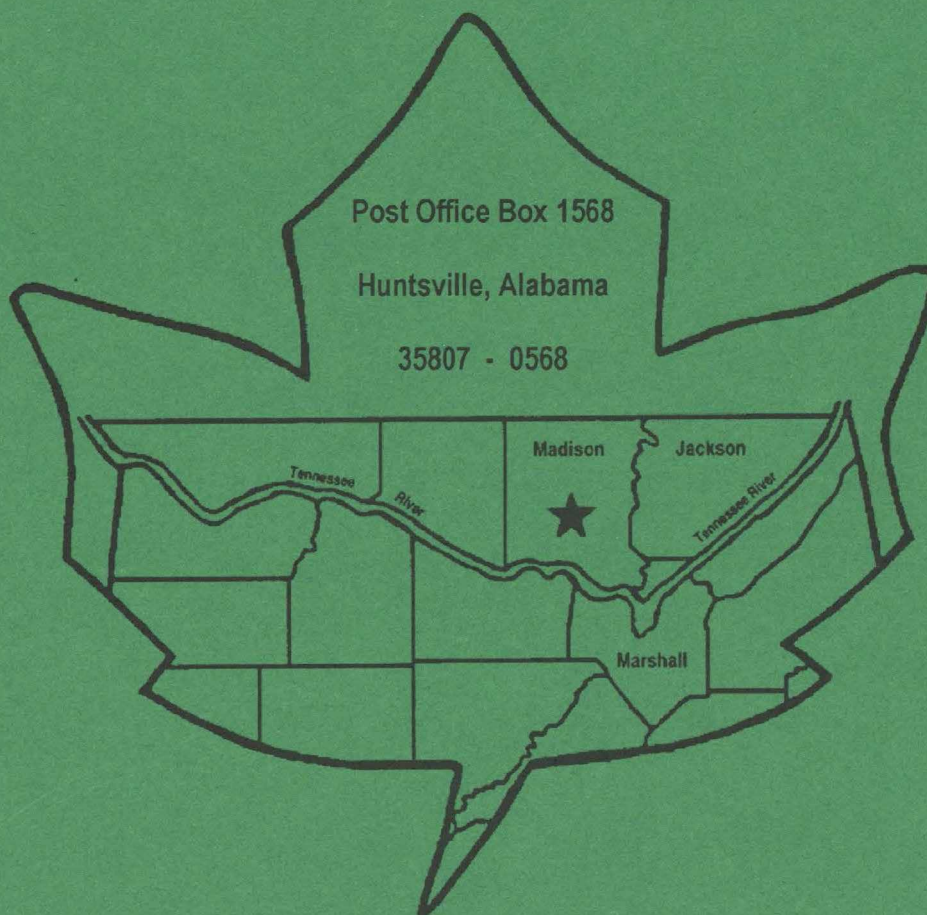

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Jackson County

Probate Court Records

Part 8 - Continued from Volume 43, Issue 4

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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.

Thomas Frazier, Deceased
Estate of
Order Allotting Dower
August 11, 1899
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By an order of this Court made and entered in the premises on the 20th day of July 1899, it was declared that Nancy J. Frazier, the widow of Thomas Frazier, deceased, is entitled to dower in certain lands belonging to the estate of the said deceased, which lands are situated in Jackson County, Alabama and described as follows, to wit: the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 17 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 18, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 19, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ except 30 acres off of the East Side thereof of Sec 29, all in T3 R4 East Jackson County, Alabama. And that said land dower is one third portion of said lands.

And on said day a writ was issued by the Judge of this Court in pursuance of said decree to D. A. Thomas, the sheriff of said County, directing him in pursuance of said order to summon five free holders of said county not connected or related to the parties interested, who are as follows to wit: The said Nancy J. Frazier, J. P. Williams, the administrator herein, Mary L. Carden, William A. Austin, Martha C. Frazier, Cora C. Brewer, Nancy E. Cochran, and Gemima E. Cobb who are adults and Nellie K.

Frazier, Thomas F., John M., and James P. Jones, James T., William H., Israel, and Henry E. Damerson, minors, by consanguinity or affinity to allot and set off by metes and bounds the said dower, having regard to the improvements and quality of the land as well as the quality of the dower, and the said sheriff having on the first day of August 1899 filed in this court the said writ with his return thereon in writing showing among other things that on the 24th day of July 1899 in pursuance of said writ, he summoned F. J. Robinson, John Jackson, James Reed, W. T. Eustace and Thomas Cunningham who were in every way worthy and qualified to allot and set off the dower of said Nancy J. Frazier, and before they proceeded to allot said dower said sheriff administered an oath to each of them to impartiality and to the best of their skill and ability to assign the said dower pursuant to the decree and former order of this court.

And on the first day of August 1899, said commissioners filed in this Court their report in writing, showing among other things, that on the 27th day of July 1899, by virtue of the summons of the said sheriff, they allotted and set off by metes and bounds to Nancy J. Frazier, one third of the above described lands as a dower having regard to the improvements and quality of the lands as well as to this quality of the dower, the following described lands, to wit: the E

½ of NE ¼ of Sec 19 S ½ of SE ¼ Sec 18, except 2 acres off of East end of same, and also a small fraction off of the NW ¼ of Section 20 about 2 acres, all in Township 3 or Range 4 East, containing 160 acres, being the same lands allotted by former commissioners to said widow and minor child as the homestead in said estate, in Jackson County, Alabama.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Commissioners acted in abidance to the former order of this Court and strictly according to the law in such cases, and have allotted to said widow a dower and of the lands belonging to the estate of said deceased in this county, consisting of one third of the lands belonging to said estate, having regard to the improvements and the quality of the land as well as the quality of the dower, and it further appearing that said report was filed 10 days before this day, and no exceptions have been filed to the same.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said report be in all things confirmed, and that the above lands described in said report, be and the same are hereby allotted and set apart to said Nancy J. Frazier as a dower out of the lands belonging to the estate of said deceased. It is further ordered that the petition, writ, and report of commissioners be recorded.

David T. Porter, Deceased
Estate of
Order on Probate of Will
August 14, 1899
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It being made to appear to the Court that the last will and testament of David T. Porter, deceased, of the City of Memphis, County of Shelby, State of

Tennessee, was on the 12th day of December 1898 duly proven and admitted to record in said City of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, and a duly certified copy of the said will together with the certificate of the Judge of the Court in which said will was probated.

That said will was regularly and duly proven and established and that letters testamentary were issued thereon to James K. Porter and Rebecca Porter Bartlett in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, and a copy of the will together with the proper certificate having been filed in this Court as required by law.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that said copy of said will of David T. Porter's death be received and filed and the same is hereby admitted to probate in this Court and ordered to be recorded.

And it appearing from said will that the executor, and the executrix named therein are exempt from giving bond or other surety.

It is ordered by the Court that letters testamentary be and the same are hereby granted to James K. Porter and Rebecca Porter Bartlett, the executor and executrix named in said will, who have complied with the requirements of the law in such cases and are authorized to take upon themselves the execution of such will in this state.

Eliza L. Kirby, Deceased
Estate of
Confirmation sale Personalty
August 15, 1899
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This day comes Thomas L. Kirby the administrator of the estate of Eliza L.

Kirby, deceased, and filed his report in writing and under oath of a sale of personal property belonging to said estate which property is fully described in said report

It appearing to the Court that said report is in all things regular and in conformity with the law and the former order of this Court.

It is ordered that said report be received and recorded and that said sale be in all things confirmed. It is further ordered that said administrator pay the cost of this proceeding out of the assets of said sale.

Thomas Frazier, Deceased
Estate of
Confirming Sale of Personalty
August 16, 1899
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This day comes J. P. Williams, the administrator of the estate of Thomas Frazier, deceased, and files his report in writing and under oath of a sale of certain personal property described in said report and belonging to said estate

It appearing to the Court that said sale was fairly conducted and concluded according to law and the former order of this Court, that notice of said sale was given for more than five days by publication for one insertion together with the time, places, terms of said sale, and a description of the property in the *Scottsboro Citizen*, a newspaper published in this County and that said report is in all things regular.

It is ordered that said sale be and the same is in all things confirmed. It is further ordered that said report be recorded together with the petition for said sale.

J. P. Bryant, Deceased
Estate of
Order Allotting Exemptions to Widow
August 16, 1899
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This day comes Duanna E. Bryant, the administratrix in this Court, and presents her petition in writing and under oath representing among other things, that said deceased left surviving him said petitioner who is his widow and the following named children: Lillie, Eli, Davis, Veda, and Dewey Bryant, all of whom are minors under twenty-one years of age and who reside with their mother, the said petitioner.

That said J. P. Bryant died, seized and possessed of certain real estate and personal property, which is now being administered by said petitioner, and prays for an order of this Court appointing commissioners to allot to her and her minor children one thousand dollars worth of personal property and a homestead out of the real property of said deceased to be exempt to her and said minor children from administration as required by law.

It appearing to the Court that the facts set forth in said petition are true, it is therefore ordered that said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and J. W. Proctor, G. W. Chapman, and G. P. Bouldin are hereby appointed to set aside and allot to said widow and minor children all of the personal exemptions allowed them by law, and to report the condition of the homestead together with their report of the allotment of personal exemptions from the estate of said deceased. It is further ordered that a commission issue to them forthwith.

**Margaret Williams, Deceased
Estate of
Order Continuing Settlement
August 17, 1899
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This being the day heretofore appointed for a final settlement of said estate. It is ordered that the cause of said settlement be continued till the 18th day of August 1899, and all matters relating to said settlement be deferred till that day.

**W. R. W. C. Keys, Et al
Tenants in Common
Order Confirmation Sale
August 18, 1899
Page 372-373**

This day comes J. H. Gregory the Commissioner heretofore appointed by this Court to sell certain lands belonging to said joint tenants and moves the Court to confirm his report made in writing and under oath more than ten days since setting forth among other things that on the 7th day of August 1899 within the legal ? of sale in pursuance of law in such cases made and in strict accordance with all and singular the terms and requirements of the former order and decree of this Court granted and entered in the premises on the 15th day of July 1899, he proceeded and sold at public outcry in front of the Courthouse in this County, the lands set forth and particularly described in said former order and decree and that said land was purchased at said sale by G. W. Thomas for the sum of thirty dollars and it appearing to the Court that said report was filed in the Court more than ten days before this day, and no exceptions to the

same has been filed, and it further appearing to the Court from the report and from the evidence now therewith submitted that said amount so bid for said lands by said G. W. Thomas was the highest and best bidder for the same, that said sum 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 the said purchase money so bid has been duly paid by said purchaser.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said sale be, and the same is hereby approved and in all things ratified and confirmed by this Court. It is further ordered that said J. H. Gregory as commissioner, convey by proper deed, all of the rights, title, interest, and claim that said joint tenants had in and to said lands at the time of such sale thereof. It is further ordered that the report and all other papers on file relating to this sale, except the depositions, be recorded.

**Margaret Williams, Deceased
Estate of
Decree on Final Settlement
August 18, 1899
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This being the day to which was continued the time to hear and determine all matters as to the accounts heretofore filed by R. G. Kennedy and W. L. Flippo the executors of the last will and testament of Margaret Williams, deceased, for a final settlement of their executorship of said estate. Now comes R. G. Kennedy one of said executors and moves the Court that said account may be passed and allowed as the same has been stated. And it appearing to the Court that due notice of the nature of and of the time set to make the said

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 20th day of July, 1899. And W. H. Norwood who was heretofore duly appointed by an order of this Court to act as guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of Cora Harbin, Alice Williams, Nancy J. Williams, Sallie Ann Williams, Harvey Williams, Posey Williams, Mattie Sue Williams, and Monroe Williams the only minors interested in this settlement having heretofore filed his written consent to act, and proceeding to contest said ? the court proceeds to hear the matters pertaining to said attempt and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto.

Whereupon it is shown to the Court that said executors have received of the assets of said estate the sum of six hundred and twenty two and 98/100 dollars (\$622.98/100) and that they have justly expedited in and apart the costs and charges necessary and incident to said estate and in the payment of the just debts of said estate the sum of two hundred thirty three and 46/100 dollars (\$233.46) leaving a balance for final distribution among those entitled of three eighty nine and 52/100 dollars (\$389.52/100) and said account appearing to be correct.

It is ordered adjudged, and decreed by the Court that said account be and the same is hereby in all things passed and allowed as above stated.

And it further appearing that said decedent left surviving her the following named children and grandchildren to wit:

(1) The heirs of William Williams, deceased, Cora Harbin under 18 years of age and the wife of Mack Haskins, Alice Williams, Nancy J. Williams, Sallie Ann

Williams, Harvey Williams, Posey Williams, and Mattie Sue Williams, all minors and live with their mother Rebecca Williams.

(2) The heirs of Ann Wilbourn, to wit, Monroe Wilbourn, a minor who lives with his guardian J. T. Wilbourn.

(3) The heirs of Lizzie Webb, deceased, to wit: Christiana J. Berry and John Webb, both of full age. All of said heirs reside in Jackson County, Alabama.

(4) Nancy Webb

(5) Frankie Flippo

(6) Millie Kennedy wife of Executor R. G. Kennedy, all of full age and reside in Jackson County, Alabama, all of whom are entitled to share the personal estate of said deceased so that said balance of three hundred eighty nine and 52/100 dollars (\$389.52/100) must be divided into six equal parts or shares, making each one of the said six parts or shares sixty-four and 92/100 dollars (\$64.92).

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Cora Harbin have and receive of the assets of said estate the sum of nine dollars and 27/100 (\$9.24) which is one seventh of one sixth of the said balance or 1/7 of one distributive share. Which said sum has been deposited in Court for her.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Alice Williams have and receive \$9.27 which is one seventh of one sixth of said balance, or 1/7 of all distributive share. Which said sum has been retained by her guardian R. G. Kennedy for her.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Nancy J. Williams have and receive the sum of \$9.27 which is 1/7 of one distributive share, which said sum has been deposited in Court for her.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that Sallie A. Williams have and receive

the sum of \$9.27 which is 1/7 of one distributive share, which said sum has been retained by the Executor R. G. Kennedy who is her legal guardian for her.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Harvey Williams have and receive the sum of \$9.27 which is 1/7 of one distributive share, which said sum has been retained for him by his guardian.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Posey Williams have and receive the sum of \$9.27 it being 1/7 of one distributive share. Which said sum has been retained by his guardian for him.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Mattie Sue Williams have and receive the sum of \$9.27 it being 1/7 of one distributive share which said sum has been retained for her by her guardian.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that Monroe Wilbourn have and receive the sum of \$64.00 it being one distributive share, which said sum has been paid his guardian for him.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that Christina Berry have and receive the sum of \$32.46 it being 1/2 of one distributive share, which said sum has been paid to her.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that John Webb have and receive the sum of \$32.46 it being 1/2 of one distributive share and it appears that he has had credit on his note due the estate for the full ? amount of his distributive interest.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that he have and receive nothing more from said estate or said distributive interest.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that Nancy Webb have and receive the sum of \$64.92 it being one distributive interest which said sum has been paid to her.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that Frankie Flippo have and receive the sum of \$64.92 it being one distributive interest which said sum has been paid to her.

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that Millie Kennedy have and receive the sum of \$64.92 it being one distributive share which said sum has been retained for her by said executor R. G. Kennedy her husband.

It is further adjudged and decreed that said R. G. Kennedy and W. L. Flippo, having fully accounted for and paid out and paid into Court the distributive interest due each of the distributees of said estate be discharged as such executors under said will and from all further liability in that behalf.

**Alice Williams, Et al Minors
Estate of
Order Appointing Guardian
August 18, 1899
Page 375-376**

This day comes R. G. Kennedy presents his petition in writing and under oath praying to be appointed guardian of the estate of Alice Williams, Sallie Ann Williams, Harvey Williams, Posey Williams, and Mattie Sue Williams, all of whom are minors under fourteen years of age and reside in this County, representing, among other things that said minors have no father living or other legal guardian residing in this state that said minors have an estate in their own right situated in this state which estate is estimated to be worth about seventy five dollars, that said petitioner is an uncle of said minors and resides in this state.

It appearing to the Court that the facts stated in said petition are true and that

each petitioner is in every way capable and a suitable person to take said guardianship.

And it further appearing that said R. G. Kennedy has given bond and security in such sum with such condition as is required by law, which bond with said security has been taken and duly proven by the Judge of this Court.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that such petition be granted and the said R. G. Kennedy be and he is hereby appointed guardian of the estate of the aforesaid minors and is authorized to hold, manage, and control the same to the best advantage to said minors.

It is further ordered that letters of guardianship on said estate issue to him forthwith. It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

**W. F. Kirk and J. C. Manning
Tenants in Common
August 19, 1899
Page 376**

D. W. Gross, John H. Anderson, and R. E. Alley the Commissioners who were appointed by an order of this Court and in writing duly commissioned on the 16th day of April 1899 to divide and partition between the said parties, certain

lands which are fully described in the application for the partition thereof which was filed by the said parties as also in the order of this Court recorded in the premises on the 10th day of April 1899 have made their report in writing and under oath showing the result of the proceedings which was duly had in the premises in the presence of said Judge in open Court under and in pursuance of said Commission to determine by lot to whom each of the two separate parcels into which said land was laid off in order to make such partition should belong and setting forth to whom each one of the two parts or shares or lots were so allotted together with all the facts relating to such division and a map or plat of the land so divided and allotted.

And it appearing to the Court that said report is full and correct. It is ordered adjudged and decreed that said report be and the same is hereby confirmed.

It is further ordered that said petition, commission and report of commissioners together with the map or plot of said land be recorded in deed book. It is further ordered that said W. J. Kirk and J. C. Manning pay the cost of these proceedings.

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Mea Maxima Culpa from your Editor! In the last issue of *Valley Leaves*, the page numbers for Marshall County were wrong.

Take your pencil and cross out page 87, replace it with page 118, and continue in numerical order throughout the chapter. The last page should be 126. You will notice that the page numbers in the index will then correspond to the corrected page numbers. Don't forget that Issue No. 4 always contains the index for all 4 issues within the volume. For those of you who pointed out that there are no pages 1 – 99 in this issue, remember that those pages are in volumes 1, 2, and 3. So sorry!

Census or Enumeration of Confederate Soldiers Residing in Alabama, 1907

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William B. Burk

Born 28 July 1828
Pickens, South Carolina
Entered into service as private at Cleveland,
Georgia, Company C and continued until
close of war being honorably discharged.
Note: this man is old and partially demented.

Samuel Butler

Resided in Larkin, Alabama
Born 6 Oct 1829
Entered into service as a private in 1862, 4th
Tenn. Cavalry, Col. K and was discharged in
1864.

John Pool Bynum

Born 10 Nov 1835 in Scottsboro
Entered service as private 15 May 1861 at
Lynchburg, Virginia in 4th Ala. Infantry
Regiment C, K discharged at Dumfries,
Virginia 15 Feb 1862.

Malden Byram

Resided in Woodville, Ala.
Born 28 Jan 1839 at Montevallo, Shelby
Co., Ala.
Entered service as private 10 Sept 1861 at
Millsboro, Alabama in 20th Ala. Regt. Co. K
until captured 18 Dec 1864 at Nashville.
Was discharged from prison 16 June 1865.

Andrew Jackson Bryant

Born 27 Aug 1843 in Atlanta
Entered service as private 22 Mar 1862 at
Atlanta in 22nd Georgia Regt. C.A. until 25
May 1865. Surrendered at Andersonville,
Georgia.

George W. Campbell

Born 4 Aug 1840
Bellefonte, Alabama
Entered service as private 6 Mar 1861 at
Bellefonte, Alabama in 2nd Confederate
Cavalry Co. O, later became (rest is
unreadable)
Got sick, obtained furlough and re-enlisted
as private (he did not remember date) in
Capt. Young's Company and continued until
close of war.

John H. Carlton

Born 12 Aug. 1842
Olalee, Alabama
Entered service as private Mar 1862 at
Cumberland Gap, Tenn. in 4th Tenn. Regt.
Co. D and was wounded at Chickamauga,
Georgia in September 1863. Got a furlough
not being able for service any longer.

J. H. Carter

Born 27 Jan 1840
Milan, Alabama
Entered service as Seargent (unreadable) at
Battle Creek, Tennessee in 33rd Alabama
Regt. (unreadable) until furloughed in Dec.
1864. Was cut off from my command and
could not (unreadable) to the command.

John Lowery Carter

Born 20 Jan 1834
Tennessee
Entered service as private in Spring 1862 at
Scottsboro, Alabama in 4th Tenn. Regt. Col.
K until Spring 1863. Re-enlisted as private
in spring of 1863 at Guntersville in Capt.
Mays Home Guard and continued until close
of war.

~to be continued~

Madison County

Early Alabama Settler Francis Dedman

Contributed by Dovie K. Reiff

When researching an ancestor, a life history can more easily be established when land deeds or other official records exist, such as birth and death certificates or wills which document family connections or events. When these are lacking, the records which may be found, such as census records, unrecorded notes, and children's marriages, can however, help chronicle key events for a person or family.

Francis Dedman was an early settler in Madison County, Alabama who left few personal records, but the following is intended to follow him through his known lifetime.

Francis Dedman was born about 1783 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, son of Samuel Dedman and Eleanor Howard.¹ His father was the County Surveyor in York County, Virginia before moving to Mecklenburg County.² There, in Charles Parish, the five oldest children, one daughter and four sons, were born.³ In Mecklenburg County, four more sons, including Francis, were born.

Samuel Dedman was a Lt. Col. in the Mecklenburg Militia during the American Revolution, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, and a Mecklenburg County Gentleman Justice.⁴ He died in 1789, at an early age, leaving a will.⁵ Of his heirs, four were minor sons, including Francis.

At first, Francis' older brother, Henry Howard Dedman, served as his guardian. An administrator's account of Samuel Dedman, deceased, returned in 1795, had a notation for boarding and education of his sons, Thomas, Frank, and Howard.⁶ The Orphans and Wards Book of Mecklenburg listed Francis, with his brother Samuel as his guardian in 1796.⁷ In 1800, at the age of 16 however, Francis was living with his sister, Eleanor, and her husband.⁸ "Nellie" had married Larkin White in 1793;⁹ brother Henry Howard married Jincy White, Larkin White's sister, in 1795; and another brother,

John, married Elizabeth White, Jincy's sister, in 1799.¹⁰

These three White siblings were children of William, Sr., and Martha White of Mecklenburg, who died in 1806 and 1804,¹¹ respectively. In 1800, brother Philip Dedman married Mary C. Hawkins of Lunenburg County.¹² Brother John Dedman remained in Virginia, but one son moved to Kentucky and one to Tennessee. His grandson was James Monroe Dedman of Selma, Alabama, who was a colonel in the Confederacy, a hotel keeper, and the mayor of Selma.¹³

Dedman siblings Henry Howard, Philip, Francis, and sister Eleanor, who married secondly, Joseph Medley in 1807 in Mecklenburg¹⁴ after Larkin White's death, all moved to Alabama in the early 1800s. Henry Howard, Philip, and Francis lived in Madison County, and Eleanor Medley, with son Samuel Dedman White, lived in Limestone County, where she died in 1840.¹⁵ Two other sons, Larkin S. and William H., lived in Madison County near their uncles, Henry H. and Philip Dedman.

Philip had obtained a land grant in 1814 in Sec 3, T3S R2W¹⁶ and also had later grants and land purchases. He lived until 1852,¹⁷ had 12 children by his first wife, four of whom went to Arkansas, two children by his

third wife, Mary C. Vaughn,¹⁸ and none by his second wife, Mary Jane Moore.¹⁹

Henry Howard Dedman obtained a land grant in 1817 in Sec 33 T2S R2W.²⁰ He remarried Mrs. Hannah Shaw in 1824 in Madison County²¹ and died the following year. He had no children and left half of his land to his nephews Larkin S. and William H. White.²²

Eleanor Howard Dedman, mother of the many children and widow of Samuel Dedman, married second Robert Wilson in 1794,²³ and then David Walker Pettus in 1802.²⁴ She had no more children by Wilson or Pettus. They all remained in Virginia, but David Walker Pettus, whose first marriage was to Ann Whitworth, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Whitworth, had two sons, Thomas and David, who migrated to Madison County. Eleanor Dedman Pettus, in her will in 1820, bequeathed 1/3 of her estate to her son Francis Dedman.²⁵

As a young man in Mecklenburg County, Francis Dedman was a witness to Larkin White's will in October 1803.²⁶ In August 1805, "Francis Dedman having behaved in a contemptuous manner to the Court was ordered to jail during the pleasure of the court." He was sent for after some time and the order was discharged.²⁷ He served on juries in May 1806 and March 1807.²⁸

Francis Dedman married Temperance Crafton on January 12, 1809 in Lunenburg County, Virginia,²⁹ the daughter of Richard Crafton, a Revolutionary War soldier, who served with the 7th Virginia Regiment Continental Army from King and Queen County, Virginia.³⁰ In the 1810 census in Lunenburg, Francis and Tempe were listed as having no children.³¹ Two children were born in Virginia, son Samuel H. about 1812, and daughter Elizabeth about 1814.³² In 1814, Francis served in the 1st Regiment Virginia Militia.³³

The next record found, and the first while in Alabama, was a note which Francis signed on January 27, 1819 for \$20.25 with Uriah Bass, a major landowner in Madison County, Alabama Territory. This note was not recorded, but was listed in Bass's probate papers in 1834,³⁴ along with 47

other notes dating from 1811 to 1819. Uriah Bass had stated in his will in 1821 that his estate should not be finally probated until his minor children were of age. The notes were said to be out of date and probably not collectable. They do, however, indicate the presence of many early settlers and their need to borrow money.

A land survey in July 1818 for Charles Betts and John Drake in Sec 21 T4 R2W listed a "Deadman" as a marker for the surveyor.³⁵ This might have been Francis. In a survey in February 1819 for Michael Farley and Samuel Dickson in Sec 45 T4 R2W, Richard Crafton was chain carrier.³⁶ This possibly was the brother or nephew of Michael Farley's first wife, a daughter of Richard Crafton, Sr., and sister to Temperance Dedman, wife of Francis. In 1829, Michael Farley, as guardian for his infant children Richard H., Edward S., and Michael Farley, and James Gordon and wife Sarah, filed in Lunenburg County, Virginia to receive their legacy from Richard Crafton, deceased.³⁷

Francis Dedman was not listed in the 1819 census of Madison County, possibly because he was living on Indian lands. Later census records show other children were born in Alabama: Laura Ann about 1820, David D., about 1821, and Richard S. about 1828.³⁸ Francis was listed in the 1830 census for Madison County's third and fourth ranges in the area of Loddick Gravitt, George Dupree, and Richard Martin.³⁹ At that time he had three sons and two daughters. In 1831 another son, Francis D. Dedman, was born.⁴⁰

In May 1833, daughter Elizabeth Dedman married Daniel Whitworth,⁴¹ son of Roland and Martha Whitworth. In February 1834, son Samuel H. married Sarah Ann Whitworth,⁴² daughter of Thomas and Susanna Winn Whitworth and aunt of Daniel. A survey in December 1830 for Sec 34 T3R2W for Richard Brooks listed Samuel Dedman as a chain carrier.⁴³ Part of Sec 34 was west of the Indian boundary line until February 6, 1818. In June 1833, Samuel H. had deeded this same land to William T. Valliant.⁴⁵ In April 1834, there was recorded a court case between William

T. Valliant and Francis Dedman, in which Francis was charged with trespass by living on the same property now owned by Valliant. This case was dismissed in October 1834.⁴⁶

Francis Dedman was not listed in the 1840 census. In 1842, James Clemons sold land, the SE ¼ of Sec 9 T4 R2W, to Daniel Whitworth.⁴⁷ It is probable that Francis Dedman built a house on Whitworth's land, for the 1850 census for the 36th District Madison County lists Francis Dedman along with Richard Jamar, John Ferrell and Daniel Whitworth.⁴⁸ However, there are mistakes in the 1850 census in regards to the residents and their ages in the Francis Dedman household. The ages are understated, and of the children listed, only one is not listed elsewhere. Those who might have resided there are Francis, his wife Temperance, and son David. In addition, David was married, but not listed elsewhere in the census. By 1850, David had three children. Either the census taker didn't ask, or he received an incorrect response to the identity of the household residents.

The 1850 agricultural census lists Daniel Whitworth between John Ferrill and Richard Wiggins.⁴⁹ No Francis Dedman was listed. Daniel Whitworth was listed as having 110 improved acres valued at \$1000. Francis's son Richard S. Dedman was listed elsewhere as a tenant on 20 acres valued at \$300. Many other tenants on small parcels were also listed in this 1850 agricultural census.

In July 1843, daughter Laura Ann married Elijah M. Fitts,⁵⁰ son of Robert Walker Fitts and brother of Lydia Pass Fitts, wife of Richard Martin.

In May 1845, son David D. married Anne Erwin,⁵¹ daughter of William and Susannah Collins Erwin of Giles County, Tennessee.

In July 1850, son Francis D. married Sally Ann Thacker.⁵² In the 1850 census, they were living with Elijah and Laura Fitts.⁵³

Francis D. Dedman and James Johnston (trustee) and Joshua H. Beadle of the third part had a recorded agreement by which Francis D. Dedman, who owed Beadle \$25, due January 1, 1852, would pay or forfeit collateral listed if it was not repaid.⁵⁴

By 1860, Francis D. and his family were living in Lincoln County, Tennessee with Sally's mother Mary Thacker.⁵⁵ In 1870, they were in Poinsett County, Arkansas.⁵⁶

By September 1855, Francis' wife Temperance had died, for on September 28, 1855, Francis married Mary Blankenship Dedman,⁵⁷ widow of his nephew William Dedman, son of Philip. Then in October 1855, he filed an indenture in Lunenburg County, Virginia which transferred any claim he had to his deceased wife's share of her father Richard Crafton's estate to their children.⁵⁸ Richard Crafton had died in 1828, but he had willed to his second wife, Nancy, a life estate, and she was now deceased. Any amount to be distributed would be sent to Joshua H. Beadle in Huntsville.

In January 1859, son Richard S. Dedman died unmarried and intestate.⁵⁹ His brother David D. was named as administrator. The probate records show a small estate, but in them is a claim by Francis Dedman for \$125, in payment for a yellow mare carried to Mississippi in 1857. Whether this is Francis the father, or Francis D. the son, cannot be determined, but the claim was signed with the name Francis, indicating it was probably the father. Francis did read and write although David D. did not.

In the 1860 census for the Southwest Division of Madison County, P.O. Madison Station, Francis Dedman was shown in the household of his daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law Daniel Whitworth, next to the household of William J. Whitworth.⁶⁰ Francis's age given was 65, but if he was 16 in 1800, he would have been 76 in 1860. His second wife, Mary, and son John Henry were listed in the 1880 census in Limestone County, Alabama,⁶¹ Mary with son George W., son of her first husband William Dedman, and John, son of Francis, age 24 next door, now married to Bethilda. John, in 1900, was in Texas, 1910 in New Mexico, and in 1920 in Oklahoma.

In 1861, Daniel Whitworth died⁶² and by the 1870 census, his wife Elizabeth was living with their son William.⁶³ Francis Dedman was not listed.

David D. Dedman was listed in the 1870 census and in the Madison County Tax Records in 1870 as living on 45 acres improved and 10 acres unimproved land valued at \$600 in the SE ¼ of Sec 9 T4 R2W.⁶⁴ William J. Whitworth was living in the NE corner of the SE ¼ Sec 9 T4 R2W on 40 acres improved and 10 acres unimproved land valued at \$600. This section was only a mile or so from the old Madison Station Depot, built in 1856 and destroyed in 1864 during the Civil War. The families would have thus experienced the war at close range. David D. and Anne Dedman and their

family continued to live on this farm until after David died in 1896.⁶⁵

Neither the precise dates of their deaths nor the place of their burial are known for Francis and Temperance Dedman, although most certainly it would have been in the Madison area of Madison County. There are no wills or probate records filed in the Madison County Courthouse.

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Madison County Flint River Baptist Church Minutes

(After Statehood)

Copied and checked by
Dorothy Scott Johnson & Donna Dunham

All items brought up in the meetings are copied verbatim. Many of the names found in these minutes are not found in other documents. They are especially important as clues to, or proof of, a wife's maiden name. These minutes also prove certain persons actually were residents of Madison County in the early period of our history. Church secretaries, or scribes, were chosen for their religious fervor, not their educational background. For this reason, there are numerous spelling and grammatical errors. We have tried to make corrections in brackets such as the following: Archable [Archibald], deligates [delegates] and meating [meeting.] More often than not, "door" was written "dore" but we have corrected it in these minutes for the sake of clarification.

The Flint River Baptist Church was primitive Baptist. They were extremely strict and even excluded those members who attended another church, including another Baptist Church.

Note: No minutes between Nov. 1819 and March 1820.

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March 1820 – Second Saturday.

1st A reference was taken up concerning Bro. Busby and continued.¹

April 1820 – Second Sat. in April

A reference of Bro. Busby was taken up and continued until next conference.

2nd Also Bros. "Hackaday & House to cite him to attend next conference."²

Sunday.

Brother Sam applied to the church for a letter of dismissal and it was granted.³

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May 1820 – 2nd Saturday in May

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Bro. Wills Sandford⁴

2nd Recd. Bro. Ezekiel Craft by letter.

3rd Reference called for and continued.

June 1820 – 2nd Sat. in June

The Church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Bro. Nath & Sister Sarah Russell by letter.

2nd A reference of Wm. Busby was taken up and excluded.

July 1820 – 2nd Saturday in July

Church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Bro. John Lawler by recantation.

August 1820 – 2nd Sat. in August

The Church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Sister Levinah Johnson by letter.

2nd Recd. Sister Sarah Dennice⁵ by experience.

3rd Sister Elizabeth Leonard made application for a letter of dismissal and it was granted.

4th Bro. John and Sister Ruth Nickelson applied for letters of dismissal and it was granted.

5th Sister Elizabeth Lawler applied for a letter of dismissal and it was granted.

6th Bro. Lvi⁶ Lawler censured for fraud in dealings.

7th Bros. Woods & Byram were chosen delegates to the Association and in case of failure, Bro. N. Green.⁷

¹ An allegation had been brought against him at the October 1819 meeting for gambling.

² This probably refers to Brother Busby.

³ Since no last name was given, this is probably a servant.

⁴ This is believed to be Willis Sanford.

⁵ This name is probably Dennis.

⁶ This is probably Levi.

⁷ Means N. Green was an alternate delegate.

September 1820 – 2nd Saturday

The Church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st Sister Christina Busby, now Davis,⁸ applied for a letter of dismissal and it was granted.

October 1820 – 2nd Saturday

The Church met and after divine worship adjourned until next conference.

1821

Note: No minutes between Oct. 1820 and March 1821.

March 1821 – Second Sat. in March

Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Reference of Bro. Levi Lawler was taken up and continued.

April 1821 – Second Sat. in April

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Reference of Bro. Levi Lawler was taken up and restored in full fellowship by acknowledgment.

2nd Bro. Levi Lawler applied for a letter of dismissal and it was granted.

May 1821 – Second Sat. in May

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st A dissatisfaction arose between Sister Conaway and Sister Green, therefore they both have come under censure of the Church. The Church appointed Bros. Daniel, Russel, Lawler, Hackaday and Jackson to labour with the two sisters for a reconciliation and make report at our next conference.

2nd Brother Archible [Archibald] Daniel requested liberty to exercise a public gift in the bounds of the Church and it was granted.

June 1821 – Second Sat. in June

Church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. a black woman, Rachael, by letter.

2nd Recd. John McKemy [McKemie?] by experience.

3rd The case of Sisters Conaway and Green were taken up and settled and [they were] given the right hand of fellowship.

July 1821 – Second Sat. in July

Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Elizabeth McKamie [McKemie?] by experience.

2nd Recd. Mary, servant belonging to Mr. Bro. House, by experience.

3rd Recd. Nathan W. Griffin by experience.

4th We excluded Sally Lewis for withdrawing herself from our faith & order and joined the Methodist's society.

5th A difference arising between Bros. Layman and Byram, we appoint Bros. Wood, Jackson, Daniel, Haughton, Lawler, Vail and Sandford [Sanford], or any five of them, to make a report at our next conference.

August 1821 – 2nd Saturday in Aug.

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Jesse Kinnemore from Erancans⁹ principles.

2nd Recd. Kitty Turner by recommendation.

3rd Recd. Bro. & Sister Honey.

4th Recd. the Report of the committee [on] Brothers Byram and Layman [which was] settled amicably.

5th The members of this Church living near the Big Spring in Ashbern's [Ashburn] Cove, make a petition to become a branch of this Church and to keep up a discipline and it was granted.

6th Bro. Wood & Sneed were chosen delegates to the association and in case of failure, Bro. Haughton. Bro. Wood to write a letter.

September 1821 – 2nd Sat. in Sept.

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. John Smith by experience.

2nd Bro. Hackaday resigned his office of deacon.

September 1821 – Third Saturday in Sept.

"The branch of the church setting in conference and after worship proceeded to business."

⁸ Madison Co. marriage records show Christianna Busby to Thos. Davis, Lic. 8 Feb. 1820. There was no return.

⁹ Probably Erastian. Pertains to Thomas Erastus, a Swiss physician and Zwinglian theologian (1524-83) who advocated a doctrine of state supremacy in ecclesiastical affairs. [*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*. 1959]

- 1st Received Ebenlus Stephens by letter.
- 2nd Recd. Bro. and Sister Smith by letter.
- 3rd Recd. Sister Woodall by letter

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- 4th Recd. Sister Jane Davis by letter.
- 5th Recd. Sister Fereby Clark under our watch care.
- 6th Recd. Polly Kennemore by experience.

October 1821 – Second Sat. in October.

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st We chose Bro. Jehu Lawler ¹⁰to fulfill the office of Deacon.

2nd Bro. John Smith applied for a letter of dismissal and it was granted.

November 1821 – 2nd Sat. in Oct.

The Church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st A difference arose between Bros. Byram & Layman, therefore, they are under the censure of the Church for the same and laid over until next conference.

2nd Brother James Jackson applied to the Church for a letter of dismissal and it was granted.

There were no minutes in December 1821

1822

January 1822 – 2nd Sat. in Jan.

The Church met after divine worship and proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Bro. & Sister Nickelson by letter and also our Bro. beloved to the pastoral care of the Church again.

2nd Reference called for & Bro. Byram restored to fellowship again.

3rd Charge against Bro. Layman having charged Bro. Byram with fraudulents & referred until next conference.

No minutes in February 1822

March 1822 – Second Saturday in March

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Bro. & Sister Lister by letter.

2nd Reference was taken up concerning Bro. John Layman and [he] was excluded.¹¹

¹⁰ Jehu Lawler was a Revolutionary soldier. He was born 2 Jan 1765 and died 20 Nov 1851.

[Source: tombstone.]

¹¹ See Nov. 1821 above.

April 1822 – Second Saturday in April 1822

1st The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business. All in peace and were dismissed in order.

May 1822 – 2nd Sat. in May

The Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Sister Rose, a servant belonging to Wm. S[?] Vesey by experience.

2nd Recd. Sister Judy, a servant belonging to John Simmons, by Experience.

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June 1822 – 2nd Sat. in June

Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Applications were made for letters of dismission for Bros. & Sisters Jacob Smith, Nancy Smith; Abner & Dianna Honey¹²; Jane Davis, John and Elizabeth McKemie; Ebentus Stephens; John Swafford; Wm. & Rodah Honey¹³; Judith Woodall; and Alesey Gellehinia “for to become a constituted Church and it was granted.”

2nd “It is agreed by the Church to call help for next conference to ordain Bro. Jehu Lawler to the office of a Deacon.”

July 1822 – 2nd Saturday in July

Church met and after divine worship proceeded to business.

1st Recd. Frederic, a servant belonging to John Simmons, by experience.

2nd Recd. Sister Hannah Veasey by experience.

3rd Recd. Wm. J. Veasey by experience.

4th Recd. Sister Rebecca Layman by experience recantation.

5th We ordained Bro. Jehu Lawler to fulfill the office of deacon.

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<sup>12</sup> Patented land in NE SW Sec. 29-5-3E on 8 June 1853.

<sup>13</sup> Patented land in W/2 NW Sec. 7-5-3E on 4 Nov 1830.

# Marshall County

## Deed Record Book A

### Part 22

Continued from Volume 43, Issue Number 4

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Copies were previously taken from very large, aged books in the Marshall County Court House. Most of the deed books have been replaced by electronic duplication and printed to letter-sized paper and placed in small books. Unfortunately, these recent copies are much more difficult to read. Question marks have been placed after names that cannot be read.

#### **Deed of Trust**

**Michael Childress, Lorenzo D. Clampett and Robert S. Pierce**  
**Pages 260, 261**

This indenture made January 7, 1839 between Michael (or Mitchell) Childress of the first part and Lorenzo D. Blankenship of the second part and Robert S. Pierce of the third part.

Whereas the said Michael Childress is justly indebted to the said Robert S. Pierce in the sum of \$30 by note executed to John H. Murphy the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1836, due December 25, 1836 and also an account of \$15.75 due December 25, 1837, more fully appears which debt the said Michael Childress is willing and desirous to secure.

This indenture for and in consideration for the sum of one dollar to the said Michael Childress in hand paid by the said L. D. Clampett and confirmed by these presents doth give, grant, bargain and sell to the said Lorenzo D. Clampett the following: one bright sorrel mare colt about eight months old, one cow black and white and her calf, one bed and furniture, one woman's side saddle, one two year old heifer, one 1 year old heifer and also two bee hives, but if the whole sum of \$45.75 with interest shall be fully paid off to the said R. S. Pierce on or before December 25, 1839 then this indenture to be void.

Signed by Michael/Mitchel Childress, Lorenzo D. Blankenship and Robert S. Pierce. Richard S. Randles witnessed the signatures and recorded this indenture February 7, 1839 in Book A on pages 260 and 261.

#### **Deed of Trust**

**Allen Davison, John Echols and Churchill Randals**  
**Pages 261, 262**

This indenture made February 2, 1839 between Allen Davison of the first part, John Echols of the second part and Churchill B. Randals of the third part.

Witnesseth that the said Allen Davison is justly indebted to the said Churchill B. Randals in the sum of \$57.50 by note bearing date of February 2, 1831 which debt the said Allen Davison is willing and desirous to secure to the said Churchill B. Randals.

Now this indenture for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said Allen Davison hath this day bargained, granted and sold unto the said John Echols the following described property: two bedsteads, one bureau, one feather bed, white speckled cow about four years old and two yearling steers.

If default in payment, the said John Echols shall, after giving 30 days notice, place the time and sale by advertising the same at three or more public places, and sell the above described property at public auction to the highest bidder.

Signed by Allen Davison (his mark), John Echols and C. B. Randals. Richard S. Randles witnessed the above signatures and recorded this indenture February 2, 1839 in Book A on pages 261 and 262.

#### **Deed of Trust**

**Adam Cox, Isaac Henry, Hugh Henry and Albert Henry**  
**Pages 262-264**

This indenture made and entered into by and between Adam Cox of the first part, Isaac Henry of the second part and Hugh Henry and Albert Henry trading under the name and style of Hugh Henry and Sons of the third part, all of the County of Marshall.

Whereas the said Adam Cox is justly indebted to Hugh Henry and Sons in the following sums of money, five notes of hand payable to Hugh Henry and Sons in all amounting to \$110.53 which the said Adam Cox is willing and desirous to secure payment of the same.

Now this indenture for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said Adam Cox by the said Isaac Henry. It is acknowledged that Adam Cox hath this day given, bargained and sold to the said Isaac Henry all the following property: two yoke of oxen, seven head of stock cattle, one mare and colt, one gray mare and colt, 26 head of stock hogs, one eight day clock to have and to hold unless default.

The Said Isaac Henry shall permit the said Adam Cox to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of above described property unless default be made in payment of above stated notes. If default, the said Isaac Henry will sell at public auction after giving 20 days notice in three of the most public places.

Signed by Adam Cox, Isaac Henry, Hugh Henry and Albert G. Henry. Richard S. Randles witnessed the signatures and recorded this indenture February 2, 1839 in Book A on pages 262-264.

#### **Deed of Trust**

**John Easton, Booker Smith, Benjamin Dickinson and Daniel Dickinson**  
**Pages 264-267**

This indenture made January 14, 1839 between John W. Easton of the first part, Booker Smith of the second part, and Benjamin Dickinson and Daniel S. Dickenson, partners in trade under the name B. & D. S. Dickinson and Barclay of the fourth part.

Whereas the said John W. Easton is justly indebted to the said B. & D. S. Dickinson in the sums of \$45.95, \$21.95 and \$49.87 with the legal interest from notes.

The said John W. Easton is willing and desirous to secure this indenture and that for and in consideration of one dollar in hand paid to the said John W. Easton by the said Booker Smith, whereas the said John W. Easton doth bargain and sell to the said Booker Smith a certain tract of land lying in the Town of Claysville and known as lot number eight and bounded by the principal street in front 200 feet back and 60 feet front now known as the family residence of John W. Easton, adjoining the lot belonging to Alexander Jones on the southwest and the lot belonging to Thomas G. Morris, lately the property of Abner Vaughn. Also one china cupboard, one folding leaf table and one heifer yearling and her future yieldings.

The said Booker Smith shall permit the said John W. Easton to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the said described land and other described property unless default in payment by due date. Upon default the said Booker Smith shall sell to the highest bidder at public auction after giving 20 days notice in the *Huntsville Times* and also by advertisement at the door of the courthouse in Marshall County.

Signed by John W. Easton, Booker Smith and Benjamin Dickinson by his agent A. Dickinson. Signatures were witnessed by W. H. E. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace. Richard S. Randles recorded this indenture February 2, 1839 in Book A on pages 264-267.

**Deed of Conveyance**  
**George Chennault and Nancy**  
**Chennault to Thomas Teo**  
**Pages 267-268**

This indenture made January 28, 1839 between George Chennault and his wife Nancy Chennault of the County of Marshall, and Thomas Teo of the County of Madison.

Witness that the said George Chennault and Nancy Chennault for and in consideration of the sum of \$450 doth bargain and sell to the said Thomas Teo the following described property: a part of the SE part of the NE part of fractional Section two in Township seven of Range two East containing 40 acres and also the West part of the NW part of Section one in Township seven in Range two East containing 49 and 15/100 acres.

Signed by George Chennault and Nancy Chennault. Jesse Upton, Justice of the Peace, witnessed the signatures and Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court, recorded this indenture the year and date written in Book A on pages 267 and 268.

**Deed of Conveyance**  
**Samuel Prentice to Thomas Manning**  
**Pages 268-269**

This indenture made January 21, 1839 between Samuel Prentice and his wife Jane Prentice of one part and Thomas Manning of the other part.

Witness that the said Samuel Prentice and Jane Prentice for and in consideration of the sum of \$250 in hand to them paid, hath this day bargained and sold and conveyed to Thomas Manning all that certain tract of land being the SW one-fourth of SE one-

fourth of Section three in Township seven of Range three East containing 40 acres of land subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama and also the following described land to wit: the NE quarter of the NE quarter of Section 10 in Township seven of Range three East containing 47 acres.

Signed by Samuel Prentice (his mark) and Jane Prentice (her mark). Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, recorded this indenture February 4, 1839 in Book A on pages 268 and 269.

**Deed of Trust**  
**Richard B. Hughes, Joseph Shelly and**  
**Allen Campbell**  
**Pages 269-271**

This indenture made January 21, 1839 between Richard B. Hughes of the first part, Joseph Shelly of the second part and Allen Campbell of the third part.

Whereas Richard B. Hughes is justly indebted to Allen Campbell on a promissory note given by the said Richard B. Hughes April 6, 1838 payable for the sum of \$50.00. Whereas Richard B. Hughes being willing and desirous to secure the said Allen Campbell the full and entire payment of the above described note.

Therefore for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to the said Richard B. Hughes in hand paid by the said Joseph Shelly it is acknowledged the said Richard B. Hughes hath this day bargained, sold and released the following described property: three cows and two calves and six head of hogs.

Upon trust the said Joseph Shelly shall permit the said Richard B. Hughes to remain in peaceable possession of the above-described property unless default be made in payment of above described note with interest. If default of payment of said note, then the above described property will be sold to the highest bidder after advertising in three public places giving 15 days notice.

Signatures of Richard B. Hughes, Joseph Shelly and Allen Campbell were in the

presence of Hugh Sinclair (his mark) and Aaron McDugan (his mark). Hugh Sinclair appeared before Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court and presented the above-described document February 5, 1839, which was then recorded in Book A on pages 269-271.

**Deed**

**John P. Smith to Little D. Boshart  
Pages 272-273**

This indenture made January 30, 1837 between John P. Smith and his wife, Alvation, of the County of Jackson of the one part and Little D. Boshart and James W. Barton and Rudolph Boshart of the other part.

The said John P. Smith and his wife, Alvation, for and in consideration of the sum of \$500 do this day bargain and sell to Little D. Boshart, James W. Barton and Rudolph Boshart all that parcel or tract of land described as being the East half of the NE quarter of Section 30 in Township six of range four East in the District of Land subject to sale at Huntsville containing 80 and 34/100 acres.

Signed by John P. Smith and Alvation Smith. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court recorded this document February 6, 1839 in Deed Book A on pages 272 and 273.

**Deed**

**Isaiah Wileman to L. D. Boshart  
Pages 273-274**

This indenture made October 25, 1837 between Isaiah Wileman and his wife, Martha Wileman of the one part and L. D. Boshart of the other part.

Witness that for and in consideration of the sum of \$300 to them in hand paid by the said L. D. Boshart it is acknowledged Isaiah Wileman and Martha Wileman do hereby bargain and sell to the said Isaiah Wileman that certain tract or parcel of land described

as the SE quarter of Section 32 in Township six in Range four east containing 163 acres.

Signatures of Isaiah Wileman (his mark) and Martha Tileman (her mark) were witnessed by W. E. Thomas, Justice of the Peace, and duly recorded by Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court February 5, 1839 in Deed Book A on pages 273 and 274.

**Deed of Trust**

**Robert H. Anderson, William H. E. Wheeler, Joseph G. Garrett, Edmund L. Taylor  
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This indenture made February 6, 1839 between Robert H. Anderson of the first part, William H. E. Wheeler of the second part, Joseph G. Garrett and Edmund L. Taylor under the style and name of Garrett and Taylor of the third part and Joseph G. Garrett of the fourth part.

Whereas the said Robert H. Anderson is justly indebted to the said firm of Garrett and Taylor in the sum of \$132.32 by note bearing date of November 21, 1838 and also to the said Joseph G. Garrett a note for \$130.

Whereas the said Robert H. Anderson is willing and desirous to secure said notes, the said Robert H. Anderson for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar does hereby bargain and sell to the said William H. E. Wheeler the following described property: twelve head of cattle, one bay horse, one gray horse, and 130 bushels of corn.

The said William H. Wheeler shall permit the said Robert H. Anderson to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the above described property unless default be made in payment of above described notes. If default in payment then the said William H. Wheeler will offer to sell to the highest bidder the above described property after giving 15 days notice by advertising at the court house door and three other most public places.



Signed by Robert H. Anderson, Wm H. E. Wheeler, J. G. Garrett and Edmund L. Taylor. Booker Smith, Justice of the Peace, witnessed the signatures. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, recorded this document February 11, 1839.

**Deed of Trust**  
**Reuben Bough to Isaac Henry**  
**Pages 277-278**

This indenture made and entered into by and between Reuben Bough of the first part and Isaac Henry of the second part and Hugh Henry and Albert G. Henry trading under the name and style of Hugh Henry & Sons.

Whereas the said Reuben Bough is justly indebted to Hugh Henry & Sons in the following sums of money: two notes of hand payable to Hugh Henry & Sons, one note dated January 5, 1839 for \$14.94 and one note for \$36.90 due February 9, 1839. The said Reuben Bough is willing and desirous to secure the payment of same.

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid in hand to the said Reuben Bough by the said Isaac Henry, the said Reuben Bough does bargain and sell to Isaac Henry all the following property to wit: One sorrel horse about eight years old with a ball face, one colt about two years old and of a bay color, fifteen head of stock hogs, six head of stock cattle, one writing desk, one feather bed and furniture, one candle stand to have and to hold for himself and his heirs.

The said Isaac Henry shall allow Reuben Bough to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of above stated property unless default of payment of described notes with interest. If upon default, the above described property will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction the first Monday in November after giving 20 days notice by posting in three of the most public places.

Signed by Reuben Bough, Isaac Henry, Hugh Henry by Albert G. Henry and Albert G. Henry. Witnesses to the signatures were John M. Scott and W. P. MacFarlan.

Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court recorded the above document in Deed Book A on pages 277 and 278 February 12, 1839.

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St. Louis Genealogical Society informs us of an upcoming workshop on October 24, 2009 at the Viking Conference Center. The subject, Virginia: The Old Dominion State will be discussed by Barbara Fines Little, CG. Ms. Little is an expert on Virginia research and editor of the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*. She tells us that many southern and mid-western families can trace their roots to Virginia families who arrived as early as the 1600s. There will be lectures on: county records – the nuts and bolts of Virginia research; patents and grants – Virginia's land records; Virginia's tax records – a goldmine of information; and Virginia's military records – colonial militia through the Civil War.

The cost for this seminar is \$55 or \$65 for non members and you can register at [www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org) or call (314) 647-8547 for more information.

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society of Dayton, Virginia announces an October 7 program: Slavery Sentiment in the Valley and the George Bourne Case at their annual banquet. This will be presented by Dr. Charles William Blair and focuses on slavery sentiment in the Shenandoah Valley and compares attitudes with those of eastern Virginia. Contact Mary Nelson at [heritage@heritagecenter.com](mailto:heritage@heritagecenter.com) for more information.

Closer to home, Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama announces fall semester classes and field trips. On October 23-24, a seminar called Introduction to and Techniques of Genealogy will be held at the college. On November 13-14, join them for Advanced Research with Book Publishing in Mind, and on November 20-21, another great seminar will be presented: Southern Genealogy, state by state, Virginia to Alabama.

In addition, a trip to the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery is tentatively planned for October 30 (cost \$30), and a three-day trip to Mobile is planned for April 2010. The fee will be \$75.

These programs are sponsored by the Family & Regional History Program. For more information, contact [robert.davis@wallacestate.edu](mailto:robert.davis@wallacestate.edu) or call (256) 352-8363.

We are also reminded that the collection of books, periodicals, microfilm, microfiche, CD-ROM disks, computer programs, family folders, and much more are located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the college library. This collection is available to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. College credit courses in genealogy can be obtained and these courses run the gamut from basic courses to computers and specialties such as court house, Georgia, and Civil War research. For additional information, look at their website: <http://www.wallacestate.edu/library/genealogy.html>.

## New Books

Now why do we have to get a newsletter from Mississippi to find out that someone here in our own backyard has written a book about genealogy? Dr. John Ennis of

Huntsville has written the book *Descendants of William Dandridge, Oxford, England (Eight Generations)*. Write to [RaineEnnis@aol.com](mailto:RaineEnnis@aol.com) for more information.

Another book of interest that has come to our attention is *Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes, Southeastern Indians Prior to Removal* by Rachel Mills Lennon, published by the Genealogical Publishing Company in Baltimore.

Tate County Genealogical and Historical Society in Senatobia, Mississippi tells us that they have several publications that may be of interest to our own readers. The Index to Mississippi Death Records 1913 – 1929 and the cemetery records for Tate, DeSoto, Marshall, and Panola counties are available by calling (662) 562-0390.

#### **West Virginia Society to Close after 32 Years**

The Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society of West Virginia has announced that, after 32 years, they will disband at the end of 2009. The society was founded in 1977 and membership reached a high of 385 in 1998, but began a steady decline due to internet-accessible information. Presently their membership stands at 144. Their materials and books will probably be sold off to other libraries. Like many genealogical societies, their members are not as active as they once were and there are vacancies among the officers.

#### **Cleaning Headstones**

Before you go out to clean headstones, there are basic rules to remember before doing permanent damage to headstones that are old and fragile. Among the DON'Ts: don't use wire brushes, use brushes with nylon bristles; don't touch or bump headstones when mowing grass; don't use commercial herbicides around stones; don't allow small trees to become large when the roots grow under stones; and don't move headstones. Among the DOs: use a nylon whip for close trimming; plant small ground

cover so mowers don't need to get too close; remove scrub trees, clinging vines, and prune shrubs.

Other tips on appropriate cleaning techniques are available from the Association for Gravestone Studies at <http://www.gravestonestudies.org>.

This has been a rather heated topic in Huntsville lately. The latest guidelines tell us not to use anything with strong chemicals to clean headstones, in particular the older headstones made of soft, porous material such as limestone or sandstone. These headstones are most susceptible to erosion by elements and time. Maple Hill Cemetery has a few headstones that some well-meaning person tried to clean with Clorox, which dissolved the stones. Pressure washing is not a good idea for these soft stones either. It is best to try cleaning the back of the headstone first before damaging an inscription.

#### **This and That**

Check out a new website called Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records: [www.deathindexes.com/index.html](http://www.deathindexes.com/index.html). Many records are available from every state though some require payment.

If you'd like to make your next vacation a real learning experience, perhaps you would be interested in signing up for a Roots Magic Cruise scheduled for February 14-21, 2010. The Royal Caribbean ship, *Liberty of the Seas* will leave from Miami for sightseeing in the Caribbean and a host of genealogy classes taught by several speakers: Bruce Buzbee, President of Roots Magic; George Morgan, internationally known genealogy expert; Drew Smith, president of the Florida Genealogical Society in Tampa; Gary Smith, webmaster for International Society of Family History Writers and Editors; and Diana Crisman Smith, director for Association of Professional Genealogists. All are known for their expertise in research.

## Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society Happenings

Contributed by John Fults

The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society held its annual dinner meeting on August 23 at the Huntsville Public Library. Members and guests were greeted at the door by John Dement, Treasurer, who also collected new and renewal memberships. All thirty odd attendees enjoyed a sumptuous meal before the business meeting and program.

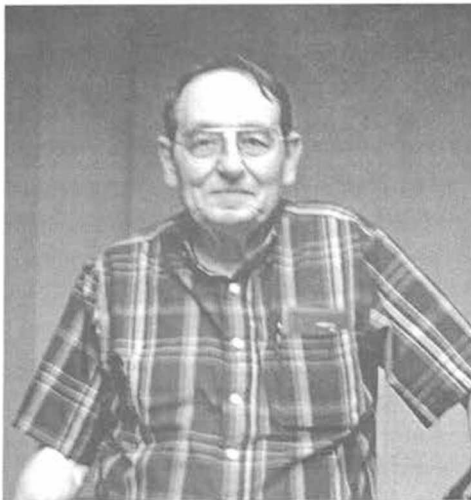


**John Dement renewing the author,  
John Fults' membership.**



**Fellowship and genealogy  
exchange.**

A short business meeting followed, led by our President, Bob Mixon. The treasurer's report and election of two board members followed. The new board members were Patsy McFarlen and Howell Sims.



**Bob Mixon conducting the  
business meeting**



**Patsy McFarlen in the serving line**



Following the business meeting, Bob introduced our speaker for the night, Jacque Reeves. Jacque is our editor of *Valley Leaves*, and is an author of seven local history books. She spoke about her ancestors who were in Alabama before it became a state. Jacque has three First Families: Robert Donnell, Llewellyn Jones and John Henderson Hundley about which she told interesting stories and events in their lives. Robert Donnell was a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister in Madison and Limestone Counties. In actual fact his ancestors were members of the McDonald Clan of Scotland who were victims at the Glencoe Massacre. Llewellyn Jones owned and settled the land, Avalon Farm, which is now the UAH Campus, and also Druids Grove, which is now Greenbrier, Alabama. John Henderson Hundley was a doctor and minister who owned Hundley Hill which is near Mooresville, Alabama. She brought a large skeleton key to the Morro Castle in Cuba, taken by an ancestor who freed American prisoners of war during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Jacque's eloquent and enlightening portrayal of these three men, as well as their families, was enjoyed by all.



Dovie Reiff, Chairman of the First Families Committee, is available to help prove the authenticity of your ancestor as a part of our First Families of the Tennessee Valley Program. You must prove that, prior to 14 December 1819, one of your ancestors lived in one of the nine counties of the Tennessee Valley. Check our website for further information.

**Jacque Reeves, Speaker**

Please join us on September 24th at 7:00 p.m.  
in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library for our next meeting.

## 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.

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### 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*.

## Mailing Address

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