Hobbs m. Benjamin W. Maclin 18 Jan 1838]. [MB 4] Note: Index says the heirs are Isham H., David M., William F., Eliza Ann, Amanda C. J. and John C. Hobbs.

William F. Hobbs Guardianship

File 26

William F. Hobbs is the infant heir of John Hobbs, decd.

A receipt in file was as follows: "Recd. of William Echols, Jr. for Hobbs heirs, \$30 being amount due me in the division of William F. Hobbs Estate. Feb. 7, 1837." /s/ John F. Hobbs.

Coman Guardianships

File 27

[Also written Commons]

Childen:

- 1. Sarah Jane Coman [also listed as Jane W.]
- 2. Margaret W. Coman
- 3. Louisa A. Coman
- 4. Joshua P[rout] Coman
- 5. James Matthews Coman

Court Minute Book 2, page 380, shows John R. B. Eldridge was appointed guardian of these children 11 Nov 1822.

A statement from B. Crawford shows tuition was paid for Joshua P. for fourth quarter of 1828 at G[reen] Academy - \$10.

A receipt from John R. B. Eldridge is for \$2 for crying [auctioning] Negroes.

A statement, dated April 1828 to 28 Feb 1829 from William Higgins for making coat and buttons for Joshua P. *Commons* - \$13.75.

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Marshall County 1837 Deed Record Book A

Part 9

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Agreement Hugh Henry and Andrew Moore

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This article of agreement is entered into and considered on this 20th day of March 1837 by and between Andrew Moore and Hugh Henry surviving partners of the firm Samuel Henry, Hugh Henry and Andrew Moon who were merchants in partnership and traded and did business under the name firm and style of Henrys and Moore both of the county of Marshall in the state of Alabama. Now this agreement that the said Hugh Henry and Andrew Moore surviving partners has this day had and concluded a settlement of all the business had done and transactions under the said firm of Samuel Henry, Hugh Henry and Andrew Moore which said business went into operation on the 11th day of December 1830 and was concluded the 23rd day of November 1833 in the town of Claysville, Alabama.

In this settlement Andrew Moore agrees to bind himself to pay unto the said Hugh Henry the sum of four thousand five hundred and twenty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents. This amount is the sum of stock that Samuel Henry and Hugh Henry furnished in the business of Henrys and Moore. Payment is to be made by the 1st day of February next. (Samuel Henry has deceased).

It is specified that Hugh Henry agrees to relinquish all the interest he has in the business name of Henrys and Moore and that the heirs of the said Samuel Henry, deceased, relinquish any interest in this business.

12 April 1837

I, Richard L. Randles, clerk of the county court of Marshall County, certify that the above article of agreement was originally filed in my office on the 22nd day of March 1837. Given under my hand at office in Claysville this 12th day of April 1837.

Deed - James Boggess to Hugh Henry

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This indenture made and entered into this 18th day of March 1837 between James Baggy of the County of Marshall and Hugh Henry of the County of Blount and that the said James Boggess for the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Hugh Henry has this day bargained to sell to Hugh Henry the undivided half of a certain parcel of land to wit, The East half of the Southwest quarter of fractional section thirty-one of Township seven of Range four East in Marshall County and containing eighty-four acres.

Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the County of Marshall County.

Deed – James Boggess to Percival M. Bush, Administrator

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This indenture made and entered into this 18th day of March 1837 between James Boggess of Marshall County of the one part and Percival M. Bush administrator of the estate of Samuel Henry, deceased. The said James Boggess for

and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Percival M. Bush sold and conveyed unto the said Percival M. Bush the undivided half of a certain parcel of land to wit, The East half of the South West quarter of Fractional Section thirty-one in Township seven of Range four East in Marshall County containing eighty-four acres.

Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the County of Marshall County.

Deed - Hugh Henry to Simon Nichols

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This indenture made and entered into this 18th day of March 1837 between Hugh Henry and Simon Nichols. The said Hugh Henry has this day for and consideration of the sum of three hundred and twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents does convey unto Simon Nichols his heirs the undivided half of a certain parcel of land to wit, fractional Section three Township eight and Range three East lying in Marshall County and containing twenty-nine acres.

Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the County of Marshall County.

Deed - Percival M. Bush to Arthur C. Beard

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This indenture made and entered into this 18
Day of March 1837 between Percival M. Bush, administrator of the estate of Samuel Henry, deceased and Arthur C. Beard of the county of Marshall and State of Alabama. Now this indenture that the said Percival M. Bush in his administration has this day for and in consideration of four hundred and twenty dollars to him in hand paid as administrator by the said Arthur C. Beard does sell and convey to Arthur C. Beard the undivided half of a certain parcel of land to wit, the East half of the South-West quarter of fractional section thirty-one in Township seven of Range four East containing eighty-four acres.

Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the County of Marshall County.

Deed - Arthur C. Beard to Hugh Henry

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This indenture made and entered into this 18 Day of March 1837 between Arthur C. Beard and Hugh Henry of the county of Marshall and State of Alabama. Now this indenture that the said Arthur C. Beard has this day for and in consideration of four hundred and twenty dollars to him in hand paid by the said Hugh Henry does sell and convey to Hugh Henry the undivided half of a certain parcel of land to wit, the East half of the South-West quarter of fractional section thirty-one in Township seven of Range four East containing eighty-four acres.

Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the County of Marshall County.

Deed - Percival M. Bush to John Johnson

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This indenture made and entered into this 18th day of March 1837 between Percival M. Bush of Marshall County, administrator of the estate of Samuel Henry, deceased and John Johnson of the county of Blount and State of Alabama. Now this indenture that the said Percival M. Bush in his administration has this day for and in consideration of six hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty cents to him in hand paid as administrator by the said John Johnson that Percival M. Bush as administrator does sell and convey to John Johnson the undivided half of a certain parcel of land to wit, the South-East part of fractional Section thirty-one Township seven and Range four East lying in Marshall County and containing 119 acres.

Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the County of Marshall County.

Deed - John Johnson to Hugh Henry

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This indenture made and entered into this 18 Day of March 1837 between John Johnson of the County of Blount and Hugh Henry of the county of Marshall. This indenture that the said Hugh Henry has this day for and in consideration of six hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty cents to him in hand paid by the said Hugh Henry that John Johnson does sell and convey to Hugh Henry the undivided half of a certain parcel of land to wit, the South-East part of fractional Section thirty-one Township seven and Range four East lying in Marshall County and 119 acres.

Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the County of Marshall County.

Deed - Archibald R. Barclay to Hugh Henry

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This indenture made and entered into by and between Archibald R. Barclay of the County of Talladega and Hugh Henry of the County of Marshall, I, Archibald R. Barclay, for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars to him in hand paid and receipt acknowledged by the said Archibald R. Barkley and hath this day bargained, sold and conveyed unto Hugh Henry a certain tract of land containing one-half of an acre more or less it being the lot number twentyfive as is laid down in plot of town laid off by Edward Gunter on the west bank of the Tennessee River in the County of Marshall formerly Jackson County. (Land located at Gunter's Landing.) Signed by A. R. Barclay March 20th 1837. Signed by Richard S. Randall, clerk of the

Deed - Hugh Henry to David Ricket

County of Marshall County.

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This indenture made and entered into this 8th day of December 1836 between Hugh Henry and

Ann Henry, his wife, of the first part of the County of Blount and David Ricket of the County of Marshall of the second part. The said Hugh Henry and Ann Henry, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of eight hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said David Ricket does bargain and sell and convey unto the said David Ricket a parcel of land being the East half of the South-East quarter of Section five and Township seven Range three East in the district of land subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama containing 80 37/100 acres.

Signed by Robert S. Pierce acting Justice of the Piece of Marshall County.

Deed – Thomas Hodges to James M. Moon

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This indenture made the thirteenth day of April1837 between Thomas Hodges and Lucinda Hodges, his wife, of the county of Marshall of the first part and James M. Moon of Marshall County of the second part. The said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part hath granted bargained and sold unto the said party of the second part all of the West half of the North-West quarter of fractional section eighteen of township in Range Four East in the district of lands subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama containing 84 acres more or less.

Signed by H. E. Wheeler Justice of the Peace.

Deed - L. D. Boshart to Arthur C. Beard

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This indenture made this fifth day of April 1837 between L. D. Boshart and Margaret G. Boshart, his wife of the County of Marshall of the one part and Arthur C. Beard of the other part. That the said L. D. Boshart and Margaret G. Boshart his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars have this day do bargain, sell and convey to the said Arthur C.

Beard all that certain tract or parcel of land to wit, The one half of the East half of the Southwest quarter of fractional Section eighteen Township seven Range four East containing 40 acres more or less. Wm. E. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace, signed the document.

Deed of Trust – James Boggess to Thomas B. Rector

Pages 80-81

This indenture made this thirteenth day of April, 1837 between James Boggess of the first part and Thomas B. Rector of the second part and Robert Chandler, William Smith and Eli Campbell and Isham Chandler of the third part all of the county of Marshall. Whereas the said James Boggess is fully indebted to the said Robert Chandler, William Smith, Eli Campbell and Isham Chandler the sum of seventeen hundred and eleven dollars, money from them which they obtained by notes from the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Huntsville. The same James Boggess is willing to secure to the said (parties of the third part) at and before the signing, sealing and delivery of these present the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said James Boggess hath given granted and sold and by these presents doth give, grant and sell unto the said Thomas B. Rector the following described land to wit, Section 13, Township 1 of Range 3 East containing 115 acres and also the East half of the South West Quarter of section 12, Township 7 and Range 3 East containing 80 acres. Signed by James Boggess, Robert Chandler, his mark William Smith, Eli Campbell and H. I Chandler. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Deed of Trust – Eden Bridges to William L. Logan

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This indenture made the 8th day of March 1837 between Eden Bridges of the first part, William L. Logan (Trustee) of the second part and W. L. Johnson, William Rich and James Birdwell of the third part. Whereas the said Eden Bridges is indebted to W. L. Johnson, William Rich and James Birdwell in the sum of seven hundred dollars to be paid on this note made payable at the Branch Bank of the State of Alabama at Huntsville made by the aforesaid (parties of the third part). The said Eden Bridges is willing and desirous to secure now this indenture. That for and in consideration of the premises and also for the further consideration of the further sum of one dollar to the said Eden Bridges. Eden Bridges has given, granted, bargained sold and released to William L. Logan all that is contained in that certain tract or parcel of land known as the North part of fractional Section 6 in Township 7 of Range 3 East containing 123 acres also the East half of the South-West quarter of Section 31 in Township 6 of Range 3 East containing 80 acres. Signed by Eden Bridges, William L. Logan, William L. Johnson, his mark William Rich and James Birdwell. Witnesses were George Lay and James W. Bell. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Indenture – Andrew Gillam to John O. Femester

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This indenture made the first day of May 1837 between Benjamin Rector and John B. Walker Overseers of the Poor in Capt. Smith's Beat in the County of Marshall of the one part and John O. Femester of the other part. The said Benjamin Rector and John B. Walker by virtue of the order of the court bearing date of 10th day of February, 1837 have put, place and bind Andrew Gillam of the age of eight years the first of May last to be an apprentice unto him the said John O. Femester from the date of these presents until the said Andrew Gilliam shall come to the age of 25 years according to the act of the General Assembly. By and during all which time the said Andrew Gillam shall well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business as his master desires. He shall be honest and obedient in all things and behave himself toward his Master.

Signed by Benjamin Rector, J. B. Walker and John O. Femester. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Deed - P. M. Bust to John W. Easton

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This indenture mad this 4th day of April, 1837 between Percival M. Bush Sheriff of Marshall County in his official capacity of the first part and John W. Easton of the second part. Wherewith the said Percival M. Bush by virtue of one execution to him directed from the Circuit Court of Morgan County in favor of the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur against John Blackwood levied on one Lot of Ground in the Town of Claysville in the County of Marshall which said lot fronts in the principal street 60 feet and runs back 200 feet and known as Lot Number 8 which was duly advertised in the Huntsville Democrat as the law requires and sold in front of the Courthouse door in the said town on the first Monday in April, 1837 as the law requires to John L. Goforth acting for the said John W. Easton for the sum of one hundred and thirteen dollars. The said Bush does convey to the said Easton all rights and title to said property.

Signed by P. M. Bush, Sheriff. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Deed - A. R. Barclay to Sarah Göforth

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This indenture made and entered into this 10th day of May, 1837 between Archibald R. Barclay of the county of Talladega of the first part and Sarah Goforth of the county of Marshall of the second part. Wherefore, that the said Archibald R. Barclay for and in consideration of the sum of sixty dollars hath this day bargained, sold and conveyed unto Sarah Goforth a certain lot of land in the town of Claysville known as lot number 21 and bounded as follows; beginning at a stake on main street thence with the same 125

feet to the land of Andrew Moore at a stake on said street thence running with the 220 feet to a stake 29 degrees West 120 feet to a stake on the street thence with the street 225 feet to the beginning. Signed by A. R. Barclay. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Deed - White, Ragan and Ewing to John Blackwood

Pages 85-86

This indenture made and entered into this 15th day of May. 1837 between James White of the county of Washington in the State of Virginia, James Ragan of the county of St Clair in the State of Alabama, and "William Ewing of the county of Lea in the State of Virginia formerly merchants in trade at Gunter's Landing in the county of Jackson in the State of Alabama under the firm of White, Ragan and Ewing of the first part and John Blackwood of the county of Marshall of the second part. Wherefore that the said White, Ragan and Ewing for and consideration of the sum of two hundred and ten dollars paid by the said John Blackwood do sell and convey a certain lot or parcel of ground lying in the county of Marshall on the North side of the Tennessee River at Gunter's Landing and known in the plan of that town known as lot number 21 on the main or principal street.

Signed by A. R. Barclay representing White, Ragan and Ewing. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Deed - A. R. Barclay to Hiram Ferrell

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This indenture made and entered into this 13th day of May, 1837 between Archibald R. Barclay of the county of Talladega of the first part and Hiram Ferrell of the county of Marshall of the second part. Archibald R. Barclay for and consideration of the sum of thirty dollars paid by the said Hiram Ferrell hath this day sold and conveyed to the said Hiram Ferrell a certain lot

or parcel of land in the town of Claysville and known on the town plat as lot number 17, beginning at a stake adjoining Andrew Brook thence running with the main street 120 feet to a stake, thence running back 200 feet to a stake, thence running 120 feet to a stake adjoining Andrew Moore's lot, thence running the same 200 feet to the beginning. Signed by A. R. Barclay. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Deed - John Johnson to Joshua Johnson

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This indenture made and entered into this 19th day of August, 1835 between John Johnson and his wife Eliza Johnson of the county of Blount of the first part and Joshua Johnson of the second part. Wherefore that the said John Johnson and his wife Eliza Johnson for and in consideration of the sum of ninety-five dollars so sell and convey unto Joshua Johnson a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the county of Jackson, it being the South half of the East part of the North-West quarter of Section thirty-four of Township six of range three East in the district of land subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama containing forty acres.

Signed by John Johnson and Eliza LK. Johnson.

This day personally appeared before us, William H. E. Wheeler and Bookes Smith, two acting Justices of the Peace for the said county of Jackson, John Johnson and Eliza Johnson and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the within deed to Joshua Johnson. And the said Eliza Johnson being examined by us separate and apart from her husband, John Johnson, acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the same fully without any fear, threats or compulsions from her husband John Johnson. We affixed our names and seals in Claysville the 19th day of August, 1835.

Signed by Wm. H. E. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace and by Bookes Smith, Justice of the Peace.

Deed of Trust - Charles and George H. Taylor to A. C. Beard

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This indenture made and entered into this 18th day of May, 1837 by and between Charles Taylor and George W. Taylor of the first part and Arthur C. Beard of the second part and Joseph G. Garrett and Percival M. Bush of the third part of the County of Marshall. Whereas the said Charles Taylor and George W. Taylor is justly indebted to the branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Huntsville and said Joseph G. Garrett and Percival M. Bush having endorsed in said bank for the amount of five hundred dollars which debt the said Charles Taylor and George H. Taylor is willing and desires to secure to the said Joseph G. Garrett and Percival M. Bush now this indenture for the sum of one dollar paid by the said Arthur C. Beard do bargain and sell the following property to wit, the West half of the South-East quarter of Section twenty, of Township seven, Range three East, containing 86 and 1/2 acres and one yoke of oxen and wagon. Signed by his mark, Charles Taylor and by his mark George H. Taylor, J. G. Garrett and P. M. Bush. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document.

Deed of Trust – Frank and Uriah Tidwell to Manning and Rickets

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This indenture entered into this 24th day of May, 1837 between Frank Tidwell and Uriah Tidwell of the first part and John A. Merancy, trustee, of the second part and Manning and Rickets of the third part all of the county of Marshall. Whereas the said Frank Tidwell and Uriah Tidwell are justly indebted to the said Manning and Rickets in the sum of two hundred dollars by sundry notes and accounts and the said Frank Tidwell and Uriah Tidwell is willing and desirous to secure to the said Manning and Rickets their debts for and in consideration of the promises and the sum of one dollar paid to said Frank Tidwell and Uriah Tidwell by the said John A. Merancy, trustee, and by these presents do sell to the said John A. Merancy, trustee, the following property by wit: two head of horses, one work

ox and one heifer and all the present growing crop of corn and cotton. Signed by his mark, Frank R. Tidwell, Uriah Tidwell, John A. Merancy and Manning and Rickets. Witnesses were George Lay and James Bell.

Signed by A. R. Barclay. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court, Marshall County, also signed the document on the 6th day of June 1837.

Power of Attorney – John Gunter – Nelson (?) Robinson

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Know all men by these presents that I, John Gunter, of the county of Marshall for divers good causes and considerations to me I have this day nominated and appointed Nelson Robinson of the town of Bellefont of the county of Jackson my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name in fact and deed to prosecute and defend all the suits at law and in equity that I have or may hereafter have in the counties of Jackson and Marshall counties and to sign my name to any matters of business.

Signed by John Gunter 24 December 1836. Witnessed by James M. McFarland.

Before me, Richard Randal, Clerk of the County of Marshall personally appeared Louis Wyth and under oath he well acquainted with the handwriting of John Gunter and James M. McFarland hath and as John Gunter is absent and James M. McFarland dead, their signatures appear to be genuine. I have affixed my private seal and not having a public seal of office, at office in Claysville this 22nd day of July 1837.

Signed R. Randall, clerk.

Deed – Isham Wright to Asaph? Kennaman?

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This indenture made this 11th day of February 1837 between Isham Wright and Rachel Wright

his wife of the first part and Asaph Kennaman of the other part. Wherewith the said Isham Wright and Rachel Wright for and consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars do sell and convey unto the said Asaph Kennaman a certain tract or parcel of land known as the East half of the North-East quarter of Section twenty-nine in Township five of Range four East in the district of lands subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama containing 80 and 48/100 acres.

Signed by his mark, Isham Wright, and her mark, Rachel Wright.

Personally appeared before me Presley Woodall acting Justice of the Peace, Isham Wright and Rachel Wright, his wife, who acknowledged that they separately signed, sealed and delivered said deed and the said Rachel Wright being by me privately apart from her husband acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the deed freely without any fear, threats of compulsions of her said husband given under my hand and seal this the 11th day of February 1837.

Signed Presley Woodall, Justice of the Peace. Richard Randal, clerk of Circuit Court.

Deed – Henrys and Moore to Joseph Norman (?) (Garman)

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This indenture made this 19th day of June 1837 between Henrys and Moore of the first part and Joseph Norman (?) Whereas the parties of the first part for and consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars does sell and convey unto Joseph Norman (?) All that tract or parcel of land it being the West half of the South-East quarter of Section nine of Township six of Range three East containing 80 and 44/100 acres.

Signed in the presence of Bayless W. Lewis by Henrys and Moore.

Probate Court Final Record

No. 9

Part 1

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Namey E. Wright Estate

Pages 1-29

31 May 1859

Came William B. Wright as he files application in writing and under oath for letters of administration on the estate of Nancy E. Wright who died on the 12th day of March 1859 without leaving any will.

Applicant said that decedent left an estate of about the value of fourteen hundred dollars. The court appointed William B. Wright as administrator of the estate of Nancy Elizabeth Wright after filing a bond of the sum of twenty – eight hundred dollars with Jesse Gentry and Enoch (Grimes)? as his security.

Archibald B. Black, L. C. Underwood and Daniel Echols were appointed appraisers of the estate.

To M. Gilbreath, Judge of Probate of Marshall County, Alabama:

The undersigned would respectfully report that Nancy Elizabeth Wright, late, to wit, on the 12th day of March 1859, died without leaving a will. She was a resident of said county at the time of her death and the petitioner was the husband of said decedent.

W. B. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 30th day of May 1859.

This day William B. Wright, administrator of the estate of Nancy E. Wright, files his inventory of said estate.

A list of the property appraised as the property of Nancy E. Wright late of Marshall County as submitted by A.B. Black, Daniel H. Echols and L.C. Underwood follows:

One Black Mare and Colt
One Spotted Sow and seven
Shoats
One Negro Berry aged about
12 years
1,000.00

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th Day of June 1859.

Signed by Josiah Ditto, Justice of the Peace, Marshall County, Alabama and further approved and signed by M. Gilbreath, Judge of Probate.

18 February 1861

William B. Wright petitions court to be allowed to sell the following:

One slave named Rufus, a boy aged about fourteen, one brown mare aged about seven, one woman's saddle, one bed and bedding which said personal property cannot be divided between the petitioner and two children, Sarah L. Wright and Tobitha A. Wright, both under the age of fourteen years.

7 April 1861

After 30 days notice of time and place of sale, the following property was sold on the 7th of April to the highest bidder:

Rufus to Wm. B. Wright \$800.00
Brown Mare to Wm. B. Wright 75.00
Bed and Bedding to Wm.B. Wright 1.00
Woman's Saddle to Wm.B. Wright 1.00
Total \$877.00

14 January 1867

William B. Wright, administrator of the estate of Nancy E. Wright, deceased, presents account.

Amount of sale 27 April 1861 \$877.00 Interest on sum to date 330.33 Total \$1,207.33

Expenses:

Tobitha C. Tate one voucher \$100.00 (Purchase of brown mare)
P. and J. E. Kilfozte two vouchers \$5.171/2
J. H. Ryan, five Doctor visits and medicine 23.30
Amount allowed administrator 30.00
Court fees (6) 28.00
Due T. C. Barclay (7) 20.00
Other Misc. fees 695.93 ½
Total expenses \$902.41

10 June 1871

The court appoints John M. Scott custodian ad litim to represent the minor, Tobitha A. Wright and John M. Scott being in court accepts the appointment.

10 June 1871

William B. Wright states to the court that daughter, Sarah L. Wright, is now deceased

and upon whose estate there is no settlement.

(He later stated that Sarah died in August of 1864.)

Mary Allen and Ralph Henry Garrett Guardianship

Pages 30-45

3rd February 1870

Came Henry Martin a resident of Marshall County and grandfather of minors Mary Allen and Ralph Henry Garrett and minors are under the age of fourteen years of age, to petition to obtain guardianship of the property of the same. They currently reside with their mother and they have an estate in their own right consisting of lands if the value of about five hundred dollars. It is ordered, adjudged and approved that said Martin be the guardian of the property of said Mary Allen and Ralph Henry Garrett minor children of James H. Garrett late of said county deceased.

Signed by L. D. Lusk, Probate Judge

3rd February 1870

Know all men by these presents that we Henry Martin, Z. D. Bain, James Sruggs and David Cowan are firmly bound unto L. D. Lusk, Judge of the Court of Probate of Marshall County the penal sum of one thousand dollars. Sealed with our seals this third day of February 1870.

21 March 1870

John M. Scott is appointed custodian *ad litim* and is not related to the guardian. Henry Martin petitions the court for the sale of the inherited land. The minor's mother, Lucinda Cosby, the widow of James N.

Garrett, deceased, gives consent for the sale of land.

10 May 1870

Henry Martin reports to the court the proceeds from the sale of lands as follows: Thirty acres sold to Joseph Johnson for three hundred dollars. Forty acres sold to William Goodwin for three hundred and fifty dollars and ten cents.

22 April 1872

Court decrees that the balance of money after expenses be divided between the minors equally. Each child is to receive two hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-seven cents. It is stated that the mother, Lucinda Cosby and her husband Crawford C. Cosby reside in Sabine County in the state of Arkansas.

John F. Bishop Guardianship Pages 46-51

6 January 1869

Came Sampson Bishop and files petition for guardianship of the persons and Bishop, father of listed children, states that said children have in their own right the value of three hundred dollars. Said Hamet R. Bishop, Pleasant M. Bishop and Susannah S. Bishop. Sampson William J. Bishop both minors over the age of fourteen and Mary K. Bishop, property estate of John F. Bishop and Bishop having given bond for the given amount as the law requires with Jacob L. Kennemer and S. F. Kennemer as his securities.

6 January 1869

It is ordered that John M. Scott be appointed guardian *ad litim* to represent and protect the interest of said minors.

Signed by L. D. Lusk, Judge of Probate

3 June 1872

L. D. Lusk, Probate Judge, agrees to final settlement of the estate that results in a balance of \$317.01 after expenses to be divided equally between six children.

Don't Forget!

- The next meeting of Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library
- Don't miss the annual Spring Seminar, Saturday, May 6. Our special guest speaker is Teresa Farris. Look on the inside cover for more details.
- Be sure to look inside the front cover for copies of back issues and for other publications offered by Valley Leaves. These are valuable additions to your genealogical library collection and many will not be reprinted.

Things You Should Know

Upcoming Events in Huntsville

Don't miss the March 23, 2006 meeting! Phillip Wilbanks of Wilbanks Land Surveying Company will explain to us how to read and to locate the property of our ancestors. He will take a courthouse deed document and explain, in layman's terms, how to locate that property. Also, the Nominations Committee will present their nominations for officers and directors for the next two years. If you would like to take an active role in TVGS and become an officer or director, please contact Dorothy Scott (Dot) Johnson, Nominations Committee Chairman.

Our May 25, 2006 speaker will be Bob Davis of the History and Genealogy Department of Wallace State College. He will inform and entertain us with his usual vast amount of genealogical knowledge he possesses. During the May meeting, officers and directors for the next two years will be elected.

The July 27 meeting will be our annual dinner meeting with installation of new officers and directors.

The following story is reprinted, by permission of author Richard W. Eastman, from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

Tennessee Bill to Allow Visits to Cemeteries on Private Land

Many small cemeteries in rural areas are located on private land. In many areas, the present landowners may restrict access to the graveyards. A new bill before the Tennessee state legislature seeks to change that.

Rep. Sherry Jones, D-Nashville, is sponsoring a bill to require property owners to grant access to graveyards on their property to visitors. The visitors are defined as "family members, descendants and close friends of the deceased persons buried there." Visits would be legal for the purposes of visits to the graves, cemetery maintenance, genealogical research, and for possible future burials.

The bill also says that, if an eligible person is denied access to graves, that person could take the owner of the cemetery to court.

"This just says families and close personal friends can go and visit," Jones said. She said she decided to pursue the issue after a woman who lives outside her district came to her seeking help.

Several years ago, Jones said, the woman's child had been buried in a small cemetery on private property. That land was later sold, and the new owner wouldn't grant the woman access to the graveyard.

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Yankees in the Attic?

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) are compiling a database of burial locations of veterans of the Civil War.

This effort is focused on those veterans who survived the war, and complements the 27 volume *Roll of Honor* of Union soldiers who

Huntsville-Madison County Library's Heritage Room, is indexed by name and identifies some 228,000 soldiers whose remains were removed from battlefields, prisoner of war camps, lines of march of Union armies, hospital burial grounds, civilian cemeteries, etc., and re-interred in National Cemeteries.

So how do we identify those veterans who survived the war and died later in life? The first course of action is to consult published cemetery records, which will often contain information taken from military headstones furnished by the Veterans Affairs Department. These headstones will have the veteran's name and regiment engraved on them, and have been furnished for use in private cemeteries since 1879.

Occasionally one finds military headstones in unsurveyed and unrecorded cemeteries, such as the case of Corp. William Ward, Co.H, 15th U.S.C.I., which was found in what appears to be an abandoned cemetery off Wall-Triana Highway, near the Chrysler plant.

But what do you do when the deceased veteran is buried with a family headstone which does not include reference to his military service, as is usually the case? In one word, RESEARCH!

Old newspapers will sometimes contain names of ex-Union soldiers. For example, the July 30, 1890 issue of the Huntsville Daily Mercury printed a long article describing a reunion of the 4th Alabama Cavalry and 4th Alabama Infantry held in Huntsville, to which an invitation was extended to the U.S. Veterans in Huntsville, members of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Post in Huntsville. Of this list of 23 names I am able to verify service in the military unit listed for only 11 men, and burial locations for 9 of those.

The Huntsville *Weekly Mercury*'s June 9, 1897 issue included an announcement that a

new Huntsville G.A.R. Post had been formed, "taking the title and name of the old post G.A.R. which fell through five years ago." However it did not list their military unit, which makes verification extremely difficult. Three of the men listed had been in the earlier post, and burial locations found, but the rest can not be identified. For example, there are 1207 possible "Robinson, J.R." in the Union army!

When a veteran is positively identified his name is added to the SUVCW Grave Registration database mentioned earlier. This can be accessed and searched by anyone by going to "www.suvcwdb.org/home/" The database is fully searchable. If one wants to know who has been registered in any county, simply fill in the county name and state, enter, and all names registered in that county will appear. For example, there are currently 166 names listed in Madison County, of which 113 are Confederate, 53 Union. Clicking on a name will bring up a screen showing all information entered for that veteran.

If you want to know who has been registered in a particular cemetery just enter the cemetery name, city, county, and state. For example, entering Maple Hill, Huntsville, Madison County, and Alabama, will result in a list of 18 names currently registered.

Appended is a list of names from G.A.R. records that have not been positively identified. If any reader can assist in their identification, and burial location, it will be greatly appreciated.

Since every veteran did not join the G.A.R., there are any number of what I refer to as "Yankees in the Attic," that I would like to have identified and added to the database. Please contact Brian Hogan at tele.# 256-858-6191, or email badger@hiwaay,net.

Members of the G.A.R. whose identity and/or burial location cannot be identified:

J.H.Spearman Co.C, 9th Indiana Infantry (In Limestone County in 1880) William S. Crilly Co.H, 107th Pennsylvania Infantry (Washington Crilly on roster) E.R.Bliss Co.I, 44th Illinois Infantry (May be E.R.Bliss in B'ham in 1910) A.J.Martin Co.C, 9th Indiana Infantry J.C.Williams Co.H, 96th New York Infantry J.L.Anderson Co.H, 72nd Indiana Infantry J.S.Steele Co.E, 133rd Indiana Infantry Fred Wullf Co.I, 2nd U.S.Infantry (Could be Wollf) Joseph Packard Co.B, 138th Illinois Infantry W.J.Kennedy 1st Battalion, U.S.Infantry, 16th Regiment G.D.Holloway Co.H, 6th Tennessee Cavalry R.E.Hassett Co.D, 5th Ohio Infantry Thomas B.Brown Co.D, 43rd Ohio Infantry Delos M.Norwood Co.K., 34th New York Infantry Anthony Schenk Co.D, 10th U.S.Infantry A.R.Simmons Co.D, 45th Ohio Infantry Clarence Schrader, Co.I, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry Jos.H. Williams Co.B, 96th New York Ed.E.Greenleaf 1st Vermont Light Artillery J.B.Smith Co.B, 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry W.J.Newman Co.F, Pennsylvania Cavalry Samuel Romines Co.C, 9th Tennessee Cavalry Lewis N.Lawhon Co.B. 9th Tennessee Cavalry (dod 3Aug1901, in Meridianville?) Joe Burton Co.A, 54th U.S.Infantry (a colored regiment) J.Bell Co.D, 101st U.S.C.I. (a colored

No other information on:

regiment)

L.R.Wellman, Jas.McCullough, Samuel Hoover, J.D.Daniel, Smith Johnson, J.M.Ammerman, F.A.Brockway Golightly? J.R.Robinson, Albertville? A.N.Preston, Grand Forks, Minnesota?

Linkpendium

Linkpendium is a relatively new and fast growing website for genealogical research. As the name implies, your search gives links to other websites of either surnames or locations. At the end of December, the site had approximately 3,000,000 links. There were 57,000 links added from January 1 through 24, 2006. According to its website, Linkpendium is "The definitive directory to genealogical and other resources on the web." Users are welcome to add their personal websites to the list. A search for Madison County, Alabama returned 234 links to web pages. There is no charge to use this resource.

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Internet Links from Family Tree Magazine:

- American Historical Society of Germans from Russia: http://www.ahsgr.org contains a database of 200,000 obituaries. Some resources are free; others require a fee.
- Home Town Locator Gazetteer: http://gazetteer.hometownlocator.com. Find location information based on a town name, county name or zip code.
- Clergy of the Church of England Database: http://www.theclergydatabase.org.uk. Search for relatives serving the Church of England between 1540 and 1835.
- Japanese-American Family History Resources can be accessed at: http://www.carolynbrady.com/jagenlinks.ht ml.

Valley Leaves March 2006

Now Accepting Ads in Valley Leaves

As announced in the March 2003 issue of *Valley Leaves*, the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society is now accepting advertising from individuals and societies. The subject matter must pertain to genealogy or legitimate historical material. TVGS retains the right to refuse an ad from any individual or organization.

TVGS has published *Valley Leaves* for over 35 years. During that time, our reputation has built and our membership grown. We presently exchange with over 100 societies or libraries and boast several hundred paid members. Readership is in the thousands.

If you have just published a family history, advertising in *Valley Leaves* will make potential buyers aware of the existence of your product and promote sales due to our wide readership.

Since we are a non-profit organization, we are deliberately keeping our rates low: The rates quoted are for one-time ads:

		Art Area	
Full page	\$50.00	61/2 x 9 inches	
Half page	\$25.00	61/2 x 41/2 inches	
Quarter page (vertical)	\$12.50	31/4 x 41/2 inches	

We are <u>not</u> set up for color so all will be in black and white. Neither are we set up to print photographs at these prices. All ads will be at the back of each issue.

Advertising Copy Must Be Received By:

Issue	Deadline
September	August 1st
December	November 1 st
March	February 1st
June	May 1 st

Book Reviews

Book reviews are still free upon receipt of a book. Once the book is reviewed we donate it to the Huntsville Public Library. One might do well, however, to follow up the review with an ad in the following issue.

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Your ancestor didn't have to stay here. Your ancestor didn't have to be here after that date. You just have to prove that your ancestor lived here before that date.

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