

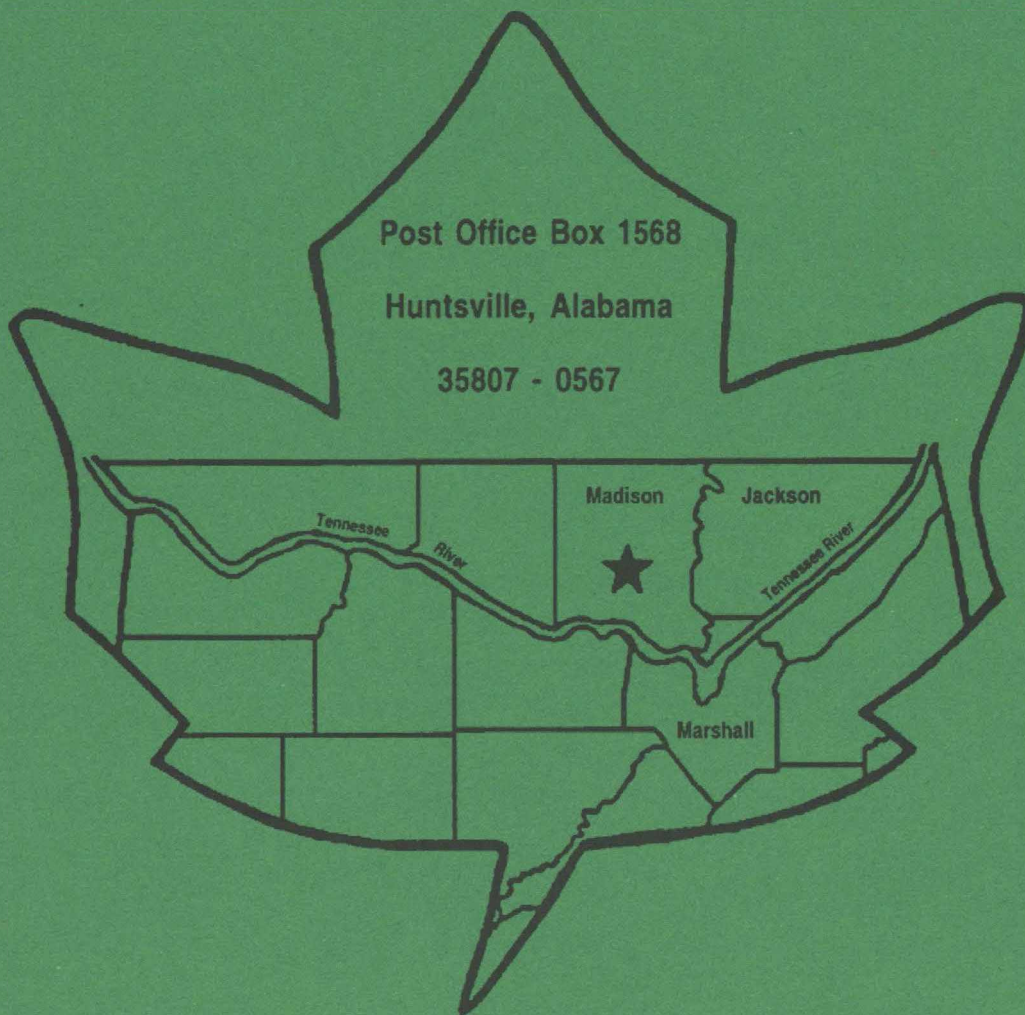
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# Jackson County

## Southern Claims Commission

Estate of Henry R. Beaver - 1873

Copied, abstracted, and contributed by Dovie Reiff

During the Union occupation of the South in the Civil War, it was not unusual for troops to forage for food and supplies from civilian citizens. Obviously it created a great hardship on the citizens, many of whom had no feelings in the war, one side or the other. At the conclusion of the war in 1865, the U.S. Commissioner of Claims authorized the Southern Claims Commission, under an Act of Congress dated 3 Mar 1871, to review claims for losses. The criteria for a claim approval was "damage, destruction, and loss, not use, of property, to unauthorized or unnecessary depredations of troops and other persons upon the property, or to rent or compensation of buildings, grounds or other real estate." In order to receive compensation, they must also prove loyalty to the Union cause.<sup>1</sup>

### Claim No 21109

**Mary Beaver, Administratrix for the  
Estate of Henry R. Beaver  
Filed 25 Feb 1873**

Mary Beaver, widow of Henry R. Beaver, filed a claim with the U.S. Commissioner of Claims for \$4,215.00, primarily for loss of mules, horses, equipment, lumber, and crops. Items were removed from their property by members of the Union Army, located between Stevenson and Bridgeport. Her petition stated the decedent was loyal to the United States Government.<sup>2</sup>

In the review process, depositions were taken from Mary Beaver, William A. Coley, John Gilbreath, Joseph S. Clarke, and Lemuel Claude Beaver.<sup>3</sup>

Mary Beaver testified on 21 Aug 1873. She stated that she was appointed by the Probate Court of Jackson County as Administratrix of the estate of Henry R. Beaver, deceased.<sup>4</sup> She said that he died in 1866 and she was his widow. They lived on their own land near Stevenson at the beginning of the war. The Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad ran through both tracts of their land. In cultivation was 100 - 150 acres and the balance was in woodland.

She named their seven children, all living in 1873: Lemuel C., to be 29-years-old in

December; Lucius A., to be 27-years-old in October; Mollie V., 25; Bellagora 22; Granville M. 20; Joseph A. 18; and Thomas T. 15.

The family resided in Jackson County until October 1863 when they moved to Rockport, Indiana, returning in January 1866. In February 1862, Henry Beaver went to Indiana, taking their two oldest sons, but returned in 1863, after the Federal Army came to the area and took the remaining family members to Indiana. Mary Beaver said her husband took the "sons with him to prevent the rebels from forcing them into the rebel army." While there, Lucius A. joined the Union Army, the 35<sup>th</sup> KY Mounted Infantry, and Lemuel joined a home guard unit in Rockport. Mary said her husband opposed secession, was in favor of the U.S. Government, and thus "was threatened by the rebels and told he would be hung."

Mary Beaver said she was present when some of the property was taken. When the Federal Army came to the house, she took her family to headquarters in Stevenson and remained there for five weeks waiting for Henry to come and take them to Indiana. For the days she remained at her house, she saw the army take wood, corn and wheat, chickens, etc., and drive off five milk cows. She said she didn't know what was taken while they were in Indiana. Henry had left Samuel Gault in charge of his mill and business, and he went to

Stevenson too. She said she had seen some records her husband had made on his accounts after they returned in 1866. They found carts missing, fences and cut wood gone.

William H. Coley stated in his deposition that he was a 56-year-old farmer living near Stevenson. He said he met Henry R. Beaver about two years before the rebellion, working with him and living on his land, cutting wood for him.

Mr. Coley testified that Henry Beaver said "he would sacrifice the last dollar he had before he or his sons would fight against the Old Constitution that our forefathers fought for." He said Henry was regarded as a loyal man, but he didn't know of his contributing any money to the Union cause or giving them information. Mr. Coley also stated that he knew Henry's life was threatened and that he considered his family safe in Indiana.

He said that he was present when Federal soldiers took corn, wood rails, fodder and lumber. He also saw the dwelling house after it was torn down. He lived on the property for three years before the war up to January 1862. He had seen soldiers at a place known as the Massey place which was tended by men named Wray and Osborne. Coley was working on the affairs of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. He saw lumber being taken from the place known as the Emery place. He said wood was being taken for use by the bakers and being hauled by Bridgeport. He supposed 1100 cords of wood was cut. He said citizens were also cutting wood for rails and use of the railroad. He saw McCook's troops taking corn, lumber, rails and wood. Beaver owned two farms, one on each side of the railroad – maybe 500 acres of woodland. Besides the dwelling, a frame house, which was torn down and/or burned, there was a grist mill and steam mill.

In his deposition, John Gilbreath stated that he was 36-years-old and a Postmaster with his residence in Scottsboro. His acquaintance with Henry Beaver began in late 1864. He lived 30 – 40 miles away, and was in the U.S. Army, Scouts and Guards, principally in North Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia.

John Gilbreath did not see Henry Beaver often and never conversed with him about the war, but he had heard him talking in Federal

camps. He believed him to be a Union man until the day of his death after the war. He said most of the Scouts knew him as a Union man. He also knew the decedent's family, had conversed with the oldest son since the war, and said the whole family was regarded by all the neighbors as strictly loyal.

In his deposition, Joseph S. Clarke stated that he resided in Fackler in Jackson County, was a Postmaster and Justice of the Peace, and was 80-years-old. He and the deceased Henry R. Beaver had married sisters.

Joseph S. Clarke first knew Henry Beaver about 1846 and in 1854 they lived together, and nearby at other times, seeing each other often. Clarke conversed with him about the war and knew he was an adherent to the Union cause. He stated Henry Beaver's public reputation was such as caused the friends of the rebel cause to threaten him, but Henry Beaver's loyal neighbors saw him as being one of the strongest Union men in the country. He had heard him use language and do acts that would have prevented him from establishing his loyalty to the Confederate States if they had been successful.

He stated he was present at the burning of the rails. He knew there was a steam engine mill, grinding stones, wagons and belting because he had had both flour and corn ground there. He said officers had told him the rails were burned to keep rebels from using them to burn the railroad. He saw some of the burning rails. He also said there were no rebels in the area to take any of the property. When asked about a number of items, he didn't know anything or couldn't quantify what was taken, but knew what had been on the property before the war.

Lemuel Claude Beaver, age 29 and a resident in 1873 of Marshall County near Dodsonville, stated in his deposition that he was a mechanic and a son of the deceased, thus having a beneficial interest in the claim.

Lemuel Beaver indicated he was present when the two mules were taken, as well as cord wood, crossties for railroad purposes, and lumber, but couldn't say how much. Also taken was an iron ax, pilings, and posts, jack screw, two stables, two houses, and trees. Other property taken he did not see because he was in Indiana from the winter of 1862 to 1863 with his father and brother Lucius A. Beaver, returning in

1864 for a short time with his father, who was in poor health.

Lemuel Beaver stated that the mules were taken to haul wood to Stevenson. They took a cart with wood from the mill near the railroad. He was also present when a heavy iron axle wagon, which was filled with building lumber, was taken. He didn't see the corn taken, but knew there was corn there in the cribs, likewise fodder. He said he had been told that all carts within 600 yards of the road were to be burned to protect the road. A building was destroyed and palings and posts taken toward Widows Creek, a mile and a half from their house, to where a company was stationed guarding the bridge.

Captain Swartz was in command of a company under Krzynowski. A man named Smith was receiving wood which was being taken for use on the railroad. An engine was taken. He had heard it was bound for Bridgeport for use on a gun boat. A man named A. J. Mitchell was present when the wagon and lumber was taken.

Lemuel Beaver didn't hear anyone ordering the soldiers to take items and those who did didn't say anything to him and asked him no questions as to whose property it was. He didn't make any complaints himself. He thought when his father was there, he asked for receipts, but he didn't know whether he was given any.

Lemuel Beaver stated he heard there was a skirmish near their place about the time the Federals first came in, in 1862. He said that he didn't know that the rebels got any of their property and never heard anyone say that they did.

Claim No. 21109 for the estate of Henry R. Beaver was approved.

Sources:

- <sup>1</sup> U.S. Claims Commission Petition form.
- <sup>2</sup> Claim No. 21109, filed 21 Aug 1873 by Mary Beaver, Admx of Henry R. Beaver, dec'd on Microfilm Roll 11, Jackson County, Alabama, of the Southern Claims Commission Approved Claims 1871 - 1880.
- <sup>3</sup> Claim losses and depositions before the Commissioner of Claims.
- <sup>4</sup> Probate Minutes JJ p. 83 1873-1874 of Jackson County, Alabama.

Jackson County, Alabama  
Probate Minutes JJ p. 83

*Henry R. Beaver dec'd  
Estate of  
Order granting Letters*

*Probate Court Jackson  
County Alabama  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1873.*

*This day came Mary Beaver and made  
Application in due form, praying to be appointed to  
administer said decedent's Estate, representing that  
said estate has a Claim against the Government  
and that it is necessary in the proper course  
of said claim that an Administrator should  
be appointed to represent said Estate.*

*And the Court being satisfied  
from the Evidence of Subscribed that the allegations  
are true and the said Mary Beaver being a  
bond, in the sum of One thousand Dollars  
by W. Beaver, bond of J. Weaver her co-Executor,  
Union Life of Bond having duly taken and sworn to  
and sufficient by the Judge of this Court*

*It is ordered, judge and Secy  
that said Mary Beaver be and she is hereby appointed  
to administer said Estate & that proper Letters of Administration  
be issue to her forthwith.*

*State of Alabama - Office of Administration of  
Jackson County 3<sup>rd</sup> the Estate of Henry R. Beaver dec'd  
are hereby appointed to Mary Beaver who has duly qualified  
and given Bond and is authorized to administer  
said Estate.*

*March 1<sup>st</sup> 1873* *Mary T. J. 1873*

Beaver Family Records

Marriage Records

Madison County, Alabama:

Henry R. Beaver to Mary Walker, 11 Nov 1841.  
(MB4 p601)

Jackson County, Alabama:

Mary V. Beaver to James D. Bullock, 29 Sep  
1867. (MB A p531)

L. C. Beaver (Lemuel Claude) to Mary Parker,  
29 Jul 1869. (MB A p768)

Belzora E. Beaver (Belle) to King F. Mitchel, 12  
Oct 1871. (MB B p48)

J. A. Beaver (Granville A.) to Lizzie Bramlett,  
25 Jan. 1879. (lic. Only MB C p359)

Thomas T. Beaver to Sarah E. Bowers, 7 Jan 1880. (MB C p439)

#### **Spencer County, Indiana:**

Lyssuas A. Beaver (Lucius A.) to Alice E. Markle, 14 Nov 1867 (Index to marriage records, Spencer Co., IN by WPA. MB 5 p467)

Lyssuas A. Beaver (Lucius A.) to Clara Markle, 24 Dec. 1879 (Index to Marr Rec., Spencer Co IN by WPA. MB 8 p39)

#### **Lincoln County, Tennessee:**

Joseph S. Clarke to Laura Ann Walker, 30 Jun 1853. (Lincoln Co. Marriage Records by HC & TR Marsh. MB 1830-80 p252)

### **Deaths**

Henry R. Beaver, May 1866, Jackson County, Alabama.

Mary M. Beaver, consort of L. C. Beaver, 3 Feb 1885, Jackson County, Alabama, Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Thomas Beaver, 17 Jan 1889, Tuscumbia, Alabama. (*Stevenson Chronicle*, 22 Jan 1889)

Lishius A. Beaver (Lucius), 16 Jan 1916, Spencer County, Indiana, Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Clara Beaver, wife of L. A. Beaver, 25 Jun 1919, Spencer County, Indiana, Sunset Hill Cemetery.

### **Land Transactions**

#### **Madison County, Alabama:**

A month after their marriage, Henry R. and Mary Beaver purchased land in Sec 14 and 15, Twp 1, Range 1 E, in the area north of Harbinville and east of Hazel Green. (Madison Co Bk T p202, 4 Dec 1841)

The last portion of this property was sold by H. R. Beaver and his wife Mary, of Marshall

County, AL on 5 Aug 1851. (Mad. Co Bk Z p111)

#### **Marshall County, Alabama:**

With Certificate 17658, Henry R. Beavers acquired 35.5 acres, in Fraction E., Sec. 18, Twp 7 South, Range 3 E. 2 Sep 1853.

#### **Jackson County, Alabama:**

With Certificate 17749, Henry R. Beaver acquired 40.04 acres in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 10, Twp 2, South, Range 8 East, 7 Oct 1853.

With Certificate 18063, Henry R. Beaver acquired 30.75 acres in the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec. 15, Twp 2 South, Range 8 East, 12 Dec 1853.

Another parcel of 24 acres in the NE ¼ of the N ¼ of fractional Sec 4 Twp 2 Range 8 East was sold by Henry R. Beaver and his wife Mary to Joseph M. Sharpe and his wife Delia Ann, 30 Apr 1866 (one month before his death), Jackson Co DB H p320.

### **1860 Census of Agriculture and Manufacturing, Jackson County, AL**

H. R. Beaver was listed as owning 190 acres of improved land, 1260 acres of unimproved land, cash value of the farm \$8400, value of farm implements and machinery \$150, and livestock valued at \$775.

### **Census Records**

1840 Hamilton Co, IN Falcreek Twp

There are two listings with the oldest male 40 – 50 years old: Henry Beaver and Henry R. Beaver. Both had males who could have been a son and the Henry R. Beaver of this list, who then moved to Alabama.

1850 Marshall Co AL, 23 Sub #78

Henry R. Beaver, 29, b. VA



Mary, 28, b. TN  
Lemuel C., 7, b. AL; Lissa S., 6, b. AL; Mary  
V., 4, b. AL; Balsouris, 2, b. AL;  
Lydia Stone, 28, b. TN

1860 Jackson Co, AL Div #1 Stevenson #196  
Joseph S. Clarke, 69 b. VA  
Laura A., 40 b. TN

1860 Jackson Co AL, Div #1 Bridgeport #78  
H. B. Beaver, 41, b. VA  
Mary, 38, b. TN  
Lemuel C., 17, b. AL; Lucius, 15, b. AL;  
Mary V., 13, b. AL; Balsora E., 11, b. AL;  
Granville M., 9, b. AL; Joseph A., 6, b. AL;  
Thomas H., 4, b. AL;  
Sara Stone, 78, b. NC

1870 Jackson Co AL, Div #3, Sub #1, Stevenson  
#127  
Mary Beaver, 45, b. TN  
Belle, 20, b. AL; Granville M., 19, b. AL;  
Joseph A., 16, b. AL; Thomas H., 13 b. AL

1870 Spencer Co, IN Ohio Twp, Rockport #77  
James D. Bullock, 22, b. IN printer  
Mary, 22, b. AL, seamstress  
With  
George B. Bullock, 49, b. VA, twp Trustee  
and family

1870 Jackson Co, AL, Dis 6, Subl Fackler #65  
Joseph S. Clarke, 80 b. VA  
Laura A., 49 b. TN

1880 Spencer Co, IN Rockport #531  
James Bullock, 24, IN, VA, MD printer  
Mary, 33, AL, VA, TN  
Katie, 8, IN, AL

1880 Jackson Co, AL Twp 4 R3E #7  
Lemuel Beaver, 35, AL, VA, TN  
Mary, 28, AL, NC, NC  
Walter, 9; Mary 9; Charlie 6; Willie 4;  
Thomas 1

1880 Jackson Co AL Twp 4 R3E #8  
Joseph Beaver, 25, AL, VA, TN  
Eliza, 18, TN, TN, GA

1880 Johnson Co, TX Pct #7 #257

Granville Beaver, 28, AL, VA, TN clerk  
Lizza, 23, AL, AL, AL  
Alen, 1, TX, AL, AL

1880 Spencer Co, IN Rockport #87  
Absolem Beaver, 33, AL, AL, AL engineer  
Clara, 26, IN, OH, OH

1890 Waco, TX Directory  
Granville M. Beaver, agent

1900 Spencer Co, IN Ohio Two Rockport #340  
L. A. Beaver, 59, AL, VA, AL engineer  
Margie J., 48, IN, OH, OH  
Florence, 11, IN, AL, VA

Note: Henry R. Beaver was listed on census records as a farmer, however he was also a licensed minister in the Methodist Protestant Church (Madison Co AL Orphans Ct Min Bk 13 p30.) Records indicate he performed marriages in Madison and Marshall Counties, but his name does not appear on Jackson County marriage records.

- END -

**From the April 14, 1890 Issue of *The Citizen*  
of Scottsboro, Alabama:**

McElree's Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black  
Draught are for sale at the following merchants:

H. Caldwell, Bellafonte  
E. L. Snodgrass & Co., Bellafonte  
Gross & McCamy, Dodsonville  
S. W. Norwood & Co., Fackler  
C.J. O'Haver, Hollywood  
Harris, Hart, & Hartley, Hollywood  
A.G. Cook, Kirby's Creek  
C.W. Adkins, Langston  
Wm. R. Larkin, Larkinsville  
Hurt & Co., Limrock  
Erwin & Stephens, Limrock  
M. Gentle, Limrock  
J.C. Baker, Paint Rock  
Howard & Bro., Press  
W. H. Payne, Scottsboro  
Howe & Co., Stevenson  
B.P. Majors, Trenton  
W.A.J. Wann, Woodville  
A.J. Wann, Woodville  
W.H. Woodall, Woodville  
Hodges & Bulman, Woodville  
D.A. Thomas, Woodville  
W.P. Guynn, Ag't Woodville

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**Before the Commissioners of Claims.**

ACT OF CONGRESS, MARCH 3, 1871.

Case of *Mary Seaver Adversely affected by Henry P. Seaver*  
No. *211004* *Deceased.*

It is hereby certified, that on the *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *August*  
1873, at *Stevenson* in the county of *Jackson*  
and State of *Alabama*, personally came before me the following

viz: *Mary Seaver* Claimant,

Counsel, or Attorney.

*William H. Coley, John Gillbreath,*  
*Joseph H. Clarke and David Seaver*

Claimant's Witnesses,

for the purpose of a hearing in the above entitled cause.

Each and every deponent, previous to his or her examination, was properly and duly sworn or affirmed by me to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, concerning the matters under examination; and the testimony of each deponent was written out by me, or in my presence, and as given before me, and subsequently read over to said deponent, by whom it was also subscribed in my presence.

Witness my hand and seal this *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*  
1873,



*James H. Bone*

Special Commissioner of the Commissioners of Claims.

Deposition of *Mary Seaver*

In answer to the First General Interrogatory, the Deponent says:

My name is *Mary Seaver* my age *forty nine*  
years, my residence *near Stevenson* in the State of  
*Alabama*, and my occupation a *farmer*;  
I am *not* related to the claimant, *as Adversely affected*  
and have *a* beneficial interest in the claim.

(Note: The Claimant should always be first examined when present. In which case the words "related to" are omitted.)

That, by the following named persons, the Claimant expects to prove the taking or furnishing of the property  
for the use of the army of the United States:

*Bazil G. Cleburne* OF *Bridgeport Alabama*  
*William H. Coley* OF *Bridgeport*  
OF  
OF  
OF  
OF

The Claimant now prays that the testimony of the witnesses just designated, be taken and recorded, at such  
places and at such time as the Special Commissioner may designate at the proper post of the said Claimant; and  
that due notice of the time and place of the taking thereof be given to the Claimant through his counsel.

Submitted on this ..... day of ..... 187

(S) *Mary Deaver*  
Claimant.

by *J. D. Campbell*  
Attorney.

P. O. Address of Attorney:

*Scottdale*  
*Alabama*



**DIRECTIONS.**

1. State as fully and particularly as possible, the name of the person or persons to whom the property was conveyed for the use of the army.
2. State as well as can be done, the place to which the property was conveyed for the use of the army.
3. State as fully and minutely as is possible, the particular persons or commands using the property, and to what purpose or for use it was applied.
4. The claimant's name should be signed here, either by himself or his attorney.

No. (1)

**Before the Commissioners of Claims,**

Under Act of Congress of March 3, 1871.

In the matter of the Claim of Mary Deaver, widow of Lewis Henry Deaver  
of Jackson in the County of Jackson  
and State of Alabama

Comes now the Claimant before James H. Hays, Esq., Special Commissioner for the State of Alabama, and represents that she has heretofore filed with the above-named Commissioners a Petition for the allowance of a claim for property (2) taken for the use of the army of the United States, which claim, as stated below, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

That the said claim, stated by items, and excluding therefrom all such items as refer to the DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION and LOSS, and not the USE, of property; to unauthorized or unnecessary DEPREDATIONS of troops and other persons upon the property, or to RENT or compensation for the occupation of buildings, grounds or other real estate, is as follows:

No. of Item	QUANTITIES AND ARTICLES	VALUE.	
		Dollars	Cts
1.	20 Milk Cans @ 150 <sup>00</sup> each	200.	00
2.	1 Iron Oxide Magazine	115.	00
3.	45 Iron Cans @ 2.25 (Bread) Ladder Reach given to H. Hays	27.	00
4 & 5.	2-17 Bushels Corn @ 100 <sup>00</sup> 1000 lb Hay @ 1.25 pr 100 <sup>00</sup>	116.	50
7 & 8.	45-7 Bundles Lumber @ 9.50 1 Large Magazine 125 <sup>00</sup>	134.	00
9 & 10.	1 Iron Barrel Jack Screw 11 <sup>00</sup> 1 Grain Stone 7 <sup>00</sup>	18.	00
11.	147 ft 6 inch Pickets 10 <sup>50</sup> Lumber Crockets Hooks &		
12.	2 Cheabing for quarters 120 <sup>00</sup>	120.	00
13.	21350 Pence Rails @ 3 <sup>00</sup> pr 100	640.	00
14.	300 Bushels Lard @ 50	150.	00
15.	100 Double Saddle Black	13.	00
16.	Lumber from top of 9 Houses for quarters	590.	00
17.	Pelicans & Sails	80.	00
18.	420 Bushels Corn @ 21 <sup>00</sup> Steam Engine & Straws & Sails 100 <sup>00</sup>	1070.	00
19.	1000 Boards Wood from Stump @ 4 <sup>00</sup>	4000.	00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4215.</b>	<b>00</b>

That, as stated in the Petition referred to, the property in question was taken from or furnished by Henry H. Beaver of Jackson County, in the State of Alabama, for the use of a portion of the army of the United States, known as (3) Army of Cumberland and commanded by Genl. Rosecrans, & afterwards Genl. Sherman and that the persons who took or received the property, or who authorized or directed it to be taken or furnished, were the following:

NAME.	RANK	CO.	Regiment, Corps or Station.
<u>Henry Howell</u>	<u>Ser.</u>		<u>19<sup>th</sup> Reg. Maine Vol.</u>
<u>G. W. March</u>	<u>Ser.</u>		
<u>Carroll</u>	<u>ser.</u>		<u>19<sup>th</sup> Reg. Maine Vol.</u>

That the property was removed to (4) Stevenson & Bridgeport, and used for or by (5) a portion of U.S. Army there stationed; all this on or about the day of 374 in the year 1862, as appears by the petition presented to the Commissioners.

That, by the following named persons, the claimant expects to prove that, from the beginning of hostilities against the United States to the end thereof, his sympathies were constantly with the cause of the United States; that he never, of his own free will and accord, did anything, or offered, or sought, or attempted to do anything, by word or deed, to injure said cause or retard its success, and that he was at all times ready and willing, when called upon, or if called upon, to aid and assist the cause of the Union, or its supporters, so far as his means and power and the circumstances of the case permitted:

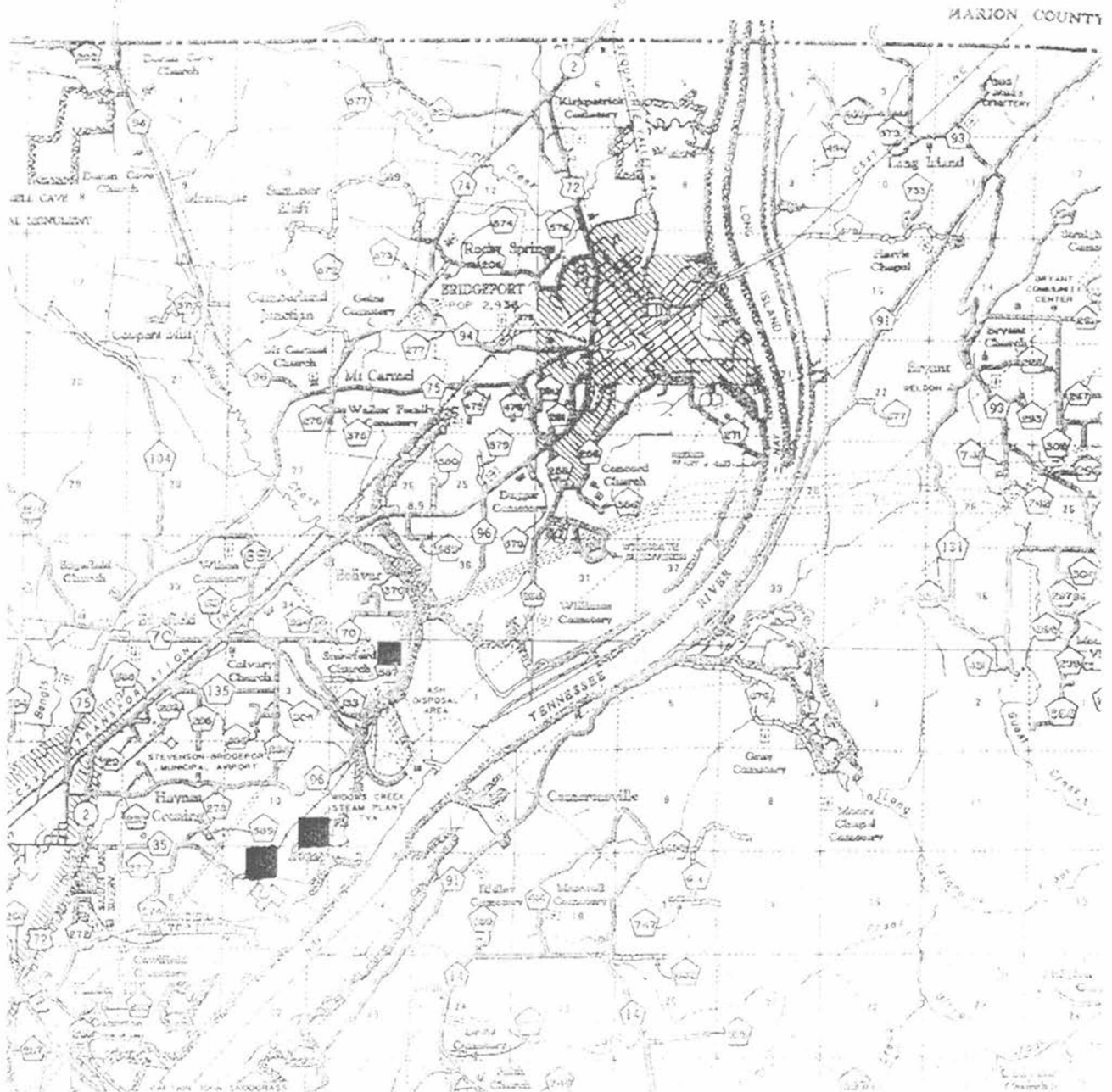
William A. Austin OR Stevenson Alabama  
John P. Underhill OR Stevenson Alabama  
 OR  
 OR

JACKSON COUNTY ALABAMA

Twp 2 South, Range 8 East

Sections 2, 10, 15 Highlighted Below -  
Where Beaver tracts  
were located

TENNESSEE



# Madison County

## 1870 Federal Census

### Part 3 of 3

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Continued from Volume 40, Issue 2, December 2005

Part of Madison County's 1870 census was inadvertently included in Marengo County, Alabama in the microfilm rolls of that year. If your ancestors lived in the areas of Ryland, Brownsboro yet you can not find them in the Madison County census, it may be they are in the portion wrongly included in Marengo County. The following census excerpt was found in the Marengo County 1870 Census Reel No. M593-28 from the National Archives. Continued from December 2005. Extract by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Legend:

b – black	hs – house	occup – occupation	sx – sex
f – female	kp – keep	rd – read v – vote	vote – can vote
fam – family	lbr – laborer	frm – farm	m – mulatto
schl – in school	servt – servant	frmr – farmer	wrt - write

No's	Dwell & Fam No	Name	Age	sx	race	born	Occup	value/ mo. born	Schl	Can not rd wrt	can Vote
<b>Township 5, Range 2 West – Triana P. O.</b>											
	199/195	Collier, Georgiana	54	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
	200/196	Dobbin, Levi	30	m	b	Va	farmer	---/\$400		x x	vote
		Fanny	23	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
		Margaret	5	f	b	Al					
		Melvin	2	m	b	Al					
		Toney, Lettice	52	f	b	Va	kp hs			x x	
	201/197	Toney, Simon	30	m	b	Al	farmer	---/\$400		x x	vote
		Fanny	32	f	b	Al	kp hs			x x	
		Victoria	13	f	b	Al	frm lbr		school		
		Araminta	8	f	b	Al					
		Priscilla	6	f	b	Al					
		Ernest	4	m	b	Al					
		Nina	2	f	b	Al					
		Catherine	2/12	f	b	Al			May		
		Smith, Laura	28	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
		Heter, Cora	10	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
	202/198	Hundley, Isom	30	m	b	Al	farmer	---/\$500		x x	vote
		Maria	28	f	b	Al	kp hs			x x	
312/25		Lucy	8	f	b	Al					
		Phillis	6	f	b	Al				x x	
		Hundley, James	21	m	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	vote

### 20 July 1870

	203/199	Toney, Jeremiah	40	m	b	Al	farmer	---/\$500		x x	vote
		Isabella	40	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
		Louisa	16	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
312/25	309/199	Toney, Rolla	14	m	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	

Toney, Caroline	6	f	b	Al
Oliver	4	m	b	Al
Percy	2	m	b	Al

No's	Dwelling & Fam No	Name	Age	sex	race	born	Occup	value/ mo. born	Schl	Can not can rd	wrt	Vote
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**Township 5, Range 2 West – Triana P. O.**

204/200	Hitar, David	59	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$700			x	x	vote
	Phillis	48	f	b	Al	kp hs				x	x	
	Alfred	22	m	b	Al	farmer				x	x	vote
	Ellen	19	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Margaret	17	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Ida	15	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	David	13	m	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Tarrel	20	m	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	James	8	m	b	Al							

205 [vacant house]

206/201	Coon, Samuel W.	53	m	w	Ky	farmer	\$7500/\$1000					vote
	Martha E.	46	f	w	Al							

207/202	Coon, Mary	19	f	m	Al	servant						x
	Shelley	11	m	m	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	John	17	m	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Rowe, Henrietta	18	f	m	Al	servant						x
	Monroe, William	11	m	m	Al	frm lbr				x	x	

208/203	Toney, William	48	m	b	Al	farmer	--- / \$700			x	x	vote
	Mary J.	35	f	b	Al	kp hs				x	x	
	Mary A.	15	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Caroline	13	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Eda	11	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Isabella	9	f	b	Al							
	Sophia	4	f	b	Al							
	Thomas	2/12	m	b	Al				March			

209 [vacant house]

210/204	Turner, Buck	56	m	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	vote
	Maria	60	f	b	Va	frm lbr				x	x	

211/205	Bibb, Charles	55	m	b	Tn	farmer				x	x	vote
	Fanny	40	f	b	Al	kp hs				x	x	
312/26	Alabama	16	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	Adeline	12	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	James	9	m	b	Al							
	Robert	5	m	b	Al							
	Honora	3	5	b	Al							

212 [vacant house]

213/206	West, Samuel	50	m	b	Va	farmer	--- /\$500			x	x	vote
	Mary	27	f	b	Al	kp hs				x	x	
	George	1	m	b	Al							



214/207	Wiggins, David	40	m	b	Al	farmer			x	x	vote
	Lucinda	40	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x	x	
	Harris, James	24	m	b	Al	farmer			x	x	vote
	Cheney	19	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x	x	

Dwell & No's      Fam No      Name      Age      sx      race      born      value/ Occup      mo. born      Can not Schl      rd      can wrt      Vote

**Township 5, Range 2 West – Triana P. O.**

	214/207	Harris, Catherine	8	f	b	Al							
		Louis	7	m	b	Al							
		Aaron	5	m	b	Al							
	215/208	Wiggins, Rose	50	f	m	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
		Serene	30	f	m	Al					x	x	
		Schrimsher, Emerson	8	m	m	Al							
		Bibb, Yancey	7	m	m	Al							
		Woodson	5	m	b	Al							
		Jackson	3	m	b	Al							
	216/209	Gardner, Richard	55	m	b	Va	farmer	--- /\$200			x	x	vote
		Vinah	50	f	b	Va	kp hs				x	x	
	217/210	Moore, Henry	21	m	b	Al	farmer				x	x	vote
		Charity	20	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
		James	2	m	b	Al							
		Vinah	26	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
	218/211	Patton, Gabriel	39	m	b	Al	farmer				x	x	
		Catherine	20	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
		Jane	2	m	b	Al							
	219/212	Ragland, Alfred	29	m	m	Al	farmer	--- /\$300			x	x	vote
		Mary	34	f	b	Al	kp hs				x	x	
		Cornelia	20	f	m	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
		Annie	4	f	b	Al							
		Francis	2	m	b	Al							
		Emily	3/12	f	b	Al			April				
	220/213	Hatton, Jesse	60	m	b	Va	farmer				x	x	vote
		Cheney	61	f	b	Va	kp hs				x	x	
313/27	221/214	Harris, William	29	m	m	Al	farmer	--- /\$150			x	x	vote
		Virginia	28	f	b	Al	kp hs				x	x	
		Bateman	2	m	m	Al							
		William	5/12	m	m	Al			Feb				
	222/215	Moore, Silax	22	m	b	Ark	farmer				x	x	vote
		Zilthe	20	f	m	Miss	kp hs				x	x	
		Emeline	2	f	m	Al							
		Silax	1	m	m	Al							
	223/216	Fennel, John	49	m	b	Va	farmer	--- /\$100			x	x	vote
		Dinah	54	f	b	Va	kp hs				x	x	
		Eda	19	f	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
		James	18	m	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
		Aananius	10	m	b	Al	frm lbr				x	x	
313/27	224/217	Clemmons, Tabitha	45	f	b	Va	frm lbr				x	x	
		William	15	m	m	Al	frm lbr				x	x	

No's	Dwell & Fam No	Name	Age	sex	race	born	Occup	value/ mo. born	Schl	Can not rd wrt	can Vote
		Moore, Jacob	24	m	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	vote
225		[vacant house]									
226/218		Patton, Mark	53	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$800		x x	vote
		Samuel	24	m	b	Al	farmer			x xx	vote
<b>Township 5, Range 2 West - Triana P. O.</b>											
227/219		Clemmons, John	24	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$400		x x	vote
		Tabitha	21	f	b	Al	kp hs			x x	
		Sarah	4	f	b	Al					
		Alfred	8/12	m	b	Al			Nov		
228		[Vacant house]									
229/220		Patton, Marshall	24	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$600		x x	vote
		Martha	20	f	b	Al				x x	
		Mark	2	m	b	Al					
		Cavett, Alfred	18	m	b	Al	frm lbr				
230/221		Wiggins, York	40	m	b	SC	farmer			x x	vote
		Rose	80	f	b	SC	at home			x x	
		Patsey	26	f	b	Al	kp hs			x x	
		Moses	14	m	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
		Thomas	3	m	b	Al					
		Eli	2	m	b	Al					
231/222		Wiggins, John	52	m	b	Al	farmer			x x	vote
		Anne	22	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
		John	4	m	b	Al					
232/223		Wiggins, George	45	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$400		x x	vote
		Jane	35	f	m	Al	kp hs			x x	
		Anne	7	f	b	Al					
313/28		Wiggins, Amanda	22	f	b	Al				x x	
233/224		Gooch, Alexander	35	m	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	vote
		Julia A.	40	f	b	Ms	kp hs			x x	
		Patton, Coleman	18	m	b	Ms	frm lbr			x x	
		Sarah	16	f	b	Ms	frm lbr			x x	
		Edward	12	m	b	Ms	frm lbr			x x	
		Thomas	6	m	b	Ms					
		Charles	8	m	b	Ms					
234/225		Wiggins, Mary	50	f	b	Al	kp hs			x x	
		Caroline	30	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
		Washington	12	m	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	
		Dixie	8	f	b	Al					
		Gilbert	7	m	b	Al					
235/226		Moore, George	60	m	b	NC	farmer	--- /\$150		x x	vote
		Maria	21	f	m	Al	kp hs			x x	
		Christopher	5	m	m	Ms					
		White, Rufus	21	m	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	vote
236/227		McCulloch, William	30	m	b	Al	farmer			x x	vote
		Eliza	25	f	b	Al	frm lbr			x x	

Dwell & No's	Fam No	Name	Age	sex	race	born	value/ Occup	mo. born	Can not Schl rd	can wrt	Vote
312/28	237	[vacant house]									
	238/228	Glover, Abraham	78	m	m	Va	farmer		x	x	
		Lucy	70	f	m	NC	kp hs		x	x	
		Martha	58	f	m	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Melinda	46	f	m	Al	frm lbr				
<b>Township 5, Range 2 West - Triana P. O.</b>											
	230/229	Glover, Abraham	45	m	m	Al	farmer		x	x	vote
		Emily	45	f	b	Al	kp hs		x	x	
		Clarkie	25	f	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Florence	18	f	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Nathan	13	m	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Lettus	11	f	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Green	8	m	b	Al					
		Hannah	7	f	b	Al					
312/28	240/230	Smith, Henderson	25	m	m	Al	farmer	--- /\$300	x	x	vote
		Keziah	24	f	b	Al	kp hs		x	x	
		Nabran	1	m	b	Al					
		Rufus	16	m	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Thomas	9	m	b	Al					
	241/231	Jamar, John	55	m	b	Va	farmer	--- /\$300	x	x	vote
		Ada	35	f	b	Al	kp hs		x	x	
312/29	241/231	Jamar, Joel	13	m	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Jonah	11	m	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		David	4	m	b	Al					
		James	2	m	b	Al					
		Jeremiah	8/12	m	b	Al		Sept			
	242/232	Wiggins, William	28	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$300	x	x	vote
		Rhoda	23	f	b	Al	kp hs		x	x	
		Henry	8	m	b	Al					
		George	5	m	b	Al					
	243/233	Wiggins, Joseph	35	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$150	x	x	vote
		Celia	23	f	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Jesse	22	m	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	vote
		Moore, Henry	2	m	b	Al					
		Wiggins, Penny	55	f	b	Al	kp hs		x	x	
	244/234	Lipscomb, Andrew	47	m	b	Al	farmer	--- /\$700	x	x	vote
		Maria	40	f	m	Al	kp hs		x	x	
	245/235	Bransford, Mary	40	f	m	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Richard	18	m	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Charles	17	m	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	
		Indiana	12	f	b	Al	frm lbr		x	x	

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### **Alabama Records – Volume 181**

Compiled by Kathleen Paul Jones and Pauline Jones Gandrud, August 1958, p33. Information taken from Madison County Chancery Court Records, p198.

Original Bill filed 10 Aug 1824. David Greenhill and William C. Bass vs. Newell W. Crain and William Crain. Complainants state on April 5, 1820 they executed bonds to Newell W. Crain for “bacon” which seemed all right; inside the hams and shoulders were spoiled. N. W. Crain assigned the note to his brother William Crain. Samuel Peete was attorney for the defendants; case dismissed.



Silas Taylor, without telling of the note, induced orator to pay the mortgage, which Josiah Taylor then assigned to him. The said Silas, about August last, without the consent or knowledge of orator, brought the negroes from Putnam Co., Ga. to Madison Co., Ala. and sold them to Andrew Drake. Orator does not believe Silas Taylor will ever return to Georgia. Case dismissed.

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### **The Dedmans of Madison County**

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Dovie K. Reiff

Francis Dedman, son of Samuel and Eleanor (Howard) Dedman, was born 23 Feb 1783 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He married Temperance Crafton on 12 Jan 1809 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. (WB 6 1802-1809, p265.) The couple was living in Lunenburg County at the time of the 1810 Census, but before 1819, they had moved to Madison County, Alabama.

The following deed was recorded in the Lunenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 35, pp 675-676 on 16 Oct 1855:

This indenture made this third day of October, 1855 between Francis Dedman of the County of Madison and State of Alabama of the first part and David D. Dedman, Francis D. Dedman, Richard S. Dedman, Elizabeth Whitworth, wife of Daniel Whitworth, Laury Ann Fitts, wife of Elijah Fitts of the County of Madison and State of Alabama and Samuel H. Dedman of the County of Marengo in said State of Alabama, parties of the second part. Witnessed that the said Francis Dedman, party of the first part to this Indenture, in consideration of his parental love and affection for the said David D. Dedman, Francis D. Dedman, Richard S. Dedman, Elizabeth Whitworth, Laury Ann Fitts and Samuel H. Dedman, parties of the second part and for further consideration of five dollars to him in hand paid by the same parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath this day given granted bargained sold released and relinquished and by their presents doth give grant bargain sell release and relinquish unto the parties of the second part, all the right title claim interest or demand whatsoever, which the said party of the first part has or is entitled to, or might or could claim either in law or equity by reason of his marital rights as husband of Temperance Dedman, deceased or otherwise, in or to any part or share of the Estate of Richard Crafton deceased of the County of Lunenburg, State of Virginia who was the father of said Temperance Dedman, deceased and especially to any part or portion of the proceeds of the sale of property of said estate in which the widow of said Richard Crafton deceased had a dower or life estate and which was sold by William E. Stoddell of said County of

Lunenburg as Commissioner; and he the said party of the first part doth hereby declare his consent that the said parties of the second part or their agents or attorneys may receive from the said Stogdell or any other person or persons having possession of the same thereof which he the said party of the first part and the said Temperance Dedman deceased, would have been entitled to receive if the said Temperance were living: freed from any claim of him the said party of the first party thereto either in law or equity. In testimony whereof he the said party of the first party hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day issuing first above written.

Francis Dedman (seal)

Witness

John J. Coleman

State of Alabama, to wit

I, John J. Coleman, a Commissioner appointed by the Governor of the State of Virginia, for the said State of Alabama, certify that Francis Dedman, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date of the third day of October 1855 has acknowledged the same before me in my State aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1855.

John J. Coleman, Court of Deeds  
For the State of Virginia

State of Virginia, Clerk's office of Lunenburg County Court, October 16<sup>th</sup> 1855. The foregoing deed together with the Certificate of acknowledgement thereto named was admitted to record according to law.

Teste T. W. Winn cc

Thomas W. Winn of Lunenburg County, Virginia, was appointed by the children of Francis Dedman as their attorney-in-fact and after reasonable compensation for his services, was to pay over the balance to Joshua H. Beadle of the Town of Huntsville, County of Madison, for distribution.

In Lunenburg County Deed Book 36 p16 dated 20 Feb 1856, Samuel H. Dedman of Marengo County, Alabama also named Thomas W. Winn as attorney-in-fact.

## Madison County, Alabama Marriages

### Dedman Family

Francis Dedman married 28 Sep 1855 in Madison County, Alabama. His (second) wife was Mary Elizabeth Blankenship Dedman, widow of William Dedman, brother of Francis.

Samuel H. Dedman married Sarah Ann Whitworth 18 Feb 1834 (Marr Bk 4 p180.)

Elizabeth Dedman married Daniel Whitworth 4 May 1833 (Marr Bk 4 p100.)

Laura Ann Dedman married Elijah M. Fitts 16 Jul 1843 (Marr Bk 4 p686.)

David D. Dedman married Anna H. Erwin 22 May 1845 (Marr Bk A4 p73.)

Francis D. Dedman married Sally Ann Thacker 9 Jul 1850 (Marr Bk A4 p354.)

(Richard S. Dedman never married.)

Samuel H. and Francis D. eventually moved to Arkansas, but the others remained in Madison County, Alabama.

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Under  
 23rd Sept 1865  
 This Indenture made the 15th day of October  
 1865 between Francis Dedman of the County of  
 Madison and State of Alabama of the first part and  
 David S. Dedman, Francis D. Dedman, Richard S.  
 Dedman, Elizabeth Whitworth wife of David Whitworth  
 Esqy Ann Pitts wife of Elijah Pitts of the County of  
 Madison and State of Alabama and Samuel H. Bell  
 of the County of Morgan in said State of Alabama  
 parties of the second part. Witnesseth that the said  
 Francis Dedman party of the first part to this Indenture  
 in consideration of his personal love and  
 affection for the said David S. Dedman, Francis D.  
 Dedman, Richard S. Dedman, Elizabeth Whitworth  
 Esqy Ann Pitts and Samuel H. Dedman parties  
 of the second part and for the further consideration  
 of his debts to him in hand paid by the said  
 parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is  
 hereby acknowledged; both this day given and  
 signed both parties and released and bound by  
 the present date give, bargain sell release  
 and conveyance and the said parties of the second  
 part all the right title claim interest or demand  
 whatsoever which he the said party of the first  
 part has or is entitled to or might or could claim  
 within or without equity by reason of his committed  
 or to be committed of Intemperance Absence  
 or otherwise as to any part or share of the  
 estate of Richard S. Dedman deceased of the County of  
 Madison any other of the said parties of the second  
 part Intemperance Absence or otherwise and especially to  
 any part or portion of the proceeds of the sale of  
 (partly of said estate in which the widow of said  
 Richard S. Dedman deceased had a share or life estate  
 or was or was by William S. Lloyd of said County  
 of Madison as Comptroller; and he the said  
 party of the first part do hereby declare he consent  
 will be as a party of the second part or their agents or  
 attorney may receive from the said Lloyd or any  
 other person or persons having possession of the same  
 or whole or part thereof of the estate of Richard S.  
 Dedman deceased or of the proceeds of the said estate  
 which he the said party of the first part and the said  
 Intemperance Absence or otherwise would have been entitled to  
 receive if the said Intemperance were living; freed from  
 any claim of him the said party of the first part should  
 either in law or equity. In testimony whereof he the  
 said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and  
 affixed his seal the day bearing first above written  
 Witness  
 Francis Dedman

John G. Coleman  
 State of Alabama, to wit.  
 I John G. Coleman, a Comptroller appointed by the  
 Governor of the State of Virginia for the said State of Ala-  
 bama certify that Francis Dedman above named  
 appears to the best of my knowledge to be the true and  
 correct party of the first part in the above written

October 1855 has acknowledged the same instrument  
 in my State of Virginia given under my hand and  
 under the impress of my official Seal, this  
 the 3rd day of October 1855.

John G. Coleman, Clerk of Court  
 for the State of Virginia

State of Virginia - Schick's office of Seaboard County  
 Clerk, October 15<sup>th</sup> 1855. The foregoing deed together  
 with the Certificate of acknowledgment thereof annexed  
 was admitted to Record according to law.

Trusts

W. H. Hines

James  
 1855

Whereas it appears by the foregoing, that whereas the  
 said signed Deed of D. Dedman, James D. Dedman  
 Richard S. Dedman, Elizabeth Whitworth wife of  
 David White, and Elizabeth Ann Ditts wife of  
 Elijah Ditts, made in the County of Madison  
 the State of Alabama are entitled as children of  
 Thompson Dedman deceased (who was the subject  
 of a certain Deed of said County, and daughter of  
 Richard Knifton Thomas, late of the County of Seaboard  
 State of Virginia) to distribution share of the  
 income of the late of certain property real personal  
 and some of the debts of said Richard Knifton  
 and the income of said Richard Knifton's household  
 goods, and whereas, the said children  
 Thompson Dedman deceased and Elizabeth  
 Knifton Ditts are residents that Thomas W.  
 Hines of the County of Seaboard and State of Virginia  
 shall have acting in fact as the attorney in fact  
 and in substance that one or either of us are or may be  
 entitled to receive for the debt of said Richard Knifton  
 deceased, whereas, in whomsoever hands the same  
 may be found that he shall after receiving a reasonable  
 charge thereon thereunto for his services, pay over the  
 balance to Justice H. Hinkle of the Town of Seaboard  
 County of Madison and State of Alabama.

Now therefore to this end, we the said David D.  
 Dedman, James D. Dedman, Richard S. Dedman  
 David Whitworth and his wife Elizabeth, Elijah  
 Ditts and his wife Mary Ann of the County of  
 Madison State of Alabama have nominated, con-  
 stituted and appointed, and by these presents do  
 nominate constitute and appoint Thomas W. Hines  
 of the County of Seaboard and State of Virginia  
 our true and lawful attorney in fact and lawful  
 attorney in fact of each of us, to ask demand, sue  
 for recover and receive of and from William E.  
 Haysell or any other person or persons in whom  
 hands the same may be found, the several and  
 respective distributive shares of us the said David  
 Dedman, James D. Dedman, Richard S. Dedman,  
 Elizabeth Whitworth, and Elizabeth Ann Ditts.

Dedman  
To State  
Minor

The State of Alabama  
Marion County  
Whereas I Samuel H. Dedman do hereby certify  
to a certain distribution share of the proceeds of  
certain lands and claims heretofore made by me  
at the time of her death in the State of Virginia and by the  
Court of Lunenburg, which said land and claims were  
in the Spring of the year 1855 under a decree of the County  
Court for said County by William E. Stockdell Comptroller  
and whereas the said proceeds of sale are now ready  
for distribution Now know ye that I the said Samuel  
H. Dedman have made ordained constituted & appointed  
Thomas H. Wynn of the said State of Virginia and County  
of Lunenburg my true and lawful attorney for me  
and in my name and for my use and benefit to take  
demand and receive of and from the said William  
E. Stockdell Comptroller; or from any other person  
who may have the same, the distribution share to  
which I the said Samuel H. Dedman am entitled as aforesaid.  
and upon receipt thereof by a payment to my said attorney  
a general release or discharge for the same, to make receipt  
and deliver hereby ratifying, confirming and allowing what  
my said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal this 2<sup>d</sup> day of February one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty five.

Saml H. Dedman

The State of Alabama  
Marion County  
I Edmund A. Taylor acting  
acting Justice of the Peace for said County hereby  
certify that Saml H. Dedman whose name is signed  
to the foregoing Power of Attorney and who is known  
to me acknowledged before me on this day, that  
having informed of the contents of the Power of attorney he  
executed the same voluntarily on this day the same  
bears date given under my hand this second  
day of February A. D. 1855

E. A. Taylor J. P.

The State of Alabama  
Marion County  
I James A. Young Judge of the  
Probate Court of said County do hereby certify that Edward  
A. Taylor, whose signature appears to the attached Power of Attorney  
by Saml H. Dedman to the Power of attorney to Thomas H. Wynn  
hereto attached; was on the second day of Feb'y A. D. 1855 a duly  
qualified & competent witness of the said Saml H. Dedman  
and that he was duly authorized to take and administer the  
said Power of Attorney as aforesaid.

(Seal)



# Marshall County

## Distribution of Assets from Estates Part 2 From Judge John H. Carter's Book

Copied, abstracted and contributed by  
Coy Michael

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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**Dora Farmer**, and others,  
Proceeds from sale paid November 15,  
1910.

Amount of sale	\$950.00
Less costs	<u>60.00</u>

Dora Farmer	3/10	\$267.00
William Farmer	1/10	89.00
Robert Pearson	1/5	178.00
Wallace Pearson	1/5	178.00
Mona Belle Pearson	1/5	178.00

Ada Samples, Final Settlement paid  
November 15, 1910

Ada Samples	\$88.36
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**Staucie Stearues** and others, joint paid  
December 1910 through February 1911.

Amount of sale	\$125.00
Costs of sale	<u>95.00</u>
Amount for distribution	\$30.00

Staucie Stearues	1/40	\$0.75
Willie Stearues	1/40	.75
William Johnson	1/50	.60
Buster Johnson	1/50	.60

Dou Johnson, Jr	1/50	.60
Ellen Johnson	1/50	.60
Mary Franklin	1/50	.60
Mrs. Walter Roden	1/20	.60
Dou Johnson	1/30	1.00
Lizzie Ingle	1/30	1.00
Maggie Melton	1/30	1.00
John A. Johnson	1/10	3.00
Isaac Johnson	1/10	3.00
Mollie King	1/10	3.00
Bettie Gautuey	1/10	3.00
Willie Paris	1/10	3.00
Bertie Echols	1/100	.30
Willie Loving	1/100	.30
Lola McDonald	1/50	.60
Ira Ross	1/150	.20
Lula Harris	1/150	.20
E. Ross	1/150	.20
Mollie Angle	1/50	.60
Mollie Craig	1/300	.10
John Craig	1/300	.10
Harvie Craig	1/300	.10
Ella Craig	1/300	.10
Eu? Craig	1/300	.10
Dalton Craig	1/300	.10
Mary Jetton	1/50	.60
Lucretia Hicks	1/50	.60
J. T. Craig	1/50	.60
B. F. Craig	1/50	.60
Flora Hodges	1/50	.60

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**James B. Birdsong**, deceased, paid July 26, 1911

Amount realized at sale	\$800.00
Less costs	<u>100.30</u>
Amount for distribution	699.70

J. B. Birdsong	½	\$349.85
(This was retained by C. B. Birdsong)		
Thomas W. Willis	½	\$349.85

**Minor McClendon**, and others from sale, paid August through October, 1911.

Amount realized at sale	\$600.00
Less costs	<u>79.15</u>
Amount for distribution	520.85

Ocie Russell	1/24	\$21.71
Alfie Russell	1/24	21.71
Willard Russell	1/24	21.71
Thomas Russell	1/8	65.11
Lula McClendon	1/8	65.10
John Russell	1/8	65.10
Martha Baugh	1/8	65.10
Miller McClendon	3/8	195.30

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**M. E. Randal** and others from sale, paid January 17, 1912.

Amount realized from sale	\$650.00
One-half paid cash	325.00
Attorney's fee	25.00
Probate costs	<u>27.25</u>
Amount for distribution at present	272.75

Mattie E. Randal	¼	\$68.20
Albert Randal	¼	68.20
Tabitha Randal	¼	68.20
Mary Randal	¼	68.20

(Sent checks \$272.75 to Mattie E. Randal, guardian, Pittsburg County, Texas c/o Joe R. Hooton, County Clerk.

**Lee Thomas** and others from sale paid January 12, 1912.

Amount of sale	\$2125.00
Attorneys' fees	25.00
Probate costs	<u>27.25</u>
Amount for distribution	272.75

Lee F. Thomas	4/5	\$1656.56
Francis Swain	1/10	207.07
Sallie Swain	1/10	207.07

(Sallie Swain check sent to B. G. Tidwell, guardian, Clarksville, Texas c/o R. J. William, attorney at law.)

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**Eliza E. Diebold**, deceased, paid to heirs October 1915.

Lula Cox	\$8.16
Logan Cox	10.62
Annie Bridges	15.45
Frank Bridges	15.45
Hylecua? Bridges	15.45
Wilbur? Bridges	15.45
Elma? Bridges	15.45
Euclid Cox	3.01

**M. E. Randal**, and others paid January 3, 1912

From sale of land	\$650.00
One half paid cash	325.00
Less attorney fee	<u>25.00</u>
Net	300.00
Less probate costs	<u>27.25</u>
Remainder to distribute	272.75

Mattie Randal	68.25
Albert Randal	68.25
Tabitha Randal	68.25

Mary Randal	68.25	J. W. Fields	30.41
		Check sent to Reno, Arkansas	
<b>Lou G. McCormick</b> , sale of land, paid November 14, 1912		Daek Martin	30.41
		Effie Moore	30.41
Amount paid into court for E. B. Kellett \$137.50		Check sent to Nauvoo, Alabama	
Page 23		Susan Show	30.41
		Check sent to Carbon Hill, Alabama	
<b>F. L. Farrow</b> vs Packhill and others, paid February 24, 1912		J. A. Lang	15.20
		Lena Clark	15.20
Amount for distribution	\$900.00	John Moore	3.04
James R. Segler, purchaser who owed 20/27 which was retained by himself	666.67	Sallie Dodd	3.04
F. L. Farrow	200.00	E? Moore	3.04
Ray Dickey	33.33	A. Moore	3.04
		Marian Moore	3.04
<b>J. A. Lang</b> , and others, Morgan lands, paid February – April, 1912		Marcello Moore	3.04
		Maude Moore	3.04
Amount of sale	\$1431.00	Lucy Moore	3.04
Less Costs	<u>214.55</u>	Alma Moore	3.04
Amount for distribution	1216.45	Louis Moore	3.04
		Melvin Hill	30.41
Joe Morgan	\$121.64	Check sent to Carbon Hill, Alabama	
Sent to Chadwick, Texas		Page 24	
John Morgan	121.64	<b>R. C. Woodall</b> , deceased, paid May and July, 1913	
Sent to Carbon, Texas		James Bush	\$108.50
James Seius?	40.55	Check sent to Fort Worth, Texas	
		J. P. Bush estate	36.17
Nathan Seius?	40.55	Paid to Mary J. Bush	
E? Gregory	40.55	<b>Ida Hood</b> , and others joint owners, paid May and July 1913	
Missouri Dyar	40.55	Amount sale of lands	\$1350.00
Mrs. Alexander Carty	40.55	Less costs	<u>105.45</u>
Martha Kelly	40.55	Amount for distribution	1244.55
Kauso Deuham?	243.29		
Parole Stewart	243.29	Mrs. R. C. Woodall	311.14
W. J. Fields?	30.41	Miss Nannie Woodall	311.14
Check sent to Bloomfield, Stoddard Co., Missouri.			

Mrs. Ida Hood	311.14
James P. Bush Jr.	233.35
Sent to W. T. Bush in Fort Worth, Texas	
J. P. Bush	77.78

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**William Tidwell, deceased**

Amount paid into court	\$689.85
Savannah Tidwell	229.95
Bud Tidwell	229.95
Ola Tidwell	229.95

**Benjamin R. Berry, and others**

Amount	\$4500.00
Less costs	<u>160.35</u>
Amount distribution	4339.65

B? R. Berry	2479.80
A. E. Fields	1239.90
Addie Huids?	68.88
Huey P. Berry	68.88
Leroy Berry	68.88
Collis M. Berry	68.88
Minnie S. Morris	68.88
Eva Wauer?	68.88
Ollie Walker	34.44
Lola Warren	68.88
Curtis Reynolds	68.88
Check to L. R. Reynolds.	
Gd. Cullman, Alabama	
Velma Fra?	68.88

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**E. B. Dendy and other joint owners**

Amount realized at sale	\$2750.00
Less Costs	<u>90.00</u>
Amount to distribute	2660.00

Elisha B. Dendy	295.55
W. J. Dendy	295.55

H. Y. Dendy	295.55
John Dendy	295.55
Mrs. I. P. Beaty	295.55
Mrs. A. T. Whitten	295.55
Mrs. ? Scott	295.55
Mrs. Margaret Dendy	36.95
Aquilla Dendy Maddox	36.95
P? Johnson	36.95
Lula O. Cash?	36.95
Obie Dendy	36.95
Surveticis Dendy	36.95
Leonard Dendy	36.95
Eunice Minnie Lee Dendy	36.95
Mrs. Martha Penlope Bohanan	49.25
Elisha McDaniel Hawk	49.25
Robert Henry Hawk	49.25
Oliver O. Hawk	49.25
Edgar Adkins Hawk	49.25
J? Hawk	49.25

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**Mrs. J. B. Howsly and others joint owners.**

Proceeds of sale	\$1500.00
Less costs	<u>81.75</u>
Amount for distribution	1418.25

Mrs. S. B. Howsly	303.84
Inez Brown	219.51
Lou Alice Frenna ?	219.51
? J. Brown	219.51
Mary E. Brown	219.51
J. H. Brown	219.51
Elizabeth Holly	3.37
Herschel Holly	3.37
Floyd Holly	3.37
Elley Holly	3.37
Della Holly	3.37

(Note: All of the \$3.37 payments paid to S. A. Holly, Father of apparent minors.)

**Luke Mitchell** and others joint owners,  
paid May 1, 1913.

Amount of sale	\$1100.00
Less Costs	<u>82.00</u>
Amount for distribution	1018.00

Luke Mitchell	509.00
A? Mitchell	509.00
Check to Russellville, Ky.	

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**Estelle Beard** and others joint owners  
paid May 1913

Amount realized at sale	\$800.00
Less Costs	<u>90.00</u>
Amount of distribution	710.00

William Rains	88.75
Bertha Province	29.58
Roy Province	29.58
Dora Province	29.58
John Rains	88.75
Eva Cantrell	88.75
Oscar T. Rains	88.75
Ode Rains	88.75
Gwinn Powell	22.19
Leona Powell	22.19
Ba? Powell	22.19
Buel Powell	22.19
Mrs. Estelle Rains	88.75

**George A. Gibson**, deceased

W. J. Gibson	\$59.15
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**H. P. Hicks** and others joint owners,  
(payments began February 1914 and the  
last one paid July 24, 1923)

Amount realized at sale	\$210.00
Less Costs	<u>71.43</u>

Amount for distribution	138.57
H. P. Hicks	23.10
Alicia Slaten	23.10
Mary Jane Bowers	23.10
Marian Slaten	23.10
Theodore P. Slaten	23.10
Wayman Leslie Rice	7.70
Lula May Rice	7.70
Jesse James Rice	7.70

**N. M. Skidmore** and other joint owners,  
Paid February 1914.

Amount realized at sale	\$2400.00
Less Costs	<u>137.00</u>
Amount for distribution	2263.00

N. M. Skidmore	848.62
Mary Blanton	282.88
Belle Garrison	282.88
Olivia Turner	282.88
Dixie Skidmore	282.88
Bernice Weaver	94.29
Dennis Cantrell	94.29
Gallaway Weaver	94.29

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**O. M. Pearson estate**, paid April 1914

Amount paid into court \$859.76 d?  
Carson Childress

Charlie F. Carson	\$171.95
Mary Lillian Carson	171.95
Stacie Carson	171.95
Velurao?Carson	171.95
A. Francis Carson	171.95

**W. M. Tidwell**, deceased.

Amount paid into court by  
Administrator. \$689.85

Savannah Tidwell	229.95
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Bud Tidwell 229.95  
 Ola Tidwell 229.95

**W. A. Phillips**, deceased, estimate of final settlement.

Amount paid into court for Thomas B. Phillips \$97.97

Thomas B. Phillips \$97.97  
 Sent check to Jasper, Alabama  
 Lula Jane Latimer 301.18  
 Maurice B. Latimer 301.18

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**Adalaide C. Jones** and others joint owners, paid August 15, 1915.

Amount paid into court by W. C. Raybro? \$183.50

Emmett? L. Jones \$91.50  
 Lula E. Jones 91.50

**L. M. Crawford estate**, paid in 1915

Heywetta Lukas? 13.25  
 E.? Crawford 13.25  
 Joe Crawford 13.25  
 Mrs. ? Lecutie? 13.25  
 Dolly Crawford 13.25  
 Ophelia Hyatt 13.25  
 Leona Tipton 13.25  
 E. Crawford 13.25  
 Loretta Crawford 13.25  
 Rosetta Weave 13.25  
 Gracie Regal? 13.25  
 Millard Doyle 2.65  
 Louise Cox 2.65  
 Elena Ridgeway 2.65  
 (Illegible) 2.65  
 B. Bagwell 2.65

**Tommie Bridges** and others joint owners

Amount realized at sale \$1475.00  
 Less costs 115.00  
 Amount for distribute 1360.00

Tommie Bridges \$272.00  
 Willie Brazelton 272.00  
 Martin Walker 272.00  
 J. Walker 272.00  
 (Four additional names are illegible)

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**W. Wheeler estate** account paid by J. C. Camp, paid January 19, 1917

Earnest Wheeler \$35.77  
 William C. Wheeler 35.77  
 Clifton Wheeler 35.77  
 Kermit Wheeler 35.77  
 Gertrude Wheeler 35.77

**Sarah G. Boshart**, deceased, December 1915

Value to distribute \$890.00  
 Columbus G. Boshart \$296.66  
 Leonard Benson 148.33  
 T. Morgan 74.18  
 Howard L. Morgan 74.18  
 Jewell Skelton 148.33  
 Connie C. Skelton 148.33

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Did you remember to pay your annual membership dues?

## Deed Record Book A

### Part 11

Copied, abstracted and contributed  
by Coy Michael

Continued from Volume 40, Issue  
Number 4

#### **Deed - John Matson to Joseph G. Garrett and William W. Macfarlan**

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This indenture made this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1837 between John Watson of the first part, Joseph G. Garrett of the second part and William W. Macfarlan trading under the name of Macfarlan and brothers of the third part. One note bearing date of the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1837 for the sum of thirty dollars and seventy-three cents payable one day after the date thereof amounting in all to the sum of fifty-nine dollars and seventy-three cents which debt the said John Matson is willing and desirous to make safe and secure to the said Macfarlan and brothers. --- The said John Matson has bargained, sold and delivered unto the said Joseph G. Garrett the following property: two red cows, one red heifer, two red and white heifers, one calf and one spotted sow with six pigs.

Signed by John Matson, Joseph G. Garrett, Arthur C. Macfarlan, William W. Macfarlan and A. C. Macfarlan. Sealed and witnessed in presence of John D. Barclay and Louis Wyeth. Attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

#### **Deed – Isaac Moon to Martin L. Kile**

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This indenture made this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1837 between Isaac Moon and Nancy Moon, his wife, of the first part and Martin L. Kile of the second part. Whereas that Isaac Moon and his wife Nancy Moon for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars has this day bargained and sold to the said Martin L. Kile all of the certain tract or parcel of land known as the lot on East part C of Fractional Section 18 in Township seven of Range three East containing forty acres.

Signed by Isaac Moon, his wife Nancy signed with an X.

(This document contained the usual private personal examination of the wife by the Justice of the Peace to confirm that she signed of her own free will and was not forced by her husband to sign her name.) This part of the document signed by E? Bridges, Justice of the Peace.

#### **Deed – Gary Woodall to Presley Woodall**

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This indenture made this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1837 between “Gary Woodall of the County of Jackson of the one part and Presley Woodall of the County of Marshall of the other part. Wherewith, that the said Gary Woodall for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars has this day bargained and sold and conveyed to the said Presley Woodall a certain tract of land known as

the NE quarter of the NW quarter of Section seven in Township six of Range four East containing 40 acres and 73/100 of an acre.

Gary Woodall signed his X. James Hutchens, Justice of the Peace, also signed.

**Deed – Robert Rhea to John C. Rhea**

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This indenture made the ninth day of December 1837 between Robert Rhea and Olliva Rhea of the first part and John C. Rhea of the County of Cherokee, Alabama of the second part. Wherewith that the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars doth hereby bargain and sell unto the party of the second all that parcel of land being part D of Section 23 of Township 6 of Range 4 East containing 67 acres.

Signed by Robert Rhea and an X signed for Olliva Rhea. Document was also signed by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed – Andrew Moore to John C Rhea**

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This indenture made the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837 between Andrew Moore of the first part and John C. Rhea of Cherokee County, Alabama of the second part. Where forth that the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars from the party of the second part does hereby

bargain and sell all that parcel of land being the West half of the South West quarter of Section 14 of Township 6 of Range 4 East.

Signed by Andrew Moore and attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed – William Black to John C. Rhea**

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This indenture made the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837 between William Black and Delila Black, his wife, of the first part and John C. Rhea of Cherokee County, Alabama of the second part. Where forth that the party of the first part for and consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars hath granted, bargained and sold unto the party of the second part that parcel of land lying in the East half of the South West quarter of Section 14 of Township 6 of Range 4 East containing 79 and 86/100 acres.

Signed by William Black and his wife Delila signed with an X. Also attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed – Andrew Moore to John Black**

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This indenture made the fourth day of December, 1837 between Andrew Moore of the first part and John Black of the second part. Where forth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars hath hereby granted, bargained



and sold unto the said party of the second part all that parcel of land being the East half of the North East quarter of Section 1 of Township 6 of Range 3 East.

Signed by Andrew Moore, by William E. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace and attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed of Gift - Benjamin Oliver to Hannah Pendegraf**

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Know all men by these presents that Benjamin Oliver, a being in sound mind do give, grant and convey unto Hannah Pendegraf, one of my grandchildren, a certain *nigra* man named Emack of a yellow complexion and about five feet nine inches high and twenty-two years old and by these presents give, grant and convey and deliver unto the said Hannah Pendegraf the said *nigra*. Given this first day of December, 1937.

Signed by Benjamin Oliver and witnessed by Raleigh Pendegraf and attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed of Trust – Sarah Sullivan to John D. Barclay**

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This indenture made and concluded this fourteenth day of December 1837 by and between Sarah Sullivan of the first part and John D. Barclay of the second part and Joseph G. Garrett surviving partner

of the firm Macfarlane and Garrett of the third part.

Whereas the said Sarah Sullivan is justly indebted to the said Joseph G. Garrett, surviving partner as aforesaid in the sum of one hundred and eleven dollars good and lawful money of the United States and is willing to secure this payment. (Sarah Sullivan provided one Roan mare about seven years old as security for her obligation for payment due the first day of March 1838). If there is default in payment then John D. Barclay shall proceed to sell the Roan mare at auction for cash after giving public notice.

Signed by Sarah Sullivan (her X), John D. Barclay, J. G. Garrett and attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed of Trust – John Black to John D. Barclay**

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This indenture made the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1837 between John Black of the first part and John D. Barclay of the second part and Joseph G. Garrett and James H. Beard of the third part. Whereas the said John Black is indebted to the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur in the sum of six hundred and ten dollars and eighty cents by note payable in the following sums and at the following periods, to wit, one fourth in the month of June 1838, one half the remainder in the month of January 1839 and the balance the month of June 1840. The said Joseph G. Garrett and James H. Beard have signed their names for the said security. In order to secure the debt John Black is willing and does transfer to John D. Barclay the

parcel of land being the East half of the North West quarter of Section 1 of Township 6 of Range 3 East. John D. Barclay will hold land and if default of payment by John Black the property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

Signed by John Black, John D. Barclay, J. G. Garrett, James H. Beard and attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed of Gift – Richard Golden to Susan and Nancy Hambric**

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Know all men by these presents that I, Richard Golden had this day conveyed the following property to Susan and Nancy Hambric, the heirs of William Hambrick deceased, the following property to wit: two cows and calves and two heifers two years old next spring and nine head of hogs and one bed and furniture with all the house and kitchen furnishings and a certain lot of corn in the cabin where William Hambrick formerly lived and one stack of fodder in the field and one spinning wheel, six chairs, two ovens, ten knives and forks, a half dozen chairs (and several farm implements).

Signed by Richard Golden. Witnessed by William Kelly, J. L. Wilson and John Higgins and attested by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Correction to the last issue of Tennessee Valley Leaves, Volume 41, No. 4:**

TVGS member S. Wayne Speer in Huntsville kindly sent us a letter with corrections to the list of First Families of the Tennessee Valley, which appeared on pages 137 and 138:

Elizabeth Martha Speer *should be* Elizabeth *Martin* Speer.

Moses Speer was inadvertently left off of the list.

There were two Robert Speers who were in Madison County prior to statehood: one was born in 1813 in Madison County and his grandfather, also named Robert Speer, was born somewhere between 1740 and 1750.

Our apologies to the Speer family, and our thank you to Mr. Wayne Speer for catching our mistake!

Needing back issues of Tennessee Valley Leaves? See inside front cover for a listing. Some are available on microfiche and others in hard copy. Just let us know!

Don't forget the next meeting of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society – September 28 at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library at 7 p.m.

# Things You Should Know

## Upcoming Events

The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Fall Seminar will be held on November 18, 2006 at the Brentwood, Tennessee Library. This year's theme is "Finding our Immigrant Ancestors and Writing their Stories." The morning session will focus on passenger arrival records and naturalization records. Two afternoon sessions will be held: how to assemble and write a narrative family history, and discovering the real stories of immigrant ancestors. The seminar's speaker will be Dr. John Philip Coletta who has outstanding credentials. He teaches at the National Archives, Smithsonian Institute, and universities in and near Washington, D.C. For more information, call Juanita Patton at (615) 298-3742. You may also check the website, although at time of publication, this information was not yet listed. Please check closer to November: <http://www.mtgs.org>.

## Tips for Courthouse Searches

Dr. Paul Drake of Crossville, Tennessee and Margaret Grove Driskill of Huntsville co-authored a book entitled, "Genealogy – How to Find Your Ancestors." Since much of the information contained in this publication comes from courthouses, it might be interesting to find out more about the process of the courthouse search.

According to the book, these archival collections are especially valuable sources because most of them are original, or "near original" if they are copies of the originals which were destroyed or even stolen. For many of you who search diligently for

information, it helps that these records are in chronological order, as opposed to information gleaned from libraries. Sadly, many of the courthouses were burned: accidentally, torched in the Civil War, and much was lost when the British burned Washington in the War of 1812. Many Confederate records and those for the states of South Carolina, Virginia, including the Virginia Census of 1790, are no longer available, as a local woman trying to prove her lineage for DAR has just learned.

In the research of property, we see, oftentimes in these very pages, certain terms time and again. *Real Property*, or *realty* refers to real estate or land. *Personal property* or *personalty*, is everything you can own which are further divided into *tangibles* (physical artifacts) and *intangibles* (stocks, bonds, promissory notes, etc.)

This is just a taste of the wonderful items in this book. For more information on this book, see [www.heritagebooks.com](http://www.heritagebooks.com).

## Lineage Societies

Many of our members are also members of lineage societies, or are looking for information in order to join one. These societies, much like our First Families of the Tennessee Valley connect us to others with similar backgrounds and sometimes we connect with long-lost relatives. Some of the most popular of these societies are Sons/Daughters of the American Revolution and United Sons/Daughters of the Confederacy.

There are still others for descendants of signers of the Declaration of Independence, Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Mayflower descendants, Colonial Dames, or even running a hostelry prior to July 4,

1776. The list goes on! Some are gender-specific while others are by invitation only. Requirements and proof may be difficult to find and more than one prospective member of the DAR did her research only to find her ancestor fought *against* the Americans!

Fortunately, some of these ancestral societies will require that you only prove your relationship to another relative who has already completed the worst of the legwork. Be aware however, that occasionally a specific line will be "closed out" and sometimes the requirements for proof are changed, leaving you to do the research from scratch.

If you need help from a professional genealogist, see [www.bcgertification.org](http://www.bcgertification.org) for help to find a member of the Board of Certification of Genealogists. Don't be surprised if someone you already know may be a member!

Family Tree Magazine occasionally publishes fun genealogy sites to play in, such as <http://www.genealogy.com/famousfolks/> if you'd like to find out how you might be related to someone famous. The genealogists joke is that we are all descended from famous people, however the International Society of Black Sheep Genealogists celebrate those who are not normally bragged about. Check out <http://blacksheep.rootsweb.com> for more information. They even have a section called "Genealogy Hall of Shame."

### Update on Bailey Springs Cemetery

Lee Anne Wofford, Cemetery Program Coordinator for the Alabama Historical Commission sent us a letter in June informing members that the Bailey Springs Cemetery in Lauderdale County, also known as Camp Westmoreland Cemetery, has been placed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. There are *THREE* veterans of the War of 1812 buried there.

An excerpt from her letter explains more about the Register:

"The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama. These selected cemeteries are worthy of both recognition and preservation. Listing on the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners.

For your information, the Bailey Springs Cemetery is the 1<sup>st</sup> cemetery in Lauderdale County to be listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. It is the 66<sup>th</sup> cemetery listed on the register statewide.

For additional information on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register and other programs offered by the Alabama Historical Commission, please contact me."

Lee Anne Wofford can be reached at (334) 230-2659 or by e-mail at [leeanne.wofford@preserveala.org](mailto:leeanne.wofford@preserveala.org).

### Restoration of the Historic Lowry House

Although this item falls into several categories, it should be of interest to genealogists as well. The Lowry-Tippett house on Kildare Street has finally been restored, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tippett, and is now open for parties, receptions, and tours.

John Lowry moved his family from Virginia and was the contractor on Madison County's first courthouse in 1811. Portions of the original log cabin are believed to be in evidence in the home, which has been added to. It has remained much as you see it now since 1855 and it was believed that residents during the Civil War hid gold under the floor. Fortune hunters did extensive damage in later years in search of the gold.

John Lowry's most famous descendant was Dr. Samuel Lowry, who graduated from Bellevue Medical College in New York in 1873 and opened the first infirmary in Huntsville at Randolph and White Streets.

For more information, call (256) 489-9200 or visit their website: [www.TheLowryHouse.com](http://www.TheLowryHouse.com).

## LAND RECORDS, LAND RECORDS, LAND RECORDS!

The following books, all outstanding sources of early land records, are available for purchase. The only thing missing from these pages is the courthouse dust!

**Old Land Records of Morgan County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 259 pages, full name index: \$17.00

**Old Land Records of Limestone County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 265 pages, full name index: \$18.00

**Old Land Records of Colbert County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 240 pages, full name index: \$18.00

**Old Land Records of Franklin County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 280 pages, full name index: \$18.00

**Old Land Records of Marshall County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 432 pages, full name index: \$22.00

**Old Land Records of Lawrence County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 444 pages, full name index: \$23.00

**Old Land Records of Lauderdale County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 393 pages, full name index: \$24.00

and reprinted by popular demand:

**Old Land Records of Madison County, Alabama**, 8.5 x 11, perfect binding, soft cover, 486 pages, full name index: \$35.00

All books show the information you will find in the Tractbook in the county courthouse, as well as the Secretary of State's Office in Montgomery. Also, the Franklin, Marshall, Lawrence, Lauderdale, and Madison County books show information from the Bureau of Land Management (GLO) Tractbooks.

Margaret M. Cowart, former editor of *Valley Leaves*, author of these books, and long-time member of TVGS, will run an index check for \$3.00. This money is applicable toward the price of the book. For an index search, please send the names you are researching, a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and a check for \$3.00. If you choose to buy one of the books, subtract \$3.00 from the price listed. Send to:

Margaret M. Cowart  
7801 Tea Garden Road, SE  
Huntsville, Alabama, 35802

## 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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# Valley Leaves Policies

## Contributions

Members of the Society are encouraged to submit *unpublished* primary source material of Jackson, Madison, and Marshall Counties. We focus on pre-1900 material.

We are a nonprofit organization and cannot pay for contributions.

We especially appreciate material from other counties or states that pertain to one of our three covered counties.

TVGS does not pay for contributions but we do acknowledge the contributor and give bylines.

We prefer typewritten material but if you have a legible hand, handwritten information is acceptable. Please do not send computer discs.

Courthouse records, diaries, church records, military records, minister's records, newspaper items, personal letters, tombstone inscriptions, etc. are of special interest to our readers.

## Tombstone Inscriptions

If you send tombstone inscriptions, please give the location of the cemetery, how to get to it, and if you copied all the stones or only a portion of them. Other genealogical material concerning the persons enumerated is encouraged but not necessary.

Do NOT put the inscriptions in alphabetical order but leave them in the order in which are buried. By putting them in alphabetical order, important relationships can be lost.

## Bible Records

If you send a Bible record, we would like to have a photocopy of it plus your interpretation of each name. We

like to include a photocopy of the Bible in *Valley Leaves* as this is helpful to persons proving their lineage for membership in DAR, etc. If there is a *title page* and *date of publication* in the Bible it is imperative that you include them when you submit the record.

## Queries

We no longer have a "queries section," however, if you have a query pertaining to Jackson, Madison or Marshall Counties, we will work it into the main body of the appropriate chapter.

## Book Reviews

Books will be reviewed in *Valley Leaves* if the author donates a copy to TVGS. After the review, the book is given to the Heritage Room of the Huntsville- Madison County Public Library.

Quarterlies will be reviewed *only* upon receipt of a *full volume*.

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