

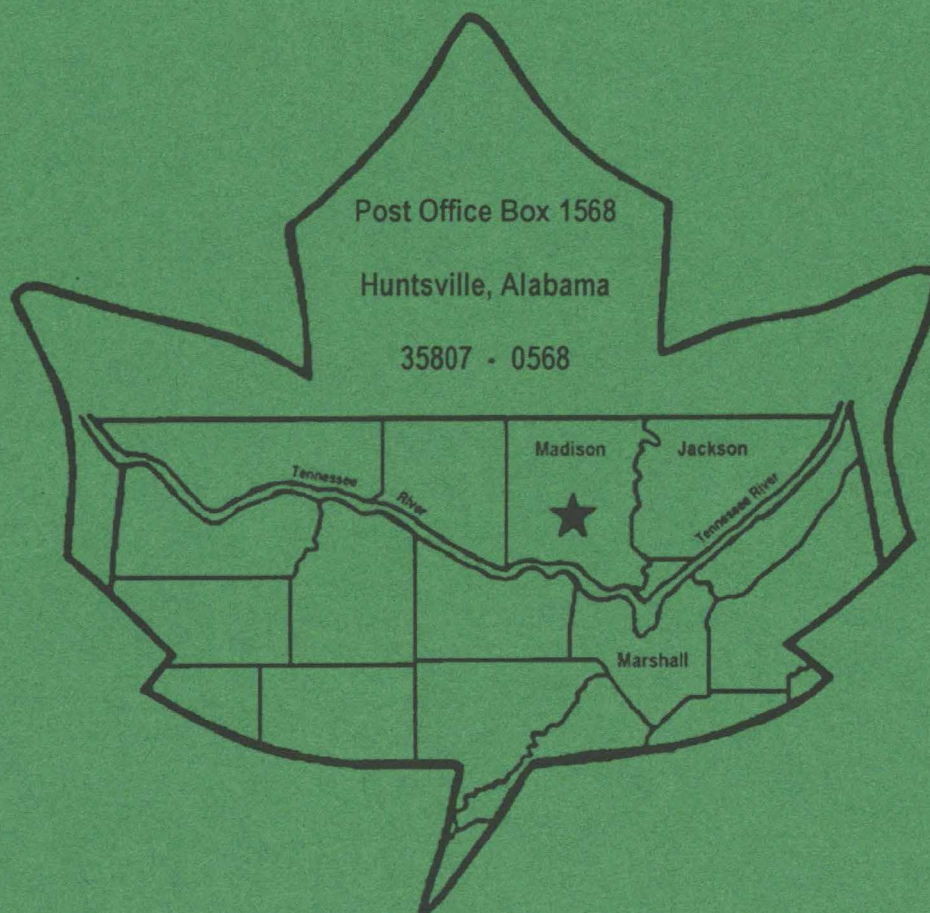
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# Jackson County

## Probate Court Records

Part 2 - Continued from Volume 42, Issue No. 2

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The following records were recorded in the Probate Minutes, Book TT, dated 1897 to 1900 at the Jackson County Courthouse in Scottsboro.

**Samuel H. Hall, Minor**  
**Order Appointing Guardian**  
**April 11, 1899**  
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This day comes Samuel Butler and makes application for letters of guardianship of the estate of Samuel H. Hall; representing among other things that said Samuel H. Hall is a minor over the age of 14 years and has an estate in this county in his own name, consisting chiefly of money of the amount of \$ dollars and probably not more, and that said minor has no further living or other legal guardian in this state.

It appearing to the court that said Samuel Butler is a resident of this county and has the custody of said minor. He is considered in all things a proper person to have the guardianship of said minor, and has this day made a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with R. L. Butler and J. T. Prince as his sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this court. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Samuel Butler be, and he is hereby appointed guardian of the estate of said minor and that letters of guardianship issue to him for ?.

(Editor's note: the dollar amount was not recorded.)

**Samuel H. Manning, et al**  
**Tenants in Common**  
**Order Setting Day to Hear Petition**  
**April 11, 1899**  
**Page 312**

This day comes Samuel H. Manning and files his petition in writing and under oath, alleging among other things, that he and William C. Manning and Mary J. Hall, wife of James Hall, are all of the full age of twenty-one years and reside in this county. They are tenants in common or joint tenants of certain real estate, particularly described in said petition. The said petitioner owns seven ninths interest and the said William C. Manning and Mary J. Hall each own a one ninth interest in said lands, and he prays for an order of this court to appoint three commissioners to partition and divide ? among the joint owners.

It is ordered by the court that the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May be appointed a day to hear said petition, and the proof submitted to sustain the same, at which time all parties of interest may appear and contest the same.

**Thomas Hall, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Decree of Final Settlement**  
**April 11, 1899**  
**Page 312**

This day having been set to hear and determine all matters relating to the accounts heretofore filed by Thomas W. Hall as the administrator of the estate of Thomas Hall, deceased, for a final settlement thereof. Now comes the said Thomas W. Hall and moves the court that this said account may be passed and allowed as the same is by him stated.

And it appearing to the court that due notice of the nature of and of the time set to hear and make such settlement has been given in all respects according to law, and strictly in pursuance of the order of this court made and entered on the 17th day of March 1899.

F. A. Bostick, who was heretofore duly appointed by the court to act as guardian ad litem, to represent and protect the interest of Samuel H. Hall, the only minor interested in this settlement, having filed his written consent to act proceeding to contest said settlement, the court proceeds to hear the matter pertaining to said accounts and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto.

Whereupon it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that said administrator has received of the assets of said estate, the sum of \$2,106 and that he has justly expended in and apart the costs and charges necessary and incident to said administration, and in the payment of the debts of said estate, the sum of \$459.17, leaving a balance of \$1,646.83 for distribution among those entitled. And said account appearing to be ? and correct, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the court that said accounts be and the same are hereby in all things passed and allowed as above stated. And it further appearing that said deceased left him surviving his three sons, Thomas W. Hall, J. S. Hall, and W. H. Hall and his grandchildren Eliza J.

Prince and R. L. Butler, the only heirs of Nancy Butler, deceased, who was a daughter of said Thomas Hall deceased, all of full age and Samuel H. Hall a minor and a grandson, the only descendants of Samuel Hall who was a son of deceased. All of whom are entitled to share the personal estate of said deceased so that said balance of \$1,646.83 must be divided into five equal parts or shares, making each one of the five parts or shares the sum of \$329.36.

It is therefore adjudged and decreed that Thomas W. Hall have and receive of the assets of said estate on final settlement the sum of \$329.36 which sum has been retained by him as such distributee. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that J. S. Hall have and receive the sum of \$329.36 and it appears that he has received of the said administrator the sum of \$275, leaving a balance of \$54.36 due him which is now paid into court for him.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that W. H. Hall have and receive the sum of \$329.36 and it appears that he has received of the said administrator the sum of \$35 leaving a balance due him of \$294.36 which is now paid into court for him. It appearing that Samuel H. Hall is entitled to receive the sum of \$329.36 and that he has heretofore received by his guardian Samuel Butler the sum of \$250 leaving a balance due thereon of the sum of \$79.36.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that said Samuel H. Hall by his guardian ad litem F. A. Bostick, have and receive of said Thomas W. Hall the said sum of \$79.36 which is now paid into court for him. It appearing that Eliza J. Prince and R. L. Butler are each entitled to receive one half of a full share, to wit: the sum of \$164.68 each; and it further appearing

that Eliza J. Prince and R. L. Butler have each heretofore received the sum of \$125, leaving a balance due each of them the sum of \$39.68.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said Eliza J. Prince and R. L. Butler each receive and recover of said Thomas W. Hall the said sum of \$39.68 which said sums are now paid into court for them. It is further ordered that Thomas W. Hall, having fully accounted for and paid into court the distributive interest due each of the distributees of said estate, be discharged from further duties as such administrator, and from further liabilities in that behalf. It is further ordered that said account be recorded.

**Thomas Hall, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Order to Convey Land**  
**April the 11th, 1899**  
**Page 314**

This day comes Thomas W. Hall as the administrator of the estate of Thomas Hall, deceased, and filed his report in writing and under oath setting forth that J. T. Prince as the purchaser of certain lands of said estate hereinafter sold under a former order of this court for distribution among the heirs and distributees of said estate, which sale was duly reported to and confirmed by order of this court, has paid to said Thomas W. Hall as such administrator, the whole of the purchase money for said lands. Viz: The sum of \$1,345.00 and praying for an order to convey title to said lands, and it appearing to the court from the evidence adduced that the allegations of said report are true.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that all the right title and interest owned or had in said lands by said Thomas

Hall, deceased, be and the same is hereby conveyed to said J. T. Prince and said Thomas W. Hall, as such administrator is ordered and directed to execute a deed to said J. T. Prince all the right title and interest owned by said Thomas Hall deceased at the time of his death in the said lands described as follows to wit: all that part of the Thomas Hall home place lying east of Larkins Creek bounded on the north by the lands of J. S. Hall in the east, by the lands of L. M. Prince and Samuel Butler on the south, by the lands of Samuel Butler and on the west, by the Larkin Creek being a part of W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 2, Range 4 east, and part of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW of Sec. 33 Township ? Range 4 east in Jackson County, Alabama containing one hundred seventy acres more or less.

It further appearing from said report that Thomas W. Hall has this day paid into this court for the heirs and distributees of said estate the whole of the purchase money due from him for lands purchased by him individually at the sale thereof as aforesaid and it further appearing from the evidence adduced that all the adult heirs and distributees of said estate, to wit: J. S. Hall, W. Hall, R. L. Butler, and Eliza J. Prince have had personal notice of the nature of this report and application and of the time the sale is made and it further appearing that F. A. Bostick, the guardian ad litem for Samuel H. Hall the only minor interested in this proceeding has had notice of this application and now appearing in that behalf desires (denies?) all the allegations of said report and the said Thomas W. Hall now pays into court the purchase money due for said land to wit: the sum of \$255.00.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed that all the right title and interest owned by said Thomas Hall, deceased in said lands at the time of his death be used the same is hereby conveyed to said Thomas W. Hall and that Virgil Bouldin who is not of him or interested in this cause or proceeding, be and he is hereby appointed commissioner. As such commissioner, he is directed to execute order conveying to said Thomas W. Hall all the right, title and interest owned by Thomas Hall, deceased, at the time of his death in said lands described as follows: All that part of the Thomas Hall home place lying west of Larkins Creek bounded on the north by the lands of Thomas W. Hall on the east by Larkins Creek and on the south and west by the lands of J. T. Prince being a part of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  or NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 and ? more or less in NW corner of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 2, Range 4 east in Jackson County, Alabama containing thirty-one acres more or less. It is further ordered that said report be recorded.

**Abraham Gross, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Report Sale of Lands**  
**April 14, 1899**  
**Page 315**

This day comes I. G. Gross the administrator of said estate with the will ? and files his report of the sale of certain lands belonging to the said estate in writing and under oath according to a former order of this court.

It is ordered that said report be held over until the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1899 and that all matters pertaining to this cause be deferred.

**William P. Wynan, Estate**  
**Tenants in Common**  
**Report Sale of Land**  
**April the 17<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 316**

This day comes John B. Wynan, the guardian of the estate of said minors and filed in this court his report in writing and under oath of the sale made by him under the order of this court of the real estate belonging to his said wards, which sale was so made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1899. It is ordered that said report be filed and lie over for ten days to await further action hereon by the court.

W. H. Norwood  
Special Judge of Probate

**Cleveland Childress, et al, minors**  
**Estate of**  
**Order for Maintenance and Education**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 316**

This day comes S. W. Tate, guardian of Cleveland, Paul, Boyd, and Sallie A. Childress, and files his petition in writing and under oath praying for an order of this court directing him, as such administrator, to spend such portion of the principal of said wards as may be necessary for their maintenance, representing among other things that the rents, interest, and income of the estate of said wards are not sufficient for their maintenance.

It is ordered that the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May be appointed a day to hear said petition and the evidence submitted in support of the same. It is further ordered that Virgil Bouldin, who is considered a proper person be and ? hereby appointed guardian ad litem to represent and



protect the interest of said minors on the hearing of said petition.

**John C. Breccourt, Minor**  
**Estate of**  
**Order to Remove Property**  
**April the 18<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 316**

Comes H. H. Newell of the Wyandot County in the State of Ohio, guardian of the estate of John C. Breccourt, a minor, and files his application in writing and under oath praying for an order to remove the property of his said ward from this court to the place of his residence in the Wyandot County, Ohio as aforesaid, filing in this court with said petition, a transcript duly certified under seal of the court of probate of Wyandot County, Ohio of his appointment as such guardian for said minor.

It appearing to the court that said transcript of guardianship is from the court of Competent Jurisdiction and in due form and properly certified. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said sum of \$ in the court belonging to John C. Breccourt be remitted to his guardian in the State of Ohio upon the filing of the proper receipt. It is further ordered that said petition be recorded.

(Editor's note: no dollar amount was recorded in this record.)

**John W. Williams, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Confirmation of Sale**  
**April the 24<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 317**

This day comes Henry A. Webb, administrator of the estate of John W.

Williams, deceased, and moves the court to confirm his report made in writing and under oath of the sale of certain land belonging to said estate, and for an order to convey said lands by proper deed to said purchasers thereof, which report was filed in this court on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1899 in pursuance of law, and in strict accordance with the terms and requirements of the former order and decree of this court granted and entered in the premises on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899, he proceeded and sold at public outcry for cash in front of the post office at Trenton, Alabama on the first day of April 1899, in this county, the land described in said former order and decree and that the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 2 ? east in Jackson County, Alabama was purchased by J. P. Williams for the sum of \$40 and that the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 4, Range 3 east in Jackson County, Alabama was purchased by F. J. Robinson for the sum of \$351.00.

It appearing to the court that said report was filed more than ten days before this day, and no exceptions to the same have been filed, and it further appearing to the court that said amounts so bid for such lands as represented by each tract thereof by J. P. Williams and John F. Robinson each respectively was the highest and best bidder for the same that each of said respective sums so bid was not greatly less or disproportionate to its real value, that said sale was legally and fairly made, conducted, and concluded, and that all of said purchase money so bid by each of said purchasers have been fully paid in cash.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said sale be used and same hereby is approved and in all things satisfied and confirmed by this court.

It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said Henry A. Webb, as administrator aforesaid as is authorized, and he is hereby ordered to convey by proper deed to the said J. P. Williams and F. J. Robinson all the rights, title, and interest which the said John W. Williams, deceased, had in such lands as purchased by them respectively at the time of his death. It is further ordered that said report and all other papers relating to this proceeding be recorded. It is further ordered that said administrator pay the cost of this proceeding.

**W. B. Keeble, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Order (Confirming) Granting Sale**  
**April the 24<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 318**

This being the day appointed more than three weeks before this day for hearing the application of John H. Vaught, the administrator of said estate for an order to sell certain lands hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the debts due from said estate upon the grounds that the personal property is insufficient to pay said indebtedness, now comes the said administrator and moves the court that said application be granted and also comes S. W. Tate, who is not of kin to said administrator nor in any way interested in this proceeding, and who was heretofore duly appointed and has consented, is willing to act as guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of Carrie Keeble and Frank

Keeble, minors interested in this proceeding and the said guardian ad litem having filed his answer in moving as such guardian on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899 denying the allegations contained in said application and Beatrice E. Keeble, the widow of the deceased. W. B. Keeble, Lizzie Keeble, William B. Keeble and Robert M. Keeble having had notice strictly and in all respects in accordance with the order of this court, made and entered in the premises on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899. And it having been proven to the satisfaction of the court by the oaths of W. T. Jones and W. H. Dicus who are disinterested witnesses and whose testimony has been taken by deposition and upon direct and cross interrogations as in chancery court and which testimony has been filed of record in this proceeding that the personal property is insufficient to pay the debts of said estate and that it is necessary and will be to the interest of said estate that the lands described as follows to wit: S ½ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ and S ½ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 5, Range 5 east in Jackson County, Alabama containing 40 acres more or less should be sold for the purpose of paying the debts of said estate.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said application be granted and said administrator is hereby ordered to sell the above described land at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of this county, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1899 after having first given notice for at least three successive weeks of the time, place, and terms of the sale together with a description of the property in the *Progressive Age*, a newspaper published in this county and Beatrice E. Keeble the widow of said deceased having filed her written

consent as such widow in this court that her disinterest in such lands may be sold so as to vest in the purchaser the complete title.

**Marie O'Neal, Minor**  
**Estate of**  
**Order Appointing Guardian**  
**April the 24<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 319**

This day comes W. P. O'Neal, a resident of this county and files his petition in writing and under such praying that he may be appointed to be the guardian of the property of Marie O'Neal, a minor in this state. It appearing to the court that said minor is under the age of fourteen years, that she resides with her father in this county and has no guardian in this state, that her mother is dead, and that she has an estate in her own right in the county consisting chiefly of lands of the value of about \$400.00 and probably not more, and that it is necessary some person should be appointed guardian of said property.

It further appearing that said W. P. O'Neal is the father of said minor, and has given bond in the sum of \$800.00 with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, a corporation as his surety thereon which bond has been taken and approved as good and sufficient by the Judge of this court.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said W. P. O'Neal be and he is hereby appointed guardian of Marie O'Neal's estate and that letters of guardianship do forthwith issue to him.

**Abraham Gross, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Order Confirming Sale of Lands**

**April the 25<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 319**

This day comes I. G. Gross the administrator with the will ? of Abraham Gross, deceased and asks for an order confirming the sale by him heretofore made of certain real estate belonging to said estate. It appearing to the court that said sale was duly reported to this court more than ten days prior to this date and no objections having been filed thereto.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the court that the sale of said lands reported to have been made to William Dobbins as shown by report on file be and the same is hereby duly confirmed.

**Marie O'Neal, Minor**  
**Estate of**  
**Order Setting day to hear Petition**  
**April the 26<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 319**

W. P. O'Neal, guardian of the estate of Marie O'Neal, having this day filed his application in writing and under oath praying for an order and proceedings to sell certain real estate described in said petition belonging to his said ward for the purpose of maintenance and education, upon the grounds that the rents and income from said estate is insufficient for that purpose.

It appearing to the court that said minor is under the age of fourteen years and is in the custody of her father, the said petitioner in this county. It is therefore ordered that the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1899 be appointed a day for hearing the said application and the proof which may be submitted in support of the same. It is further ordered that due notice of the nature of said petition and the time set for hearing the same be given at least three weeks before the said

day of hearing by publication in the *Scottsboro Citizen*, a newspaper published in said county for all persons of interest to appear and contest said application if they think proper. It is further ordered that W. H. Norwood, who is considered a proper person, be and he is hereby appointed guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of the said minor upon the hearing of said application.

**T. J. Mitchell, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Order Appointing Administrator**  
**April the 26<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 320**

This day comes J. W. Mitchell and files his petition in writing and under oath praying for an order of this court to be appointed administrator of the estate of T. J. Mitchell, deceased, representing among other things that said T. J. Mitchell departed this life in this county intestate on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1897. That his death has been known more than 15 days before this day, and his real and personal estate consisted chiefly of a government claim due from the U.S. Government, being estimated to be worth about two hundred dollars and probably not more.

That the heirs of said deceased are as follows to wit: Mary Mitchell, the widow and his children: M. T. Mitchell, J. W. Mitchell, Mattie J. Woods, wife of B. J. Woods, children of Bettie Kennamer, deceased, most of them minors. Also Sallie Kennamer wife of J. F. Kennamer, and Mary H. Mitchell, all of full age.

It appearing to the court that said widow has declined to administer said estate, and that J. W. Mitchell is a son of the deceased more than 21 years of age

and a resident of this state and in no way disqualified from acting as such administrator, having this day filed his bond in the sum of two hundred dollars which said bond has been taken and approved as good and sufficient with J. H. Gregory as his surety ?.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said J. W. Mitchell be and he is hereby appointed administrator of said estate, and that letters of administration do forthwith issue to him. It is further ordered that said petitioner and bond be recorded.

**William P. Wynn, Estate, Minors**  
**Tenants in Common**  
**Order Confirming Sale of Lands**  
**April the 27<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
**Page 321**

Whereas on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1899, John B. Wynn, guardian in this court of the estate of the above named minors filed with the special Judge of this court his report in writing and under oath setting forth therein among other things that in pursuance of an order of said court made and entered in the premises on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1899 which was an order authorizing him as such guardian to sell certain real estate belonging to said minors for their maintenance and education and which land is particularly described in said order of sale and in said report of sale, he did as such guardian proceed and sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at the post office in the town of Stevenson in this county on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1899, the said real estate.

Of said sale J. A. Patterson became the purchaser of said real estate and for the sum of \$350.00 and that said purchaser has complied with the terms of the said sale by paying to said guardian

one half of his said bid and by the securing payment of the balance of said purchase price as directed by said order of sale. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said sale was in all respects regular and fair and that the sum for which said land was sold at said sale was at fair price for the same.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the court that said sale of said lands be and the same is hereby satisfied and confirmed and that said report be recorded.

W. H. Norwood,  
Special Judge of Probate

**Ella Rippetoe, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Order setting day of final Settlement**  
**April the 28<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
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This day comes John F. Proctor the administrator of the estate of Ella Rippetoe, deceased, and files his account and vouchers for a final settlement of said estate. It is ordered that the 5th day of June be appointed a day to make such settlement. It is further ordered that all parties interested in this settlement have proper notice of the same as required by law. It is further ordered that notice of the time and nature of such settlement be given for three successive weeks before said 5<sup>th</sup> day of June by publication in the *Scottsboro Citizen*, a newspaper published in this county. It is further ordered that J. H. Gregory be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of the minors interested in this settlement.

**Thomas Frasier, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Report of Renting Land**  
**April the 29<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
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This day comes J. P. Williams the administrator of the estate of Thomas Frasier, deceased, and files his report of renting certain lands of said estate. It appearing to the court that said report is in all things regular, and in compliance with the law in such cases and being in writing and under oath. It is ordered that said report be recorded.

**Andrew J. Hicks, et al, Minors**  
**Tenants in Common**  
**Order to Amend Petition**  
**May the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1899**  
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This day comes the petitioner and moves the court to allow him to amend his petition by adding to the list of personal property four sheep and three lambs. It appearing to the court that it is to the interest of the parties concerned in this proceeding it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said petition be amended so as to contain the above described property.

**John Bryant, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Order Appointing Administrator**  
**April the 13<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
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This day comes J. M. Bryant and files his petition in writing and under oath praying for an order for, of this court, to appoint himself the said J. M. Bryant administrator de bonis non of the estate of John Bryant, deceased, representing among other things that

said John Bryant departed this life in Jackson County, Alabama on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898; that letters of administration were granted on his estate by the probate Judge of this county to J. P. Bryant, and since the said granting of letters to him, he has departed this life, leaving said administration vacant which estate consists of personal property and area estate valued at the sum of one thousand dollars and probably not more.

It appearing to the court that an administrator de bonis non on said estate is necessary to complete said administration and for a final settlement thereof, and that said J. M. Bryant is the oldest son of said deceased, who is in every way qualified to administer said estate, having this day given a good and sufficient bond as such administrator de bonis non in the sum of \$2,000.00 with J. D. Snodgrass and E. Stodsdill as his sureties thereon, which bond had been taken and approved by the Judge of this court.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said J. M. Bryant be and he is hereby appointed administrator de bonis non of said estate and that proper letters be forthwith issued to said J. M. Bryant.

**Cleveland Childress, et al, minors**  
**Estate of**  
**Order Confirming Petition of**  
**Guardianship**  
**May the 8<sup>th</sup>, 1899**  
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This being the day set by an order of this court more than twenty days before this day for hearing the application filed in writing and under oath by S. W. Tate, guardian of Cleveland, Paul, Boyd, Fred, and Sallie R. Childress, minors for an order to appropriate part of the principal

of the estate of said minors to their maintenance and education on the grounds that the income of the said estate is insufficient for that purpose. Now comes the said S. W. Tate as guardian of aforesaid and moves the court for an order to appropriate \$75.00 of the principal of said estate for the maintenance and education of his said wards.

Also comes Virgil Bouldin, who was heretofore appointed by an order of this court guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of said minors on the hearing of said application, who puts in issue the facts stated in the application and requires proof thereof.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court from the evidence that the facts stated in the application are true.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said S. W. Tate, as guardian aforesaid and he is hereby authorized and directs to appropriate the sum of \$75.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the maintenance and education of said minors.

It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said S. W. Tate, as guardian aforesaid, pay the cost of this proceeding and of money in his possession, belonging to the estate of said minors for which he shall have credit on the settlement of his said trust.

~to be continued~

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# Madison County

## Death Certificates Of White People Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery 1908 – 1916 (Last names beginning with “F” and “G”)

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### Part 5

#### Fears, Mary F.

Died: 14 March 1916 at 4:00 p.m.  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Place born: Tennessee  
Lived at place of death: 6 months  
Cause of death: Pulmonary tuberculosis  
Age: 57 years  
Marital Status: Widow  
Reporter: W. B. England

#### Fears, William Earle

Died: 30 July 1912 at 1:00 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 187 Pike St., Merrimack  
Had lived there four months  
Duration of illness: 6 mo.  
Cause of death: Marasmus  
Age: 9 mo.  
Father: Wm. A. Fears, b. Tennessee  
Mother: Annie Fears, b. Tennessee  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

#### Fider infant (female)

Died: 14 June 1909  
Place died: Near Huntsville  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Father: Wm. E. Fider, b. Pa  
Mother: Fannie W. Fider, b. Tenn  
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

#### Finley, Arthur (Mrs.)

Died: 21 Sept 1911  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Lived at place of death: three years  
Age: 45 years

Marital Status: Married  
Reporter: Arthur Finley

#### Fisk, J. M. (Mrs.)

Died: 25 Nov 1909  
Born: Ala.  
Place died: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, Grove Ave.,  
Huntsville  
Cause of death: Surgical operation,  
abdominal section.  
Occupation: Housewife  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 40  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland, M.D.

#### Fisk, Martha Jane

Died: 8 Jan 1809 at 10:00 a.m.  
Born: Madison Co., Al  
Place died: 203 Meridian Street  
Lived at place of death: about 7 years  
Cause of death: Acute bronchitis  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age: 69 years  
Marital Status: Widow  
Father: James M. Kenney, b. Ala  
Mother: Mary E. Kenney  
Buried Lot 15, Section E  
Reporter: T. E. Dryer

#### Fitch infants (twins: 1 male, 1 female)

Died: 3 July 1909 at 4:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Lowe Village  
Cause of death: Premature birth  
Father: Alley Fitch  
Mother: Maudie Fitch, b. Ala  
Reporter: D. M. Winston

**Fitch, Horace**

Died: 19 March 1910  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Lowe Village  
Had lived there entire life  
Where disease contracted: Lowe Mills  
Duration of illness: One week  
Age: 1 yr., 6 mo.  
Father: Allie Fitch  
Mother: Mandie Fitch, b. Ala  
Reporter: J. F. Burnham

**Fitch, Mary A.**

Died: 24 April 1908  
Place died: Lowe Village  
Cause of death: Myelitis<sup>1</sup> – convulsions  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age: 27 years  
Marital Status: Married  
Buried Section K, Lot 71

**Fletcher, Algernon Sydney**

Died: 8 Oct 1908 at 7:00 a.m.  
Born: Virginia  
Place died: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Williams Street  
Had lived there since childhood  
Duration of illness: 3 mo.  
Cause of death: Cholecystitis<sup>2</sup>  
Contributory cause: Catarrh of the gall  
ducts & passing of gallstones.  
Occupation: Financier & Banker  
Age: 75 yr., 6 mo.  
Marital Status: Married  
Father: ... Fletcher, b. Va.  
Mother: ... Fletcher, b. Va.  
Reporter: J. L. Darwin, M. D.

**Fletcher, James E.**

Died: 9 Jan 1914  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Madison Station, Ala  
Occupation: Planter  
Had lived at place of death his entire life  
Cause of death: Heart Disease  
Age: 75  
Marital Status: Married

Reporter: T. E. Dryer, H. O.

**Fletcher, Rebecca**

Died: 31 July 1909  
Born: - (not shown)  
Place died: Madison, Ala.  
Cause of death: Heart Failure  
Age: 75 years  
Reporter: J. F. Burnham

**Fondfield, Amanda**

Died: 11 Oct 1912  
Place died: Jackson St., Huntsville  
Had lived there entire life  
Occupation: Housewife  
Duration of illness: 5 weeks  
Cause of death: Paralytic stroke  
Contributory cause: Malarial fever  
Age: 54 years  
Buried in pauper plot  
Reporter: W. W. Derrick

**Ford infant**

Died: 11 Aug 1911 at 2:30 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Died: Holmes St., Huntsville  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Father: Wm. C. Ford, b. Alabama  
Mother: Mattie Ford, b. Alabama  
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

**Ford, Chapman L.**

Died: 9 Dec 1911 at 2 a.m.  
Place died: 322 Stevens Ave., Dallas  
Village  
Had lived there entire lifetime  
Duration of illness: Seven days  
Cause of death: Erysipelas<sup>3</sup>  
Age: One month  
Father: Marion Ford, b. Tenn  
Mother: Sarah Ford, b. Ala  
Buried in A. H. Brittin's Lot, Section 11  
[Mr. Ford bought balance of  
Brittin's lot by authority of Mrs.  
Brittin.]  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

<sup>1</sup> Painful inflammation of spinal cord or of bone marrow.

<sup>2</sup> Inflammation of gallbladder.

<sup>3</sup> Streptococcus



**Ford, Joseph (Mrs.)**

Died: 13 Feb 1914 at 4:00 a.m.  
Place died: Huntsville, Alabama  
Place born: Tennessee  
Lived 12 yrs. at place of death  
Duration of illness: 7 or 8 weeks  
Cause of death: Carcinoma of liver  
Marital status: Widow  
Age: 48 years  
Reporter: H. C. Mooreland

**Fort, Annie V.**

Died: 1 Oct 1915 at 1:00 p.m.  
Place died: Washington St., Huntsville  
Place born: Alabama  
Lived about 12 mo. where died  
Duration of illness: 6 mo.  
Cause of death: Pulmonary tuberculosis  
Age: 43 yrs  
Marital status: Married  
Reporter: W. B. England

**Foster, Della**

Died: 16 Dec 1914  
Place died: Oakwood St., Dallas Mills,  
Huntsville  
Resided several years at place died  
Duration of illness: Four years  
Cause of death: Pellagra  
Age: 41 years  
Reporter: J. E. Walker

**Fowler infant**

Died: 29 Dec 1915  
Place died: Huntsville, Alabama  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Father: William Fowler, born Alabama  
Mother: Mrs. Wm. Fowler, born  
Alabama  
Reporter: F. B. Wilson

**Frazier, Robert J.**

Died: 14 February 1915  
Place died: Huntsville Ward 2  
Occupation: Painter  
Cause of death: "Could not make it out"  
Age: 65[?]  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Frame, Edgar**

Died: 25 July 1909 at 10:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Beat 1, Beirne Ave.  
Had lived there from birth  
Duration of illness: 7 days  
Cause of death: Cerebral spinal  
meningitis  
Age: 1 year, 1 month  
Father: Thomas Frame, b. Alabama  
Mother: Sadie Frame, b. Alabama  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

**Frankenberger, Harriet**

Died: 22 July 1914 at 4 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: North Huntsville  
Occupation: Spinster  
Had resided at place of death 25 years  
Where disease contracted: Probably  
California  
Duration of illness: 4 weeks  
Cause of death: Pellagra  
Contributory Cause: Phthisis Pulmonary  
Age: 50 yr.  
Marital Status: Single  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Frankenberger,  
both b. Pa.  
Remarks: She had tuberculosis 10 yrs.,  
Pellagra developing one month  
before death.  
Reporter: J. L. Darwin, M. D.

**Franklin, May (Mrs.)**

Died: 11 March 1910  
Born: (not given)  
Place died: 4<sup>th</sup> & Beirne, Huntsville  
Duration of illness: 3 weeks  
Cause of death: Rheumatism  
Occupation: Housewife  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Fraust, Junita<sup>4</sup>**

Died: 6 Nov 1911  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Had lived in Huntsville entire life  
Duration of illness: 9 weeks

<sup>4</sup> Probably is Juanita

Cause of death: Malarial fever  
Age: 1 yr. 9 mo.  
Father: Henry M. Fraust, b. Tenn  
Mother: Jessie L. Fraust, b. Tenn  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Freeman infant (male)**

Died: 26 Sept 1914  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Place born: Madison Co., Al  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Parents: James T. Freeman and Mai  
Freeman, both born Tennessee  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Friedman, Corrine (Mrs.)**

Died: 5 May 1909 at 4:30 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Eustis Ave.  
Had lived there about 5 years  
Duration of illness: 8 years  
Cause of death: Cancer of throat  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age: 43  
Marital Status: Married  
Father: Theo Acklin  
Remarks: "Sister of Miss Kate Acklin  
and died at Acklin Boarding  
house; had no doctor for some  
time."  
Reporter: Humes C. Laughlin

**Friend, Wm. R.**

Died: 2 Nov 1908 at 3:30 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Died: Ward 3, Adams Ave., H'ville, Al  
Had resided about 7 mo. at place of  
death  
Duration of illness: 3 years  
Cause of death: tuberculosis of lungs  
Occupation: Railroad Conductor  
Age: 42 years  
Marital Status: Single  
Father: David H. Friend, b. Tenn  
Mother: Elvira Gay Friend, b. Ala.  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland, M. D.

**Fulgham, Oscar**

Died: 13 Jan 1915 at 7:35 p.m.  
Place died: 900 Catherine Ave.,

Birmingham, Al  
Place Born: Fayetteville, Tn  
Occupation: U. S. Deputy Marshall  
Cause of death: [none given]  
Age: 64 yrs.  
Marital status: Single  
Reporter: R. M. Cunningham, H. O.,  
Birmingham, Al

**Fuller infant**

Died: 12 Aug 1913 at 5:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Adams Ave.  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Father: Smith C. Fuller, b. Ala  
Mother: Johnnie D. Fuller, b. Ala  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland, M. D.

**Fullington, Louis**

Died: 29 June 1909 at 7:40 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Beat 1, Huntsville  
Had resided at place of death for 3 yrs.  
Cause of death: Diphtheria  
Contributory cause: Heart failure  
Age: 5 years  
Father: Monroe Fullington, b. Ala  
Mother: Myrtle Fullington, b. Tenn  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Funston, Ola**

Died: 20 March 1912 at 1:00 a.m.  
Place: E. Holmes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, Huntsville  
Born: Tennessee  
Occupation: Housewife  
Resided 20 years at place of death  
Duration of illness: 77 days  
Cause of death: Peritonitis  
Age: 47  
Marital status: Married  
Father: George Stonebreaker, born Tn.  
Reporter: T. E. Dryer

**Gaines, Frances**

Died: 11 Dec 1912 at 5:00 a.m.  
Place died: 306 Halsey, Huntsville  
Had lived there one year  
Occupation: Housekeeper  
Duration of illness: 3 days  
Cause of death: Cerebro Spinal

Meningitis  
Contributory cause: Humiplegia[?]  
Age: 43  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Gallager, Edward Francis**

Died: 21 Jan 1910 at 3:00 a.m.  
Born: (not given)  
Place died: Atlanta, Fulton Co.  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Occupation: Telephone man  
Age: 25 years  
Buried: On Chas. Hamaker Lot  
Reporter: G. P. Hughley, M. D., Atlanta,  
Ga

**Gardiner, William F.**

Died: 15 March 1909 at 11:30 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Eustis Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Had lived there 4 months  
Cause of death: Angina pectoris  
Occupation: Farmer  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 75 years  
Father: David Gardiner  
Mother: Sarah Gardiner  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Gardiner, J. Ed**

Died: 18 Dec 1911 at 4:00 a.m.  
Place died: City hospital  
Born: Alabama  
Occupation: Merchant  
Resided at place of death one week  
Cause of death: Paralysis  
Contributory cause: Serosys[?] of  
arteries  
Age: 44 years  
Marital Status: Married  
Father: W. F. Gardiner, b. Ala  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Garnand, Sincy E.**

Died: 17 Aug 1911 at 1:40 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Mills St., Huntsville  
Had lived there entire life  
Duration of illness: 4 weeks  
Cause of death: Congestion of bowels

Age: 1 year 2 mo.  
Father: E. F. Garnand, b. Oklahoma  
Mother: Bettie Garnand, b. Ala  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Garner, John W.**

Died: 9 Oct 1909 at 6:40 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Died: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, Walker St.  
Had resided 10 years at place of death  
Duration of illness: 3 months  
Cause of death: Multiple abscesses of  
lungs  
Occupation: Tax assessor  
Age: 59 yr.  
Marital Status: Married  
Father: Wm. French Garner, b. Al  
Mother: Susan Brooks Garner, b. Va  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Garry, Susie**

Died: 3 Sept 1910 at 9:00 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Had resided there 6 years  
Duration of illness: 3 months  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age: 33 years  
Both of her parents born in Tenn  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Garth, Lena**

Died: 20 June 1909  
Born: Alabama  
Died near Huntsville on Whitesburg  
Pike  
Had lived there entire life  
Duration of illness: five days  
Cause of death: Enteritis  
Age: 2 years  
Father: Willis Garth, b. Ala  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Garth, William Winston**

Died: 25 Feb 1912 at 7:00 a.m.  
Place: Franklin St., 3d Ward, Huntsville  
Born: Morgan Co., Al  
Occupation: Lawyer  
Resided 50 years at place of death

Duration of illness: 7 weeks  
Cause of death: Senility  
Contributory cause: fall  
Age: 86 years  
Marital Status: Married  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Geiger, Martha F.**

Died: 15 March 1915  
Place died: Huntsville, Ward 2  
Occupation: Housewife  
Resided several years at place of death  
Duration of illness: 5 or 6 months  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Contributory cause: Had pneumonia six  
or eight months ago  
Age: 64  
Marital status: Widowed  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**Gentle, Eva May**

Died: 24 July 1909 at 6:00 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Beat 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward,  
Washington Street, Huntsville  
Resided 3 mo. at place of death  
Duration of illness: From birth  
Cause of death: Marasmus  
Age: 4 Mo. 14 days  
Father: J. L. Ward  
Mother: Odie Belle Ward, nee Gentle,  
born Texas  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas, M. D.

**George Infant**

Died: 10 Jan 1909 at 3:30 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville  
Cause of death: Found dead  
Age: 3 days  
Father: John George, b. Tenn  
Mother: Nannie George, b. Tenn  
Buried in Lot 37, Section K  
Reporter: W. W. Haden

**Gibbs, Thomas J.**

Died: 4 Jan 1914  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville  
Had lived at place died about 6 weeks

Duration of illness: 12 hr.  
Cause of death: Congestion of lungs  
Age: 6 months  
Reporter: W. B. England, M. D.

**Gibson, J. W.**

Died: 3 June 1913 at 8:15 p.m.  
Born: (not stated)  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Occupation: Fisherman  
Duration of illness: 24 hours  
Cause of death: Gunshot wound  
inflicted by policeman. Shot by  
officer while being arrested.  
Surgery? Yes. The ball extracted from  
under the skin of abdomen.  
Age: 38 yrs.  
Marital Status: Single  
Reporter: T. E. Dryer, M. D.

**Gibson, Joseph**

Died: 15 June 1908 at 12:30 p.m.  
Born: South Carolina  
Place died: Near Belle Factory  
How long did deceased reside at place  
of death? "Was there to get  
away from the law."  
Duration of illness: One hour  
Cause of death: Gun shot wound  
through head.  
Occupation: Mill hand  
Age: 26  
Remarks: "This man was shot and killed  
by Dep. Sheriff Erie Miller near  
Belle Factory, Alabama."  
Buried Lot 86, Section E  
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

**Gibson, Lizzie May**

Died: 18 Aug 1910 at 5:00 a.m.  
Born: Ala  
Place died: Stephens Ave., Huntsville  
Cause of death: measles  
Contributory cause: Fever  
Age: 3 years  
Father: Joe Gibson, b. S. C.  
Mother: Lizzie Gibson (Wheeler), b. Ala  
Reporter: F. B. Wilson

**Gilbert, Charles H. Jr.**

Died: 8 July 1908 at 7:15 p.m.  
Born: Madison Co., Ala  
Place Died: Lincoln St.  
Had lived there entire lifetime  
Duration of illness: Several weeks  
Cause of death: Enteritis  
Age: 2 yr  
Father: Charles H. Gilbert, b. Ala  
Mother: Mary Gilbert, b. Ala  
Buried in Lot 142, Section C  
Reporter: F. E. Baldridge by H. D.  
Westmoreland.

**Gilbert, Margaret P. (Mrs.)**

Died: 13 May 1909 at 6:30 a.m.  
Born: Tenn  
Place died: "Just outside Corporate  
limits of Huntsville."  
Had lived there about two years  
Duration of illness: One year  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis (general)  
Occupation: housewife  
Age: 63 years  
Marital Status: Widow  
Father: William Sorells, b. Tenn  
Mother: Nellie Sorells, b. Tenn  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Giles, A. E. (Mrs.)**

Died: 4 March 1915 at 4:00 a.m.  
Place died: Grove St., Huntsville, Al  
Place of birth: Tennessee  
Occupation: Housewife  
Resided 10 years at place of death  
Duration of illness: 3 weeks  
Cause of death: Influenza  
Contributory cause: Chronic  
endocrinosis  
Age: 76

**Giles, Annie (Mrs.)**

Died: 2 Dec 1913 at 10:00 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Pearl St., Huntsville  
Had lived there 3 years  
Cause of death: Burns  
How died: "Burned to death while sick  
in chair."  
Age: 39 years

Marital Status: Married  
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

**Giles, Edward H.**

Died: 1 Feb 1910 at 1:30 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 212 Patton St.  
Has resided there many years.  
Where disease contracted: Possibly in  
Army.  
Duration of illness: years  
Cause of death: Chronic diarrhea  
Contributory cause: General ill health  
Occupation: None  
Age: 68 yr.  
Marital Status: Married  
Father: John Giles, b. Va  
Mother: Eliza Giles, b. Va  
Remarks: Has been in feeble health ever  
since the Civil War  
Reporter: W. C. Wheeler

**Giles, Mollie Allison**

Died: 21 Jan 1910 at 11:00 a.m.  
Place died: 118 Wells Ave., Huntsville  
Born: Alabama  
Lived entire life at place of death  
Duration of illness: 2 years  
Cause of death: Carcinoma of umbilicus  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age: 41 yr.  
Father: Samuel H. Allison, born Tenn  
Mother: Martha Allison, born Ala.  
Remarks: The immediate cause of death  
was the erosion of enlarged artery  
and violent hemorrhages  
Reporter: W. C. Wheeler

**Glenn, Heusker [Hensker?]**

Died: 8 Dec 1911 at 6:40 a.m.  
Place died: South Huntsville  
Born: Tennessee  
Occupation: Blacksmith  
Had resided 2 yrs at place of death  
Duration of illness: 7 weeks  
Cause of death: Organic heart trouble  
Age: 29 years  
Marital Status: Married

Father: John W. Glenn, b. Tenn  
Mother: Virginia, Glenn, b. Tenn  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Glenn, Hugh T.**

Died: 14 Jan 1912 at 11:45 a.m.  
Place died: 823 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Nashville, Tn  
Had lived lifetime at place of death  
Cause of death: Convulsions  
Contributory cause: Marasmus  
Age: 10 days  
Father: H. G. Glenn, b. Tenn  
Mother: Narcie Glenn, b. Ala  
Reporter: D. T. Banks, Nashville, Tn

**Gooch, John M.**

Died: 20 Nov 1911 at 2:00 p.m.  
Place died: West Armes St  
Place born: Alabama  
Occupation: Farmer  
Had lived 2 years where died  
Duration of illness: 7 mo  
Cause of death: Bright's disease  
Age: 58 yrs  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Goodwin, Clarence R.**

Died: 8 Nov 1914 at 6:00 a.m.  
Place died: West Huntsville  
Resided at place of death all his life  
Duration of illness: Three days  
Cause of death: Congestive chill  
Contributory cause: Meningitis  
Age: Six years  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goodwin,  
both born in Alabama  
Reporter: J. E. Walker

**Graham, Albert S.**

Died: 19 Sept 1911 at 7:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Belle Mina, Limestone Co.  
Place died: On train  
Duration of illness: 7 minutes  
Cause of death: Angina Pectoris  
Occupation: Railroad Conductor  
Age: 48 years  
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

**Graham, Mary Lanford**

Born: 9 Apr 1908  
Born: Madison Co., Al  
Place died: East Holmes St.  
Had lived there entire life  
Cause of death: Teething with brain  
croup  
Age: 11 mo.  
Father: Lanford Graham  
Mother: Bessie Graham  
Buried Section H, Lot 62  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**Grant Infant**

Died: 6 Feb 1910 at 2:00 a.m.  
Born: Ala  
Place died: Lowe Mills  
Age: 3 days  
Father: Charles Grant  
Mother: Minnie Sullivan Grant, b. Ala  
Remarks: This child was an illegitimate  
one; was healthy when born,  
died suddenly one day after. I  
could see no reason for death. It  
seemed to be asphyxiated.  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Grant, Harry**

Died: 14 May 1916 at 5:00 a.m.  
Place died: Church St., Huntsville, Al  
Lived few days at place of death  
Where disease contracted: Gurley, Al  
Duration of illness: few days  
Cause of death: convulsions  
Age: 4 months  
Reporter: D. E. Caldwell

**Gray, Robert T.**

Died: 10 May 1916 at 1:30 p.m.  
Place died: 150 Pike St., Huntsville, Al  
Lived at place of death all his life  
Duration of illness: 3 days  
Cause of death: Bronchial pneumonia  
Age: 1 yr. 2 mo.  
Father: Samuel Gray, b. in Ga.  
Mother Enna Gray, b. Al  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Grayson, Mamie E.**

Died: 2 July 1913

Place died: Llano, Texas  
Occupation: Housewife  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Reporter: M. M. McInnis, Undertaker at  
Llano, Texas

**Grayson, N. B.**

Died: 11 Dec 1915  
Place died: Madison St., Huntsville, Al  
Occupation: Retired blacksmith  
Lived at place died all his life  
Duration of illness: 3 days  
Principal cause of death: Heart failure  
Contributory cause: La Grippe  
Reporter: Edgar Rand

**Green, C. C.**

Death date: not given  
Occupation: Farmer  
Age: 60 yrs  
Marital status: Married  
Cause of death: Unknown. Found dead  
in woods near Opelika, Al.  
Could not state if homicide,  
suicide or accident  
Reporter: James W. McGehee

**Green, Claude**

Died: 28 March 1913  
Born: Lewisburg, Tenn  
Place died: 10 Marion St., Lowe Village  
Had lived there two weeks  
Occupation: Mill hand  
Cause of death: Pulmonary tuberculosis  
Age: 22  
Marital Status: Single  
Father: John Green, b. Lewisburg, Tn  
Mother: Amanda Purdun, b. Lewisburg,  
Tn.  
Remarks: This party had no physician  
Reporter: T. E. Dryer, Health Officer

**Green, Sallie C. (Mrs.)**

Died: 1 June 1909 at 10:00 a.m.  
Born: S. C.  
Place died: Adams Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Had lived 30 years at place of death  
Cause of death: Dysentery  
Contributory cause: Senility  
Age: 85

Father and mother born S.C. (names  
not given.)  
Reporter: J. L. Darwin, M. D.

**Green, Thomas**

Died: 7 April 1910 at 8:30 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Times Alley  
Had lived there 8 years  
Duration of illness: 8 Months  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Occupation: Farmer  
Age: 65 years  
Marital Status: Married  
Buried: Potters Field  
W. W. Haden

**Green, Walter**

Died: 17 Sept 1912 at 4:30  
Born: So. Carolina  
Place died: Locust St., Huntsville  
Had lived there 36 years  
Occupation: None  
Duration of illness: 3 years  
Cause of death: Pernicious anemia  
Contributory cause: Living as recluse  
Age: 47  
Father: Dr. A. J. Green, b. S. C.  
Mother: Mrs. Green, b. S. C.  
Reporter: J. A. Darwin

**Green, Wm. Benjamin**

Died: 29 Oct 1911 at 3:00 a.m.  
Place died: 1130 No. 26<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Birmingham, Al  
Had lived there for years  
Place born: Alabama  
Occupation: "Reserve Col."  
Age: 62 years  
Cause of death: Pneumonia  
Reporter: A. G. Douglass, B'ham, Al.

**Greenhaw infant**

Died: 15 Aug 1915  
Place died: West Huntsville, Al  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Reporter: J. E. Walker

**Greenhaw, John**

Died: 27 March 1916

Place died: West Huntsville  
Duration of illness: 2 years  
Cause of death: Unknown  
Age: 49  
Marital status: Married  
Parents: John & Nellie Greenhaw, both  
born Ala.  
Reporter: C. H. Russell

**Greenway, G. C. (Dr.)**

Died: 29 Jan 1912 at 1:15 a.m.  
Place: Hot Springs, Ark  
Occupation: Doctor  
Cause of death: Angina Pectoris  
Age: 71 years  
Marital status: Married  
Reporter: A. S. Garmett, Hot Spgs., Ark

**Griffith, John W.**

Died: 25 July 1908 at 11:00 p.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Dallas Village  
Had lived there 4 years  
Duration of illness: 9 weeks  
Cause of death: Cirrhosis of Liver  
Contributory cause: Diarrhea  
Occupation: Farmer  
Age: 70 years  
Father: Moses Griffith, b. Tenn  
Mother: Annie Griffith, b. Tenn  
Buried Section E, Lot 21, single space  
Reporter: T. E. Dryer

**Grimwood, Lily Louisa**

Died: 1 Aug 1911 at 7:30 p.m.  
Born: Illinois  
Place died: Hazel Green  
Had lived there 11 years before death  
Duration of illness: 48 hr.  
Cause of death: Septicemia  
Contributory cause: Carbuncle  
Occupation: Invalid  
Age: 35 yr., 9 mo.  
Father: Wm. H. Grimwood, born  
Illinois (Bristol).  
Mother: L. S. Grimwood  
born Paw Paw, Lee Co., Ill.  
Remarks: Invalid all through life.  
Reporter: W. S. McCown, M. D.,

Meridianville

**Groom, Almedia**

Died: 21 Dec 1911  
Place died: New Castle, Ala.  
Born: Alabama  
Occupation: Housewife  
Cause of death: La Grippe  
Age: 68  
Reporter: R. Nelson, M. D., New  
Castle, Al

**Grooms, Jno. Thomas**

Died: 12 June 1914  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Birmingham, Al  
Cause of death: Colitis[?]  
Age: 10 months  
Reporter: A. M. Cunningham,  
Birmingham

**Grooms, W. H.**

Died: 11 June 1916  
Place of death: Limestone County  
Born: Alabama  
How long resided where died: all his life  
Where disease contracted: home  
Duration of illness: all his life  
Cause of death: Marasmus<sup>5</sup>  
Age: 1 year  
Parents: W. H. & Lizzie Grooms, both  
born in Alabama.  
Reporter: Claude Pettus

**Grubbs, Lucy R.**

Died: 8 Sept 1909 at 7:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Pinedale, Talbot Co., Ga.  
Cause of death: Perforation of bowels  
Age: 45 years  
Reporter: J. Monroe Anderson, Pine-  
dale, Ga.

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<sup>5</sup> Debilitating condition such as diarrhea as a result of  
beast-feeding failure. [Source: *Professional Guide to  
Diseases*, Third Edition. Springhouse Corp,  
Springhouse, PA 1989.



# Marshall County

## Deed Record Book B

### Part 5

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#### **Deed of Trust**

**William H. Wheeler to Joseph G. Garrett and Edmund J. Taylor**  
**Pages 51, 52**

This indenture made March 13, 1840 between Wm. H. E. Wheeler of the first part and Joseph G. Garrett and Edmund J. Taylor, merchants trading under the name of Garrett & Taylor. Wherewith on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1829, one Robert H. Anderson and Levina Anderson, his wife, executed their certain Deed of Trust to the said Wm. H. E. Wheeler to secure Garrett and Taylor the payment of certain sums of money and which deed was duly acknowledged and recorded in said County deed book A, pages 274, 275 and 276. That deed conveyed said property to Wm. H. E. Wheeler as trustee, the following described property known as the SE part of fractional Section 21 in Township seven of Range three East containing 80 and 20/100 acres.

Upon request of the said Garrett & Taylor and by and with the consent of the said Robert H. Anderson, a part of the debt secured by said and then being due did in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust advertise the above tract of land for sale on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1840. Garrett & Taylor was the highest bidder with the sum of \$300.

Richard I. Randall, Clerk of the County Court witnessed the signature of William H. E. Wheeler and stated that the Deed of

conveyance was filed in my office the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1840.

**Appointment of Attorney**  
**by Hillas R. Shores and Elizabeth Shores**  
**September 26, 1840**  
**Pages 53, 54**

Hillas R. Shores and Elizabeth Shores have this day nominated and appointed Moses Hillis of the County of Grayson in the state of Kentucky, our true and lawful attorney to perform and transact business for us in our names and for our use to ask and demand and receive of and from the administration of the estate of William Clever, deceased, of the County of Grayson in the state of Kentucky, whatsoever sum of money may be coming to Elizabeth Shores, formerly Elizabeth Clever, daughter and heir at law of said William Clever.

Benjamin Parsons, acting as Justice of the Peace, witnessed the signatures of Hillas R. Shores and Elizabeth Shores and that he separately examined Elizabeth Shores apart from her husband. She acknowledged that she signed freely without any fear or threats from her husband.

Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, certified the signatures and placed his seal on the document and filed in my office the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1840.

**Sale of Land**

**James Birdwell and Letha R. Birdwell  
to John Kirkland  
Pages 55, 56**

This indenture made this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1839 between James Birdwell and his wife Letha R. Birdwell of the County of Madison of the one part and John Kirkland of the County of Marshall of the other part. The said James Birdwell and Letha R. Birdwell for and in consideration of the sum of (illegible) dollars so bargain and sell to the said John Kirkland the tract of land as described: the East half of the South East quarter of Section 27 in Township six of Range three East containing 80 and 12/100 acres and also the West half of the South West quarter of Section (?) in Township six of Range three East containing 80 and 62/100 acres.

Signed by Jas. Birdwell and Letha R. (her mark) Birdwell.

Richard S. Randles recorded this transaction the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1840.

**Land Sale**

**Edward Cox to Heirs of Edward  
Beason  
August 25, 1840  
Page 57**

I, Edward Cox, for and in consideration of the sum of \$150 to me in hand paid by Edward Beason, now deceased, do hereby give, grant, bargain and sell and convey unto the legal heirs of the said Edward Beason, deceased, all that tract of land known as the East half of the SW quarter of Section 24 of Township 10 of Range 4 East.

Signed by Edward Cox and witnessed by Richard S. Randles and recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840.

**Deed of Trust**

**George Ransom, James M. Adams,  
Edward Robbins  
September 29, 1840  
Pages 58, 59**

This indenture made between George Ransom of the first part and James M. Adams of the second part and Edward Robbins of the third part. George Ransom is indebted to the said Edward Robbins in the sum of \$84 due from the said Ransom to the said Robbins due by note the first day of January 1840 and bearing date the first day of January 1839 and the said Robbins being the security of the said Ransom in seven cases in the Circuit Court in which Emanuel Peters is plaintiff and the said Ransom defendant amounting in all to \$80.09. The said Ransom being desirous to bear harmless the said Robbins has agreed to sell to the party of the second part the following described property: two beds and furniture, one cart and yoke of steers, three head of horses, two stills and vessels, fourteen head of cattle, eighteen head of hogs to have and to hold that property for himself and his heirs. George Ransom will warrant and defend the title to the said James M. Adams.

Further that the said James M. Adams shall on the first Monday in January next after giving twenty days notice of the time and place of sale by advertisement at three or more public places proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the dwelling house of the said George Ransom as much above described property to satisfy and pay the said sum of \$84.

Signed by George (his mark) Ransom, James M. Adams and Edward Robbins.

Richard S. Randles witnessed the signatures and affixed his private seal and recorded the transaction in his office on September 29, 1840.

**Deed of Trust**

**Richard B. Hughes, R. J. Johnson and  
M. L. May  
September 30, 1840  
Pages 60, 61**

This indenture made between Richard B. Hughes of the first part and A. J. Johnson of the second part and M. L. May of the third part. Witness that R. B. Hughes is

justly indebted to the said M. L. May in the sum of \$35.18 which he is desirous to secure to the said M. L. May and in consideration has bargained, sold and conveyed to the said R. J. Johnson, in trust, one sorrel mare eight years old and one set of Barich & Tunning tools and one loom which he will defend against himself and to the said R. J. Johnson in trust for the said R. B. Hughes.

The said R. B. Hughes is to remain in possession of said property until the 25<sup>th</sup> of December next and should the sum of \$35.18 not be paid and the said M. L. May request it the said R. J. Johnson shall sell the above property at public auction and after paying to said W. L. May \$35.18 the balance if any pay to said R. B. Hughes.

Signed by R. B. Hughes, R. J. Johnson and M. L. May.

Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court witnessed the signatures and recorded the transaction September 30, 1840.

#### **Lien on Property**

**Russell Hamilton, John B. Finley**

**October 17, 1840**

**Pages 61, 62**

Whereas Russell Hamilton is justly indebted to John B. Finley in the sum of \$1,034 due by note given one day after date and dated on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1840. Whereas the said Russell Hamilton is desirous to save harmless and to secure the said John B. Finley in the sum of \$1,034 by giving him a lien of property.

This indenture made between Russell Hamilton of the first part and the said John B. Finley of the second part and N. G. Hamilton who is the true and lawful trustee in this deed of the third part.

Witness that the said Russell Hamilton for and in consideration of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said A. G. Hamilton the trustee had granted and sold unto the said N. G. Hamilton, the trustee, the following described negroes to wit: one negro woman by the name of Anna about 24 years of age, one girl by the name of Lucy about 27 years old and one mulatto boy by the name of

Larry about four years old and one boy child by the name of Jess about two years old. This property to remain in possession of said Russell Hamilton and if said Russell Hamilton shall fail to pay the said note by the first day of April 1841 then it will be the duty of trustee N. G. Hamilton at the request of John B. Finley to take the said negroes into his possession and after giving 20 days notice shall proceed to sell to the highest bidder in the Town of Warrenton for ready money at public auction and pay over to the said John B. Finley the amount of said note after discharging all expenses and if any remain pay to the said Russell Hamilton.

Signed by Russell (his mark) Hamilton, John B. Finley and N. G. Hamilton.

Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, witnessed the signatures and recorded the transaction October 20, 1840.

#### **Slave Sale**

**William N. Griffin to Arthur C. Beard**

**October 24, 1840**

**Page 63**

Known that I, William N. Griffin have this day for and consideration of the sum of \$500 to me in hand paid by Arthur C. Beard the receipt is acknowledged do bargain and sell unto the said A. C. Beard a certain negro mulatto boy named Alexander or Ellick aged about 13 years which boy I warrant to be sound both in body and in mind.

Signed by William N. Griffin and signature witnessed by Richard S. Randles who recorded the transaction October 25, 1840.

#### **Deed of Trust**

**Uzziel Baggett, Allen Loveless and D.**

**L. Hoyle**

**Pages 64, 65**

This indenture made this the ninth day of November 1840 between Uzziel Baggett of the first part and Allen Loveless of the second part and D. L. Hoyle of the third part. Witness that the said Uzziel Baggett is justly indebted to the said D. L. Hoyle in the

sum of \$131.50 in three notes at hand, one note in the sum of \$36.50, one note in the sum of \$48 and the other in the sum of \$38. The notes bear dates of December 1, 1839, September 12, 1840. The said notes which debt the said Uzziel Baggett is willing to secure to the said D. L. Hoyle.

Now this indenture that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said Uzziel Baggett by the said Allen Loveless at and before the sealing of these presents the receipt is herby acknowledged. The said Uzziel Baggett had this day granted and convey unto the said Allen Loveless the following property: One Jenny four years old, one Jack, one bay mare seven years old, one colt three years old, one filly two years old, one mule, 25 head of hogs, four cows and yearlings, one mantel clock, 15 head of sheep.

To have and to hold the above property to him said Allen Loveless in trust as follows: that if the said Uzziel Baggett shall make default in the payment of the said notes on the first day of January next, then the said property shall be sold to the highest bidder at auction after giving notice of the time and place of sale at three public places in the County of Marshall at least 20 days prior to sale date. Out of the proceeds shall pay and satisfy the above amounted notes and the balance if any after paying the charges of this indenture shall pay over to the said Uzziel Baggett.

Signed by N. Baggett, Allen Loveless and D. L. Hoyle.

Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court witnessed the signatures and recorded the transaction November 9, 1840.

#### **Land Sale**

**Rudolph Boshart, Cynthia Boshart to John M. Tate**

**Pages 66, 67**

This indenture made this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1840 between Rudolph Boshart and Cynthia Boshart of the first part and John M. Tate of the second part. The said Rudolph Boshart and his wife Cynthia Boshart for

and in consideration of the sum of \$303.80 do bargain and sell to the said John M. Tate the following described property: that certain parcel of land beginning at a stake in the east boundary of the said John M. Tate tract of land, then 78 degrees East 120 poles and 12 links to a stake on the bank of the Tennessee River at the corner of said John M. Tate thence West 9 ½ degrees 17 poles and 6 links to a stake on the bank at the corner of the said Rudolph Boshart fields thence 77 degrees west 91 poles to a stake thence 21 degrees East 12 poles to a stake thence 85 degrees West 32 poles and then with said line 25 poles to the beginning containing 15 19/100 acres. This being the part of (B) fractional Section eight, Township seven, Range four east.

Signed by Rudolph Boshart and Cynthia (her mark) Boshart.

Signed in the presence of W. C. Thomas, Justice of the Peace and recorded by R. S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, October 22, 1840.

#### **Deed of Conveyance**

**Ephraim Thompson, Joshua Johnson, Robert H. Anderson, Levina Anderson**

**Pages 67, 68, 69**

This indenture made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840 between Ephraim Thompson of the first part and Joshua Johnson of the second part. Whereas on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1838, Robert H. Anderson and his wife Levina Anderson seek to reclaim Deed of Trust to the said Ephraim Thompson to secure the said Joshua Johnson the payment of a certain sum of money to wit, \$550 due by note bearing the date of May 8, 1838 which note was recorded in Book A, pages 161 and 162. This deed the said Robert H. Anderson and his wife Levina Anderson conveyed to the said Ephraim Thompson. Land described as lying in the SW part of Section 22, Township seven (illegible).

Whereas on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840 the said Ephraim Thompson as Trustee

upon the request of the said Joshua Johnson and with the consent of said Robert H. Anderson and his wife Levina Anderson, a part of the debt secured by said sale of land the said Ephraim Thompson did advertise the tract of land for sale on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840 to be sold to the highest bidder. Joshua Johnson was the highest and last bidder with the sum of \$252.

Signed by Ephraim Thompson and witnessed by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court December 8, 1840

#### **Deed of Conveyance**

**John H. Willoughby, John W.(M.),  
Estes, W. C. Jennings**  
**Pages 69, 70**

I, John H. Willoughby send greetings, whereas by a deed of Trust made and executed to me by John W. Estes bearing date March 26, 1839 in favor of W. C. Jennings as recorded in Book A, pages 325 and 326 and whereas I, John H. Willoughby did proceed to advertise according to provisions of the deed on June 6, 1840 and whereas W. C. Jennings by his next friend James M. Gee being the highest and last bidder, I, John H. Willoughby do hereby bargain and sell title to the following property: two tracts of land lying in the SE fourth of the SE fourth of Section 24, Township 10 Range 4 East, also the NW fourth of the SW fourth of Section 19, Township 10, Range 5 east.

Signed by John H. Willoughby and witnessed by B. S. Parsons, Justice of the Peace and recorded by Richard S. Randles December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1840.

#### **Deed of Trust**

**H. K. Ramey, Peter Rozel, Daniel  
Lucas, James Biddie.**  
**Pages 70, 71, 72**

This indenture made November 1, 1840 between H. K. Ramey of the first part and Peter Rozel and Daniel Lucas of the second part and James Biddie of the third part. Whereas the said H. K. Ramey is justly

indebted to the said James Biddie in the sum of \$46 to be paid 18<sup>th</sup> March next as by note bearing date November 21, 1840 which debt the said H. K. Ramey is willing and desirous to secure and for the sum of one dollar paid to H. K. Ramey by the said Peter Rozel and Daniel Lucas, the said H. K. Ramey hath given, granted and released the following property to Peter Rozel and Daniel Lucas, one bay mare and sorrel colt two years old, one sorrel colt one year old past, twenty barrels of corn and one clock. The said Peter Rozel and Daniel Lucas shall permit the said H. K. Ramey to remain in possession of said property until payment is made and should default of payment occur then property will be advertised for sale to the highest bidder at public auction.

Signed by H. K. Ramey, Daniel Lucas and James (his mark) Biddie and signatures witnessed by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, and duly recorded December 9, 1840.

#### **Power of Attorney**

**Hillas R. Shores, Elizabeth Shores  
appoint Moses Killan**  
**Pages 72, 73**

Known that we Hillas R. Shores and Elizabeth Shores, wife of Hillas R. Shores have this day nominated and appointed Moses Killan of the County of Grayson in the State of Kentucky our true and lawful attorney in fact to perform and transact business for us and in our names for our use to ask and receive of and from the administrations of the estate of William Clever, deceased, of the County of Grayson and State of Kentucky. Whatever sum of money may be due and coming to us from said estate to Elizabeth Shores, wife of Hillas R. Shores, formerly Elizabeth Clever, daughter of William Clever.

Signed by Hillas R. Shores and Elizabeth Shores and witnessed by B. S. Parsons, Justice of the Peace, and recorded by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court on December 10, 1840.

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## Marshall County Deed Record Book A

### Part 16

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**Deed**  
**Sinclair Nichols and Eliza Nichols to**  
**William W. McFarlane**  
**Pages 163-164**

This indenture made this June 3, 1838 between Sinclair Nichols and Elizabeth Nichols, his wife, of the first part and William W. McFarlane of Dekalb County party of the other part. Wherewith the said Sinclair Nichols and wife Elizabeth Nichols for and in consideration of the sum of \$18.75 have this day sold and conveyed to the said William W. McFarlane a certain lot or parcel of land containing three eights of an acre in the Town of Claysville described as beginning at a post oak on the line between Cal White and said Nichols, thence West 8 poles to a stake, thence South 6 West 7 poles to a stake and thence North 6 west 7 poles to the beginning. This being the same lot of land on which the late W.W. and J.W. MacFarlane built a gin house.

Signed by Sinclair Nichols and Eliza Nichols and signatures witnessed by Booker Smith, Justice of the Peace and recorded June 23, 1858 by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court.

**Deed of Trust**  
**Asa Herring to John B. Finley**  
**Pages 164-165**

This indenture made and entered into by and between Asa Herring of the first part and John B. Finley of the second part and Michael Ditto of the third part. Wherewith that I, the said Asa Herring is justly indebted

to the said John B. Finley in the sum of \$350 due by note bearing date June 1, 1838 and whereas I am willing and desirous to secure the payment to the said John B. Finley. This consideration for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in to me the said Asa Herring by the said Michael Ditto do hereby grant, convey and sell unto the said Michael Ditto the Trustee of this Indenture all of the following property: one gin head and running gear, two yoke of oxen, eight head of cattle, one wagon, fifteen head of hogs to have and to hold as so much to sufficiently discharge and pay the said sum of \$350.

It is agreed that the said Asa Herring shall remain in peaceable and quiet use and possession of the above-described property until payment is made by July 1, 1839. If payment is not made the described property will be sold to the highest bidder at auction after giving 20 days notice in three public places. As much of the described property will be sold to satisfy the debt and interest and charges of this indenture.

Signed by Asa Herring, John B. Finley and Michael Ditto and witnessed by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, who duly recorded this transaction June 29, 1838

**Deed of Trust**  
**Asa Herring to John B. Finley**  
**Pages 166-167**

Whereas Asa Herring in the month of December in the year 1837 had a note discounted in the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur for the sum of \$1550.25, which said Herring was principal, and Michael Ditto and E. A. D. Pierce

securities and whereas the said Herring is desirous to same harmless and to secure the said Ditto and Pierce from all liability on said note by giving them a lien of property. This indenture made and entered into June 27, 1838 between Asa Herring of the first part and the said Michael Ditto and E. A. D. Pierce of the second part and John B. Finley who is hereby appointed trustee in this deed of the third part. Asa Herring for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said John B. Finley, the Trustee, hath granted bargained and sold unto the said John B. Finley the following property to wit: one negro girl named Caroline thirteen years old and one boy name Right six years old and one named Joseph two years old to have and to hold the said negros in trust for the purpose aforesaid. It is agreed by the parties that the described property to remain in the quiet and peaceable possession of said Herring until the said Asa Herring shall make default. If the said Asa Herring should default the said Branch Bank shall obtain judgment on said note and the said Ditto and Pierce shall proceed to sell the said property in the village of Warrington to the highest bidder after advertising twenty days in three public places.

Signed by Asa Herring, Michael Ditto, E. A. D. Pearce and John B. Finley with signatures witnessed by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, and duly recorded June 28, 1838.

**Deed of Trust**  
**Asa Herring to Hugh Henry and Son**  
**Pages 167-168**

This indenture made and entered into by and between Asa Herring of the first part and Hugh Henry and son of the second part and John B. Finley of the third part. Wherewith that I, Asa Herring, is justly indebted to the said Hugh Henry and son the sum of \$261 and bearing date of April 3, 1838. Whereas the said Asa Herring is willing and desirous to secure the payments

of the said \$261 to the said Hugh Henry and that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to me, the said Asa Herring, by the said John B. Finley I do hereby give, grant and well unto the said John B. Finley my true and lawful Trustee of this indenture the following described property to wit: one bright day mare known by the name of Caty Claver about seven years old, one dark bay mare named Madam about eight years old, one bay mare with a blaze face named Matilda about eight years old, one bay colt, two feather boards, bedsteads and their furniture such as quilts, counterpane pillows, one clock, one writing desk to have and to hold until said payment is made.

It is agreed by all parties that the said Asa Herring shall remain in the peaceable possession of the described property and if payment is defaulted the property will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction after 20 days publication at three public places sufficient property to pay the debt of \$261 plus interest plus charges.

Signed by Asa Herring, Hugh Henry and son and John B. Finley and witnessed by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, and duly recorded June 28, 1838.

**Deed of Trust**  
**Asa Herring to Richard Golden and**  
**Alexander Donaldson**  
**Pages 168-169**

Whereas Asa Herring in the month of April in the present year 1838 had a note discounted in the Branch Bank of the State of Alabama at Huntsville for the sum of \$750. Wherein said Herring was principal and Alexander Donaldson and Richard Golden were securities and whereas the said Herring is desirous to secure the said Donaldson and Golden from all liability on said note by giving them a lien on property.

Now this indenture made and entered this June 27, 1838 between the said Asa Herring of the first part and the said Richard Golden and Alexander Donaldson of the

second part and John B. Finley who is appointed a Trustee in this Deed for the third part. Whereas the said Asa Herring for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the said John B. Finley, the Trustee hath granted, bargained and sold unto the said John B. Finley the Trustee the following property, to wit: one negro fellow named Adam about 23 years to have and to hold the said negro in trust for the purpose aforesaid. It is agreed by all the parties that the property is to remain in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said Herring until the said Asa Herring makes default. If the said Herring should fail or refuse or neglect to pay the installments on said note as they become due the said Branch Bank should obtain judgment and the said Trustee shall proceed to sell to the highest bidder at public auction the described property after posting notice at three public places and giving 20 days notice of sale.

Signed by Asa Herring, Richard Golden, Alexander Donaldson and John B. Finley and signatures witnessed by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, and duly recorded July 11, 1838.

**Plea of Trial**  
**Elizabeth State to Alexander**  
**Donaldson and others**  
**Pages 170-171**

Whereas B. O. Boshart and Co. or same firm including said Boshart as one of the partners (illegible) an attachment against Nathaniel State (deceased) returnable to his last September (illegible) of the Circuit Court of Marshall County which was levied as sundry property for an amount not now collected but supposed to be \$1,000 but reference is now made to certain attachment and whereas Alexander Donaldson, Jacob Lassiter, Caleb M. Rogers, William H. Calassary (?), James Nixon, Herman Ferrell, Phillip D. Black, executor, a bond or bonds as secured for the trial of the right of property and also a delivery bond to deliver

said property to satisfy said attachments if found liable to sell. And whereas Elizabeth State (the widow of Nathaniel State, deceased) is desirous to secure and save the above named securities harmless from all liabilities in said bonds. I hereby agree to give a lien on the following improvements in the County of Marshall to meet all the improvements attached to the residence of said Nathaniel State at Van Bures including the gin heads and the white house now rented out to John C. Johnson.

Now this indenture witnessed that the said Elizabeth State for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to her in hand paid hath this day bargained and transferred all her right to the possession of said premises unless default is made. Then possessions will be sold to the highest bidder at auction after 30 days notice in any of the newspapers published in Huntsville. The proceeds of such sale will after paying the expenses of this deed to be applicable to satisfaction of said attachments.

Signed by Elizabeth N. State and witnessed by John H. Kennedy and Absolim (his mark) Davidson, Samuel (his mark) Webber and A. G. Steele. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court witnessed the signatures and duly recorded the document July 11, 1838.

~~~~to be continued~~~~

Did you know there are "Family Files" in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library? All inquiries and pertinent family information that comes across the desks of the Heritage Room are filed there. This includes, possibly, valuable information about your own families. Please consider adding information to those files for present genealogists and future generations.



# Things You Should Know

## Ellis Island

A new book has recently been released. "Forgotten Ellis Island" is a pictorial written by Lorie Conway. She has researched the hospital records of those immigrants sent to the Ellis Island Hospital, and she has included some stories written by, or told by the immigrants themselves. A website is available for anyone who wishes to look into purchasing this book:

<http://www.forgottenellisland.com>.

## Old Photograph Clues

*Family Tree Magazine* contributor Maureen Taylor is a great photograph sleuth. In a recent issue, she picked up clues about a picture she had pegged to be from about the year 1919. No one in the family knew who the man was, but by using certain clues about his clothing, they sent her photographs from the 1940s and 1950s of a man who could have fit that category. By comparing the facial features of the three photographs, she was able to confirm that they were one and the same. Ms. Taylor reminds us to look for comparisons in ears, nose, and shape of eyes. Those do not change with age, unless plastic surgery has altered their appearance.

She also tells us that we should look for other clues in old photographs, such as the fact that their clothing may tell us their occupation. A military uniform is obvious, but look at the military pins to narrow down or eliminate certain family members. If someone has a medical condition, it may show in their eyes or hands. It was not uncommon for someone who was educated to pose with a book, showing they could read. Likewise, a religious person would probably hold a Bible. Many women posed

in their all-black mourning clothing. We should not assume that because a woman is wearing a white dress and a veil, that it is a wedding photograph. She could be wearing a wedding gown in another color than white as well.

## Indian Ancestry Research

For those of you researching your Indian heritage, it helps to know what tribe your ancestors belonged to.

Ancestry.com has added the census records for Indian tribes taken from 1885 to 1940, when the U.S. Government required that the census be taken on the reservations. If your ancestors were part of the Chickasa, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole, or Cherokee tribes, however, you need to go through the Dawes Rolls, which date from 1898 to 1907.

Fortunately, most of the census records included an anglicized name along with the Indian name.

## Adoption Records

*Family Tree Magazine* tells us that many states are revisiting their laws regarding the release of adoption records. It appears that many cases of reunited birth parents and their children have had favorable results, and that, coupled with the many people who are researching their ancestors' health as it pertains to themselves and their children, is beginning to open some doors to researchers.

## London's Old Bailey Records

Hopefully, most of us have no need to search for our ancestors among the musty records of the Old Bailey Courthouse in London, but in case you might be looking for a convict in the family, or just enjoy

looking at some interesting records, this is the website for you. These records date from 1674 to 1834 and list, among many other things, what someone can expect by breaking certain laws.

It is no surprise that women convicts were punished differently, owing to our natural propensity for peacefulness (ahem!), but those convicted of crimes against the king or queen were treated especially brutally. Stay tuned, soon there will be records available for trials that took place from 1834 to 1913. This website can be seen at: <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org>.

### **Yearbooks – Another Resource**

Although the information is rather limited for now, e-yearbook.com has a collection of college yearbooks from the late 1800s to 1960 for several United States colleges and military academies. Better yet, there is a link you can access to make a specific request.

In the meantime, if you do a Google search for National Yearbook Project, you will find an interesting website for people wanting to buy or sell high school annuals. Just click on the state you are searching, and you can post a request as well as see what is available. This also appears to be a rather “young” website, so don’t give up too soon.

Another website for annuals is found by googling Dead Fred. This site lists the yearbooks on hand, but it is a little more difficult to navigate.

### **Filling in the Gaps**

All of us, at one time or another, have stumbled onto a brick wall when it comes to linking our ancestors, one right after another. All too often, we waste precious time stuck on one gap, and inevitably, we get discouraged and stop altogether. A tip from *Family Tree Magazine* tells us that when this happens, all we can do is gather together all the information on other family members, put together a timeline, and use common sense factors when putting our

ancestor in the most logical place and time. All of us have found erroneous information, birth or death dates on occasion, and how can we be assured which one is absolutely correct? Sometimes we can’t, but common sense may lean us in one direction. And when you think about it, isn’t that part of what makes genealogy so fun?

### **Alabama Genealogical Society Spring Seminar**

The Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc. will hold their Spring Seminar on Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event, entitled Sources/Origins/Tradition/New Millennium will be presented by Henry Z. (Hank) Jones, Jr.

Mr. Jones is an award-winning writer who contributes to several publications and has written several books. His seminar will cover topics such as: when sources are wrong, how to separate fact from fiction in family tradition, and where we’ve been and where we’re going.

Cost is \$30.00 for non-members and \$25.00 for AGS members. Registration and money must be received by April 23. Send money to the Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 2296, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama 35229-0001. The seminar will be held in the Brock Forum Auditorium in the Dwight Beeson Business Building on the Samford University campus.

### **Tips for Oral Interviews**

*Family Tree Magazine* has great ideas for getting the most out of your interviews with family members: 1. Schedule a time to talk so it can be done with no interruption, 2. Know when to stop the interview, i.e., when your interviewee gets tired or begins to ramble, its time to stop, 3. Ask open-ended questions that could lead to information you didn’t know about, 4. Record the interview, 5. Set a time limit.

## 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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