

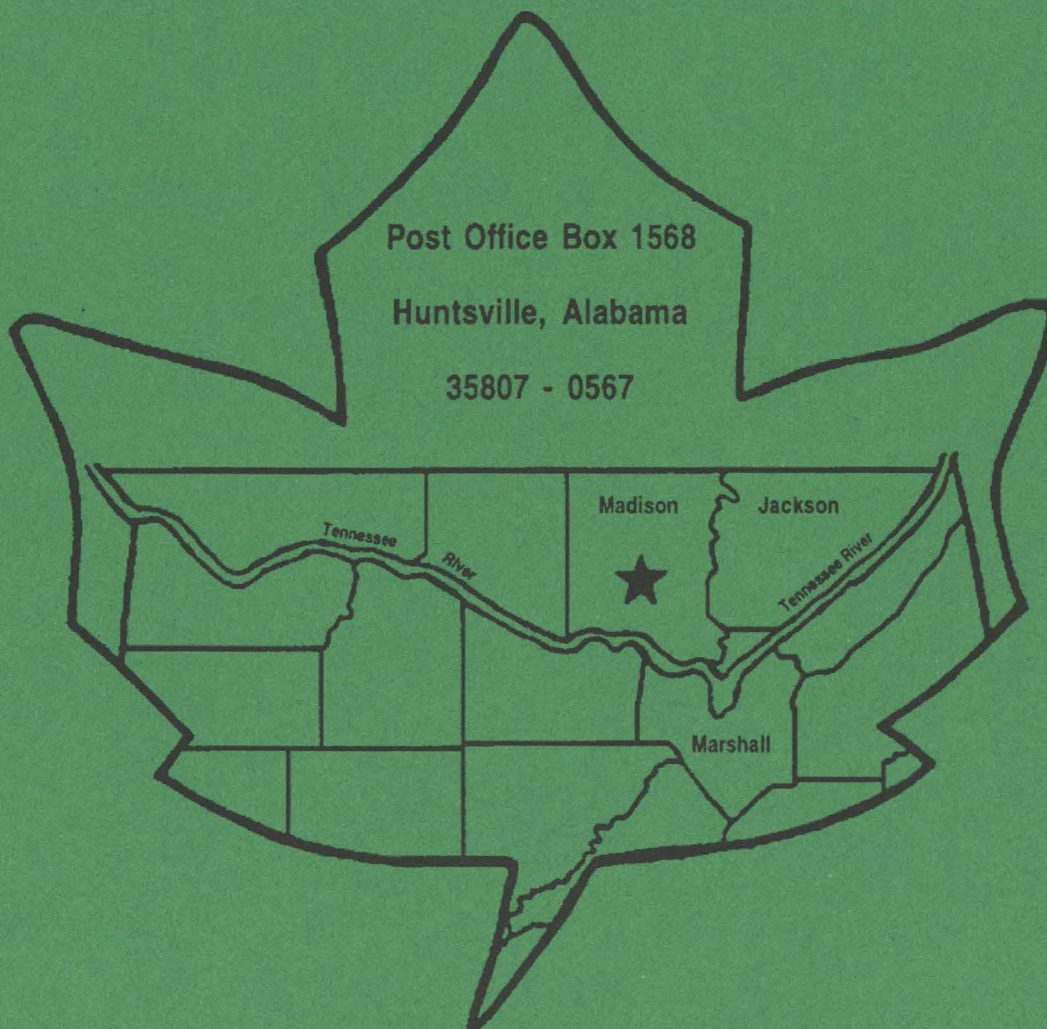
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# Jackson County

## 1869-1879 Estate Minutes

### Regarding Final Settlement

Part 4

Abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

This 460-page book is housed in the basement of the Jackson County courthouse. It is coming apart but the front and back covers are there and no pages appear to be missing. The book is not titled but it is the minutes of probated estates.

(Continued from September 2003 issue)

**John G. Sanders, Guardian for  
George Hinshaw  
Martha Hinshaw  
Mary Hinshaw**

Page 20  
5 July 1869

Came John G. Sanders, guardian of George Hinshaw, Martha Hinshaw and Mary Hinshaw, minor heirs of J. Hinshaw, deceased, and presents his inventory.

It is ordered that the same be filed.

**John G. Sanders, Guardian of  
the Minor Heirs of J. Hinshaw  
Final Settlement**

Page 21  
5 July 1869

Came John G. Sanders, guardian of George W. Hinshaw, Martha A. Hinshaw and Mary M. F. Hinshaw and filed his statement, accounts and vouchers for his annual settlement.

The Court having examined said accounts finds them to be correct and the same are now reported for settlement.

It is, therefore, ordered that 28<sup>th</sup> July 1869 be appointed a day to make such annual settlement. Notice of the time and nature of such settlement be given by posting a written or printed notice for three successive weeks at the court house door and three other public places in this county.

It is further ordered that Nelson Kyle, guardian *ad litem* for said county be and he is hereby appointed to act as the guardian *at litem* for George W. Hinshaw, Martha A. Hinshaw and

Mary M. F. Hinshaw, the minors interested in this settlement.

**Samuel Frazier Estate  
Account of Sale**

Page 21  
6 July 1869

Came William J. Kirk, sheriff and *ex officio* administrator of said estate and filed his account of the sale of the personal property. This property was ordered sold by a decree of this Court made on 15 May 1869. Said account was sworn to and inspected by the Court and is now ordered recorded.

Page 22  
6 July 1869

This day came Israel P. Russell, administrator, and filed his statement, account and voucher and evidence for a final settlement of his administration.

Said accounts have been examined by the Court and found to be "apparently correct." It is ordered that the matter of settlement be set for hearing on 11 Aug 1869. Notice of the time and nature of such settlement is to be given by publication for three successive weeks in the *Industrial Herald*, a newspaper published in this county.

It is further ordered that Nelson Kyle, guardian *ad litem* for said county be and he is hereby appointed to act as such guardian to represent the minor heirs [not named] in this case.

## Pre-1851 Jackson County Marriages

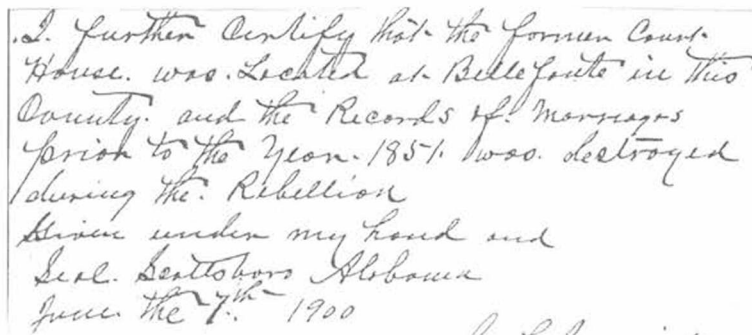
Contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

In August 1863, the 34<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Regiment of the United States Army, marched from Tullahoma to Winchester, Tennessee. They then marched to the town of Bellefonte which was the county seat of Jackson County, Alabama.<sup>1</sup>

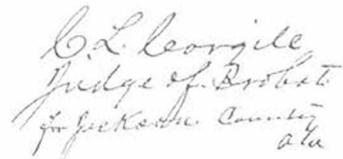
One Sergeant Major Lyman S. Widney of that division wrote a letter to his parents in Illinois describing the march, Bellefonte, and the surrounding area.

Widney said the troops headquartered in the old two-story brick courthouse in Bellefonte and the Adjutant appropriated the County Clerk's office as his own. The Federals found Jackson County's old records scattered over the floor with documents dating back to 1820. In looking at the records, Widney was surprised at the rate of illiteracy.<sup>2</sup>

The certification below was found in the pension application file of Dorcas Wilkerson. The top part of the certifications stated the judge could not locate her marriage record. The bottom part is reproduced below.



I further certify that the former Court House was located at Bellefonte in this County and the Records of Marriages prior to the year 1851 was destroyed during the Rebellion  
Given under my hand and Seal. Scottsboro Alabama  
June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1900



G. L. Leongile  
Judge of Probate  
for Jackson County  
Ala

"I further certify that the former Court House was Located at Bellefonte in this County and the Records of marriages prior To the year 1851 was destroyed during the Rebellion."

Seal, Scottsboro, Alabama. June the 7<sup>th</sup>  
1900.

<sup>1</sup> Information is from a copy of a letter sent to the late Pauline Gandrud many years ago by a descendant of Sergeant Major Lyman S. Widney. We are grateful to this considerate lady for sharing it, and to her forebear for writing it.

<sup>2</sup> In defense of illiteracy in Jackson County, it was not until 1927 when state-sponsored free education came to Alabama. In 1852, the Legislature passed a bill establishing a public school system and it was implemented in 1854 but it was supported in part by tuition. Relatively few parents in the post-Civil War era could afford tuition no matter how badly they wanted their children educated. Before the Civil War, there were few schools of any kind available in the hills of Jackson County. Prior to free education, more conveniently located school houses and better roads, many parents had to board their children with someone close to the school or with the teacher, thus adding to the expense.

C. L. Cargile, Judge of Probate for  
Jackson County, Ala.”

The soldiers kept back about fifty large books, collected the rest along with loose papers, piled them in a heap and burned them. The burned records included marriage bonds and marriage records prior to 1851.<sup>3</sup>

Widney goes ahead to say that three bushels of marriage bonds were burned and that not one in ten could sign their name. He also commented on the number of men named Jeremiah and the number of women named Elizabeth.

Because of the loss of the marriage records prior to 1851, we are rarely fortunate enough to find proof of a marriage before then in Jackson County. The following marriage certification was found in the Dorcas Wilkerson Pension Application file. It was probably there due to a filing error as it has no bearing on the Wilkerson pension.

The State of Alabama }  
 Madison County }  
 appeared before  
 me, T. W. Martin, a Notary Public for  
 said county, E. C. Williams, who, after  
 being duly sworn according to law,  
 on his oath, states he on or about the  
 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1846, solemnized the Rites of  
 Matrimony as Justice of the Peace for Jackson  
 County, Ala. between John Latham and  
 Milly Sanders, now Milly Sanders both  
 of Jackson County Ala.  
 This 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1875  
 E. C. Williams  
 Sworn to & subscribed  
 before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
 of Oct. 1875  
 T. W. Martin  
 Notary Public

“The State of Alabama)  
 Madison County )  
 This day personally appeared before  
 me,  
 T. W. Martin, a Notary Public for  
 said county, E. C. Williams who,  
 after being by me duly sworn  
 according to law, states on his oath  
 that he, on or about the date of  
 February 1846, solemnized the rite  
 of matrimony (as Justice of the Peace  
 for Jackson County, Ala.) between  
 John Latham and Milly Cardin, now  
 Milly Sanders, both of them of  
 Jackson County, Ala.  
 This 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1875  
 /s/ E. C. Williams  
 Sworn to & subscribed before me  
 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1875  
 /s/ T. W. Martin, Notary Public”

<sup>3</sup> The earliest official marriages record in the Jackson County Courthouse today is that of William Gamble to Polly A. Stewart, License dated 14 Oct 1851 and solemnized 26 Oct 1851. [Addie Shaver and Sybil Hinman, *Marriages of Jackson County, Alabama 1851-1856 and 1859-1871, n.d.*]

## Jehu Beason-Polly McGehee

Abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

The information on this family was secured and contributed by Ann Gahan, 308 Grove St., Sierra Madre, CA 91024-1010. The Beason and McGehee families have roots in Madison and Jackson Counties, Alabama.

### Affidavits

State of Arkansas )  
                                  ) ss:  
County of Perry )

“On this day Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace within and for Perry County, Larken Puttett who, being duly Sworn, declares and Says that he was Present when Jayhue Beason and Polly McGehee was Married in Jackson County, Alabama on or about the year 1832 by John Reed, Esqr. who had authority to Solemnize the Rites of Matrimony. I also certify that the Said Jayhue Beason and Polly, his wife, is Boath dead and that the following is the Names of the only Minor heirs belonging to Said Beason and wife:

William Beason  
Elizabeth Beason  
Anny Beason  
Emily Beason  
Isaac Beason

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853.”

/s/ Larkin Puttett

“Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853 and I do further certify that the above affidavit of Larkin Putteett<sup>1</sup> is Entitled to full faith and Credit.”

/s/ Thomas Pinson, J. P.

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Perryville, Arkansas  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City,  
D.C.  
Sir:

<sup>1</sup> There were many different spellings of this name and all have been copied exact.

“Enclosed you will find the affidavits of Persons for to Establish the Marriage of Jayhue Beason &<sup>c</sup> I wrote on to the Clerk of Bellefonte, Jackson County, Alabama, for a certified copy of Said Marriage and after a long Delay he writes to me that the Record is not found on his Books &<sup>c</sup>.”

Your Earrly [sic] attention to the above will oblige [sic] a desolate Family.”

/s/ Russell McBath, attny.  
Perryville, Arkansas

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State of Arkansas )  
                                  ) ss:  
County of Perry )

“I, John W. Rison, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Perry in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Thomas Pinson, is, and was, at the time of signing, is the same Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid. The aforesaid Circuit Court is a Court of Records. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal, there being no seal of office, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, A. D., 1853.”

/d/ John W. Rison, Clerk

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State of Arkansas )  
                                  ) ss:  
County of Perry )

“On this day Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Pease within and for Perry County. Shipman Reid<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth

<sup>2</sup> Shipman Read, Thomas Pinson, Larkin Poteet and Jehu Beason all lived close together in Jackson Co., Ala. according to the 1830 and 1840 census records.



Barnett, who being duly sworn according to law, declares and says that they was well acquainted with Jayhue Beason and Polly Beason, his wife, and that they lived together as man and wife and was so considered.

They also Further State that the Said Beason and wife is Boath dead and that the Minors named in the application first sent is the only Minor children that belongs to Said Beason & wife to there knowledge. Given under our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853.”

/s/ Shipman Reid

/s/ Elizabeth Barnett

Certified before John W. Rison, Clerk on 22 June 1853.



State of Arkansas )  
                                  ) ss:  
County of Perry )

“On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D., 1852, Personally appeared before me, Thomas Pinson, a Justice of the Peace within and for Perry County, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid.

Larkin Puteet, a Resident of the County of Perry in the State of Arkansas, who being duly Sworn according to law, declares and Says that Jayhue Beason, aged about Thirty Eight years, was Enrolled in the Service of the United States in the year 1837 in the Florida War and that he was in the Service for the Term of Six months. The No. of the Company [is] not Recollected. The name of the Captain that he was Enrolled under was Samuel McDavid [and] Col. Benjamin Snodgrass.

He was mustered into Service in Bellfont, Jackson County, Alabama and was honorably discharged at Fort Mitchell and the said Larkin Puteet further Says that some time in the month of November 1845 that the Said Jayhue Beason Departed this life, also that he died in Benton County, Arkansas. He also says that the wife of said Beason died Some time in the year 1841 and by Some means the said Jayhue Beason’s discharge has been lost or miss laid.

He further Says that the following is the names of the children of the Said Jayhue Beason

that is now alive and is all under age: William Beason, Elizabeth Beason, Anna Beason, Emely Beason and Isaac Beason. Also, that he is duly appointed Guardian of the Said children and makes this Declaration for the Purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which they may be Entitled under the act Granting Bounty land to Certain officers and Soldiers who have been Enged [engaged] in the Military Service of the united States Passed 28 September 1850.

Said Puteet Refers to the muster Rolls of said Company as they will show.”

/s/ Larkin Puteet

“Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day and year above written and I hereby certify that I Believe the said Jayhue Beason to be the Identical man who Served as aforesaid and that he was about the age above stated.”

/s/ Thomas Pinson, J. P.

Certified by John W. Rison, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Perry Co., Arkansas.



“On this day Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace within and for Perry County, State of Arkansas. Larkin Putteet, [is] Guardian of the heirs of Jayhue Beason, deceased.

After being duly sworn according to law, declare and Says that according to the Record and the best information he can obtain; that William Beason, son of the Said Jayhue Beason, Was Born November the 7<sup>th</sup> A. D., 1832. Also that Elizabeth, Daughter of the Said Beason, was Born July the 12<sup>th</sup> A. D., 1834. Anny, Daughter, was Born March the 2<sup>nd</sup> [?] difficult to read], A. D., 1835. Emily, Daughter, was born January the 13<sup>th</sup> A. D., 1837. Isaac, Son of Said Beason, Was Born March the 8<sup>th</sup> A. D., 1840.”

/s/ Larkin Putteet

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D., 1853.

/s/ Thomas Pinson, J. P.

-End-

## Jackson County, Alabama Death Records for 1908

Abstracted and contributed by Dovie Reiff

The first year that death certificates were filed in Alabama was 1908. That year in Jackson County, there were 84 certificates issued. The names of these persons follow:

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Jane Adkins            | 14 Dec |
| LeRoy M. Ambrester     | 25 Oct |
| Ed Ashmore (infant)    | 28 Oct |
| Thomas Davis Berry     | 12 Apr |
| Nancy M. Birch         | 12 Aug |
| Jonnie Boyd            | 14 Oct |
| Katie Brandon          | Nov    |
| Denton Buckner         | 1 Jun  |
| Swultz Caloway         | 10 Aug |
| Sarah Malvina Carlisle | 25 Jun |
| James Claxton          | 8 Jun  |
| Mrs. John Cofield      | 7 Mar  |
| George Crafford        | 2 Apr  |
| Romnus Cunningham      | 30 Mar |
| Tate Darwin            | 28 Apr |
| John W. Downey         | 24 May |
| Robert Edmonson        | 20 Aug |
| Esther Gance           | 5 Jun  |
| E. W. Garlbn           | 2 Jul  |
| Leona Gill             | 19 Aug |
| Caroline Z. Griffin    | 13 Nov |
| Sarah E. Gross         | 3 Jul  |
| Joe P. Hambrick        | 13 Sep |
| George Harris          | 20 Oct |
| Robert Haston          | 23 May |
| James Herring          | 12 Mar |
| Bertha Hinchy          | 8 Mar  |
| Lucy M. Holland        | 10 Mar |
| William Paren Howard   | 30 Apr |
| Tyant Jones (parent)   | 29 Apr |
| Clayton Kennedy        | 11 Mar |
| Chester Kilgore        | 26 Apr |
| Mary B. King           | 19 Jun |
| Clide Lambert          | 20 Sep |
| George Lusk (infant)   | 28 Apr |
| Felix Martin           | Oct    |
| John Matthews          | 17 Sep |

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Lucy McCampbell       | 27 Jul |
| James W. McCollister  | 30 Mar |
| Ruby McCormack        | 1 Mar  |
| John McCullough       | 3 Jul  |
| William W. McCutchen  | 3 Oct  |
| Mary H. McFarlane     | 17 May |
| Henry McHannon        | 19 May |
| William McKee         | 24 Sep |
| George Moore          | 20 Sep |
| Green V. Moore        | 29 Nov |
| Cyntha A. Mordah      | 28 Apr |
| George Morris         | 22 Oct |
| James J. Newby        | 28 Aug |
| W. D. Parks           | 22 Apr |
| James Presnell        | 22 Nov |
| William M. K. Randles | 25 Dec |
| Wm. Randolph (infant) | 4 May  |
| Lewis Riddel          |        |
| Earl Roden            | 16 Apr |
| Ben J. Rudder, Jr.    | 7 Oct  |
| Florence Rutledge     | 25 Jun |
| Albert Sartin         | 28 Jul |
| Jack Shelton          | 6 May  |
| Joe Shelton           | 6 May  |
| Henry Shrader         | 28 Aug |
| Ed Sisk               | 4 Aug  |
| Buck Smith            | 6 Mar  |
| Russell S. Smith      | 11 Apr |
| Calvin Steel          | 4 Apr  |
| Elizabeth Steely      | 3 May  |
| Alfred M. Swafford    | 21 Aug |
| John W. Tally         | 19 May |
| David Tate            | 25 Apr |
| Frank Tiffin (parent) | 17 Mar |
| Charlie Venable       | 18 Jun |
| W. H. Webb            | 1 Oct  |
| Sara Westmoreland     | 12 Oct |
| Adeline White         | 7 Nov  |
| John White (parent)   | 27 Mar |
| Tom Wilbourn (infant) | 16 Aug |
| Robert Wilhelms       | 18 Sep |
| Margie Lee Williams   | 14 Mar |
| Brice Woosley         | 1 Sep  |
| Mary Wright           | 15 Apr |
| Robt Buchanan Wright  | 22 Apr |

-END-

## Tracing Jackson County Residents from Death Certificates

Who were these persons who died in 1908? What can be determined using the data on their certificates? Many were hard to read, and not all were completely filled out. Many did not give names of parents or place of birth, and none state the names of spouses. However, they are still a good resource for genealogical data.

Cause of death is always shown and they are signed by an attending physician. Many in the 1908 group died of tuberculosis, pneumonia, or lung disease, including the infants. Children also died of whooping cough, constipation, or blood poisoning. Typhoid fever was a cause for older teens and young adults. Besides the lung problems, dropsy and heart disease are also shown for many adults, and for several elderly, just old age or senility are indicated.

Most of the adults were farmers or housewives, but in the group was also a blacksmith, a probate judge, and a railroad worker. Ages ranged from infants and small children to preteens and teens, and to a range in age for adults.

In this group of Jackson County residents were at least six octogenarians and maybe as many in their seventies. Of those in their eighties, two were born in Jackson County and four in Tennessee. Being 80 in 1908 would mean being born in the 1820s and thus descended from early county families.

Katie Brandon, who died in November 1908 was a lifelong Jackson County resident. She was one of the two over 80 born in Jackson County. With the data shown and utilizing other published records, i.e., census, marriage, military, an outline of her life and family can be drawn.

### **Mrs. Katie Brandon**

Alabama Death Certificate 550  
Volume 4, Jackson County

Mrs. Katie Brandon's death certificate indicates she was born in Jackson County and died at 80

years of age, due to old age. Her parents were identified as Jacob and Jinsey Gross. She was buried at Goosepond Cemetery in Jackson County.

Beginning with this information on Katie, what can be determined about her life? Since she was born in and lived in Jackson County all her life, she was probably married in the county. Looking in Jackson County Marriage Book 1851 – 1856, there is a record of William C. Brandon's marriage to Catherine Gross. The license was taken out on 16 Nov 1852 and the marriage was conducted on 23 Nov 1852 by Mark Kelly, Justice of the Peace.

Knowing the name of her parents, Jacob Gross is found in the 1830 Census, living east of the Range 4 line in Jackson County. In 1850, Jacob Gross, age 51 and born in Tennessee, is listed with his wife Gincy, age 46, also born in Tennessee. Catherine, age 21, is the second of six children of Jacob and Gincy. Siblings in 1850 were Elizabeth 24, John Vernon 19, William 15, Mary 13, and Nancy 8. All the children were born in Alabama.

From notes on the Gross family in Annie Coleman Proctor's Historical Collection, it is found that Jacob Gross married Gincy Pendergrass, daughter of James and Nancy Pendergrass. The 1850 Census also shows Nancy Pendergrass, then 67 and a widow, and born in North Carolina, living next to the Gross family.

Jacob Gross was buried in the Gross Cemetery on Guntersville Highway. His tombstone records that he was born 6 Feb 1799 and died 3 May 1880. His wife Gincy's stone records that she was born 24 Aug 1803 and died 25 July 1888. They were married 23 Aug 1821.

The 1860 Census lists Jacob Gross in District 13, Paint Rock P.O. with his wife Gincy and daughter Nancy J. In June 1860, William C. Brandon is also found in Paint Rock with wife Catherine, sons L. M. 6, J. C. 4, M. J. 2, and daughter Elizabeth 4 ½. All were born in Alabama.

But in 1870, Catherine Brandon is listed in Scottsboro as head of the family, with Mary, her mother-in-law, and children Luther 16, John C. 14, Mary 12, and Elizabeth 10.

Military records indicate William C. had enlisted in the Confederate Army and was a 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt, 1<sup>st</sup> K Co. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment. According to "Tennesseans in the Civil War," when the regiment was organized 28 Nov 1861, it included five Alabama companies. After reorganization in 1862, Co K was transferred to the 6<sup>th</sup> (Norwood's) Alabama Infantry Battalion. In the interim, in January 1862, the 42<sup>nd</sup> reported at Clarksville and came under the Central Army of Kentucky. From Clarksville the regiment was ordered to Fort Donelson and arrived while the battle was in progress. The 42<sup>nd</sup> surrendered. William C. Brandon was wounded, taken to St. Louis as a prisoner of war, and died 4 March 1862. He was buried in the principally Union cemetery, the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, located south of St. Louis.

William C. Brandon's father was Carter Brandon and his mother was Mary (Molly) Wright. Carter Brandon was buried in the Frazier Cemetery in Jackson County. His stone reads 1793-June 2, 1861 and he was a soldier in the War of 1812. His widow Mary filed for a pension. In it she stated that Carter Brandon was in the 39<sup>th</sup> Reg. of the U.S. Regular Troops commanded by Col. John Williams and had enlisted in Blount County, Tennessee in 1814. She had married him in Lawrence County, Alabama on 12 July 1821. She also said Carter had died 2 June 1861 in Jackson County, their residence since 1829. Between 1821 and 1829, they had lived in Lawrence County. She also said they had only one child, William C., who died in 1862. Family notes in the Annie Coleman Proctor Collection say there was a second child, who died in infancy.

Mary Brandon lived until 1893. She was buried in Goosepond Cemetery, where her dates given were, born 30 Oct 1799 and died 4 Jan 1893. An obituary written at her death stated she was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee and came with

her parents to Alabama in 1819. On a visit to her brother in Lawrence County, she had met Carter Brandon.

The 1880 Census lists Catherine Brandon with son John C., daughter Elizabeth, and Mary Brandon, mother-in-law, who by then was 90 years old.

In 1900, Catherine Brandon was living with her daughter, Lizzie McCullough, in Precinct 21, outside of Scottsboro. In this census, it is noted that he was able to read and write.

The records for Goosepond Cemetery include Katie Brandon – born 25 Nov 1828, died 6 Nov 1908. Also buried at Goosepond Cemetery was Mary, consort of Carter Brandon, born 30 Oct 1799, died 4 Jan 1893. Children of William C. and Katie also buried there include:

- L. M. Brandon, 12 Jan 1854-16 Aug 1884
- Mary Reed, Aug 1857-27 Apr 1897
- Lizzie McCullough, 17 Mar 1860-4 Jun 1932

Family notes in the Proctor Collection say son L. M. Brandon (Luther Malanthen or Lank) married Mary Skelton.

As note on her death certificate, Katie Brandon died of old age in 1908, still a Brandon, having not remarried after her husband's death in 1862.

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Sources:

- Alabama Death Index, 1908-59
- Death Certificate microfilm, Wallace State Community College
- U.S. Census, 1830-1900
- Marriages of Jackson County, AL 3851-1856, A. K. Shaver and S. B. Hinman
- Annie Coleman Proctor Historical Collection, Vol 9, 10, 11
- Cemeteries of Jackson County, AL, Mrs. J. A. Proctor
- Tennesseans in the Civil War, Vol 1, 2
- Alabama Soldiers (Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Indian Wars), B. J. McLane
- Roll of Honor, Vol 20-21, Quartermasters Dept.

DEATH RECORD

**Margie Lee Williams**

1. Full name of deceased **Margie Lee Williams**

2. Date of death, year **1908**, month **Jan**, day **14**

3. Place of birth of deceased, (state or country) **Jackson Co Ala**

4. Sex and color of deceased, white, **female**

5. Place of death of deceased, county **Jackson**

6. City or town **Bridgeport Ala**

7. How long ill, deceased, month or place of death **all her life**

8. Where was disease contracted? **5 yrs**

9. Chief or principal disease causing death **Tuberculosis**

10. Contributory disease causing death

11. Had deceased undergone a surgical operation, and if so when and of what nature? **No**

12. Occupation of deceased **Housewife**

13. Age of deceased, years **26**, months **11**; married, single, or widowed? **M**

14. Full name of father of deceased **Geo Andy Clark**

15. Place of birth of father of deceased (state or country) **Jackson Co Ala**

16. Full name of mother of deceased **Mary Hawk Clark**

17. Place of birth of mother of deceased (state or country) **Jackson Co Ala**

18. Place of interment of deceased **Family burying ground**

Signature **S. R. Zurnshly M.D.**  
 Place **Bridgeport Ala**  
 State **Ala**

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
(Form No. 2)

1. Full name of deceased Russell S. Smith

2. Date of death, year 1908 month Apr day 11 hour 4 P. M.

3. Place of birth of deceased, (state or country) Jackson Co Alabama

4. Sex and color of deceased, white, male

5. Place of death of deceased, county Jackson Co Ala No. 01

6. City or town Bridgport

7. How long did deceased reside at place of death? all his life

8. Where was disease contracted? Bridgport Ala Duration of illness 2 months

9. Chief or principal disease causing death Bronchopneumonia

10. Contributory disease causing death Whooping Cough

11. Did deceased undergo a surgical operation, and if so when and of what nature? no

12. Occupation of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

13. Age of deceased, 4 days of infant

14. Full name of father of deceased Saml R Smith

15. Place of birth of father of deceased, (state or country) Jackson Co Ala

16. Full name of mother of deceased Julia M Smith

17. Place of birth of mother of deceased, (state or country) East Tennessee

18. Place of birth of informant Birmingham

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter S. R. Zurcher  
Place Office Bridgport Ala  
Date of report Apr 15

# Madison County

## Probated Estates

Part 2

Abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

As will happen from time to time, some material was not in the Dwelling Brewer file when it was abstracted for this series. It was discovered later and added to the file. The file, although already carried in the March 2005 issue of *Valley Leaves*, is being carried again in its entirety. Continued here from Vol. 40, March 2006.

### Dwelling Brewer Estate

File 20

A Feby., 1832 statement from John B. Horton for making coffin, \$6.00 and for boarding horse for four weeks, \$5. The bill was paid 20 May 1833.

A bill from Thomas H. Thach & Co. dated in Jan and Feb 1832, for \$146.70, was presented for payment. Purchases included two gal. whiskey, sugar, coffee, curry comb, blue cloth, saddle blanket & padding, silk velvet, 8 skeins silk, set of buttons, hank of thread, pair coarse shoes and nails. The bill was paid 19 Nov 1832.

In this file was a statement as follows: A note made by Anderson Hamer for \$80 dated 15 May 1847, due to Bradford Brewer, Dwelling Brewer and Robert L. Brewer, infant heirs of Dwelling Brewer, decd. This note is credited with \$42.76, the amount coming to Robert L. Brewer, leaving balance of \$37.24 belonging jointly to Bradford and Dwelling Brewer, infants of whom we are the Guardians. 17 March 1848.

Thomas Vann, Guard.  
R. A. Hornbuckle

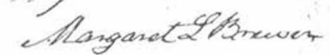
A statement in this file is as follows: The answer of Richard B. Purdom, *guardian pendente lite*, of Julia Brewer, Bradford Brewer, Dwelling Brewer and Robert Brewer, infant children of Dwelling Brewer, decd., to the Petition of Moses Collier, Admr. of all and singular goods and chattels, rights and credits of said Dwelling Sr., for the sale of the tract or

<sup>1</sup> Pending in litigation

parcel of land being the W/1 NE/4 of Sec. 9-6-2E in Madison Co., on which Brewer died seized.

12 April 1832. "This is to certify that I give up the Administration of Dwelling Brewer's Estate to Moses Collier and Rely on him as a suitable person to Settle Said Estate. Given under my hand this Day and Date above written.

/s/ Margaret L. Brewer



[Photocopy of actual signature of Mrs. Brewer.]

**Hiring Out of Slaves** There are three slaves [Janey, Viney and Candis] belonging to this estate that were hired out from 1832 through 1838 to various persons. Their record is as follows:

1832 [for partial year only.]

|        |                   |         |
|--------|-------------------|---------|
| Janey  | Joseph G. Garrett | \$60.00 |
| Viney  | Moses Collier     | 15.00   |
| Candis | Margaret Brewer   | 25.00   |

1833

|        |                   |          |
|--------|-------------------|----------|
| Janey  | Joseph G. Garrett | \$100.00 |
| Viney  | Moses Collier     | 35.00    |
| Candis | Margaret Brewer   | 35.00    |

1834

|        |                 |          |
|--------|-----------------|----------|
| Janey  | Moses Collier   | \$100.00 |
| Viney  | Moses Collier   | 25.00    |
| Candis | Margaret Brewer | 35.00    |

1835

|        |                |          |
|--------|----------------|----------|
| Janey  | John Smith     | \$137.00 |
| Viney  | Moses Collier  | 70.00    |
| Candis | George Russell | 55.00    |

1836

|        |                |          |
|--------|----------------|----------|
| Janey  | John Easley    | \$150.00 |
| Viney  | Moses Collier  | 60.00    |
| Candis | Edward W. Vann | 61.00    |

1837

|        |               |          |
|--------|---------------|----------|
| Janey  | Moses Collier | \$100.00 |
| Viney  | Moses Collier | 35.00    |
| Candis | Lazarus Vann  | 81.00    |

1838

|        |                |          |
|--------|----------------|----------|
| Janey  | Moses Collier  | \$100.00 |
| Viney  | Moses Collier  | 35.00    |
| Candis | George Russell | 85.00    |

Certified 13 May 1839

**Prayer for Distributive Share of Slaves Among Heirs** 19 June 1841

Petitioner: Julia G. Hamer is the daughter of Dwelling Brewer who died in Madison Co., Ala. In 1832 without a will. Brewer left ten slaves and Julia G. Hamer is one of the legal heirs in common with her mother and her brothers, to wit:

Bradford Brewer  
 Dwelling Brewer

Robert Brewer, all of whom are minors under the guardianship of their mother, Margaret Brewer. Petitioner Julia G. Hamer is desirous of having their portions of the Negroes of said estate be allotted to the heirs and prays your Honor that steps be taken to enable heirs to receive their distributive share.

Margaret Brewer, guardian, certified that she had no objection for Anderson Hamer and wife, Julia G. (Brewer)Hamer, his wife, to have their distributive share of the slaves of said estate.

**Petition for Division of Slaves** 8 Feb 1842

It is not necessary to sell any portion of the slaves to pay debts of the estate.

Joel C. Childress, Hubbard H. Fennell, William Green, John Kinnebraugh and William Stone were appointed commissioners to allot off and divide the slaves to Julia G. (Brewer) Hamer.

The commissioners appraised the slaves at \$3,020 and allotted two Negro girls (Viney and Harriet) valued at \$705 leaving \$50 behind in favor of Julia as her distributive share of the slaves. The distribution was made on 9 March 1842 and certified 10 Nov 1842.

**Petition to Sell Slave** dated 14 Nov 1842

Margaret Brewer, guardian of the children of Dwelling Brewer, asks for the sale of a Negro boy named Ned belonging to the children to

defray the debts necessitated by the support of the children.

The court ordered that John Kennebrough, William R. Stone and William D. Hollowell be appointed commissioners to sell said Negro Ned. Certified 2 Dec 1842

An account of the property and amount of assessment of Dwelling Brewer's estate taken 9 May 1832 is as follows:

| Item                             | Amt.    | Purchaser                |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Cow & calf                       | \$6.    | Margaret Brewer          |
| Large pot & hooks                | \$1.    | Margaret Brewer          |
| Horse cart                       | \$8.    | John H. Fennell          |
| Pr. hames & drawing chains       | \$1.25  | "                        |
| Pr. hames & drawing chains, 87½¢ |         | "                        |
| 2 grubbing hoes, \$1.00          |         | "                        |
| 4 weeding hoes \$1.31½           |         | "                        |
| Frow                             | 50¢     | Samuel Hannah            |
| Axe                              | 50¢     | Stanges pd cash          |
| Coalter & 2 point                | 30¢     | I. H. Fennell            |
| 2 pair Singletrees               | 1.14¼   | Moses Collier            |
| 2 iron wedges                    | 75¢     | Moses Collier            |
| 2 planes                         | 75½     | Lemuel Hannah            |
| Pair steelyards                  | 75¢     | "                        |
| Bull tongue & sweeper            | 30½¢    | "                        |
| Shovel                           | 37½¢    | Hubbard Fennell          |
| Auger & chisel                   | 68¾¢    | Ephraim Lemly            |
| 4 chisels & 2 augers             | 65¢     | H. Fennell               |
| Wood rasp & iron square          | 95¢     | H, G, Fennell            |
| 2 wooden gauges, 2 squares       | 50¢     | Isham Bell               |
| Drawing knife                    | 25¢     | Isham Bell               |
| Hammer & gimblet, 37½¢           |         | I. H. Fennell            |
| Box of tools                     | 81¼¢    | "                        |
| Yankee clock                     | 10.00   | Moses Collier            |
| Shot gun                         | 5.00    | Littleberry Stone (cash) |
| Saddle & Bridle                  | 5.12¼   | Lem Hannah               |
| Side saddle                      | \$3.06½ | Margaret Brewer          |
| Loom                             | \$4.    | Moses Collier            |
| Churn and tray                   | 50¢     | Moses Collier            |

Note: The rest of the items were purchased by Margaret Brewer:

| Item                       | Amt.  |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 2 tubs, ½ bushel, & tray   | 1.00  |
| Oven, skillet, pot & hooks | 1.00  |
| Spinning wheel             | 1.00  |
| Cubbard [sic]& contents    | 11.00 |
| Small walnut table         | ..... |
| Bureau & looking glass     | 5.00  |
| Bed, bedstead & furniture  | 10.00 |



|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Bed, bedstead & furniture               | 9.00        |
| 3 trunks                                | 2.00        |
| Poplar table, 7 chairs &<br>Coffee mill | illegible   |
| Shovel, tongs & irons                   | <u>1.00</u> |
|                                         | \$94.00     |

Certified 6 Aug 1832 by Moses Collier.

**Depositions:** 27 Oct 1838. Personally appeared before Johnson Harrison, JP, Isham H. Fennell and John H. Haymer at the store house of Cobb & McKinney. A suit is pending in the County Court to be held in Huntsville on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in November next in a case wherein Dwelling Brewer's admr. is plaintiff and Dwelling Brewer's heirs are defendants. Deponents state as follows: Isham Fennell first sworn says he feels it would be best for the heirs if the land was sold because the improvements are now getting out of repair and the rent is not sufficient to pay the interest. John H. Haymer states he agrees with Fennell.

#### **Division of Slaves Among Heirs.**

George Russell, John Kennebrugh, William K. Stone and Christopher Sears, commissioners appointed to divide slaves, find as follow:

Joseph valued at \$300  
Lina valued at \$250  
Elvira valued at \$200  
Total \$750. Received by Robert L. Brewer

Candis valued at \$250  
Diana valued at \$150  
Virgil valued at \$350  
Total \$725. Received by Bradford Brewer  
Sarah valued at \$462.50  
Francis valued at \$250.00  
Total value \$712.50, Received by Dwelling

Brewer.

Proven before J. W. Ikard, JP., Dec. term 1846 and delivered for recording 11 Jan 1847.

#### **Samuel M. Weaver Guardianship**

File 28

Samuel M. Weaver is the infant child of William W. Weaver, decd. George J. Weaver is his guardian. This file mentions land in Tennessee but no location or description is given in the

Inventory of Property of Samuel M. Weaver dated 7 Nov 1835.

A physician's bill from Tho. Anderson to Matthew Weaver shows a "visit to little Negro boy at Mrs. Weavers," \$2. on 25 Dec 1833 and two further visits on 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; also visits on Feb. 22, 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> to "little Negro boy." Total bill was \$13 but child's name not given.

Negroes hired out for the year 1834: Isaac hired to John Phillips for \$85; girl Martha hired to David Wade, \$55; and Milly and children hired out to "lowest bidder" for \$10; total \$130.

In 1836 the Negroes were hired as follows: Isaac to John Phillips, \$125; Martha to Lewis A. McBride, \$70; and Cloe to Wade Nowlin, \$16 for a total of \$210.

7 Nov 1835 inventory of property and monies belonging to Samuel M. Weaver, infant child of Wm. W. Weaver, decd:

Milley, Negro woman about age 38  
Amandie, child of Milley, about 5  
Jessie, child of Milley, about 3  
Martha, woman about 22  
Cloe, small girl about 10

A small child not named  
\$159.52 due 1 Jan 1836 from Geo. J. Weaver, former guardian

Sums of money due from estate of M. W. Weaver, decd but amount unknown.

"Small quantity of land in Tennessee, number of acres not known."

#### **Wiley<sup>2</sup> Manley Estate**

File 29

John H. Sanderson was appointed admr. 3 Feb 1834.

A note in this file dated 6 Jan 1834 from *Heleane* (X) Manly, witnessed by George W. Manly, declining to administer on her husband's estate. A Petition dated 1 Sept 1848 states "*Galena* Manley, widow and relict of Wiley Manley" and mentions Matilda J. Manley, infant child of Wiley.

<sup>2</sup> Also written Willey

Note: The Inventory and Appraisal and Account of Sales of this estate were found in the probate file of Samuel Manley [File No. 314]

1 March 1829 Appraisal and Sale of Personal Property: "I do Certify that I qualified Joseph Taylor, Parkes Townsend and Thomas McGeehee as *prasers* to the within inventory of the property of the Late Wiley Manley, Deceased, as shone then by his administrator. Given under my hand and *Seele* this 28 day of February 1834."

/s/ R. Sullivan, JP

In addition to the foregoing, John A. Sanderson, Administrator of the estate of Wiley Manley, decd., renders the following memorandum of notes, accounts & etc as an Inventory of the perishable property belonging to the estate of Manley: [The following are open accounts.]

| Name of person owing estate                    | Amt.    |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| William Manley Dated 23 Jan '29, due 1 Mar '29 | \$25.00 |
| Samuel Manley 1 March 1829                     | 14.25   |
| All further due dates are 1 January 1834       |         |
| John Mitchell                                  | 14.94   |
| Charles Bolling                                | 2.00    |
| Calder W. P. Pool <sup>3</sup>                 | 7.00    |
| John Manley                                    | 5.00    |
| J. H. Anderson & W. Manley                     | 9.25    |
| Samuel Coman                                   | 18.00   |
| Samuel Manley                                  | 16.00   |
| Alexander Jeffreys                             | 10.50   |
| Samuel Lowery                                  | 10.50   |
| Joseph Whitaker                                | 3.00    |
| Abner Tate                                     | 1.75    |
| William Cottrell                               | 9.25    |
| Patrick McDavid                                | 2.00    |
| Joseph Taylor                                  | 9.00    |
| Andrew Coman                                   | 4.62½   |
| David Herron                                   | 36.00   |
| Daniel Hamer                                   | .35     |
| James Moon                                     | 6.00    |

Certified 7 March 1834. Signed by John H. Sanderson by his mark

The Sale of Perishable Property was certified 26 July 1834 and showed proceeds totaling

<sup>3</sup> This last name is Pettipool

\$78.18. Buyers were *Delena*<sup>4</sup> Manley, G. W. Manley, J. Reeves, Samuel Conner and Harry J. Sanderson. *Delena* was the largest purchaser. Items sold included draw knives, saws, chisels, chains, etc., indicating *Wylie* was a woodcutter.

"A List of *Wiley* Manley's Property Appraised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1834."

|                                                  |         |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| One lot of 14 planes at                          | \$10.00 |
| 6 hammers [hammers?] at                          | 2.00    |
| Turning lathe and tools at                       | 15.00   |
| Broad axes and 1 lot of tools at                 | 5.00    |
| 5 hand saws at                                   | 5.00    |
| 15 chisels and 8 gouges at                       | 6.00    |
| One set of brace and bits                        | 2.00    |
| 4 gimlets & 4 [?] all [awl?] &                   |         |
| Three squares at                                 | 1.50    |
| 7 augers, one foot adds [adz] and                |         |
| Three drawing knives                             | 7.00    |
| One lot of files, gauges, patrons                |         |
| [paterns?] & etc.                                | 3.00    |
| Six iron bands and one lot of Bucks <sup>5</sup> |         |
| And one bow saw, one chisel                      | 3.50    |
| A frowe, iron wedge & an iron rod                | 1.75    |
| Crosscutt saw and two wagon hubs                 | 10.00   |
| Grindstone, 2 screws, 2 squares &                |         |
| 2 owil stones                                    | 6.00    |
| 250 wagon fellows <sup>6</sup> , 1 sith & cradle | 7.50    |
| Cradle, sugar table, 6 chairs, 1 chest           | 7.50    |
| 3 water pales, 1 can, 1 knife box, 1 jug,        |         |
| one lot of ware                                  | 6.00    |
| 1 bed & bedstead and furniture                   | 15.00   |
| 1 set fire irons, shovel, spade and              |         |
| one pot rack                                     | 4.00    |
| Clock reel, hows [?], bee hive, one              |         |
| lot of cherry planks                             | 3.00    |
| Loom, oven, 2 pots, pair drawing                 |         |
| Chairs, one long pot                             | 8.00    |
| One lot of scantling & one lot of                |         |
| books and razors                                 | 7.00    |
| One small yearling                               | 2.00    |

Signed by Jos. Tayler, Parkes Townsend and Thos. G. Mc.[illegible].

<sup>4</sup> This name was written Heleane, Galena and *Delena*, *Delmina*, *Delma* and *Dellina*. The actual name is unknown to me.

<sup>5</sup> Saw horse

<sup>6</sup> Also fellow: the outer rim or segment of the rim of a wheel supported by the spokes.

**Sale of Estate** dated 26 July 1834

| Buyer                | Item                 | Amt.    |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Connor, Samuel       | draw knife           | .50     |
| Connor, Samuel       | draw knife           | .87     |
| Connor, Samuel       | froe                 | .25     |
| Connor, Samuel       | pair chains          | .75     |
| Manley, Delena       | calf                 | .50     |
| Manley, Delena       | hoe                  | .50     |
| Manley, Delina       | 2 saws               | .75     |
| Manley, Dellina      | 1 lot cherry plank   | .25     |
| Manley, Dellina      | loom                 | .50     |
| Manley, Dellina      | one B & H            | .50     |
| Manley, Dellina      | pot and oven         | .25     |
| Manley, Delma        | chairs               | .50     |
| Manley, Delma        | chest                | .50     |
| Manley, Delma        | cradle               | .25     |
| Manley, Delma        | one lot of dog irons | .25     |
| Manley, Delma        | piggin, ...illegible | .50     |
| Manley, Delma        | table                | .25     |
| Manley, Delmina      | draw knife           | .50     |
| Manley, Delmina      | knife                | .50     |
| Manley, G. W.        | augers               | .62     |
| Manley, G. W.        | bench screw          | .25     |
| Manley, G. W.        | Cr. Saw              | 6.50    |
| Manley, G. W.        | draw knife           | .50     |
| Manley, G. W.        | foot adz             | 1.00    |
| Manley, G. W.        | hand saw             | 1.00    |
| Manley, G. W.        | knife                | .50     |
| Manley, G. W.        | one lot whetstones   | .63     |
| Manley, G. W.        | saw horse            | .62     |
| Manley, G. W.        | set chisels          | 1.00    |
| Manley, Huchinson    | whip                 | .50     |
| Reeves, J.           | scythe               | 3.12    |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | 5 planes             | 2.00    |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | files                | .25     |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | gagues & patterns    | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | hammers              | 1.37    |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | one lot of buckles   | .25     |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | set gimblets         | .50     |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | set of chisels       | 2.75    |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | set squares          | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, H. J.     | tin saw [?]          | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, Harvey J. | broad axe            | 3.00    |
| Sanderson, Harvey J. | chop axe             | 1.50    |
| Sanderson, Harvey J. | set of planes        | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, Harvey J. | set of planes        | 2.00    |
| Sanderson, Harvey J. | sythe, tools         | \$10.00 |
| Sanderson, Harvey J. | tan saw [?]          | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, Harvey J. | wedge                | .62½    |
| Sanderson, J. H.     | 1 lot bandog [?]     | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, J. H.     | lbrace and 2 bits    | 1.37    |

|                  |                   |         |
|------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Sanderson, J. H. | 2 hubs            | .50     |
| Sanderson, J. H. | augers            | 1.62    |
| Sanderson, J. H. | axe and handle    | .37     |
| Sanderson, J. H. | bench screw       | .62     |
| Sanderson, J. H. | bench             | 2.50    |
| Sanderson, J. H. | grind stone       | 1.50    |
| Sanderson, J. H. | one lot of timber | 4.50    |
| Sanderson, J. H. | one tongue        | .50     |
| Sanderson, J. H. | scantling         | 2.00    |
| Sanderson, J. H. | Seart [?] & bed   | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, J. H. | set of hammers    | 1.00    |
| Sanderson, J. H. | spade             | .75     |
|                  | Total             | \$78.18 |

Bill and receipt to Willey Manley dated 27 Dec. 1833: Making one coffin, \$10.00. Paid 28 March 1834 .

1 Sept 1848. **Order.**

On 24 Aug 1835, Galena Manley, widow and relict of Wiley Manley, decd., and Matilda J. Manley, infant child of Wiley Manley, decd., obtained a judgment against Samuel Conner, administrator of John H. Sanderson who was the administrator of Wiley Manley until Sanderson's death. The judgment was for the sum of \$61.35 plus costs. Richard B. Purdom, guardian *pen lite* of said Matilda J. Manley is to recover of Samuel Conner said \$61.35 plus costs which sum has never been paid.

It appears to the Court that no execution was ever issued on said decree against Samuel Conner, admr., and that Galena Manley and Matilda J. Manley, by their attorney in fact, Henry R. Beaver [?], obtain a summons against Samuel Conner to be and appear in court to show cause, if any he has, why said decree shall not be revived against him as admr., in favor of plaintiffs and why hw should not pay them the said \$61.35 plus costs.

**John Clark Estate**

File 30

[Also see File No. 141 the Guardianship file of Richard C. Clark, a lunatic.]

The will of John Clark is dated 15 Feb 1830. He gives to Mildred Ann Mygal the slave he gave her at her marriage. He gave to Benjamin W. Clark the notes paid for him "now in my

possession." The balance of the property [not listed] to be divided between John J. Clark and Richard Clark but John J. and Richard are "never to let their brother Benjamin suffer for the comforts of life." No wife is mentioned.

### **Uriah Bass [Jr.] Guardianship**

File 31

This Uriah was the son of Uriah Sr., decd. Uriah Sr. was a Revolutionary Soldier.

Nothing in file

### **Hopkins Lacy Estate**

File 32

Theophilus Lacy was appointed admr. on 25 Feb 1831.

Statement dated 1830 for \$8 from James Hue[?] to James W. Hill for Hopkins Lacy stated: "Mahogany coffin. Recd. payment by Theo. Lacy 1 Jan 1833, Admr. of Hopkins Lacy, decd."

There were several statement in this file for items for Miss Martha Lacy [no relationship to Hopkins Lacy given.]

A statement dated 23 Feb 1833 from George Cox Jr. stated: "Please pay Geo. Cox Jr. \$5 tuition of Miss [Martha J.] Lacy in vocal music." A receipt for \$30.12 is in the file and is in full of an execution in the name of William Thrasher and wife against Theophilus Lacy, Admr. of Hopkins Lacy, decd.

A medical statement from Drs. Fearn, Erskine & Fearn, dated from 5 Sept 1828 through 18 Sept 1830 reflected a visit & prescription for step son, \$7 and "bark & pulv." for step son, \$1.50 on 5 Sept 1828. Other calls included a visit, prescription & "pulv. Rhie & etc." for step son, \$8 on 7 Sept 1828; "Pres & pulv., Feb: No. 10 -\$1.50" and also a visit and prescription for Simpson on 24 Oct 1828; on Dec. 13 is a prescription and medicine for gonorrhoea for a Negro man, \$10. and another \$10 charge on 10 May 1830 for same. In 1830 there are three interesting charges: on 17 July a "visit, pers & Bark for self [Hopkins Lacy, Sr.] \$7.50; on Sept 18 an examination, pres. & medicine for a Negro girl \$2. and on the same day "opium, campf. & etc. for Negro girl", \$1.

Another medical statement from Drs. Fearn, Erskine & Fearn dated 15 Sept 1832 for services from 9 Dec 1830 through Sept 1832. Digitalis

was prescribed [Patient not named.] Attested to by Alexander Erskine before William Baker, JP

Note: Orphans Court Minute Book 4, pp 481-482, states Hopkins Lacy died without a will and left no widow. Theophilus Lacy Sr. is the only surviving brother and he relinquishes his right to administer in favor of Theophilus Lacy Jr. who gave \$15,000 bond with George McLeod and Solomon Spencer his securities.

### **Charles E. Ruggles Estate**

File 33

Note: This name is Charles E. throughout the file except on the coffin statement and it is listed as G.

John G. Bassett was appointed administrator on 10 March 1834. Robert J. Manning and Benjamin Laws became his securities.

A bill for the coffin from John Ogden, dated 19 Oct 1833, was addressed to John G. Bassett, admr. It showed he purchased a coffin for Charles "G" Ruggles, decd. for \$28.

Final settlement was made by Bassett. It showed a balance due heirs after expenses were paid was \$427.50 on 31 Nov 1835. Heirs were:

1. George D. Ruggles
2. Samuel K. Ruggles
3. Marcellus D. Ruggles
4. Elizabeth A. Ruggles
5. Stephen M. Ruggles

All are of Lewis County, New York.

### **Nimrod B. Frost Guardianship**

File 34

This file contains an abbreviated record of the guardianship of Ebenezer Frost, guardian of his son, Nimrod B. Frost. Ebenezer Frost expended \$72.87 leaving balance due Nimrod of \$591.13. The final settlement was dated 1 Dec 1833. There was nothing else in file.

### **Michael F. Farley Estate**

File 35

[also see file No's 398 & 595]

Petition for Land Title (undated). Benjamin Bledsoe states that on 4 March 1821 Michael Farley "then also of" Madison County, Ala. Sold Bledsoe 80 acres in the E/2 of the NW/4 of Sec. 15-4-2W but he has not yet received title to same. In the year 183\_[?] Michael Farley died

without a will. On 30 Jan 1832 the Orphans Court granted Bledsoe and Henry R. Farley Letters of Administration on Michael Farley's estate but Bledsoe resigned in 1838. Bledsoe now prays for title of said land.

A Petition for Division of Real Estate and Slaves, dated 11 Nov 1833, states that Michael F. Farley died owning eight slaves:

1. Amey
2. Anderson
3. Comadore
4. David/Davey
5. John
6. Liecy/Lucy [does not show up in later list]
7. Patrick
8. Rachael

and the following land:

- W/2 NW/4 of Sec. 15-4-2W
- E/2 SW/4 Sec. 11-4-2W
- S/2 W/2 SW/4 Sec. 11-4-2W
- S/2 NW/4 Sec. 11-4-2W
- S/2 SE/4 Sec. 10-4-2W

Heirs are:

1. Dealeyan Lylea [Delia Ann Farley m. Wm. Lyles 23 May 1825 (MB 3)]
2. Henry R. Farley
3. Edwin S. Farley [also written Edward]
4. Michael Felix Farley
5. Sarah C. Farley
6. William P. Farley
7. James Wesley Farley [m. Frances Ann Crutcher 9 Feb 1853 (MB 4A)]
8. Albert Farley

Guardianship. 8 Dec 1835. "Henry R. Farley, former guardian of Michael F. Farley, infant child of Michael Farley, decd." . . . Henry R. Farley resigned his guardianship. Edward S. Farley became guardian.

Undated Petition for Division of Slaves. The petition was signed as follows (B. E. J. Bledsoe, Admr.):

- Henry R. Farley and Edwin S. Farley by Henry R. Farley, their guardian.
- Michael F. Farley and William H. Lyles.
- Sarah C. Farley, William P. Farley, James Wesley Farley and Albert Farley by Sarah Farley, their guardian.

Sarah Farley, by her mark, for herself as widow.

### James Smiley Petition

File 36

Petition to Establish Grist Mill. August 1835. James Smiley petitions to establish a "public water grist mill on the stream known as Cloud Town Spring in Madison County where Owen J. Dodson formerly built a saw mill about one-half mile nearly east of north from Vienna [New Hope] on his own land, namely [that] purchased from Robert Owen and wife which is bordered on the north by the land of Thomas Vann, on the east by lands of Sarah Walls, on the south by the lands of Edward Vann, and on the west by lands of George Russell."

James Smiley owns land on both sides of the stream. Commissioners appointed to assess possible damage to neighbors were:

- Johnson Harrison James Taylor
- Christopher Searcy Samuel M. Newton
- Hopkins O. Bu\_\_ [?] Daniel Ledbetter

Commissioners reported in Sept. 1835 that it is practical to erect said mill and that the property of no other person would be affected; apparently a suit resulted involving Thomas Vann. No other information.

### Isaac Thornton Estate

File 37

Last Will & Testament dated 25 August 1835  
Probated: 11 Jan 1836

Recorded: 11 Feb 1836. Proven by all witnesses I, Isaac Thornton, "being weake in Body though Sound in mind, do make this my" last will & testament, viz:

"My executor hereinafter named may take my present crop of cotton to pay my debts if there should not be sufficient.<sup>7</sup>

Appoints beloved wife, Jemima Thornton, and my friend Benjamin Eller<sup>8</sup> executrix and

<sup>7</sup> Meaning if cash resources on hand were insufficient to pay the debts.

<sup>8</sup> Though clearly written "Eller" this is Benjamin Ellis who lived in Thornton's neighborhood. Also, the name is written Ellis elsewhere in file.

executor respectively.” Signed by Isaac Thornton.  
 Witness: Bennett Boggess, Elias Wellborn, and Randolph Sullivan.

Inventory & appraisement of property belonging to estate of Isaac Thornton done on 11 Feb 1836:

|                                                                          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Man, Absalom, aged 20 -                                                  | \$800.00 |
| Man, Hendrick, aged 20                                                   | 800.00   |
| Woman, Silvey, aged 30                                                   | 550.00   |
| Boy, Jo, aged 14                                                         | 550.00   |
| Boy, Stephen, aged 12                                                    | 500.00   |
| Girl, Ann, aged 9                                                        | 300.00   |
| Two Negroes, Jack & Charles                                              | 300.00   |
| One child, Luce [?]                                                      | 100.00   |
| Woman, Tilda, aged 16                                                    | 550.00   |
| Child, Nancy, aged 15 months                                             | 100.00   |
| Woman, Charity, aged 50,                                                 | 100.00   |
| Gray mare                                                                | 60.00    |
| Sorrel mare                                                              | 125.00   |
| Sorrel mare                                                              | 55.00    |
| Sorrel mare                                                              | 30.00    |
| Gray colt                                                                | 120.00   |
| Sorrel colt                                                              | 15.00    |
| Four cows & calves                                                       | 126.00   |
| Pied cow and 4 yearlings                                                 | 20.00    |
| One lot of hogs consisting of 33 head                                    | 50.00    |
| Three head of sheep                                                      | 5.00     |
| Set of blacksmith tools                                                  | \$40.00  |
| Wagon                                                                    | 40.00    |
| Farming utensils                                                         | 25.00    |
| “Sadle and Cross cut saw”                                                | 11.00    |
| China press and contents                                                 | 75.00    |
| Stone ware <sup>9</sup>                                                  | 5.00     |
| Bed and furniture                                                        | 20.00    |
| Sugar chest, 2 trunks, lot of spun cotton                                | 8.00     |
| Bed and furniture                                                        | 35.00    |
| Fine dressing table                                                      | 15.00    |
| 15 chairs, one table, one water <sup>10</sup> and One looking glass      | 5.00     |
| Set of “and irons,” two flat irons, one Shovel and triblet <sup>11</sup> | 4.00     |
| Bed and furniture                                                        | 33.33⅓   |

<sup>9</sup> Written “stone wear”

<sup>10</sup> Probably should be waiter

<sup>11</sup> A goldsmith’s tool used for making rings, also a steel cylinder around which metal is bent in the process of forming tubes. [Noah Webster, *American Dictionary of the English Language*, G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, Mass; 1869]

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bed and furniture                            | 33.33⅓    |
| Bed and furniture                            | 33.33⅓    |
| Two sidesaddles and sundries                 | 30.00     |
| One log of bacon and lard                    | 150.00    |
| One loom and citchen <sup>12</sup> furniture | 122.00    |
| 65 barrels of corn                           | 161.80    |
| Two stacks of oats, 5 stacks of fodder       | 30.00     |
| Total                                        | \$6132.80 |

### Henry Brown Estate

File 38

This file is empty, unfortunately. The following abstract of Henry Brown’s last will & testament is copied here from Dr. Ezell Terry’s work as published in *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 9, No. 4, page 177. It was abstracted from the copy in Probate Record 7, page 293:

Will dated 10 Aug 1831

Probated 11 Jan 1836

Lend to wife Nancy Brown all estate for the comfortable support of herself and those of my children unmarried. After her death, estate to be divided into eleven equal parts, one part each to (1) Permela Eubanks, (2) Betsy Brown, (3) Sophia Adams, (4) Eliza Payne, (5) Henry L. Brown, (6) Polly W. Brown, (7) Juliana Brown, (8) son-in-law Robert Payne for benefit of my dau. Matilda Foote (wife of Philip A. Foote), (9) in trust to executors for three grandchildren John Hood, James Hood and Mary Hood, children of my daughter, Nancy Ellis Hood, (10) to the executors for the use of daughter Mariah T. Boyce and her children (wife of Mayberry A. Boyce) and (11) son John P. Brown.

Appoints executors: Robert Payne, Henry L. Brown and William K. Adams.

Witnesses: William Watkins, LeRoy P. Brown J. Wiggins, and Charles Word.

### Joel Rice Estate

File 39

Will dated 25 Aug 1835

Probated 11 Jan 1836

After payment of debts, all property (personal and real) is to be divided among children with the following provisions:

<sup>12</sup> Should be written Kitchen

1. Green P. Rice's and Joel L. Rice's portions to be given to Elisha H. Rice to be held, kept and managed by him for their use and benefit and at their deaths it is to go to their children.

2. Agathy Scott's portion to be given to William H. Powers, to be held, kept and managed by him for her benefit and at her death, should she die with an heir, property to go to her heirs.

The Negro girl given to Tuliola Powers and the Negro girl given to Elizabeth Green to be considered as part of their share of the estate.

Appointed Elisha H. Rice and William H. Powers his executors. Witnesses were W. D. Hollowell, Joseph Pickens, and R. H. McCravey. Income from the estate was \$1769.75; bills paid amounted to \$1051.54 leaving a balance of \$618.21 in the hands of executor. By provisions in the will, widow Jemima is entitled to the whole of his property, real and personal.

A list of heirs dated July 1846:

1. Green P. Rice
2. Elisha H. Rice
3. William M. Rice
4. George W. Rice
5. Andrew J. Rice
6. Tuliola Powers, wife of William H. Powers
7. Agathy Scott, wife of Jesse G. Scott
8. Elizabeth Green [Cornelia R. Rice m. Allen Green 14 Mar 1822 (MB 3)]

Note: Elizabeth was listed in the Decree of Final Settlement as Elizabeth Williams, wife of Charles F. Williams and grand daughter of Joel Rice. [Elizabeth J. Williams m. Charles F. Williams 9 Oct 1844 (MB 4A)].

A note and receipt in the file, dated 7 Aug 1845, from George W. Rice give the admr. permission to sell two slaves (part of his share of Joel Rice's estate) and the receipt showing he received his proportional share. George W. Rice was then living in Charleston, Tallahatchie County, Miss.

There is a bill in the file from D. & G. Wharton to Joel Rice for medical services rendered. The statement covers visits and medicines from 13 Dec 1832 [presumably at beginning of his illness] to 18 June 1833 [presumably when he died] which date is also the date of his will. The bill was submitted for payment 1 Feb 1834.

A statement in file was from Edward Layne dated in 1833 [no month or day given] for \$8 to make one coffin for Joel Rice.

A receipt in the file shows William M. Rice as overseer of the Joel Rice plantation with pay of \$10 per month.

Sales of perishable estate, purchaser and amount:

| Name             | Item                     | Amt.   |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Allison, John    | Bible & misc. books      | 1.00   |
| Allison, John    | blowing horn             | .25    |
| Allison, John    | corded counterpane       | 1.50   |
| Allison, John    | mattock <sup>13</sup>    | .81½   |
| Allison, John    | pot rack                 | 1.00   |
| Allison, John    | set shaving tools & hone | 1.43¾  |
| Allison, John    | Sythe & cradles          | 3.25   |
| Allison, Thomas  | 1 vol. misc. books       | .25    |
| Allison, Thomas  | pair candle sticks       | 1.62½  |
| Allison, Thomas  | slay [sleigh?]           | .25    |
| Allison, Thos.   | 9 geese                  | 2.61   |
| Aniam, Bendal S. | 2 head hogs              | 7.25   |
| Anian, B. S.     | small oven               | .87½   |
| Anian, Bendal T. | bee stand                | 1.75   |
| Anian, Bendal T. | hand saw                 | .13½   |
| Anian, Bendal T. | steel trap               | 1.75   |
| Anian, Bendal T. | whip, raw                | 3.00   |
| Blevins, John    | bag of pears             | 2.50   |
| Brazelton, Henry | one falling leaf table   | 7.00   |
| Brazelton, Henry | pr. Half round tables    | \$6.75 |
| Brazelton, Henry | white work steer         | 14.00  |
| Cash             | 2 wedges                 | .62½   |
| Cash             | bell                     | .12½   |
| Clinton, Peter   | bee stand                | .28½   |
| Clinton, Peter   | cotton wheel             | .50    |
| Clinton, Peter   | foot adje [adge?]        | 1.00   |
| Clinton, Peter   | one lot of salt          | .87½   |
| Cobb, Bryant     | 2 bed steads             | 1.25   |
| Cobb, Bryant     | cupboard                 | 4.00   |
| Collier, Green   | 3 augers & gimblet       | .13½   |
| Collier, Green   | 5 plates                 | .44    |
| Collier, Green   | 6 plates                 | .62½   |
| Collier, Green   | dinner pot               | 1.00   |
| Collier, Green   | dishes                   | 1.12½  |
| Collier, Green   | dressing glass           | 1.31¾  |
| Collier, Green   | kettle & hooks           | 3.25   |

<sup>13</sup> A kind of pick ax, having the iron ends broad instead of pointed

|                   |                                  |        |                               |                           |       |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Collier, Green    | one bee stand                    | 2.00   | Grayson, John C.              | 10 head hogs              | 18.75 |
| Collier, Green    | one lot of knives and forks      | 1.68¾  | Grayson, John C.              | 20 head hogs              | 22.25 |
| Collier, Isham    | 350 bundles fodder               | 2.18¾  | Grayson, John C.              | 5 bushels wheat @ 75¢     | 3.75  |
| Collier, Isham    | desk & book case                 | 5.00   | Grayson, John C.              | pair sheep shears         | .31¼  |
| Collier, Isham    | wash basin                       | .18¾   | Grayson, John C.              | pie'd heifer              | 7.25  |
| Collier, Jonathan | 15 head hogs                     | 30.00  | Grayson, John X.              | dunn yearling             | 3.00  |
| Connally, G. B.   | hoe                              | .31¼   | Green, John                   | heifer                    | 2.50  |
| Connally, G. B.   | pair gears                       | 1.50   | Green, John                   | heifer                    | 7.12½ |
| Connelly, G. B.   | churn                            | .25    | Green, John                   | one lot of tools          | .50   |
| Connelly, John    | black mare                       | 11.18½ | Green, John                   | plow                      | 1.50  |
| Cromer, Wm.       | fodder                           | 44.50  | Green, John                   | steer                     | 3.25  |
| Cromer, Wm.       | roan colt                        | 16.25  | Harless, Daniel <sup>15</sup> | two old trunks            | .25   |
| Culp, John        | 8 chairs                         | .75    | Hinds, Levi                   | 5 tumblers                | .94   |
| Debow, Stephen    | cream & salt stand               | .87½   | Hines, Levi                   | 2 glass pictures          | 1.31¼ |
| Debow, Stephen    | demijohn                         | 1.50   | Holmes, Elizabeth             | pair swifts <sup>16</sup> | .68¾  |
| Debow, Stephen    | glass butter plates              | 1.12½  | Holmes, Elizabeth             | one hackle <sup>17</sup>  | 2.12½ |
| Debow, Stephen    | preserve dish                    | .37½   | Holmes, John                  | 4 head sheep              | 6.00  |
| Debow, Stephen    | sugar bowl                       | 1.12½  | Huggins, Benj.                | One lot old hoes & etc    | 2.00  |
| Debow, Stephen    | yoke oxen                        | 27.50  | Huggins, Benj.                | Pair gears                | 1.31¼ |
| Dixon, John H.    | 306 bundles fodder               | 1.92   | Hunter, D. K.                 | 21 head hogs              | 25.00 |
| Dixon, John H.    | pair saddle bags                 | 2.12½  | Jenkins, John                 | "stand curtains"          | 2.50  |
| Drake, Elijah     | flax wheel                       | .75    | Jenkins, John                 | coopers adje              | .18¾  |
| Drake, Elijah     | sorrell horse                    | 50.00  | Jenkins, William              | loom                      | 3.62½ |
| Drake, John C.    | 2 bed steads                     | 2.00   | Lane, Edward                  | three stone jars          | 1.00  |
| Drake, John C.    | bed                              | 14.00  | Layne, Ed                     | churn                     | .50   |
| Drake, John C.    | bolster & 2 pillows              | 1.25   | Layne, Ed                     | cups & saucers            | .25   |
| Drake, John c.    | check reel                       | .75    | Layne, Ed                     | pair waffle irons         | .87½  |
| Drake, John C.    | corded counterpane               | .33½   | Layne, Ed                     | pot rack                  | 1.25  |
| Drake, John C.    | corded counterpane <sup>14</sup> | 2.00   | Medlin, D.                    | a lot of gears            | 1.00  |
| Drake, John C.    | cotton wheel                     | .23½   | Medlin, R.                    | grindstone                | .31¼  |
| Drake, John C.    | thermometer                      | 1.25   | Medlin, R.                    | one lot of irons          | .75   |
| Ed Layne          | 2 pair hooks                     | .37½   | Medlin, Richard               | 5 bottles                 | .75   |
| Ewing, Stephen S  | log chain                        | 3.00   | Middleton, John               | jug and pitcher           | .68¾  |
| Ewing, Stephen S  | plow                             | .28½   | Middleton, Joseph             | 2 pair singletrees        | 1.00  |
| Ewing, Stephen S  | plow                             | 2.75   | Moon, N.                      | scraper                   | .50   |
| Ewing, Stephen S  | four pair harness                | .50    | Moreland, Nelly               | trunk                     | .18½  |
| Ewing, Stephen S  | one bee stand                    | .28½   | Pickens, Jos.                 | American biography        | 1.62½ |
| Ewing, Stephen S  | one broad axe                    | 1.62½  | Pickens, Joseph               | 3 vols. misc. books       | .44   |
| Fleming, Wm.      | 110 bbl corn @1.75               | 192.50 | Pickens, Joseph               | large oven                | 2.12½ |
| Fleming, Wm.      | 1517 bundles fodder              | 10.42  | Pickens, Joseph               | pair gears                | 1.12½ |
| Fleming, Wm.      | 80 bbl. Corn @1.87½              | 150.00 | Pickens, Joseph               | warping bars              | .12½  |
| Fleming, Wm.      | gray horse                       | 77.50  | Pickens, Joseph               | water stand               | .37½  |
| Fleming, Wm.      | one lot of oats @75¢             | 3.44   | Poor, Jas. H.                 | bay mare                  | 29.25 |
| Flippon, Wm. F.   | shovel plow                      | .50    | Powers, W. H.                 | family Bible              | 6.75  |
| Glover, S. M.     | 2 oxen yoke irons                | .13½   | Powers, W. H.                 | pair medicine scales      | .37½  |
| Gormley, Wm.      | 2 bolsters                       | 1.00   |                               |                           |       |
| Gormley, Wm.      | bed                              | 13.00  |                               |                           |       |
| Gormley, Wm.      | bed                              | 14.50  |                               |                           |       |
| Grayson, John C   | brindle steer                    | 3.00   |                               |                           |       |

<sup>14</sup> bedspread

<sup>15</sup> This may be *David* Harless

<sup>16</sup> A reel or turning instrument for winding yarn & thread

<sup>17</sup> An instrument with teeth for separating the coarse part of flax or hemp from the fine. A hatchel.



|                              |                        |           |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Rice, E. H.                  | pencil case            | 1.00      |
| Rice, E. H.                  | brass skillet          | 2.00      |
| Rice, G. M.                  | set silver spoons      | 8.00      |
| Rice, G. M.                  | ten tea spoons         | 3.50      |
| Rice, George M.              | 39 vol. of classics    | 5.46      |
| Rice, Wm. M.                 | black mare             | 46.50     |
| Russell, George              | 11 bushels wheat       | 8.25      |
| Scott, J. G.                 | bag of apples          | .62½      |
| Scott, J. G.                 | bag of apples          | 1.37½     |
| Scott, J. G.                 | bag peaches & apples   | .50       |
| Scott, Jesse G.              | one tea board          | .37½      |
| Scott, Jesse G.              | coverlet               | 3.62½     |
| Scott, Jesse G.              | coverlet               | 3.75      |
| Scott, Jesse G.              | pair candle sticks     | .12½      |
| Scott, Jesse G.              | two Bibles             | .50       |
| Scrimshaw <sup>18</sup> , Wm | black cow              | 8.25      |
| Sewell, George               | woman's old saddle     | .13½      |
| Sexton, Alex                 | 3 sheets               | 1.68¾     |
| Sexton, Alex                 | bed quilt              | 2.00      |
| Sexton, Alex                 | bed, pillow & bolsters | 9.50      |
| Sexton, Alex                 | bedstead and mat       | 1.46      |
| Sexton, Alex                 | corded counterpane     | 1.62½     |
| Sexton, James                | sow and pigs           | 2.50      |
| Simms, Wm.                   | no horned heifer       | 2.06½     |
| Skelton, Robert              | sorrel colt            | 31.37½    |
| Skelton, Robt.               | Pair of gears          | 1.50      |
| Smith, Solomon               | cross cut saw          | .50       |
| Tiller, George               | cow                    | 14.50     |
| Tiller, George               | shot gun               | 8.50      |
| Vance, James                 | one slate              | .12½      |
| Vann, Dempsey                | old waggon             | 42.00     |
| Vann, E. H.                  | feed trough            | .81¼      |
| Vann, E. H.                  | four slays             | .81¼      |
| Vann, E. H.                  | one slay               | .68¼      |
| Vann, Thomas                 | 3 vols. misc. books    | .31¼      |
| Vann, Thomas                 | one lot old irons      | .75       |
| Vann, Thomas                 | one old chart          | .50       |
| Vann, Thomas                 | one saddle, two whips  | 6.00      |
| Walls, Joseph                | 2 pair singletrees     | .75       |
| Wright, Robert               | one lot of iron        | .50       |
| Wright, William              | 11 head hogs           | 27.00     |
|                              | Total sales            | \$1210.91 |

Division of Personal Property: 22 Oct 1833

A valuation of \$5,045 has been put on 18 Negroes. Divided into nine shares \$560.55 will go to each heir and is divided as follows:

- (1) William H. Powers: Mariah and Elizabeth

<sup>18</sup> This should be written Scrimsher

(2) Elizabeth Green (minor): Louisa and King and she is to pay estate \$74.45

(3) Green P. Rice: Sam, Winney & child and Green is to pay estate \$49.45.

(4) Andrew J. Rice (minor): Edy and child; estate owes Andrew \$60.55.

(5) William M. Rice: Hiram; William M. is to pay estate \$9.45

(6) George H. Rice: Edmund; George H. to pay estate \$9.45

(7) Jesse G. Scott: Caledonia and Polly; estate owed Jesse G. Scott \$10.55

(8) Joel L. Rice: Green and Mandy; estate owes Joel L. \$10.55

(9) Elisha H. Rice: Jackson, Abner & Alexander; estate owes Elisha \$25.55.

Petition for Sale of Land & Division of Slaves: (No date given).

Heirs are: P. Rice, Joel L. Rice, Elisha H. Rice, William M. Rice, George W. L. M. Rice, William H. Powers in right of his wife, Tuliola, formerly Tuliola Rice, Jesse G. Scott in right of his wife Agatha P., formerly Agatha P. Rice, and Andrew J. Rice by his guardian Georg W. L. Rice, and Elizabeth Green (sole heir of Cornelia Green, decd., one of the daughters of Joel Rice, decd) by her guardian William H. Powers.

On 18 June 1833 Joel Rice made his will which was admitted to probate 30 July 1833. The will directed that his estate should be divided equally among his legatees. At his death he owned:

1. SE/4 Sec. 24-4-1E
  2. SE/4 Sec. 19-4-2E
  3. SW/4 Sec. 19-4-2E in Madison Co., Ala. except about 4 acres sold by Joel Rice and wife, during his lifetime, to Green Collier by deed dated 19 April 1828.
  4. Seventeen slaves
  5. Some perishable property exclusive of slaves.
- The perishable property will be sufficient to pay debts of the estate without selling slaves.

The land can not be advantageously divided among heirs, therefore, they ask that land be sold and to divide proceeds among heirs.

Sale of Real Estate. 2 Sept 1835

On 2 Dec 1833, at the door of the court house the land of this estate was sold at public auction on a note of one and two years, viz half the purchase money payable 12 months after sale and the other half two years after date of sale: SE/4 Sec. 24-4-1E

and the SE/4 and SW/4 of Sec. 19-4-2E except that portion of the SW.4 of Sec. 19-4-2E conveyed by said Joel Rice, in his lifetime, say 19 April 1818, to Green Collier, including the house and improvements and containing 4 acres more or less.

John Blevins became the purchaser of said land for the sum of \$3,050.

Petition for Sale of Slaves dated 15 Sept 1844

On or about 9 June 1833 Joel Rice died leaving heirs [listed above]. By his will, he left Joel L. Rice a distributive share, in trust, to Elisha H. Rice for the benefit of the said Joel L. Rice, one of the heirs. On

or about 13 June 1843 said Joel L. Rice died without heirs at law. Consequently, the property left to him reverts back to the estate.

Equal distribution among heirs can not be made without a sale of property and, therefore, prays for a sale of the following Negroes:

(1) Green about age 22 years

(2) Amanda about 18 years

For purpose of division and paying the debts of decedent.

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## Madison County Deaths

**Died.** Just as the stars paled ... Mrs. Mary F. Dickson died ... fond wife, an affectionate mother ... funeral from residence on Lincoln Street ... [*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, August 31, 1887.]

**Died.** Moses A. Miller is no more ... Mr. Miller was a native of Rock Bridge County, Virginia. He came to Huntsville in 1857, and being pleased with his prospects, determined to locate here and in two years returned to Virginia and married, since then has lived in Huntsville. ... kind father and affectionate husband. He was sixty years of age last June ... He was the father of five children, two of whom are married. His is the only death that has occurred in his family. [*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, July 20, 1887.]

**Died.** Died at the residence of Dr. J. R. Slaughter, seven miles west of the city [of Huntsville] at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, Mary L. Slaton, grand daughter of Dr. Slaughter ... interment in the city cemetery. [*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, Aug. 24, 1887.]

Note: Her tombstone in Maple Hill Cem says only: "Mary L. Slaton. Aug. 1887."]

**Died.** With sorrow we announce the death of young Mr. Ed. Watkins, son of the late Mr. Wm. Watkins, of Triana, which sad event occurred yesterday ... about 23 years of age ... his widowed mother, three sisters and a married brother survive him ... His brother is a resident of Birmingham ... interment in the family burying ground. [*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, Aug. 24, 1887.]

**Dead.** The New Market mail carrier, on reaching the city this afternoon brought the startling intelligence that Jesse Edmondson was shot and killed on his farm at Bucks Mill near the county line of Lincoln County, Tenn. [*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, May 18, 1887.]

**Died.** On Sunday morning at about 4 o'clock, Mrs. A. C. Schaudies departed this life at her home in this city ... consistent member of the Catholic Church ... leaves a husband and one child ...buried in the city cemetery. [*The Huntsville Weekly Mercury*, 18 May 1887]

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# Marshall County

## 1837 Deed Record Book A

### Part 10

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Coy Michael

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#### **Deed – John Blackwood to Samuel C. Jones**

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This indenture made and entered into this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1837 between John Blackwood of the County of Marshall and Samuel C. Jones of the County of Knox and state of Kentucky. The said John Blackwood for and in consideration of the sum of 800 dollars paid by Samuel C. Jones does bargain, sell and convey a certain lot of land being in the town of Claysville with all the improvements as follows: Beginning at a stake on the main or principal street thence north 61 degrees west two hundred feet to a stake then North 29 degrees east 160 feet to a stake then south 61 degrees east 200 feet to a stake on the main or principal street then with the same south 25 degrees west 160 feet to the beginning, it being the whole of lot number 7 and part of lot number 8 in the plan of the Town of Claysville.

Signed by Booker Smith as acting Justice of the Peace.

#### **Deed – Maria Virginia King to Jesse Cheek**

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This indenture made and entered into this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1837 between Maria Virginia King of the one part and Jesse Cheek of the other part. Virginia King in consideration of the sum of 50

dollars hath granted, sold and conveyed to Jesse Black a certain tract of land being Fractional Section 35 Township 7 Range 3 east containing 136 acres.

Signed by Maria V. King and also by Richard S. Randall, Clerk of the Court.

#### **Deed – Maria L. Cheek to Jesse Cheek**

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This indenture made and entered into the third day of July 1837 between Maria L. Cheek of the County of Marshall and Jesse Cheek of same said County. The said Maria L. Cheek for the sum of 300 dollars does grant bargain and sell unto said Jesse Cheek and his heirs all the rights, title, claims and interest the said Maria L. Cheek has as heir of Sarah Cheek, deceased, in and to a certain tract of land being the NW part of fractional Section 35, Township seven, Range three east entered in the name of Sarah Cheek in the land office for the Huntsville Land District.

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

#### **Deed – Jesse Cheek to Frances Newman**

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This indenture made and entered into this third day of July, 1837 by and between Jesse Cheek of the County of Marshall and

Frances Newman of the County of Talladega that the said Jesse Cheek for the sum of 304 dollars hath granted, bargained and sold to the said Frances Newman a certain tract of land lying in Marshall County the NW part of fractional Section 35, Township seven, and Range three east entered into the name of Sarah Cheek in the land office for the Huntsville Land District being the interest of Betsy Cheek, Willie Cheek, Frances L. Cheek and Samuel and Virginia King, heirs to the land.

Signed by R. S. Randall Clerk of the Court of Marshall County.

**Deed – Zechariah Jones to Alexander Donaldson**

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This indenture made this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1837 by and between Zechariah Jones of the first part and Alexander Donaldson of the second part and Hiram Ferrell and William G. Smith lately trading under the firm name of Ferrell and Smith of the third part. Zechariah Jones is indebted to Ferrell Smith in the sum of one hundred and 28 dollars and 96 cents to be paid on the first of November next.

This debt Zechariah Jones is willing and desirous to secure now. This indenture that for and in consideration of the promises and also for the consideration of the sum of one dollar to the said Zechariah Jones in hand paid by Alexander Donaldson whereas Zechariah Jones has sold to Alexander Donaldson, his heirs a certain property lying in Marshall County, Cherokee Nation, being the same where said Jones now resides containing about 30 acres of cleared land with the buildings thereon, also about 40 acres of wooded land.

(A lengthy continuation of the document explains under default the land will be sold at public auction.)

Signed by witnesses: John H. Murphy, Caldwell Hatchet and John M. Smith. Also signed by Louis Wyeth, Judge of Marshall County Court.

**Deed – L. D. Bashart to William C. Thomas**

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This indenture made this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1837 between L. D. Bashart and Margaret G. Bashart, his wife, of the County of Marshall of the first part and William C. Thomas of the other part. The said L. D. Bashart and his wife for and in consideration of the sum of 600 dollars do bargain, sell and convey to the said William C. Thomas all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Marshall and known by the following number: A part of the SE part of fractional section 33 in Township six of Range four East and beginning 72 rods from the north west corner due south in the western boundary then south 57', 13' east 95 and 20/100 rods to the Tombigbee River a part from which giving to the said William C. Thomas 87 acres and 59/100 acre on the north of said line in the district of land subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama and containing 80 and 59/100 on the south side of said line.

Signed by L. D. Bashart, Margaret G. Bashart and by the Justice of the Peace William H. Wheeler.

**Deed – William Black to L. D. Boshart**

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This indenture made this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1837 between William Black and Delila Black, his wife, of the County of Marshall of the one part and Little David Boshart of the other part. William Black and his wife for and in consideration of the sum of 800 dollars this day do bargain, sell and convey until the said Little D. Boshart all that

certain tract of land lying in the county of Marshall and known by the following number: The SE part of fractional section 33 in Township six of Range four east in the district of land subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama and containing 106 acres and 31/100 of an acre.

Signed by William Black, Delila Black (Her mark) and by William C. Thomas, Justice of the Peace.

**Deed – Isham Right to James A. Wright**

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This indenture made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1837 between Isham Wright and Rachel Wright, his wife, of the County of Marshall of the one part and James A. Wright of said county of the other part. Isham Wright and Rachel Wright of and in consideration of the sum of 600 dollars have this day bargained, sold and conveyed unto James A. Wright a certain tract of land lying in the County of Marshall known as the west half of the SE quarter of Section 22 in Township five of Range four east in the district of land subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama containing 79 acres and 26/100 of an acre.

Signed by Isham Wright (His seal), Rachel Wright (Her seal), Presley Woodwall, Justice of the Peace and R. S. Randall, Clerk of the Court.

Note: Before a wife signed a deed involving sale of land the Justice of the Peace talked privately with her confirming she signed the deed “without fear, threats or compulsion from her husband.”

**Deed – Isham Wright to John Wright**

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This indenture made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1837 between Isham Wright and Rachel Wright, his wife, of the County of Marshall

of the one part and John Wright of the other part. Isham Wright and Rachel Wright for and in consideration of the sum of 400 dollars do bargain, sell and convey unto John Wright a certain tract of land lying in Marshall County known as the west half of the SW quarter of Section 22 of Township five of Range four east containing 79 acres and 27/100 acre.

Signed by Isham Wright (His mark), Rachel Wright (Her mark), Presley Woodall, Justice of the Peace and by  
R. S. Randles, Clerk of the Court.

**Power of Attorney – Edward Gunter to George Gunter**

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September 10, 1837.

Edward Gunter gives full power of attorney to George Gunter to handle all affairs for him.

Signed by Edward Gunter, Louis Wyeth, Judge of Marshall County Courts and R. L. Randal, Clerk of the Court.

**Deed – Joseph L. Craft to James M. Sutton**

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This indenture made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1837 between Joseph L. Craft and his wife Margaret Craft of the county of Madison of the one part and James M. Sutton of the other part. Joseph L. Craft and his wife, Margaret Craft, for and in consideration for the sum of \$80 do bargain, sell and convey to James M. Sutton, all that certain tract of land lying in Marshall County known as the NE quarter of the SW quarter of Section one Township seven Range 3 east containing 40 acres more or less.

Signed by Joseph L. Craft, Margaret Craft (Her mark) and Silas M. Glover, Justice of the Peace.

**Deed - Thomas H. Beard to Arthur C. Beard**

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This indenture made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1837 between Thomas H. Beard of the County of Marshall of the one part and Arthur C. Beard of the other part. Thomas H. Beard for and in consideration of the sum of 2,000 dollars does bargain and sell to Arthur C. Beard a certain tract of land lying in Marshall County being the SE half of the East quarter of Section 27 Township seven Range three east containing 79 acres and 43/100 acre and the west half of the SW quarter of Section 26 Township seven Range three east containing 82 acres and the east half of the SE quarter of Fractional Section 18 of Township seven in Range four east containing 87 acres and the NW part of Fractional Section 17 in Township seven of Range four east containing 79 acres and the west half of the SE quarter of Section 24 in Township seven of Range three east containing 84 acres and the east half of the SW quarter of Section 24 in Township seven of Range three east containing 84 acres.

Signed by James H. Beard and by R.L. Randal, Clerk of the Court.

**Deed of Trust – Thomas Ward and James Baggy**

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This indenture made and entered in this 28 day of September 1837 between Thomas Ward of the first part and James Baggy of the second part and Thomas B. Rector and Hugh Henry of the third part all of the County of Marshall except Hugh Henry who is of the County of Blount. Whereas Thomas

B. Rector and Hugh Henry did on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1837 sign a note with Thomas Ward payable to Margaret Roden administrator of the estate of Jeremiah Roden, deceased, for the sum of 200 dollars and payable 12 months after the note signed date. Thomas Ward is desirous and willing to secure Thomas B. Rector and Hugh Henry as his security.

Thomas Ward in consideration of promises and one dollar paid to him by has sold to James Baggy the following described property:

A crop of standing cotton on five acres and a parcel of standing corn on three acres and a bed and furniture and two hogs, two bee stands and (many other household items).

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**Distribution of Assets from  
Estates Part 1  
From Judge John H. Carter's Book**

The following records are from a thin ledger book found on the top shelf in the Circuit Court records room. It contains the record of payments to recipients of estate settlements.

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Barnard, P. A., Sale of Lands Total \$472.35  
Paid December 9, 1904 +

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Barnard, P. A.          | \$59.04 |
| Barnard, H. P.          | 59.04   |
| Barnard, W. R.          | 59.04   |
| Barnard, J. L.          | 59.04   |
| Black, D. L.            | 59.04   |
| Culbreath, Hester       | 59.04   |
| Shumate, J. T.          | 29.52   |
| (Paid to J. B. Shumate) |         |
| Herron, James H.        | 29.52   |
| (Paid to J. B. Shumate) |         |
| Whisenant, George L.    | 29.52   |
| Hughes, Myrtle          | 29.52   |
| Brooks, B.              | 19.68   |
| Brooks, Lucian          | 19.68   |
| Brooks, Ella            | 19.68   |

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Waruick, Lydia, Sale of Lands, Paid  
November 23, 1905 +

Waruick, Lydia	\$25.72
Dunkin, J. R. Jr	25.72
Dunkin, B. B.	25.72
(Sent check to Phil Campbell)	
Hughes, John P.	12.86
Hughes, Lillie Bell	12.86
Gaines, John	25.72
McGuire, Ophelia	25.72

Graves, Minton, Minor, Final Settlement by  
Hill, W.O., Sale of Lands Paid January 19,  
1917

Graves, Minton, Minor, Final Settlement by  
Guardian, Paid 28.87, August 3, 1905

Hill, W. O. and Others, Sales of Lands, Paid  
January 19, 1917

Black, Odis                      \$188.24

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Johnson, A. B., and other joint owners, Sale  
of land, paid \$228.13, January 13, 1905 +

|                                                    |         |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Johnson, A. B.                                     | \$28.52 |
| Billingsley, Mary                                  | 14.26   |
| Billingsley, Sallie                                | 14.26   |
| Suboed, Eliza                                      | 28.52   |
| Willis, Hiberuia                                   | 28.52   |
| Berry, Adella                                      | 28.52   |
| (Check sent to J. T. Berry, Sheffield,<br>Alabama) |         |
| Smith, Stanhope                                    | 7.13    |
| Smith, Walter                                      | 7.13    |
| Wallace, Isaac                                     | 14.26   |
| Bridges, W. E.                                     | 9.50    |
| Bridges, Abner L.                                  | 9.50    |
| Bridges, Berry                                     | 9.50    |
| Brookshire,?                                       | 5.70    |
| Brookshire, A. B.                                  | 5.70    |
| Billingsly, Martha J.                              | 5.70    |
| Berry, Ida                                         | 5.70    |
| Cox, Euclid                                        | .81     |
| Cox, P.                                            | .81     |
| Cox, Sallie B.                                     | .81     |
| Cox, Missouri                                      | .81     |
| Cox, Leila                                         | .81     |
| Cox, Strut                                         | .81     |
| Cox, Logan                                         | .81     |

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Russell, A. G., Deceased, Final Settlement,  
Total \$159.30, Paid August 17, 1905



Shirley, William	\$15.17
Shirley, Dee	15.17
Shirley, Emma	15.17
Shirley, Alva	15.17
Shirley, Minnie	15.17
Shirley, H.	15.17
Russell, Arthur Beard	22.76
Russell, Martha Jane	22.76
Russell, Osey	5.69
Russell, Millard	5.69
Russell Alfred	5.69
Russell, Annie Belle	5.69
Wright, William	31.76

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Rice, J. H., and others, Total \$1093.80, Paid March 1, 1905 +

Rice, J. H.	\$182.30
Tipton, Julia	182.30
Rice, Frances	182.30
Rice, N. C.	182.30
Rice, Homer	182.30
(Paid to J. H. Rice, guardian)	
Rice, Marvin	182.30

Wood, B. F., and others, Sale of Land, Total \$40.74, Paid April 24, 1905 +

Capehart, A. C.	\$13.58
Wood, B. F.	6.79
Wood, J. H.	6.79
Capehart, John	1.70
Capehart, Albert	1.70
Capehart, Tom	1.70
Capehart, Sallie	1.70
Capehart, Jake	1.70
Capehart, Jewell (?)	1.70
Capehart, Mary E.	1.70
Capehart, Minnie B. (?)	1.70

Manning, A., And Others, Sale of Land, Total \$157.14, Paid November 13, 1905

Manning, A.	\$59.05
(Paid to G. Adamson, guardian)	
Jordan, Mollie C.	39.37
Rollings, A.	19.68
Farrow, Robert L.	19.68
(Paid to F. L. Farrow, guardian)	
Farrow, Mattie Lee	19.68
(Paid to F. L. Farrow, guardian)	

Manning, Allen, And Others, Sale of Land, Total \$468.32, Paid November 13, 1905 +

Manning, Allen	\$175.62
(Paid to G. Adamson, guardian)	
Farrow, T. L.	58.54
Farrow, Robert L.	58.54
Farrow, Mattie L.	58.54
Jordan, Mollie C.	117.08

Lands, Sawyer: Meigs, Mary, Meigs, J. H., Total \$1851.92, Paid November 25, 1905 +

Meigs, Mary	\$396.84
Sawyer, George	396.84
Davis, Emma	264.56
Shipp, Daisy	264.56
Sawyer, Pearl	264.56
Sawyer, Guy	264.56

Mathis, George W., Deceased, Paid \$416.55, February 9, 1906

Mathis, Leila	\$138.85
Mathis, Anna	138.85
Mathis, J. B.	138.85

Powell, F. M., Deceased, Paid December 19, 1905

Powell, Virgil	\$178.06
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Waddell, S. And Others, Sale of Lands, Paid  
\$1064.00, December 19, 1905

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Waddell, S.    | \$266.00 |
| Waddell, J. M. | 266.00   |
| King, E.       | 266.00   |
| Huff, Greg (?) | 266.00   |

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Groves, Emma on Final Settlement by Rice,  
T. R., Guardian, Paid \$29.90, February 20,  
1906

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Greene, Nancy, Deceased, Estate Total  
\$281.40, Paid May 8, 1906 +

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Greene, John                          | \$2.60 |
| Mitchell, Martha                      | 2.60   |
| Reynolds, Ollie                       | 2.60   |
| (Sent check to her at Joppa, Alabama) |        |
| Pattanur (?), Etta                    | 2.60   |
| (Check to Jeffries, George)           |        |
| Greene, Oscar                         | 2.60   |
| Greene, Lee                           | 2.60   |
| Greene, Minnie                        | 5.20   |
| Greene, Wallace                       | 2.60   |
| Greene, Samuel                        | 23.45  |
| Wright, R.                            | 23.45  |
| Wright, Nova                          | 23.45  |
| Greene, George                        | 23.45  |
| Dich, Mary                            | 23.45  |
| Grizzel, (?)                          | 23.45  |
| Chaviler (?), Lizzie                  | 23.45  |
| Greene, William                       | 23.45  |
| Wallace, Linney                       | 23.45  |
| Greene, J. W.                         | 23.45  |

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James Hall and Others, Realized at Sale

\$250.00, Paid June 29, 1906 +

Amount of Costs	\$48.05
Smith, Elizabeth	20.20
Hall, Charlie	20.20
Samples, Green	20.20
Lackey, Jessie	20.20
Baugh, Gealsie	20.20
Hall, James	20.20

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Pittman, J. Grover, Amount Realized at  
Sale, \$4,040.00 on July 26, 1906

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Amount of costs    | \$200.00 |
| Pittman, J. Grover | 640.00   |
| Pittman, Eva       | 640.00   |
| Pittman, Vida      | 640.00   |
| Pittman, Winston   | 640.00   |
| Pittman, Dora      | 640.00   |
| Pittman, Beulah    | 640.00   |

(All above payments made to J. G. Pittman)

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Groves, Oscar, Final Settlement, Paid  
\$24.85 on December 20, 1906

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Pittman, J. G. and Others, Total \$980, Paid  
February 15, 1907

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|------------------|---------|
| Amount of costs  | \$50.00 |
| Pittman, J. G.   | 542.50  |
| Pittman, Vida    | 77.50   |
| Pittman, Eva     | 77.50   |
| Pittman, Winston | 77.50   |
| Pittman, Dora    | 77.50   |
| Pittman, Beulah  | 77.50   |

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Stovicher, Nancy and Others, Amount  
Realized at Sale, \$1500.00, Paid April 5,  
1907 +

Amount of costs	\$44.65	Burton, W. H.	214.29
Stovicher, Nancy	727.67	Burton, Mary	214.29
Stovicher, Mary J.	727.67	Burton, Charlie	214.29
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Cox, Quik (?), Amount Realized at Sale \$1738.00, Paid May 16, 1907 +		Davis, John, Minor, \$110.85 Check #151 Paid February 15, 1909	
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Amount of costs	\$205.90	Page 11	
Lauebeck, Johnnie	153.21	Bonds, Mose and Others, Amount Realized at Sale \$700.00 Paid January 30, 1908	
Nixon, Laura	153.21	Amount of cost	\$70.00
Cox, James S.	153.21	Bonds, Eliza	105.00
Cox, Quik (?)	766.05	Bonds, Robert	105.00
Nixon, Willard	51.07	Bonds, M. D.	105.00
Nixon, Laura	51.07	Bonds, Matty (?)	105.00
Nixon, Kansas	51.07	Bonds, Dora	105.00
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Striplin, Joe. M., Share of Carl Jones, Sent to Mrs. Carl Jones at Delta, Alabama in Amount of \$117.73 August 21, 1907		Farron (?), T. L. and Others, Amount Realized at Sale \$150.00 Paid March 26, 1908 +	
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Pruett, S. C. and Others, Amount of Sale \$1206.00 Paid March 30, 1908		Amount of costs	\$57.30
Amount of costs	\$82.35	Farron (?), T. L.	41.20
Pruett, William	13.55	Moore, Mary	1.72
(Paid to G. R. Pruett)		Moore, Robert	1.72
Garrett, Martha A.	13.55	Moore, Annie	1.72
(Paid to G. R. Pruett)		Moore, Elsie Lee	1.72
Pruett, Alice	137.65	Moore, Belle	1.72
Pruett, S. C.	952.90	Moore, N.	1.72
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Burton, G. L., and Others, Amount of Sale, \$1700.00, Paid September 12, 1907 +		Anderson, Lizzie	10.30
Amount of costs	\$200.00	Moore, Thomas	10.30
West, Howard	214.29	Moore, G.	10.30
(Paid to guardian)		~~~~~	
Burton, G. L.	428.58	Coker, John H., Amount of Sale \$360.00 Paid November 14, 1908 +	
Burton, Nancy	214.29	Cost of sale	\$53.15
		Ridgeway, Martha	34.10

Coker, William R.	34.10
Coker, James C.	34.10
Coker, John H.	68.20
Coker, Lester L.	34.10
Boyles, Ida M.	34.10
Coker, Doctor L.	34.10
Wattery, J.	11.37
Matney (?), William Bryan	11.37
Gibbores	11.37

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Bridges, William, Deceased, Amount of Receipts \$383.40 Paid December 15, 1908

Amount of costs	\$55.75
Bridges, John	54.60
Bridges, L. M.	54.60
Camp, Mattie	18.20
Daniel, Rutha Rice	18.20
Rice, Florence	18.20
Turner, William	27.30
Turner, Flora	27.30
Kennedy, Clarence	6.85
Kennedy, Everett	6.85
Walker, Luke	13.65
Walker, Ethel	13.65
Lemasters, Grace Walker	13.65

Bucklelew, Lena, and Others, Amount Received at Sale \$752.50, Paid January 29, 1909

Amount of costs	\$76.90
Woodham, Mrs. S. A.	84.45
Woodham, Jack	84.45
Bucklelew, Lena	253.35
Carroll, D (?)	84.45
Woodham, Tommie	84.45
Woodham, Fannie	84.45

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McGee, Ma (?), Amount of Sale \$1600.00, Paid (no date)

Amount of costs	\$58.30
Mcgee, Ma(?)	513.90
McGee, Kellett	513.90
McGee, Mary Hugh	513.90

Biggus (?), C. S. and Others, Amount of Sale \$700.00, Date (no date)

Amount of costs	\$39.75
Biggus (?), C. S.	471.60
Biggus (?), Mack S.	94.32
Biggus (?), Kate	94.32

Rodgers, Lou E. and Others, Proceeds of Sale \$700.00, Paid June 10, 1909 +

Amount of costs	\$61.10
Rodgers, Lou E.	255.56
Davis, Mexico	127.78
Davis, Bettie	127.78
Davis, Clarence	18.25
(Sent to him at Cason, Texas January 28, 1914)	
Davis, Thomas	18.25
Davis, Willie M.	18.25
Davis, Viola	18.25
(Sent to Commerce, Texas Route 5, paid September 25, 1917)	
Davis, Connie	18.25
(Sent to Commerce, Texas, Route 5, paid September 25, 1917)	
Davis, Shirley	18.25
(Sent check to 1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank, Commerce, Texas May 7, 1919)	
Davis, Jula	18.25
(Sent check to her, Mrs. Jula Bryant Davis to Commerce, Texas)	

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Sadler, Thomas J., Deceased, Amount for Distribution \$1021.19,

Paid July 5, 1909 +

Sadler, Cleauford	\$340.40
Sadler, Mattie Gertrude	113.47
Sadler, Ira	113.47
Sadler, Albert	113.47
Blessing, P (?)	85.10
Blessing, Lila	85.10
Blessing, Patricia Henry	85.10
Blessing, Robert	85.10

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Cody, Nora, Amount Paid Into Court on Final Settlement \$75.09. Sent Check #370 on October 11, 1909 to Tyronza, Arkansas.

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Register, Rayburn, Amount Received in Chancery for Minors Named Below (no date).

Whitworth, Maude	\$52.20
Whitworth, Ethel	52.20
Whitworth, Della	52.20

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Robinson, John, Amount Received \$500.00, Date paid May 16, 1917)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Previously Disbursed                         | \$472.00 |
| Kicy (?), A.<br>(Mountain Park, Oklahoma)    | 7.00     |
| Robinson, C. P.<br>(Mountain Park, Oklahoma) | 7.00     |
| McMahan, (?)<br>(Waldo, Texas)               | 3.50     |
| McMahan, H (?)<br>(Waldo, Texas)             | 3.50     |

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Martin, Catherine and Others, Amount Realized at Sale \$475.00, Paid December 7, 1909 +)

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Amount of costs    | \$81.77 |
| Martin, Catherine  | 78.65   |
| Phillips, Nancy    | 78.65   |
| Swafford, Enis     | 39.33   |
| Bearden, Polly Ann | 39.33   |
| Warner, Dan        | 39.33   |

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Warner, John     | 39.33 |
| McDuffy, Gus     | 13.11 |
| McDuffy, Wallace | 13.11 |
| McDuffy, Sarah   | 13.11 |
| McDuffy, Nancy   | 13.11 |
| McDuffy, Mary    | 13.11 |
| McDuffy, Susan   | 13.11 |

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Rains, Garteell, Amount Realized at Sale \$300.00, Paid December 2, 1909

Amount of costs	\$81.77
Raines, Garteell	48.10
Weir, Johnnie	48.10
Harris, Nevada	48.10
Rains, Georgia Mae	48.10
Rains, Willie Ralls	48.10

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Rice, Russell and Others, Amount Realized at Sale \$1,000.00, Paid 27 Dec 1909 +

Amount of Costs	\$107.50
Rice, Lewis	81.14
Rice, John	10.14
Rice, Richard	10.14
Rice, Maley Walker	10.14
Rice, Ada	10.14
Rice, Ida	10.14
Rice, Cl (?)	10.14
Rice, Nellie	10.14
Rice, Essi	10.14
Getwell, Louella	20.28
Rice, No (?)	20.28
Rice, Hosea M.	20.28
Rice, James P.	20.28
Rice, John Henry	13.52
Tipton, Julia M.	13.52
Rice, Frances	13.52
Rice, Narcissus	13.52
Rice, Howe	13.52
Rice, Wa (?)	13.52
Rice, Lizzie	20.28
Rice, Emma Lou	20.28
Rice, Russell	486.84

## Things You Should Know

### Upcoming Events in Huntsville

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

### Local Researcher Publishes in Tennessee

Ann Lusk, longtime member and past officer in TVGS, has had a two-part story published in *Watauga Association of Genealogists* out of Johnson City, Tennessee. Her research describes 82 plats of land in the North Carolina land grants that were ceded to Tennessee in present-day Carter County. Her story, "Early Settlers in East Tennessee" appeared in the September 2005 issue and the April 2006 issue. If you have any questions, you may call her at 534-3721. Congratulations Ann.

### Copying Photographs

Many of us have gone to a local photocopy store to make copies of old photographs for various reasons, only to be told that it is against the law to do so. According to Roots Web Review dated April 12, 2006, they may be prevented from doing this because they have been told they can be sued for violating copyright laws. Although the photograph is technically owned by the photographer or the person/place who employed the photographer, the ownership issue becomes further complicated if the owner of the photograph has died and the photo now belongs to the estate.

The good news is that all photographs published before January 1923 are now

considered public domain. See <http://www.unc.edu/~unc1ng/public-d.htm> for more information.

Copying unpublished material created after January 1923 is more complicated. See <http://www.vintagephoto.com/reference/copyrightarticle1.htm> for more information.

The good news is that in some situations, a copy of a photo is considered "fair use" under the copyright law. Again, if you aren't sure, look at

<http://www.copyright.gov/help/faq/faq-fairuse.htm> for more information.

### Missouri Death Certificates

Roots Web announced a new database available for Missouri death certificates from 1910 to 1955. See <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/> This database compliments the information available for births, stillborns, and deaths prior to 1910. If you enjoy browsing, this database also includes causes of death.

### San Francisco Earthquake – 100 years ago

You may have recently seen interesting stories on the news regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco Earthquake. Family Tree Magazine has listed several websites regarding interesting facts about the April 18, 1906 earthquake that devastated San Francisco:

<http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/sfdata.htm> is a link to record indexes.

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/earthquakeandfire/splash.html> is an online exhibit complete with photographs, maps, and descriptions, thanks to the Bancroft Library.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/papr/sfhome.html> contains 26 films from 1897 through 1916. "Before and After the Great Earthquake and Fire: Early Films of San Francisco" is the name of this on-line exhibit.

[http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/states/events/1906\\_04\\_18.php](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/states/events/1906_04_18.php) describes the geological devastation of an earthquake. This site also has an interview with a survivor.

<http://www.sfmuseum.org/1906/06.html> has a list of people killed, photographs, and accounts in "Museum of the City of San Francisco: The Great 1906 Earthquake and Fire."

This earthquake measured an 8.0 on the Richter Scale and lasted 65 seconds beginning at 5:12 a.m. More than 500 city blocks burned for the next several days and between 3,000 and 6,000 residents died. At least 225,000 people were left homeless.

## 50 Relatives Worse Than Yours

Family Magazine announces an outstanding opportunity for you to describe one of your ancestral nuts and specifically the weirdest thing your ancestor ever did for publication in Family Tree's "All in the Family" section. If you win, you will receive a complimentary copy of "50 Relatives Worse than Yours" by Justin Racz. If you need inspiration, you may buy the book, published by Bloomsbury, and available for \$14.95.

## Interesting Websites

Coy Michael sent a fun website that allows you to create a calendar for ANY YEAR. The website is:

<http://www.calendarhome.com/tyc/>  
The following website may help you date old family photographs with clothing "do's and don'ts" from your ancestors' era. If you

need some help analyzing old family photos, submit your picture to Maureen A. Taylor at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/photos/photohelp.htm>

There are some guidelines to follow.

## Family Tree DNA Database

Family Tree claims to have the largest database of DNA information with which to try to match yours or members of your family. Scientists have developed the tests to help ensure the best accuracy available. See <http://www.familytreedna.com> for more information.

For those of you who did not glue yourselves to the O.J. Simpson murder trial (where we learned all we ever wanted to know about DNA markers and then some) this website explains the significance of the number of markers to match you to someone with a reasonable amount of accuracy on up to near-exact. Migration maps are included with your test results and they can even determine whether or not you have Indian ancestry.

## First Families of the Tennessee Valley

If you can prove that a direct lineal ancestor of yours was living in the Alabama Territory that became Colbert, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, or Morgan Counties before 14 December 1819, you are eligible to become a member of First Families of the Tennessee Valley. These counties will include the former counties of Cotaco, Decatur, and Elk Counties and the part of the original Blount County that became Marshall County. Membership costs only \$25.00, one time only, with your application and documentation. For more information, write to:

Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 1568  
Huntsville, AL 35807

The following lines have been proven by members. If you see your ancestor's name on the list, why not join yourself? If you don't see your ancestor's name, why not prove your line and have him/her included?

**A**

Adams, Jonathan  
Adams, Rachel McClendon  
Allison, John Sr.

**B**

Bayless, John  
Bean, William  
Beason, Jehu (John)  
Bibb, William  
Black, John  
Boggs, Samuel O.  
Bond, Nicholas Pirtle  
Bowling, Alexander  
Bowling, Elizabeth Walton  
Bowling, Elizabeth Worthy  
Brandon, Mary Sample  
Brandon, William  
Brazelton, Henry  
Byram, Levi

**C**

Chandler, William Robert  
Chewning, Thadeus  
Childress, Robert Uel  
Clem, Adam  
Clem, Jemima  
Click, Elizabeth Middleton  
Cobb, David  
Coffee, Richard Smith  
Collier, Green  
Cooper, Allen  
Coopwood, Benjamin  
Cowan, Samuel Mitchell  
Cox, James  
Craft, Ezekiel  
Crafton, Temperance  
Criner, Joseph  
Crow, Thomas Sr.  
Culp, Catherine D.  
Culp, Fredrick  
Culp, Mary Flanagan

**D**

Davis, Nicholas  
Davis, Samuel  
Dedman, James Francis  
Derrick, Adam  
Ditto, James (John)  
Ditto, Josiah  
Donnell, Rev. Robert  
Drake, Andrew  
Drake, John

**E**

Evans, Jessee  
Evans, Josiah

**F**

Fearn, Sarah Bledsoe  
Fearn, Thomas  
Fielding, William  
Finley, William Larkin  
Finney, Robert

**G**

Garner, John  
Glover, Benjamin  
Glover, Richard  
Graham, Jesse  
Greenhaw, Jonathan Jr.  
Gresham, Mary AThornton  
Gresham, Thomas  
Gresham, Thomas Jr.  
Griffin, Pleasant

**H**

Hamm, John  
Harless, Henry Sr.  
Haughton, Richard  
Hester, Amy Malone  
Hester, William H. Sr.  
Hewlett, Augustin Andrew  
Hinds, Huldah  
Hinds, Levi  
Holland, Thomas  
Holloway, Barnes  
Holloway, Jane Tinder  
Hopkins, Samuel A.  
Hornbuckle, Demaris Amanda



**J**

Jones, Freeman  
Jones, John  
Jones, John III  
Jones, John Nelson Spottswood  
Jones, Lewellen  
Jones, Mary Saunders  
Jones, Major William

**L**

Lanford, Robert  
Law, Wyatt  
Lawrence, Elisha  
Ledbetter, Joel  
Lesueur, Thomas Littleberry  
Lindsey, David  
Looney, Absalom Jr.  
Lynn, William

**M**

Malone, Frances Robertson  
Malone, Pomphret  
Malone, William  
Masterson, Thomas Sr.  
Mastin, Francis Turner  
McKinney, Samuel  
Methvin, Levi  
Milam, Bartlett  
Milam, John Jr.  
Mitchell, Mary Collier  
Mitchell, Robert  
Mitchell, William Thomas

**N**

Neel, Eleanor Harrison  
Neel, John

**P**

Page, Lewis  
Patton, William  
Penn, Stephen  
Petty, William  
Pope, Ethelred  
Pruitt, Jacob  
Pruitt, William  
Pruitt, William Madison

**R**

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Reedy, Shadrack

Richardson, Catherine Stutts  
Richardson, John David  
Richardson, Susannah  
Roach, George  
Roach, Lavina Faires  
Robertson, Samuel  
Robertson, William P.  
Robinson, Rev. John D.  
Robinson, Margaret  
Robinson, Priscilla Blunt  
Robinson, William  
Royer, John  
Ryan, Phillip

**S**

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Sanderson, James  
Scruggs, Gross  
Simmons, Reuben  
Simpson, William M.D.  
Sims, Littlepage  
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Speer, Elizabeth Martha  
Speer, Nancy Ann Morris  
Speer, Robert  
Stout, Abraham  
Stover, Elijah  
Street, William  
Strong, Nathan

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Tipton, Samuel  
Turner, Nancy Bynum  
Turner, Simon  
Turney, Joseph

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Wallace, Joel Joseph  
White, John Bradford  
White, Margaret  
Wimberly, Joel  
Woodward, John  
Wright, Robert  
Wright, William

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## 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:

		<u>Art Area</u>
Full page	\$50.00	6½ x 9 inches
Half page	\$25.00	6½ x 4½ inches
Quarter page (vertical)	\$12.50	3¼ x 4½ inches

We are not 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:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
September	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
December	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
March	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
June	May 1 <sup>st</sup>

### 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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