

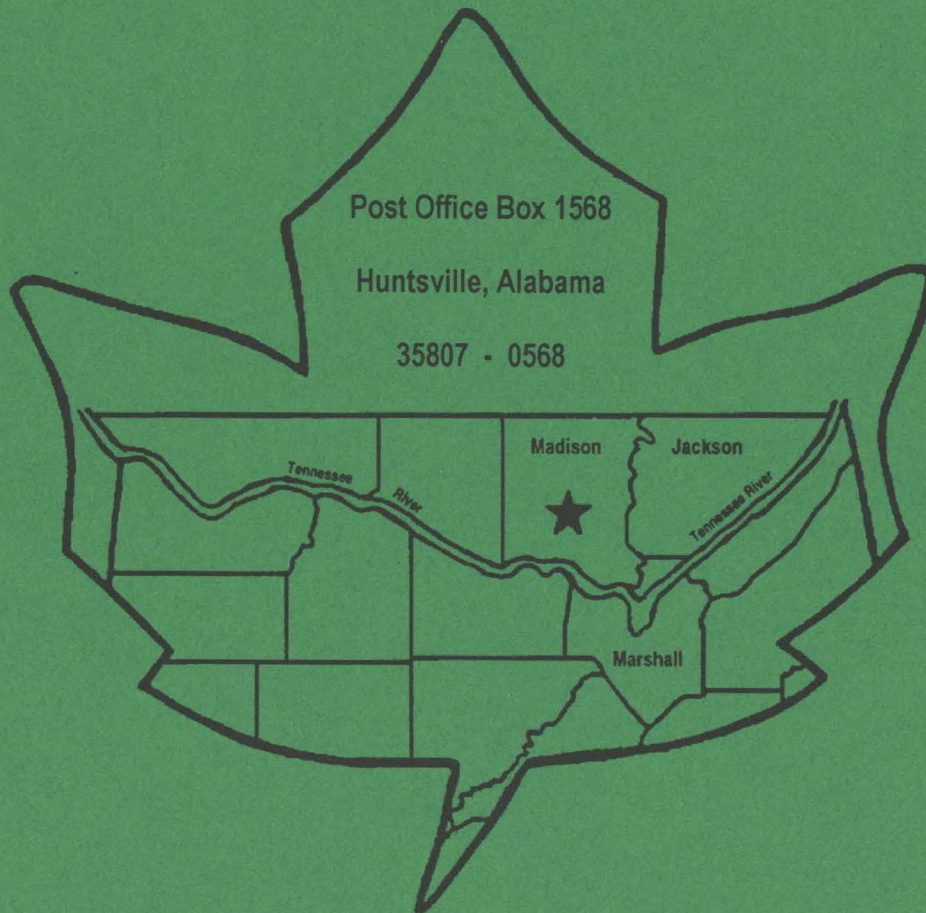
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# Jackson County

## Old Store Records

Compiled by the late Addie Stovall Shaver  
 Edited by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Addie Stovall Shaver, before her death, spent untold hours gathering and compiling information from old Jackson County records and newspapers. We are fortunate to be able to publish a portion of her extensive work in *Valley Leaves*. Her notes are written in first person, and she did not include the amount owed, nor the item that was purchased in the following store accounts. Mrs. Shaver passed away before she could put finishing touches on her work, but for researchers of family history, the list of names may serve to indicate that their ancestors were in Jackson County.

### Addie Stovall Shaver's Notes:

The two stores I am going to concentrate on here are for the purpose of showing who lived in the area at the time. In many cases, it gives an account of the approximate death date of some of the customers.

Both stores were operating before the Civil War. One is in the Hollytree-Old Nashville [became Princeton] area and the other is on Larkin Fork. The Princeton-Hollytree store is a record of accounts and collections by administrators of estates.

The other store was located on Larkin's Fork and has accounts and lists of items bought by customers that are fascinating. Most people of today will not recognize the names of lots of items that were bought. It is not an estate settlement - just these accounts made before the Civil War.

The Princeton-Hollytree estate settlement will include most everyone in lower end of the Valley and some in the upper part.

The estate settlement is that of one A. L. Hyder. I will also include family information in the family histories.

The records were taken from courthouse will books and an old ledger. There is an inventory of the accounts and a supplementary inventory at a later date before the final estate settlement. R. C. Austin was administrator.

Adam L. Hyder

Adam L. Hyder was born in North Carolina but was in Paint Rock Valley by 1850. He is living in District 21, in the Swaim community, according to the 1850 Jackson County Census. He is listed as family No. 367 and is shown as follows:

Hider, Adam L., 39	Teacher	NC
Catherine, 25		TN
Martha A., 1		TN
Catherine F., 1/12		TN

Adam is listed here as a teacher. He was mentioned as teaching in an early subscription school in the area. It is one of the earliest schools on which we have found a record. The family is also shown on the 1860 census and by 1870, he is deceased. His wife, Catherine, and family was enumerated in Beat 17, household No. 39, as follows:

Hyder, Catharine, 42	\$500/\$800	TN
Merrick, Mary E., 14		AL
Hyder, George, 19	In school	AL
Lewis, 13		AL
Hattie, 7		AL
Ellick, Taliver, 28, Black laborer		AL
Clay, Elleck, 23, Dry goods Mcht.		
	\$2000/\$1200	AL

In the 1880 census there is a girl that may have been the youngest daughter of A. L.

Hyder. She is shown in family No. 193 as follows:

No. 27 Hattie Hiden [Probably Heder] age 17.

In the Hollytree-Mt. Nebo Cemetery there is a tombstone for Margaret Hyder:

In Memory of  
Margaret R. Hyder  
and an infant child of G. T. Hyder  
Born July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Died Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Aged 19 years, 2 Mo. and 4 days

There is also, in this cemetery, an old box tomb with a concrete top with the following inscription:

Sacred to the Memory  
of  
Martha E. Duckett  
Departed this life August 15, 1856  
Aged 26 years, 6 Months and 21 days.  
A sinner saved by God

There is a Jackson County marriage as follows: Thomas Duckett to Martha A. Hyder, 26 February 1867 by R. H. Taliferro, M. G. This middle initial is picked up wrong somewhere, either in the census or the marriage record. I believe this Martha to be the daughter of R. L. Hyder.

What happened to the rest of the family is unknown. George could have gone west and taken his mother with him as many did.

Adam L. Hyder and Catherine Colyar married in Franklin County, Tennessee 6 June 1848 by L. D. Harwell. Catherine may

have moved back to Franklin County, Tennessee.

Ann Hyder, over 21  
Martha Duckett, wife of Thomas Duckett  
George Hyder, minor  
William Hyder, minor  
Lewis Hyder, minor  
Hattie Hyder, minor

#### Estate of A. L. Hyder

An inventory of collections made out of the assets of the estate of A. L. Hyder, decd., by his administrator in manner and kind of funds as follows, to wit, up to date June 31<sup>st</sup> 1867.

Due [?]. An inventory of sale - \$452.90  
25 Dec 1857: Bal. the property of John N. Lust - \$27.00

10 June 1863: Amount collected in Confederate drafts from Henry Davis on five small notes - \$182.26.

1 May 1862: Amount returned by Wm. Dwyer on Confederate Notes - \$220.00

1 May 1862: Is off-set by credit found on book by W. J. B. Pagett. One note due Jany. 1, 1860 given by John T. McCord for \$22.39.

Due - 1 Jan 1857: One note on Jesse R. Putman - \$26.26.

1 Jan 1856: One note due on Jesse R. Putman for \$15.88 offset by credit found on book.

1 Jan 1858: John N. Lust and others; note set off by note of \$200.72 made by intestate, A. L. Hyder, to ... & Larkin. [Ed: About two lines that are too dim to read.]

Bal of H. H. Harton & Co.: Two day books at \$2.25 each.

In the following inventory of the estate of A. L. Hyder, you will note most entries have a B, D, or G in parentheses by each name. These letters stand for Bad, Doubtful, or Good debt.

**Estate of A. L. Hyder**  
**Supplemental Inventory**  
**Filed July 31<sup>st</sup> 1867**  
**M. P. Brown, Judge P.C.**  
**R. C. Austin, Admr.**  
**Records in Will Book N**  
**Pages 81-88**

A Supplementary Inventory of Accounts Received comes to my hand as belonging to the assets of the Estate of A. L. Hyder, Decd. [Ed: This is extremely important due to the number of deaths during the Civil War.]

<u>When made</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
1859	Bridges, James C.	(D)	23.63	1.50
1859	Brock, Joseph	Dead (B)	35.06	
1859	Gattis, James (doubtful)	(D)	10.30	
1859	Miller, Henry & C. B. Wilson	Dead (B)	1.95	
1860	Anderson, Horatio	Merchandise	\$5.57	\$25.00
1860	Bingham, James	Dead (B)	29.00	5.00
1861	Berry, John	(B)	5.53	2.00
1861	Bishop, John	(D)	9.20	5.00
1862	Bingham, Enoch	Dead (B)	.10	
1860-1861	Brewer, C. J.		50.34	52.50
1858-1859	Berry, Wm. P.	Dead (B)	7.75	
1860-1861	Garland, Sam'l.	(B)	117.01	10.56
1859	Baker, G. W. W.	(B)	8.85	
1859	Cunningham & Toney	(G)	.35	
1861	Toney, Elmyra	(B)	8.87	5.00
1860	Berry, Joseph	Dead (B)	6.15	.50
1859	Berry, John H.	Dead (B)	46.20	30.50
1859	Berry, Josiah	Dead (B)	22.33	
1860	Bishop, Joseph	Dead (B)	8.85	
1861	Robertson	(B)	42.00	20.00
1860	Patillo, James	Dead (B)	33.71	1.00
1863	Bridges, George F.	(B)	6.30	5.00
1861	Bingham, Jonathan	(D)	45.24	30.00
1862	Bridges, Nancy	(D)	22.30	15.00
1861	Haden, G. A.	(B)	11.76	
1860	Campbell, Rich'd. C. Sr.	Dead (B)	4.30	
1860	Bingham, Lewis	(B)	36.06	20.00
1861	Bostick, John R.	(G)	20.23	15.00
1866 & 1 [?]	Campbell, Wm. Sr.	(B)	31.82	16.63
1859-1860	Carter, John C.	(B)	91.89	12.00
1859	Johnson, Elijah	(B)	24.05	
1859	Crews, Jacob	(B)	20.00	
1860-1861	Counce, David	(D)	63.26	50.00
1860-1861	Calaway, John R.	Dead (B)	2.35	
1860	Manny, Wm.	(B)	9.05	
1857	Cox, Wm.	Dead (B)	12.64	

1861	Campbell, Wm. M.	(B)	57.70	46.00
1858	Donaldson, Wm. M.	(B)	15.35	10.00
1859-1860	Davis, Sarah	(D)	29.27	5.00
1859-1860	Domaby, Margaret [?]	(B)	19.94	10.00
1861	Bridges, John O.	(D)	2.50	
1860	Dwyer, Wm.		11.45	20.00
1861	Webb, A. Jack	Dead (B)	41.06	30.00
1859	Freeman, Wm.	(B)	44.37	10.00
1860	Frazier, Levi	Dead (B)	18.75	10.00
1860	Swaim, John	(B)	5.00	
1859	Frazier, Hiram	(B)	3.50	
1861	Frazier, Jonathan	(D)	32.57	25.00
1859	Fears, Thos. B.	(B)	28.24	20.00
1861	Collins, John	(D)	2.75	
1861	Graham & Grimmitt	(D)	3.85	
1860	Carter, Wm.	(D)	.70	
1861	Lyon, Wilson	Dead (B)	1.75	
1857	Graham, W. C.	(B)	.73	
1862	Eustace, Sarah B.	(D)	10.25	
1859	Griffin, Thos. B.	Dead (B)	46.02	
1859	Bales, G. W. & S. S. Grimmett	(B)	15.44	10.38
1861-1862	Hill, Wm.	Dead (B)	21.80	20.00
1860	Hinshaw, Thos.	(G)	45.80	35.20
1860	Hinshaw, Alex	(B)	2.50	
1869	Graham, Sarah	Dead (D)	.25	
1859	Mason, William	(B)	27.63	9.85
1861	Hinshaw, Warring P.		59.88	100.00
1861	Hale, Ed	(B)	5.00	
1862	Hall, Thos. (Nash)	Dead (B)	3.55	
1859	Hall, David	(D)	1.50	
1860	Prince, Martin H.	(B)	11.18	
1859	Campbell, Laten W.	(B)	.25	
1861	Frazier, Richard Jr.	(D)	2.50	
1860	Hinshaw, G. B.	(B)	6.50	
1861	Threwer, Elie	(B)	8.95	
1861	Swaim, Solomon	(B)	24.48	20.00
1858	Coffey & Gowin	Dead (B)	1.80	
1859-1860	Brock, John & Jo	Dead (B)	35.38	16.75
1859-1860	Hickman, G. T.	(B)	64.92	
1860	Ivy, Allen	(D)	51.50	45.00
1858	Johnson, Martin	(D)	1.00	
1860	Jacks, Lafayette	(B)	6.30	
1860-1861	Kirkpatrick, Joseph	Dead (B)	79.66	3.00
1861	Kirkpatrick, Edward	Dead (B)	2.25	
1859	Keneday, Henry	Dead (B)	6.94	
1860	Hill, Ebenezer		6.00	
1859	Maples, John H.	(B)	3.33	
1859	White, Thos. D.	(B)	.25	
1860	Ivey, Newton	Dead (B)	6.93	5.00
1860	Hall, Thos. & Jo (Larkin Fork)	(D)	2.25	
1858	Middleton, A. J.	Dead (B)	106.96	
1860	Mooney, John P.	Dead (B)	16.16	9.00
1860	Manley, Patsy	Dead (B)	4.00	
1859	Mooney, David J.	Dead (B)	18.23	



1860	Cunningham, Joseph	Dead	(B)	89.95	
1861	Middleton, Joseph A.		(B)	12.93	
1859-1861	Lanham, Arch		(D)	54.48	40.00
1859-1861	Nelson, Jesse T.		(B)	12.70	
1858	Simmons, William		(B)	20.70	
1860	Robins, Malinda		(B)	.90	
1861	Nelson, John M. I [J?]	Dead	(B)	31.16	
1860	McCullum, Jasper		(G)	2.61	
1859	Middleton, Jane		(B)	2.50	
1861	Putman, Elizabeth	Dead	(B)	1.50	
1863	Pennington, Ann		(B)	2.50	
1860	Prince, Elisha		(G)	4.69	3.50
1860	Rus, B. S.		(D)	210.30	175.00
1860-1861	Rice, Dr. F.		(D)	71.08	65.00
1860	Wright, Silas		(B)	12.35	10.00
1859-1860	Robertson, R. C.		(D)	3.43	
1860-1861	Robertson, John R.	Dead	(B)	72.40	24.90
1860-1861	Wright, Geo. S.		(D)	42.62	35.00
1860-1861	Ivy, Wm. B.		(B)	312.44	2.50
1860-1861	Bonds, Zachariah		(B)	318.95	13.00
1860	Simmons, George W.		(D)	12.65	
1860-1861	Anderson, William		(D)	10.45	5.00
1861	Jones, Wm.		(B)	100.68	12.90
1860	Anderson, John		(B)	4.75	
1860	Miller, Jacob		(B)	6.07	
1859	Sisk, James		(B)	.25	
1861	Stovall, Thomas J.		(G)	3.50	
1860-1861	Carter, Milton		(B)	114.10	100.00
1858	Gowin, William		(B)	42.51	2.44
1859	Simmons, James		(D)	.85	
1855	Hall, Thos. (Larkin Fork)		(G)	3.50	3.00
1861	Toney, Elizabeth		(B)	1.04	
1858	Ballard, Wm.		(B)	2.00	
1859	Coffey & Smith	Dead	(B)	1.00	
1859	Damron, Parris		(B)	10.48	
1860	Sanders, Elijah G.		(B)	16.79	5.30
1860-1861	Nelson, Sarah D.		(D)	18.19	17.95
1858	Lam, Josiah		(D)	.75	.25
1860	Scott, John B.	Dead	(B)	6.00	
1857	McElyea, Henry		(B)	.35	
1861	McCord, Eppy		(D)	50.29	45.62
1861	Langham, Jas.		(D)	25.00	20.00
1860	Wilson, John		(D)	33.25	24.75
1859	Reagon, S. L.		(B)	195.63	191.44
1861	Rich, Henry J.	Dead	(B)	50.07	5.00
1861	Carter, Alfred		(D)	21.14	15.70
1859	Haskins, John S.	Dead	(B)	57.77	7.60
1859	Stone, R. J.		(B)	19.90	
1861	McCollom, N. F.		(B)	42.92	39.40
1861	Stone, A. F.		(D)	25.25	
1859	Brown, A. E.		(B)	3.18	
1860-1861	Coffey, James A.	Dead	(B)	90.55	33.34
1860-1861	Williamson, William H.	Dead	(B)	31.30	42.00
1860-1861	Poston, S. E.		(B)	262.59	170.00
1860	Davis, Jas. W.			6.45	52.07

1858	Powers, James M.	(B)	343.45	
1860-1861	Reede, Thos.	(D)	17.25	10.00
1860	Reede, Hanah	(D)	6.20	
1857	Riddle, John	(B)	.75	
1860-1861	Robertson, Hickman	Dead (B)	45.31	
1858	Smith, Sarah	(B)	2.24	
1861	Stovall, G. W. N.		3.35	7.00
1860	Stokes, Allen	(B)		.10
1859	Smith, Leroy	Dead (B)	2.20	
1859	Sloan, Elizabeth	(D)	1.50	
1860	Sloan, F. Marion	(B)	15.55	
1860	Skelton, John O.	(D-B)	58.66	24.90
1859	Sanders, Elijah	Dead (B)	30.52	
1860	Swaim, Mode	(D)	11.90	8.00
1859	Swaim, Michael	(D)	2.00	
1857	Smith, R. C.		24.10	
1861	Toney, Abraham	(D)	20.04	18.10
1860	Toney, Martha	(D)	1.50	
1860	Toney, Emeline	(B)	7.59	6.50
1861	Duncan, G. W.	(B)	3.00	
1861	Toney, Jacob	(B)	2.75	1.10
1861	Lee, William C.	(B)	43.51	30.00
1861	Toney, James A.	(B)	41.98	29.00
1861	Toney, Thos. W.	(D)	4.00	3.25
1859-1860	Toney, Alexander	(D)	59.37	
1860	Trice, W. J.		20.26	27.19
1857	Taylor, Martha	(B)	3.25	
1860	Threwer, James M.	(B)	22.49	15.00
1861	Wilson, Joab	(B)	40.50	
1860-1861	Yeates, William	(B)	29.56	10.38
1861	Welborn, Starnes	(D)	14.90	10.00
1860	Wellborn, Wm.	(D)	6.58	
1860	Lusk, Wm.	(B)	48.43	25.00
1860	Kennedy, N. B.	(B)	1.10	
1858	Keeton, James	Dead (B)	2.25	
1857	Tipton, Kibble	(B)	4.50	
1857	Tipton, James W.	(B)	6.38	
1858	Skelton, J. Wash	(B)	2.50	
1861	Miller, Riley	(B)	4.15	
1854	Coffer, Benjamin	(B)	18.00	
1861	Robins, Alex	Dead (B)	14.01	
1861	McCord, Cassandra	(B)	58.28	42.32
1860	Hinshaw, G. W.	(G)	4.40	3.00
1862	Hall, Eliza	Dead (B)	10.60	3.87
1861	Gayle, Wm. Sr.	(B)	9.50	6.00
1859	Swafford, John	(B)	2.05	
1860	Fowler, Wm. P.	(D)	87.34	67.13
1859	Coffey, John & J. A.	Dead (B)	34.35	
1861	Collins, Marshal W.	(D)	20.26	15.00
1860-1861	Bostick, Clarinda		37.98	38.53
1859	Simmons, John	(B)	9.72	
1861	Patillo, Trenton A.	(B)	13.50	
1861	Crabtree, James Sr.	Dead (B)	64.60	
1857	L. C. Coulson (in judgment)	(D)	41.64	

1860	Cardin, Leonard	(G)	.10	
1861	Fowler, James M.	(B)	9.86	
1857	Poston & Thompson	(B)	2.05	
1861	Prince, Jesse D.	(B)	9.14	
1862	Bingham, John	(D)	1.00	
1861	Bingham, Ragsdale	Dead (B)	35.00	
1861	Frazier, John Jr.	Dead (B)	42.33	
1857	Criswell, Davis & Williamson	(D)	.40	
1858	Sims, Nathan	(D)		1.20
1862	Smelser, John	(B)	1.40	
1862	Metcalf, Wm. A.	(B)	62.05	35.00
1860	Smith, John C.	Dead (B)	10.09	7.00
1860	Ivey, Ranson	Dead (B)	2.30	
1861	Bostick, Nathan & Asbury	(B)	5.88	
1861	Berry, James M.	Dead (B)	4.39	
1857	Wilson, W. C.	Dead (B)	.25	
1860	Langston, Hiram	(G)	.10	
1860	Lee, George	Dead (B)	22.23	.75
1857	Ballard, Martha J.	(B)	10.05	2.00
1861	Carter, Jasper	(B)	45.75	
1859-1860	Blackwell, Jese G.	(B)	385.89	50.50
1859-1860	Campbell, John R.		116.15	166.86
1859-1860	Webb, Jese K.	(B)	173.49	165.90
1861	Campbell, Wm. T.	(D)	233.60	200.00
1860-1861	Kennedy, Elizabeth	Dead (B)	35.28	25.00
1862	Cowan, S. E.	(G)	11.68	10.00
1861	Drake, Thomas	(D)	1.40	
1861	Berry, George W.		36.73	87.00
1859	Haskins, N. B.	(B)	37.00	13.45
1861	Carrick, E. J.	Dead (B)	3.20	
1861	Webb, Henry A.	(D)	46.36	48.82
1859	Hunter, Jane	Dead (B)	17.68	15.00
1861	Henshaw, Newton	Dead (B)	2.008	
1859	Darwin, G. W.	(B)	100.24	24.21
1861	Williams, Jonathan	Dead (B)	25.72	3.10
1859-60	Haden, A. W.	Dead (B)	518.42	159.20
1861	Davis, Thos.	(D)	65.85	55.22
1861	Robins, Reuben	Dead (B)	8.92	20.00
1860	Martin, H. L.	(D)	39.81	35.00
1860-1861	Bridges, Jas. T.	Dead (B)	138.10	107.29
1860-1861	Hickman, G. T.	(B)	293.26	5.35
1860	Campbell, James M.		18.95	20.00
1860-1861	Williamson, R. A.	(B)	500.70	300.60
1860-1861	Carter, R. C.	(B)	110.85	98.75
1861	Vandiver, Richard	(B)	.40	
1861	Vanzant, Leonidas	(B)	.75	
1860-1861	Brewer, Josiah	(B)	35.65	15.00
1860-1861	Davis, Dan'l. G.	(B)	112.44	75.00
1861	Hickman, George A.		14.76	18.00
1862	Keeton, John W.	(B)	7.83	2.60
1861	Kennedy, John W.	(G)	72.35	55.00
1861-1862	Toney, H. L. W.	(D)	51.34	50.00
1860-1861	Davis, Henry	(D)	196.15	80.10
1861	Bostick, Nathan	(B)	130.88	125.00
1860-1861	Pitman, Jesse R.		140.76	206.00

160-161	Bishop, Stephen N.	Dead	(B)	102.90	
1860	Hill, Nancy		(B)	48.50	35.40
1862	Davis, Wm. N.		(G)	74.77	65.90
1860-1861	Lam, Wm. R.	Dead	(B)	107.99	28.50
1859	Grimmett		(B)	29.26	4.00
1861	Fears, G. W.		(B)	26.48	20.00
181	Ivey, James		(B)	5.95	5.00
1860-1861	Williams, Ezekiel			155.00	159.40
1860-1861	Bostick, C. B.	Dead	(B)	36.55	35.00
1861	Chorn, Jane M.		(B)	77.83	30.00
1860-1861	Freeman, Wm.		(B)	87.47	75.40
1859	Thompson, N. A.	Dead	(B)	14.00	
1860	Webb, James	Dead		78.04	90.50
1860	Gilliland, S. G.		(B)	38.70	
1852	Davis, Robert		(B)	21.80	
1860-1861	Davis, John P.		(D)	36.55	50.00
1860-1861	Latham, James R.		(D)?	182.35	440.72
1860-1861	Williamson, A. M.	Dead	(D)	57.93	50.00
1860-1861	Reede, Ralph	Dead	(B)		207.25 65.00
1860-1861	Crabtree, James W.		(B)	130.58	121.10
1860-1861	Threwer, Reece		(B)	171.26	8.75
1860	Bingham, Emsley		(B)	46.56	40.23
1861	McCord, John T.			52.16	80.00
1861	Davis, Boon		(D)	2.51	
1860-1861	Garland, James		(B)	24.65	
1861	McCord, James H.	Dead	(B)	160.25	32.70
1861	Thompson, James W.		(G)	10.20	8.50
1861	Wright, Wm. M.		(B)	21.31	20.00
1860-1861	McAnanley?, M. S.		(B)	558.74	368.65
1861	Frazier, Robt. O.	Dead	(B)	48.58	
1861	Kenedy, Joseph		(B)	3.50	
1860-1861	Rich, A. J.		(B)	197.32	175.75
1860-1861	Threwer, Levis ?	Dead	(B)	102.55	30.85
1861	Putman, Fleming		(B)	10.76	
1860-1861	Bingham, Thomas		(G)	37.57	35.10
1862	Stovall, Wm. H.		(G)	8.83	5.00
1860-1861	Sanders, Ivy		(B)	149.10	111.00
1860-1861	Duncan, Isaac		(B)	99.45	88.40
1860-1861	Austin, R. C. (D)		(G)	385.8	419.75
1860-1861	Stovall, John D.			22.15	37.75
1861	Wellborn, James		(B)	5.85	
1860-1861	Freeman, Rebecca		(B)	11.18	.88
1861	Campbell, W. H.			67.25	81.75
1860-1861	Bates, James		(B)	34.88	
1861	Campbell, Green		(B)	19.20	16.00
1861	Robinson, Thomas		(B)	96.06	80.00
1860	Yeats, James		(B)	57.16	19.00
1861	Isacks, Casper		(B)	5.65	
1861	Campbell, James (Sinks)		(B)	51.83	50.00
1860-1861	Middleton, Joseph A.		(B)	41.19	55.92
1860-1861	Putman, Wilson		(B)	96.89	2.80
1860-1861	Bostick, Floyd		(B)	71.78	50.00
1860-181	Campbell, John R.	Dead	(B)	98.05	
1861	Putman, Daniel		(B)	70.53	5.52

1861	Vaught, Elvirena	(B)	128.98	117.06	
1861	Ardis, Calvin	Dead (B)		15.99	1.70
1861	Bufalo, Burrel	(B)	22.08		
1861	Campbell, Joseph		60.87	57.85	
1861	Cunningham, John J.		35.35	53.84	
1861	Fowler, Robert O.	(G)	42.45	40.00	
1861	Martin, Crissey		56.53	60.00	
1861	Williams & Bufalo	Dead (B)	13.28		
1860-1861	Reede, George	(B)	65.66	2.75	
1860	Wilson, C. B.	Dead (B)	27.60		
1861	Robertson, Martha J.	(D)	41.33	30.00	
1861	Johnson, Albert	(B)	8.20		
1861	McCord, Wm. M.	Dead (B)	13.15		
1861	McNabb, James	(B)	21.26		
1861	Mayfield, H. W.	(B)	65.40		
1861	Mayfield, F. P.	(B)	24.40		
1861	Putman, Moris	(D)	15.18	12.75	
1861	Rich, Marshal H.	(B)	15.88		
1860	Sharp, Benj'n.	(B)	5.90		
1861	Sisco, Flem J.	(D)	7.95?		
1861	Skelton, Sam'l. G.	(B)	11.08	10.00	
1860	Poston, John B.	Dead (B)	61.60	1.00	
	Hinshaw, G. W.		5.05	6.25	
	Tinney, Eligah	(B)	27.54	4.00	
1860	Johnson, J. Martin	(B)	5.90		
	Thompson & Chorn	(G)	30.21	25.00	
1860	Davis, Samuel	(B)	176.00	150.00	
1861	Skelton, Wm. M.	(B)	78.17	23.30	
1860-1861	Eddey, Mitchell	(B)	35.13	2.50	
1860	Bostick, Math	(B)	92.91	100.00	
1860-1861	Criswell, S. S.	(G)	226.67	220.00	
1860-1861	Chorn, James B.	(G)	85.14	70.00	
1860-1861	Williamson, Edmond		167.26	225.00	
1860-1861	Duckett, Richard		240.28	531.50	
1860-1861	Thompson, John (Bal.)	(D)	45.25		
1860-1861	Putman, John R.	(D)	300.90	250.96	
1861-1862	Robertson, J. O.	(G)	246.07	200.00	
1860-1861	Clay, R. W. (off set by notes)		1,001.14	1,650.00	
1863	Colyar, Elbert & A. S. (Confederate draft)	(D)	2,250.00		

"The foregoing inventory was certified by R. C. Austin, Admr., before M. Brown, Judge of Probate on 31 July 1867."

You will note that this supplementary inventory was filed in July 1867 – just after the Civil War. It probably is not the *final* settlement which is undoubtedly in the Jackson County Courthouse. It is important to see who was in the Valley at the time. One of the most important aspects of this inventory is the names of those who died. Mrs. Hyder still owned the store in 1870.

Alex Clay was working in the store and boarding with Mrs. Hyder in 1870, according to the census. He then became postmaster at Princeton which was at the old Nashville settlement.

### Collection Inventory Store Accounts

Dollar amounts were not always indicated on account records, for whatever reason, but for our purposes, it is the names which are important. (Editor's Note: there are many names that are repeated,

some with varying spellings. Those will be included since there is no way to know for sure which spelling is accurate.)

Amos, Mary A.	Blackwell, Sally	Campbell, Wm. M.	Darnaby, M. E.
Anderson, Horatio	Bonds, Zach	Campbell, Wm. Sr.	Darwin, G. W.
Anderson, John	Bostick & Maples	Campbell, Wm. T.	Davis, Boon
Anderson, Wm.	Bostick, C. B.	Camron, Henry,	Davis, Dan'l. G.
Ardes, Calvin	Bostick, Clarinda	Carden, Sanford	Davis, Henry
Ardis, Calvin	Bostick, Floyd	Cardin, James L.	Davis, J. W.
Ardis, Jeseoph	Bostick, John	Carick, E. J.	Davis, John J.
Ardis, Joseph	Bostick, M. D.	Carlk, E. B.	Davis, Mary A.
Arnold, Ralph	Bostick, Nathan	Carter, Alfred	Davis, Matilda
Austin, R. C.,	Bostick, Nathen	Carter, Jasper	Davis, Robt.
Baates, James	Bowly, S. W.	Carter, John C.	Davis, Sam'l.
Bafalow, B. F.	Bradshaw, Lewis	Carter, Meredith	Davis, Sarah
Baker, G. W. W.	Brewer, C. J.	Carter, Milton	Davis, Tho & Henry
Balard, Martha J.	Brewer, Josiah	Carter, R. C.	Davis, Thomas
Ballard, William	Bridges, Albert	Carter, Wm.	Davis, W. N.
Bandy, R. C.	Bridges, Ann	Charn, Harriett M.	Donaldson, John R.
Beason, Jonathan	Bridges, George	Chorn, James B.	Donaldson, Wm. M.
Bell, R. F.	Bridges, James	Chorn, Jane M.	Drake, G. W.
Bell, Sunnah [?]	Bridges, James P.	Clay, John	Drake, Thomas
Berry & Demorille	Bridges, Jno. O.	Clay, R. W.	Ducket, Richard
Berry, George W.	Bridges, N. H.	Clay, Washington	Duckett, D. B.
Berry, Jas. M.	Bridges, Nancy	Coffey & Gowens [?]	Duncan, A. J. & Co.
Berry, John	Brock, John	Coffey & Smith	Duncan, G. W.
Berry, John D.	Brock, John & Joe	Coffey, Ben Jr.	Duncan, Isaac
Berry, John H.	Brock, Joseph	Coffey, James A.	Duncan, Morgan & Co.
Berry, Joseph	Brockway & Co.	Coffey, Jno. & J. A.	Dwyer, Jane
Berry, Josiah	Brown, Elizabeth A.	Collins, John	Dwyer, M. C.
Berry, Samuel	Brown, Rich [?]	Collins, Marshall	Dwyer, William
Berry, Sanford	Bruce, Bailey	Colyar, A. S.	Eddy, Mitchell
Berry, W. P.	Bruce, S. J.	Coulson, L. C.	Erwin, H. L.
Berry, W. T. & Co.	Buffalow, W. A.	Counts, David	Erwin, J. W.
Bery, Jno. G.	Burge & Allen	Counts, John Jr. [J.]	Eustace, J. S.
Bingham, Emstey	Burge & Swaim	Cowan, J. N.	Eustace, Jim
Bingham, Enoch	Buros, M.	Cowan, Sophia	Eustace, Sarah A.
Bingham, Jame	Butler & Robertson	Cowan, Wm. M.	Fall & Cunningham
Bingham, John	Butler, Samuel	Cox, Wm. Jr.	Fears, G. W.
Bingham, Jonathan	Butterworth, A.	Crabtree, J. W.	Fears, Jacob B.
Bingham, Ragsdale	Callaway, J. R.	Crabtree, James Sr.	Fears, Thomas W.
Bingham, Thomas	Campbell, Charley	Cramer, Jared	Flanagan, A. D.
Binghom, Lewis	Campbell, Green	Crews, Jacob	Foster, Stokley
Bishop, John	Campbell, J. M.	Crews, Rebecca	Foster, W. M.
Bishop, Joseph	Campbell, James	Criswell, Davis	Fowler, Furman
Bishop, Stephen	Campbell, John B.	Criswell, S. S.	Fowler, J. M.
Blackwell, A. J.	Campbell, John R.	Cunningham & Toney	Fowler, Robt. O.
Blackwell, B. F.	Campbell, Joseph	Cunningham, John	Fowler, Wm. P.
Blackwell, J. G.	Campbell, Laten W.	Cunningham, Joseph	Frazier, Cassey
Blackwell, J. P.	Campbell, Lavinia	Cunningham, Wm. C.	Frazier, Hiram
Blackwell, Lydia	Campbell, R. C.	Dameron, Paris	Frazier, John Jr.
Blackwell, Martha	Campbell, Rich'd.	Daniel, Jane	Frazier, Jonathan
Blackwell, Peter	Campbell, W. H.	Darden, J. C. & Co.	Frazier, Levi

Frazier, Nancy	Hinshaw, G. B.	Lee, George	Powers, J. W.
Frazier, Richard Jr.	Hinshaw, G. W.	Lee, Wm. C.	Prince, Elisha
Frazier, Robert O.	Hinshaw, J. W.	Lusk, Joseph	Prince, Jesse D.
Frazier, Sol'v. [?]	Hinshaw, Thomas	Lusk, Wm.	Prince, Martin H.
Frazier, Thomas Jr.	Hinshaw, W. P.	Lyon, Wilson	Prince, Thomas
Frazier, Thomas Sr.	Hinshaw, Wm. Sr.	Manley, Nancy	Prince, Wm. H.
Freeman, Rebecca	Hollinshead, Nancy M.	Manley, Patsy	Putman, Daniel
Freeman, Wm.	Holmes, D. M.	Manning, James	Putman, Elizabeth
Furman & Co.	Holmes, L. C.	Maples, A. H.	Putman, Flem
Gardner, Shepherd & Co.	Hood, W. A.	Maples, Wm. Mc.	Putman, Jesse R.
Garland, James	Howell, Crawford	Marten, Crissy	Putman, Morris
Garland, Sam'l.	Hunter, Grimmett & Co.	Martin, Elizabeth	Putman, Wilson Sr.
Gatis, James A.	Hunter, James	Martin, H. L.	Ragsdale, J. B.
Gayle, James A.	Hunter, Wm.	Martin, J. L.	Reagen, L. L.
Gayle, Wm.	Hyder, A. L.	Martin, Joseph A.	Reed, A. H.
Gilliland, I [?] J.	Isaacs, Casper	Martin, Nancy L.	Reed, Alfred
Givens, Wm.	Ivey, Allen	McAnally, M. D.	Reed, George
Glover, L. R. [P?]	Ivey, James	McCollum, James	Reed, Hannah
Gowens, Elizabeth	Ivey, Newton	McCollum, Jasper	Reed, John
Graham & Dwyer	Ivy, A. A.	McCord, Darcas	Reed, John L.
Graham, Grimmett	Ivy, Rans	McCord, Eppy	Reed, Ralph A.
Graham, J. F.	Ivy, Wm. B.	McCord, J. H.	Rice, Dr. Fr.
Graham, M. F.	Jacks, Laffayette	McCord, John T.	Rich, A. J.
Graham, Sarah	Johnson, Albert A.	McCorde, Cassandra	Rich, Henry J.
Graham, W. C.	Johnson, Elijah	McCulley, T [Q?] S. & Co.	Rich, Marshal H.
Grant, F. R.	Johnson, J. M.	McCulloh, Elender	Riddle, John
Green, James	Johnson, Martin	McElyea, Henry	Riddle, John A.
Green, Ralph A.	Jones, Caroline	McKenzie & Wilson	Right, George S.
Green, W. G.	Jones, Wm.	McKenzie, Alexandria	Right, Silas
Griffin & Green	Keaton, James	Metcalf, Wm. A.	Robertson, F. H.
Griffin, T. B.	Keeton, John W.	Middleton, A. J.	Robertson, Hickman
Grimmett, S. G.	Kenedy, John W.	Middleton, J. A.	Robertson, J. R.
Grimmett, Robert	Kennedy, Elizabeth	Miller, H. H.	Robertson, James M.
Haden, H. W.	Kennedy, Ezekiel	Mooney, A. C.	Robertson, James, Dr.
Hall, David	Kennedy, Henry	Mooney, David	Robertson, John A.
Hall, Edward	Kennedy, James N.	Mooney, J. V.	Robertson, M. J.
Hall, John	Kennedy, Joseph	Moore, J. G.	Robertson, R. C.
Hall, John J.	Kennedy, N. B.	Morgan & Co.	Robertson, Thos. J.
Hall, Rosanah	Kennedy, Sarah J.	Morgan, Irby & Co.	Robins, Alex
Hall, Samuel	Kirk, Joseph	Murry, Calb	Robins, Malinda
Hall, Thomas (Nas?)	Kirkpatrick, Edward	Nelson, Jesse T.	Robins, Reubin
Hall, Thos	Kirkpatrick, Edward Sr.	Nelson, John M. I.	Robinson, Joseph A.
Hardy, W. E.	Kirkpatrick, Isaac	Nelson, L. D.	Robinson, Thomas
Heatherington, Jno	Kirkpatrick, Joseph	Nowlin, S. G.	Row, A. W.
Hickman, G. A.	Lamb, J. M.	Padgett, W. J. B.	Russ, Nicey
Hickman, George T.	Lamb, Josiah	Patillo, James	Russe, Dr. B. S.
Hickman, Thomas	Lamb, Wm. R.	Patillo, T. A.	Rutledge, D. W.
Hickman, Wm.	Langham, Arch H.	Pennington, Ann	Rutledge, Joseph
Hicks, A. H.	Langham, Jacks & Co.	Plemons & Knight	Sanders, E. G.
Hill, C. B.	Langham, Jas.	Plemons, A. B.	Sanders, Ivy
Hill, David	Langham, John	Porch, H. E.	Sanders, John
Hill, Nancy	Langham, Robt.	Poston & Thompson	Sandors, Elijah
Hill, Wm.	Langston, Hiram	Poston, John B.	Scott, J. B.
Hillman & Brother	Larkin & Burk	Poston, S. E.	Shelton, Wm. M.
	Latham, James R.		Shook & Co.

Simmons & Blouring	Stovall, Tho. J.	Toney, Abram	Wilborn, James
Simmons, Alfred	Stovall, Wm.	Toney, Alex	Wilborn, Starnes
Simmons, G. W.	Stringer, James	Toney, B. B.	Wilborne, William
Simmons, James	Sundries	Toney, Elijah	Williams, E. C.
Simmons, John	Swafford, John	Toney, Elizabeth	Williams, Ezekiel
Simmons, William	Swaim, George	Toney, Elmira	Williams, Jonathan
Sims, Nathan	Swaim, John	Toney, Emeline	Williamson & Bufalow
Sisco, F. J.	Swaim, Michael	Toney, H. L. W.	Williamson, Edmond
Sisk, Alexander	Swaim, Moses	Toney, Jacob	Williamson, R. A.
Sisk, James A.	Swaim, Solomon	Toney, James A.	Williamson, W. H.
Sisk, Julia	Swearingin, Rich	Toney, Martha	Williamson, W. W.
Skelton, James W.	Swink, F. G.	Toney, Thos. W.	Wilson, C. B.
Skelton, John O.	Taliaferro, R. H.	Trice, Jesse T.	Wilson, Deby
Skelton, Sam G.	Taliaferro, John D.	Trice, W. J.	Wilson, J. W.
Sloan, Eliza	Taylor, Martha	Vandiver, Richard	Wilson, Joab
Sloan, Elizabeth	Tharp, Benjamin	Vanzant, Leonidas	Wilson, John
Sloan, F. M.	Thompson, Chorn & Co	Vaught, Elvirena	Wilson, W. C.
Smelser, John	Thompson, James M.	Walker, S. E.	Woodall, S & Co.[?]
Smith, John C.	Thompson, John	Warren, Wm.	Woodfin, Bery
Smith, Leroy	Thompson, N. A.	Webb, A. J.	Woodfin, Nicholas
Smith, R. C.	Threwer, Elie	Webb, Henry	Wortham, David
Smith, Sally	Threwer, Reece	Webb, J. K.	Worthan, James
Smithy, Susan	Thrower, James M.	Webb, James	Wright, Wm. M.
Stokes, Allen	Thrower, Levi	Webb, Thomas	Yeats, James
Stone, A. F.	Tinney, Elijah	Webb, Thos. (Howell)	Yeates, William
Stone, R. J.	Tipton, Edmond	Webb, W. H. & Co.	
Stovall, G. W. N.	Tipton, James W.	White, Thomas	
Stovall, John D.	Tipton, Kibble	Whitworth, M. H.	



## Madison County Lewellen Jones Estate

Contributed by Jacquelyn Procter Reeves

Revolutionary War veteran, Lewellen/Llewlllyn Jones, came to the Territory of Alabama from Virginia, via Oglethorpe County, Georgia to buy large tracts of land. As a Captain in the Regiment of Dragoons, he was awarded 4,000 acres in what was known as the Dinwiddie tract. He sold his bounty warrant and came to the Mississippi/Alabama Territory. In Madison County, he bought property known as Avalon, now part of Research Park and the University of Alabama Huntsville and committed suicide by hanging himself in his home in January 1820. There were many twists and turns that followed the estate over the next 50 years. Some of the more interesting aspects of this case are found here.

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Will of Lewellen Jones – In the name of God amen, I Lewellen Jones of Madison County, Madison County, Alabama Territory being of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz: to my beloved daughter Frances A. M. Perkins, I give and bequeath that tract of land lying on Spring Creek in Lawrence County, Alabama Territory, containing seven hundred and thirty four acres and twenty hundredths acres on which I have made one payment. That is, I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Frances A. M. Perkins all my right and title to the said tract of land not interacting to make any other payment on it. To her and the heirs of her body forever, furthermore, to my beloved daughter Frances A. M. Perkins I give and bequeath the sum of three thousand seven hundred and seventy seven dollars fifty cents to her and her heirs forever, and no more, having given her other valuable property in Negroes previous to this in the state of Virginia. After all my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath unto my two well beloved sons, John N. S. Jones and Alexander P. Jones to them and their heirs forever, all the remainder of my estate both real and personal, my land, monies, bonds, Negroes, plantation interests, horses, hogs, cattle, household and kitchen furniture to be equally divided between them, deducting two thousand dollars from the portion of my

eldest son John N. S. Jones, which I give and bequeath to my son, Alexander P. Jones, to him and his heirs forever. Lastly I do appoint my eldest son John N. S. Jones and ? Scruggs ? both of Madison County, Alabama Territory, executors of this my last will and testament. In writing whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of Benjamin W. Burford, William A. Powell, Henry Moore.

### Madison County Chancery Court Record B

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(Probate file for Alexander P. Jones, Records Room, Huntsville-Madison County Library)

Alexander P. Jones, Planter, vs. John N. S. Jones, Benjamin Perkins and Frances Anna Maria Perkins, his wife, and Thomas Moore, and John Moore. Soujoner Noble and Richard Perkins, defendants.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1818, Orator's father, Llewellen Jones, now dec'd, being possessed of a large personal and real estate and three children vs. your Orator and John J. S. Jones, his sons and Frances Anna Maria married to Benjamin Perkins. He had previously given his daughter a full share of his estate, and whose husband had been

engaged in trade and failed for many thousands of dollars more than he was able to pay, and said Llewellen being unwilling any considerable part should come into the hands of said Benjamin, on that day made his will. At the time of making the will one Irby Jones was indebted to said Llewellen in the sum of \$8,000, being part of the money bequeathed by said Llewellen to his two sons. The debt, being in danger of being lost, Llewellen in order to make it secure, purchased from said Irby Jones the SE ¼ of Sec. 32 and the SE and SW ¼'s of Sec. 33 T3 R1W. He wrote to John N. S. Jones two letters concerning this land, which were written from his then residence on the tract of land in Limestone County which he had purchased before the date of the will. Soon after the death of the said Llewellen in 1820, John N. S. Jones as one of the executors, paid the legacy of the wife of said Benjamin Perkins into the hands of said Perkins, and in the division the lands purchased from said Irby Jones were taken by Orator, but the creditors of said Perkins have levied on said lands.

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**Editor's Note:** There is no record of when/where Llewellen's wife, Mary Anderson, whom he married October 22, 1792, died. After the death of Llewellen Jones, his two sons petitioned to have some of Llewellen's slaves freed. It has been assumed, though there is no evidence in writing, that perhaps some of the slaves were his children:

**Section 1**  
**Approved December 11, 1820**  
**Emancipation of Slaves**  
**Belonging to Llewellen Jones**

An Act to authorize John N. S. Jones and Alexander P. Jones to emancipate certain slaves therein named: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, that John N. S. Jones and

Alexander P. Jones of the county of Madison, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to manumit and set free a mulatto woman, named Elizabeth, aged forty years; a mulatto girl, named Evelina, aged thirteen years; a mulatto girl named Ann, aged six years; and a mulatto child, named Shandy, aged three years, so soon as the said John N. S. Jones, and Alexander P. Jones shall have executed to the Chief Justice of the county court of Madison county and his successors in office, a bond with sufficient security to be approved of by the County Court; conditioned, that the said slaves, Elizabeth, Evelina, Ann, and Shandy, or either of them shall never become chargeable to the state of Alabama or any Court or Town therein.

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**Editor's Note:** John N. S. Jones inherited property in Limestone County and the plantation was developed and named Druid's Gove. Alexander Pinckney Jones inherited Madison County property that is now part of Research Park and University of Alabama Huntsville, along with two lots on what was then Fountain Row and other property in present-day Blossomwood area of Huntsville. Evidently, he had borrowed money from his brother John N. S. Jones, who died in 1853, and never paid either him or his estate what he owed.

A letter found in the Jones Family Files in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library was written by someone who knew Alexander P. Jones. The letter described him as "a peculiar old botchler" who bought old horses and kept them until they died and would not sell slaves even if there was no work for them. He died intestate on November 22, 1865, having never married, and there were many legal issues regarding the settlement of his estate and sale of the plantation known as Avalon. The following records reveal those issues between his various nieces and nephews. Two of his nephews, cousins to each other, both argued to be the administrator of his estate.

State of Alabama  
To the honorable R. D. Wilson  
Probate Judge of Madison County  
State of Alabama  
December 6, 1865

The undersigned heirs and next of kin and allied to the late Alexander P. Jones deceased of said County of Madison, State of Alabama and heirs in part of said A. P. Jones and holding as heirs and legatees of the late J. N. S. Jones, deceased, certain wills dated respectively 1824 and 1828 constituting the said J. N. S. Jones deceased and his children the ? and sole beneficiaries and recipients of all the goods and chattels and Estate of the said Alexander P. Jones, signed sealed and respectively delivered to the said J. N. S. Jones by the said A. P. Jones and came into the possession of the Administrators of the said J. N. S. Jones, deceased, J. Haywood Jones and J. W. S. Donnell, which said papers have in consequence of the disturbed condition of the County been conveyed out of the County for safe keeping and not yet returned, now your petitioners in consideration of the above said promises respectfully petition your honor to appoint a special administrator for the estate of said A. P. Jones, deceased who departed this life on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1865 and whose estate requires the immediate concerted attention. Respectfully Submitted, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Madison County  
Minute Book 10  
Page 207  
Thursday, December 21, 1865

Paul L. Jones, special administrator of the estate of Alexander P Jones, deceased, having this day returned an inventory and appraisalment of the property belonging to said estate. Ordered that the same be filed and recorded.

Madison County  
Minute Book 10  
Page 207

December 21, 1865

Alexander P. Jones, deceased  
Application to sell perishable property

To Judge of Probate Madison County

Your petitioner Paul L. Jones special administrator of the estate of A. P. Jones, deceased, would respectfully represent unto your honor that he finds upon the estate of Alexander P. Jones, deceased, the following perishable property to wit: five ? six wagons, one carriage and one buggy and the running gear of a carriage and buggy three bedsteads, one feather bed and one sofa, one sideboard, three tables, two clocks, two book cases, two plaster busts, one mirror, six mahogany chairs, five plain chairs, a shovel, tongs, and two fenders, three damask window curtains, one safe, sixteen yards of carpeting, one lot of books, three pair curtain hangers, two U.S. map, one wash stand, two silver teaspoons, fifteen plows, four harrows, a lot of sundries, old harnesses, one carriage gear, a small oven, a bake oven and lid, and grill iron, three plates and sugar dish, two cows and three calves, one bull yearling, two mules, a lot of blacksmith tools, a lot of wheels and spinning machine, one wash bowl and pitcher, and that a sale of the same is necessary to pay debts. Your petitioner would further represent unto your honor that the house is in a working condition, liable and exposed to being ? with the best can that Petitioner can give to the ? in review of the ? petitioner prays for a sale of the house at the earliest ? allowed by the law.

December 21, 1865  
Paul L. Jones  
Special Administrator

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Madison County  
Minute book 10  
Page 214  
December Term, 1865

Comes Paul L. Jones, special administrator of the estate of Alexander P. Jones, and files his petition in writing, praying an order of this Court appointing him administrator-in-chief of said estate. Ordered that Tuesday, January 2, 1866 be set apart to hear and determine as to the matter contained in said petition.

Minute book 10  
Page 214  
December Term, 1865

Comes Alexander S. Perkins and files his petition in writing praying that administration on the estate of Alexander P. Jones, late of said county, deceased, be committed to him.

Ordered by the Court that Tuesday, January 2, 1866 be set for hearing and determining as to the matter contained in said petition.

Alexander P. Jones, Deceased  
Application of Paul L. Jones for Administration  
Recorded in Probate Record Book No. 21,  
Page 139

To the Honorable Robert Wilson  
Judge of the Court of Probate of the County  
of Madison  
State of Alabama:

Paul L. Jones a resident citizen of the County of Limestone in the State of Alabama, by this his petition, shows that Alexander P. Jones, a citizen of the County of Madison, State of Alabama, departed this life intestate, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1865, at his residence in said County. That said Alexander P. Jones left no widow or child or descendants of children surviving him. That his next of kin entitled to share in the distribution of his estate are the children and grandchildren of his brother and sister. That your petitioner is a nephew of said Alexander P. Jones and entitled to share in the distribution of his estate. That said intestate left a large and valuable estate

situated in said County of Madison, of the probable value of \$53,000.

Petitioner prays that your honor will grant him administration before the estate of said intestate.

Walter Brickell & Lewis  
Attys for petitioner

Application for administration A. P.  
Jones, Deceased  
Recorded in Probate Record Book No. 32  
Page 316

To Robert Wilson, Judge of the Probate  
Court for the County of Madison, State of  
Alabama:

The application of Alexander S. Perkins shows that he is a citizen of the County of Limestone in said State.

He further shows that Alexander P. Jones departed this life on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1865, at his death he was a resident citizen of said County of Madison in said state. At his death he was seized and possessed of valuable real property, and his personal property, both together are of the probable value of fifty three thousand dollars. He further shows that at his death said Jones left no widow or children the descendants of any child or children. The petitioner wishes to share in the distribution of the property of the said Jones and the children and grandchildren of his Jones brother and sister. Your applicant is a son of the sister of said Jones and says that he is entitled to share in the distribution of the property of said Jones. Wherefore he prays this court to grant him letters of administration from the estate of said Jones.

Robinson Walker

Probate Record Book 27  
Page 357  
Report of sale of the perishable property  
belonging to Estate of A. P. Jones,  
deceased made on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1866

Bartley, the Purdy Place \$310.10

Marshall Jones the East Place 170.00  
 Wiley Drake the Ellis Place 20.00  
 John Williams the Randall Place 10.00  
 John Flippo the Hobbs place 15.00  
 Cosby place offered but no bid  
 Dredd Jones the Bradford place 5.00  
 Peterson Jones the King place 63.00  
 Mike Lyons one bake oven and lid .50  
 Mike Lyons one lot sundries 3.25  
 George Jones one lot ? 3.25  
 Anthony Jones ? .25  
 J. Clift carriage and harrow 2.00  
 William Douglass ? 1.00  
 Mike Lyons Harrow and bull tongue 1.75  
 George Jones 1 jersey milk cow 17.50  
 Anthony Jones 1-2 horse 21.50  
 Big George Jones 1-4 horses 25.00  
 Caledonia Jones 1 buggy body 2.5  
 Lucy Jones 1 ox wagon 10.00  
 Joseph King 1 wagon 11.50  
 Joseph King 1 safe 10.25  
 James Williams 1 side board 2.00  
 Wiley Drake 1 clock 5.25  
 Wiley Drake 1 ? 1.50  
 John Clift 1 lot books 2.50  
 Anthony Jones 1 bowl & pitcher 1.40  
 William Douglass 1 dressing table 1.00  
 Wiley Drake 1 secretary and bookcase 4.00  
 Joe King 1 looking glass 8.50  
 Eason 1 mantle ornament .25  
 Wiley Drake book case 11.50  
 Wiley Drake fender shovel and tongs 1.50  
 James Lane plates & c .90  
 Thomas Bibb 2 teaspoons 2.25  
 Wm. Walker 3 window curtains 5.00  
 A. S. Schrimsher 1 bureau 2.00  
 Mike Lyons 1 bedstead 8.00  
 G. W. Foster 1 secretary 8.00  
 Julian James 1 bedstead 4.00  
 Mike Lyons 1 feather bed 25.00  
 James Bibb 1 bedstead 7.00  
 A. J. Schrimsher 1 large map 1.00  
 A. J. Schrimsher 1 large map 1.25  
 Lucy Jones 1 small bureau 2.00  
 Wm. Douglass 1 small washstand .50  
 J. H. Clift 1 bureau 5.00  
 Wiley Drake 4 chairs 4.40  
 Wm. Douglass 6 parlor chairs 8.40  
 Ed Eason 1 dining table 6.25  
 Joe King carpeting 5.00  
 James Jones 1 old ? 1.40

K. Balch 1 centre table 7.00  
 Anthony Jones 1 old bureau .25  
 Jerry Layne 1 ? balances 18.00  
 Tom Bibb 1 large ox 7.75  
 Tom Bibb 1 small bull 1.00  
 John Cosby 1 spinning machine 24.50  
 John Hilliard 1-2 horse wagon 3.50  
 J. W. Harrold 1 mule 12.50  
 James Scruggs 1 mule 3.50

This day personally comes Paul L. Jones, special administrator of Alexander P. Jones deceased who being sworn says that the foregoing is a correct account of the sale of the perishable property of said estate but that since said sale, the two items: one for large ox and the other for small bull amounting both to 25.75, now by order of the Freedman's Bureau, were taken away from Thomas Bibb and given to one of the negroes upon the place. With this exception the above is correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Paul L. Jones

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**Jones v. Perkins**

**Summons: J. W. S. Donnell, Walter Jones, S. G. Starkey**

**March 3, 1866**

**(Probate file, Alexander P. Jones, Records Room, Huntsville-Madison County Library)**

To any Sheriff of the State:

You are hereby commanded to summons J. W. S. Donnell, Walter Jones, S. G. Starkey to appear at a Term of the Court of Probate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March instant to be held for said County, at the Court House in the City of Huntsville, then and there to testify, and the truth to speak, in a certain matter of controversy, pending in said Court, wherein Paul L. Jones et al, plaintiff and A. S. Perkins, is defendant in behalf of said Plaintiff and this you shall in no wise omit under the penalty prescribed by law.

Witness my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1866, R. D. Wilson, Judge P.C.

Minute Book 10 Page 327  
Saturday, March 31, 1866  
(Probate file for Alexander P. Jones, Records Room, Huntsville-Madison County Public Library)

And the Court informed:

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 1866. Paul L. Jones here applying for letters of administration on the estate of Alexander P. Jones late of said county deceased: and said Paul L. Jones having given bond in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, with J. W. S. Donnell and J. H. Jones as his sureties therein. Which bond has been duly taken and approved by the Judge of this Court as good and sufficient. It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Paul L. Jones be and he is hereby appointed to administer said estate and that the proper letters of administration to issue to him forthwith.

Minute book 10 page 300  
February Term 1866  
Saturday, March 3, 1866

Paul L. Jones Special administrator of the estate of Alexander P. Jones, deceased, this day returned a report of the sale of the Perishable Property, belonging to said estate. Ordered that the same be filed and recorded.

Petitioner further states that the following persons are heirs at law of the Alexander P. Jones, deceased to wit: J. Haywood Jones, James W. S. Donnell and wife Maria Donnell, Paul L. Jones, Walter B. Jones, William Hansell and wife Antonina Hansell, Alexander S. Perkins, Benjamin Perkins, all over the age of 21 and inside the Limestone County; Fannie Harris and Spotswood Harris under the age of 21 years and residing in Limestone County, Alabama; John Mills and wife Octavia Mills reside in the state of Texas; Alfred Dearing and Marcella Dearing reside in the state of Georgia.

Summons to appear before James H. Scruggs  
Judge of Court of Probate  
July 28, 1866

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama: You are hereby commanded to summon J. Haywood Jones, James W. S. Donnell and his wife Maria (Jones) Donnell, Alexander Jones, William Hansell and his wife Antonina (Jones) Hansell, Alexander S. Perkins, Benjamin Perkins, Fannie Harris and Spotswood Harris to be and appear before the Judge of the Court of Probate of Madison County, at the Court House in the city of Huntsville, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September next, to show cause why the bringing of a petition this day exhibited in said Court against them and others, by Paul L. Jones, Administrator of the Estate of Alexander P. Jones, deceased, shall not then be granted.

- Executed September 1, 1866  
A.L. McKinney, Sheriff

James H. Scruggs  
(Probate file for Alexander P. Jones, Records Room, Huntsville-Madison County Library)

Interrogations to be proposed to Alexander S. Perkins, James Wiggins, Alexander Russell, Woodson Lawless, and William Tucker, the answers to which when taken are to be read in accordance in a certain cause now pending in the Probate Court of Madison County wherein Paul L. Jones as administrator and Alexander P. Jones is plaintiff and the heirs at law of the land of Alexander P. Jones are defendants (application to sell lands to pay debts).

1<sup>st</sup>: Are you acquainted with the parties to this?

2<sup>nd</sup>: Do you know anything of the estate of Alexander P. Jones and from your knowledge of said estate is there a sufficiency of personal property of said estate to the debts thereof without a sale of the lands?

3<sup>rd</sup>: From the schedule of the debts now shown you as having been presented to the said administrator and from your knowledge of the personal property of said estate would you say that it was or was not necessary to sell the real estate of said estate to pay the debts thereof – is there enough personal property to settle debts without a sale of the real estate?

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Alexander P. Jones, Deceased  
Application for sale of Lands  
? of Guardian ad Litem  
Recorded in Probate Record No. 28  
Page 2024  
Filed Sept. 5, 1866

For the Honorable James Scruggs, Judge of Probate Madison County, Alabama: In the matter of the application of Paul L. Jones, administrator of the estate of Alexander P. Jones deceased, for a sale of lands.

Fannie Harris and Spotswood Harris, minors, and parties in interest by their guardian ad litem, deny all and singular the statements and allegations of said application and require strict proof of the same.

Fannie Harris  
Spotswood Harris  
By their Guardian ad litem  
Richard Brickell

State of Alabama – Madison County  
Probate Court of Said County  
September 7, 1866

In the matter of the application of Paul L. Jones Administrator of the Estate of Alexander P. Jones, Deceased, for a sale of lands & c to Benton Sanders, Athens, Alabama. Esquires: Greeting: Know ye, that we, in confidence of your prudence and fidelity, have appointed you, and by these presents, do give you, or any one of you, full power and authority to examine Alexander S. Perkins, James Wiggins, Alexander

Russell, Woodson Landers, and W. B. Tucker as witnesses in a cause pending in said County, entitled as set forth in the caption hereof. And therefore we command you, or any one of you, that you do cause the said witness to come before you or either of you, and then and there examine them on oath, in the cause aforesaid, upon the interrogations and cross interrogations hereunto answered. And that you, or either of you, do take such examination, and cause the same to be reduced into writing and return the same annexed to this write, closed up under your seals, or the seals of any one of you, into our said Probate Court, with all convenient speed.

Witness, James H. Scruggs, Judge of our said Court, at his office, in the City of Huntsville this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1866.

Summons to appear before James H. Scruggs  
Judge of Court of Probate  
December 21, 1866  
(Probate file for Alexander P. Jones  
Records Room, Huntsville-Madison  
County Library)

To the Sheriff of the State of Alabama – Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon I. J. Fennell, W. J. McCalley, H. G. Bradford, James J. Donegan, Abram Graham, Peter Kessicks, Bev. McCrary, Hezekiah Balch, John McCarty, George Martin, J. M. Curtis to be and appear before the Judge of the Court of Probate of Madison County, at the Court House in the City of Huntsville, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day in December to show cause why a sale of lands made by Paul L. Jones administrator of the estate of Alexander P. Jones, deceased, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1866 and of which they were the purchasers shall not then be set aside and vacated. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this precept.

James Scruggs, Judge P.C.  
December 21, 1866

(a notice on the summons indicates it was executed to all except Hezekiah Balch.)

Summons to appear before James H. Scruggs, Judge of Court of Probate  
January 11, 1867  
Executed January 15, 1867  
(Probate file for Alexander P. Jones, Records Room, Huntsville-Madison County Library)

To any sheriff of the State of Alabama – Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Paul L. Jones to be and appear before the Judge of the Court of Probate of Madison County, at the Court House in the City of Huntsville, on the 3rde Monday in January next, to show cause why he shall not then be required to give an additional bond as administrator in this Court of the estate of Alexander P. Jones, deceased, in accordance with the prayers of the application of A. S. Perkins, an heir at law and crediting of said estate on file in their cause.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this precept. Witness: James H. Scruggs, Judge of Probate of Madison County, at Office in Huntsville, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 1867.

Madison County  
(Probate file for Alexander P. Jones, Records Room, Huntsville-Madison County Library)  
February 15, 1867

On Saturday the fifth day of January, 1867, ? the administrator (Paul L. Jones) of A. P. Jones, deceased, offered for rent for year 1867 at public outcry to the highest bidder at the court house door in the town of Huntsville, all the lands belonging to said deceased having first given ten days notice by posting notice at the court house door in said town and three other public places in Madison County.

The homestead place being put up and A. D. Stricktler being the last and best bidder for \$1,032 was declared the renter of said place for said sum.

Aron Jones being the last and best bidder for the Rudy place at \$405 was declared the renter of said place for said sum.

Anthony Jones being the last and best bidder for the Bradford place at \$102 was declared the renter of said place for said sum.

A. S. Perkins being the last and best bidder for the East place at \$117 was declared the renter of said place for said sum.

J. H. Thomson being the last and best bidder for the Cosby place at \$1, and the Bendall place at \$31 was declared the renter said pleas for said sum.

Paul L. Jones  
Administrator  
Estate A. P. Jones  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 1867  
James Scruggs  
Probate Judge

Editor's Note: Paul L. Jones and his cousin, Alexander S. Perkins, both had petitioned to be administrators of this estate. The above communication indicates that Alexander Perkins was declared renter of one of the properties, however he died on January 24, 1867.

(Probate file for Alexander P. Jones, Records Room, Huntsville-Madison County Library, loose paper)

Paul L. Jones, special administrator of the estate of Alexander P. Jones deceased, having thus filed his application under oath for a sale of certain perishable property belonging to said estate. Ordered that said administrator after having given the notice signed by law sell said property to the highest bidding for cash on the premises.

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The following letters and records are excerpted from the Jones Family History compiled by the late Todd Harrison and his sister Clara Louise Harrison Cape. These records reveal interesting facts not found in



**Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society**  
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**Friday, March 19, 7:00 – 9:00 pm First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1802 Bankhead Parkway**

Workshop – Diamonds, Rubies, and Lumps of Coal: Understand the use of evidence, artifacts, and tales in the development of a strong genealogical argument and family narrative. (This is an additional session for no additional charge.)

**Saturday, March 20, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Auditorium, Huntsville/Madison County Public Library**

**Session I – Finding your Landless Ancestors:** Since land is the key in many ancestral discoveries, tracking those individuals who did not own land often becomes a daunting task. Learn to use Trust Deed Chattels and Tax Release Books to help locate those individuals without deeds and estates.

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**Session III – Pioneers of the Frontier: Using Online Newspapers to find Early Settlers:** See how free and commercial newspaper databases may help you find early family members. Learn the techniques and tips that will bring you research success.

**Session IV – Using that Brick Wall as a Foundation:** Feel like you are at a dead end? By reviewing our research and taking a fresh approach, we can often see new opportunities for finding our family. Use the very evidence that stops you in your tracks to spring over the wall.

The schedule for Saturday will be approximately as follows:

<b>9:00 – 9:30 Registration</b>	<b>12:00-1:00 Lunch</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:45 Session I</b>	<b>1:00 – 2:15 Session III</b>
<b>10:45 – 11:00 Refreshment Break</b>	<b>2:15 – 2:30 Refreshment Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00 Session II</b>	<b>2:30 – 3:30 Session IV</b>

Seminar Fee: \$40 for both Friday night workshop and Saturday sessions, includes hot lunch on Saturday. However, ONLY those who pre-register by March 17 can be guaranteed a meal. Send check, payable to Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society to TVGS, P.O. Box 1568, Huntsville, AL 35807 by March 17. E-mail [wrmixon@comcast.net](mailto:wrmixon@comcast.net) for more information or call (256) 881-2699.

court records. Irby Jones, a resident of Huntsville, owed money to Lewellen Jones and was unable to pay it. At the suggestion of his son, John Nelson Spotswood Jones, an attorney whose office became Alabama's first library, Lewellen Jones bought the Irby Jones place in order to resolve the debt, which was less than the price of the property.

**Deed Book F**  
**Madison County Court**  
**January 5, 1820**  
**Page 50**

This indenture made this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1820, between Irby Jones and Mary his wife of the one part and Lewellen Jones of the other part, all of the State of Alabama. Witnesseth: That the said Irby Jones and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of \$18,742.00. Whereof they do hereby acknowledge have this day granted, ? and confirmed and by these presents do bargain sell, ? and confirm unto the said Lewellen Jones, his heirs and assigns forever the following tracts of parcels of land, Viz: One quarter section of land which was purchased by the said Irby Jones of I. Allison known in the plan of Madison County as the Northeast quarter section of section thirty two in township no. 3, range no. 1 of the basis meridian and two other quarter sections of lands purchased by the said Irby Jones of George Dilworth known in the plan of Madison County as the South East quarter section of section thirty three of township no. 3 and range no. one West of the basis meridian and Southwest quarter section of section no. 33 in township no. three and range no. one West of the basis meridian, together with all their appertencancies, improvements, tenements and heridatements thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold the said tracts or parcels of land to him the said Lewellen Jones his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Irby Jones and Mary his wife have relinquished and by these presents to do relinquish all their right title interest claim and demand in and to the said

tracts or parcels of lands both for themselves their heirs and assigns forever and they do bind themselves their heirs executors and administrators to warrant and defend every person or persons whatsoever claiming by, through, or under them. In witness whereof they have hereunto affixed their names and seals the date above mentioned. Signed in the presence of

Irby Jones  
Mary S. Jones

State of Alabama  
Madison County

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Brandon, Clerk of the Court for said County: Irby Jones whose name is subscribed to the within and foregoing deed of conveyance who acknowledged the signing sealing and delivery of the same on the day and year therein mentioned. Also personally appeared Mary Jones, wife of said Irby Jones, who on private examination separate and apart from her said husband Irby Jones acknowledge that she signed sealed and delivered the same on the day and year therein named freely voluntarily without fear, threats, or compulsion of her said husband. Given under my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1820.

Thomas Brandon, C. C. C.

On January 8, 1818, Lewellen Jones wrote to his son, J. N. S. Jones:

“My son, I received your note by Sigh and observed its contents. As for trading with any person for I. Jones paper, I've no notion of the great bargain I purchased in this land. I give it to you. It is yours. Do whatever you please with it. I will make you a deed whenever you think proper. I've declined moving to it. It was your advice to purchase it, as it was a great bargain. I did so, therefore take it and may you prosper and be happy.

Sincerely yours, Lewellen Jones”

The previous letter may have been copied with the wrong year in the Jones family files. It makes more sense to have been written after the following letter, dated two years later, from Lewellen to his son J.N.S. Jones:

“Spottswood:

I wrote you by Sigh making you the offer of I. Jones place. I wish to know if you had rather take it than this. If so you must purchase all things necessary to keep up the plantation. If you take this you can have the corn fodder and only a sufficiency for myself while my hands are here, and stock. The hogs I will leave here and next fall give you one-third for having taken care of. It's time you and Major Hickman have settled your hands. If you take this place, send or tell Hickman to send his down soon as possible. You will have to get a wagon for the plantation. Capt. Blair will perhaps let Hickman have his. I will let you have two horses, the Major to furnish two will be sufficient. It's high time you had made some conclusions. Let me know whether Irby Jones has advertised his sale, and if so, when it will take place as I wish to be there. If you do not conclude to take this place, to purchase corn, let me know by the bearer what you will do and if you take this place when you will be ready with the Majors hands to do so. Sigh said you talked of giving an answer. Let me know if you have done so.

As ever yours,

Lewellen Jones”

John Nelson Spottswood Jones responded by writing on the same letter, which was returned by the slave named Sigh, the following answer:

“I will take Jones land on the terms you mentioned.

J.N.S. Jones     January 1820”

Lewellen Jones wrote the letters from his home in Greenbrier named “Druid's Grove.” Although there is a headstone for him in the Jones-Perkins Cemetery behind Morton Hall on the UAH campus, it was not placed until the 1970s. There is no headstone for him at the Jones-Donnell Cemetery in Greenbrier either, but it would make more sense that he would be buried there.

Although the letters indicate that J.N.S. Jones decided to take the Huntsville property known as Avalon, he was living in Greenbrier (Druid's Grove) later where he and his wife, Eliza Ann Haywood Jones raised their many children.

While Alexander P. Jones moved into the plantation known as Avalon, apparently daughter Frances Perkins must have died fairly young. The plantation she and her family lived in, located in Lawrence County, was known as Seclusion. The large debt was not ever fully paid and it was bought by J.W.S. Donnell from Limestone County, who married J.N.S. Jones' eldest daughter.

The graves of Frances Perkins has not been found – her children are buried in the Jones-Perkins Cemetery behind Morton Hall.

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# Marshall County Deed Record Book A

## Part 24

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Editor's note: copies were previously taken from very large, aged books in the Marshall County Court House. Most of the deed books now are 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 will be placed after names that cannot be readily interpreted.

### **Deed**

**James M. Moore to Arthur C. Beard  
Pages 291-292**

This Indenture made February 11, 1839 between James M. Moore and Dianah S. Moore, his wife, of the first part and Arthur C. Beard of the other part. Witness that the same James M. Moore and Dianah Moore, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of \$340 to them in hand paid hereby give, grant and bargain and sell to the said Arthur C. Beard that certain tract of land described as the west half of the NW quarter of fractional Section 18 of Township 7 in Range 4 east in the district of land subject to sales at Huntsville, Alabama containing 87 acres.

Signed by James M. Moore and Diana S. Moore. Booker Smith, Justice of the Peace, witnessed the signatures and he called Dianah Moore apart and separate to assure that she signed the same of her own free will and accord. Richard S. Randles recorded the above in Deed Book A on pages 291-292 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1839.

### **Deed of Trust**

**Zachariah Baily to John J. Bain  
Pages 293-294**

Whereas Zachariah Baily is justly indebted to John J. Bain in the sum of \$260 as appears by note of hand. The said Zachariah Baily is willing and desirous to secure the said debt to said Bain with legal interest. Now therefore this indenture made and entered into between Zachariah Baily of the first part, Hiram Vaughn of the second part and John J. Bain of the third part. The said Zachariah Baily for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by Hiram Vaughn hath this day bargained and sold to the said Hiram Vaughn a certain personal property consisting of one mare and colt, two feather beds and furniture, twenty heads of hogs and three cows and one calf.

Zachariah Baily shall pay to the said Hiram Vaughn \$260 on or before February 18, 1840 with legal interest. If default of payment, the said Hiram Vaughn will sell at public auction as much property as required to secure payment of note and legal interest after giving 30 days notice at three public places.

Signed Zachariah Bailey, Hiram Vaughn and John J. Bain. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court, recorded this transaction in Deed Book A on pages 293 and 294 on February 23, 1839.

**Deed of Trust**  
**William Higgins to Joel Higgins**  
**Pages 295-296**

This indenture made and concluded this February 23, 1839 by and between William Higgins of the first part and Joel Higgins of the second part and Nathan Long of the third part. Witness that the said William Higgins is justly indebted to the said Nathan Long in the sum of \$500 and is desirous of securing the payment of the same to him the said Nathan Long. The said Joel Higgins for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to him by the said Joel Higgins the said William Higgins doth bargain and sell the following described personal property: 50 head of stock hogs, 14 head of cattle, four hogs and two Negros, Thomas, aged 60 and Lydia, aged 60.

Joel Higgins shall permit William Higgins to keep the same in his use and possession until January 1, 1840 in further trust that if said William Higgins makes default in the payment then the said Joel Higgins shall, after giving three weeks notice, the property will be sold to the highest bidder.

Signed by William Higgins, Joel Higgins, and Nathan Long (his mark). Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court recorded this document in Deed Book A on pages 295 and 296 on Feb. 28, 1839.

**Deed of Trust**  
**Archibald Tucker to William H. E. Wheeler**  
**Pages 296-298**

This indenture made February 13, 1839 between Archibald Tucker of the first part, William H. E. Wheeler of the second part and Joseph Garrett and Edmund Taylor, merchants trading under the name of Garrett and Taylor of the third part. The said Archibald Tucker is justly indebted to the said Garrett and Taylor in the sum of \$27.35 by note dated February 13, 1839. The said Archibald Tucker is willing and desirous to secure said note and for and in consideration of one dollar to the said Archibald Tucker in hand paid by the said William H. E. Wheeler, it is hereby acknowledged that the said Archibald Tucker does give grant and sell to the said William H. E. Wheeler the following described personal property: one sorrel horse, one saddle, two cows, a calf, sixteen head of hogs and fifty bushels of corn.

The said William H. E. Wheeler shall permit the said Archibald Tucker to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of above described property until the amount of \$27.35 and interest be paid by due date. If not paid, the above described property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder after having placed advertisement at three prominent places.

Signed by Archibald Tucker (his mark), William H. E. Wheeler, J. G. Garrett and Edmund Taylor. Booker Smith, Justice of the Peace, witnessed the signatures of the above and R. S. Randles, Clerk of the Court recorded the document in Book A on pages 296-298.

**Deed of Trust**  
**Hezekiah Baylis to J. G. Garrett**  
**Pages 299-301**

This indenture made February 18, 1839 between Hezekiah Baylis of the first part, Joseph G. Garrett of the

second part and Benjamin Dickinson and Daniel S. Dickinson merchants trading under the name of B. and D. S. Dickinson of the third part. Whereas the said Hezekiah Baylis is justly indebted to the said B. and D. S. Dickinson in the sum of \$215.10 by note bearing the date of February 11, 1839, the said Hezekiah Baylis is willing and desirous to secure said note.

It is witnessed that for and in consideration of one dollar to the said Hezekiah Baylis in hand paid by the said Joseph G. Barrett, the said Hezekiah Baylis hereby grants and sells to the said Joseph G. Garrett the following described property: one yoke of oxen, one ox cart, one chestnut sorrel mare, one bay mare, one sorrel horse, 30 head of sheep, four beds and furniture and one clock.

The said Joseph G. Garrett shall permit the said Hezekiah Baylis to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of above described property until default in payment of \$215.10 and interest. Upon default the said Joseph G. Garrett shall proceed to sell the above-described property at auction to the highest bidder after giving 20 days notice by advertisement at three prominent places.

Signed by Hezekiah Baylis and J. G. Garrett. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court recorded this document in Book A on pages 299-301 on February 25, 1839.

**Deed of Trust**  
**William Taylor to K. C. Carter**  
**Pages 301-303**

This indenture made between William Taylor of the first part and K. C. Carter of the second part and B. Snodgrass of the third part. The said William Taylor is justly indebted to the said B. Snodgrass and Co. in the sum of \$127.68 by notes

and the said William Taylor is willing and desirous to secure. Now witness that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid by the said K. C. Carter it is acknowledged that the said William Taylor does hereby bargain and sell to the said K. C. Carter the following property: one bay mare, 300 bundles of fodder, one bee stand and one cow and calf.

If payment of above said amount is not paid when due, the said K. C. Carter will sell the above described property after giving ten days notice by posting advertisement at three public places.

Signed by William Taylor (his mark), K. C. Carter and B. Snodgrass. Richard S. Randles witnessed the above signatures and recorded this document is Book A on pages 301-303 on February 25, 1839.

**Deed of Trust**  
**K. B. Glascock and George W. Allen**  
**Pages 303-305**

This indenture made February 26, 1839 between K. B. Glascock of the first part, George Allen of the second part and Arthur C. Beard of the third part. Whereas the said K. B. Glascock is justly indebted to the said Arthur C. Beard in the sum of \$86.47 and the said K. B. Glascock is willing and desirous to secure said note to the said Arthur C. Beard. In consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to the said K. B. Glascock by the said George W. Allen It is acknowledged that K. B. Glascock hath bargained and sold to the said George W. Allen the following described personal property: One bay mare about six years old, one gray filly one year old, fourteen head of stock cattle marked with a slit in each ear, fifteen head of stock hogs marked with a

slit in each ear, one cherry table, one feather bed, one cupboard, one clock and one side saddle.

The said Arthur C. Beard shall allow the said K. B. Glascock to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the above described property unless default of payment of the above stated sum by the due date of the note. If default, the said Arthur C. Beard shall sell the above described property to the highest bidder at public auction after giving 20 days notice at three public places.

Signed by K. B. Glascock, George Allen and A. C. Beard. Arthur C. Randles, Clerk of the Court, recorded this document in Book A on pages 303-305 on February 26, 1839.

**Deed**

**P. M. Bush, Sheriff of Marshall  
County  
Pages 305-306**

I, Percival M. Bush, Sheriff of Marshall County, deliver a writ of execution issued out of the Circuit Court of Morgan County to me directed and delivered. I was commanded to make of the goods and chattels of J. S. Boggs, R. S. Randles and J. C. Johnson in my county for the sum of \$305.19 which the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur has recorded against them in the said court for damages which they had non performance of certain promises. The property of the said J. S. Boggs, R. S. Randles and J. C. Johnson was seized on the first day of December 1837, I did, by virtue of the said writ seize and take the land described as the property of the said J. C. Johnson and chattels of the said R. S. Randles and J. C. Johnson and J. S. Boggs to satisfy said damages. The said property was sold a public auction and

William McKee was the highest bidder of \$125.00.

Signed P. M. Bush, Sheriff of Marshall County. R. S. Randles, Clerk of the Court, recorded the above document in Book A on pages 305 and 306 February 27, 1839.

**Deed**

**William Houston Vance to Caswell  
Green and Abraham Davis  
Pages 307-308**

This indenture made January 6, 1839 between William Houston Vance of the County of Madison of the first part and Caswell Green and Abraham Davis of the other part. Witness that the said William Houston Vance for and in consideration of the sum of \$550.00 to him in hand paid doth this day bargain and sell to the said Green and Davis all that certain quarter section of land lying in the County of Marshall known as the SW quarter of Section three in Township six and Range three East in land district of Huntsville to have and to hold.

Signed by William Houston Vance. Know all men by these presents that I, Eleanor Vance, wife of the within named William Houston Vance, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to me by Caswell Green and Abraham Davis do hereby release my right and title to the above described land. Signed by Eleanor Vance.

Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court recorded the above transaction in Book A on pages 307 and 308 on February 22, 1839.

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# Marshall County

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# Things You Should Know

## Joe Wheeler Home Restoration

Genealogy and history go hand in hand. We have received word from the Alabama Historical Commission that the home of General Joe Wheeler known as Pond Spring located in North Alabama has received \$200,000 in memory of Ray Coffey, past president of the foundation. Restoration efforts are desperately overdue and in recent years, the home has fallen into terrible disrepair. If you would like to donate time or money, contact Melissa Beasley at [wheplan@hiswaav.net](mailto:wheplan@hiswaav.net).

## More Scottish Records On-Line

Familyrelatives.com has announced that they will soon be adding Parish records, Australian and Scottish records, Army and Navy records, and school directories, just to name a few. They have recently added over 250,000 Victorian Scottish Trade Directory known as Slater's Royal National Commercial Directory from 1889. These records include a variety of valuable information from 35 Scottish Counties such as professions (trades and occupations), nobility, gentry, and clergy information, including addresses.

They also offer information on Army lists dating back to 1798 and medical registers that date as far back as 1858.

Subscription rates vary: for access to all records, the cost is \$50 per year, or you can purchase units. For 60 units, the cost is \$10 and is only good for 90 days. For 150 units, the cost is \$20, again for 90 days.

Familyrelatives.com has over 650 million records on-line. For more information, see [www.familyrelatives.com](http://www.familyrelatives.com).

## Substitute Census Records

1940 census records will be released to the public on July 2, 2012. In the meantime, you may have seen that the census substitute for 1940, and soon 1950, have already been published. Census substitute seems to be a misnomer in that it actually refers to city directories, and in some cases, tax lists. They certainly do not list names of everyone in the family, as the census does, and then again, only those who owned property and those who had telephones.

## On-Line Search Engines for Genealogists

Ancestry.com is a good website for genealogy and reference material, however the monthly subscription can be a bit pricey (depending on what amount of time you sign up for or taking advantage of specials, it can run \$20 per month). If you are close enough to Huntsville, or can get there often enough, it would be worth your while to use your library card (or get one if you don't have one already) and use their computers to do your research for free. You can reserve a computer or take a chance on an available computer in the Heritage Room for a 90-minute session to browse Ancestry.com.

One of the huge advantages to it is that new collections are being added periodically, and you should be checking for more information, or even better resolution of what they already have, on a routine basis – for free!

Footnote.com has just added native American Indian records. Your Indian ancestors may appear in several categories, such as the Dawes Packets

(applications for tribal enrollments), Ratified Indian Treaties from 1722, Indian Census Rolls (includes percentage of Indian blood, the Guion Miller Roll which contains Cherokee genealogical research, and other miscellaneous records that refer to the Five Civilized Tribes.

#### Reality Genealogy Program on NBC

There is a strong possibility this information may change by the time you receive this issue, but it was recently announced that an interesting new reality series will fill the time slot once occupied by the Jay Leno Show. It will be called "Who do you Think you Are?" and will trace the genealogy of a number of celebrities. It is based on a British show which goes by the same name. Don't know what to expect or what we can learn from this, but perhaps it will help others who are just getting started, and it is predicted that it will start a new rush to learn one's history similar to the upswing after Alex Haley's movie "Roots" aired in 1977.

#### Peckham Family Genealogy

We have recently received a copy of *The Peckham Family* by Charles Wesley Peckham, Sr. At first glance, it is beautifully put together, hard-bound, and well-documented, with an impressive 904 pages. Unfortunately, after checking about 10 references from the index against the pages indicated, they do not match. If you are interested in seeing this book however, it will be available in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library.

#### World War II Draft Records

Coy Michael has run across the following information, written by Richard H. Rayburn, Region Archives Director, National Archives Southeast Region,

regarding the location of early draft records:

"Cards for the 4th registration of WWII were destroyed during the 1980s according to agency approved records schedules. These cards were destroyed because the information they contained overlapped with that of the 3rd registration for WWI. Other registrations from WWII are indeed extant and were recently transferred to the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration by the Selective Service Administration. This transfer covers registrations for birth years between 1897-1957. Draft cards for the period up to 1940 are open for general reference. Cards for the period from 1941-1957 are subject to the privacy act and must be screened by NARA personnel prior to release to the public. The National Archives Southeast Region maintains custody of cards for all states in its region except Kentucky for the period from 1897-1922. Cards for Kentucky during this period are held in the custody of our Chicago facility."

#### Samford University Spring Seminar

Thanks to Bettye Perrine who let us know that the Alabama Genealogical Society Seminar and Spring Meeting will be March 27 at Samford University in Birmingham. The subject of this seminar is "Tracking your Genetic Roots" and will be conducted by Dr. Joan Mitchell. It begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Brock Forum Auditorium, Dwight Beeson Business Building, and the seminar ends at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 for non-members, \$25.00 for members.

Books will be on sale beginning at 8:00 a.m. and there will be door prizes! For more information, see their website: [www.algensoc.org](http://www.algensoc.org). From this website, you may print the agenda and the registration form and find Dr. Mitchell's credentials.

### Condolences

Recently, two of our long-time members passed away. We would like to acknowledge their many years of service to their family and their community. Thanks to Dorothy Scott Johnson for sending this information.

#### Percy Brooks Keel (1924-2010)

Percy B. Keel, a member of First Families of Madison County, was a long-time TVGS member. He never missed a meeting, seminar, or other activity sponsored by the Society. When asked to volunteer to do something, he said, "Okay."

Percy was our treasurer and on occasion served above and beyond the call of duty. One time the Society had a prima donna printer to whom we owed a small amount (around \$30) and even though said printer had been asked numerous times for a bill he did not respond – until one Sunday afternoon when he called and demanded payment NOW. Percy left a large family gathering at his residence, drove several miles to the printer's home with check book in hand and paid the bill.

A resident of Madison, Percy was active in researching families and their cemeteries in the area. He did extensive Keel family research and freely helped researchers throughout the United States until his eyesight became so bad he could no longer use the computer. He was also one of the originators of the Keel-Whitaker Reunion and a co-author of *Keel-Whitaker and Related Families*.

Through Percy's efforts, a genealogical society in Madison was organized and he became the first president. Unfortunately for us, their meetings were held on the same night as ours and his efforts and talents were transferred to that organization – much to our loss. His support and contributions to

TVGS, however, should not be forgotten. The above is merely a drop in the bucket of his many contributions.

Percy was born April 11, 1924 and died Jan. 2, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Finley Keel and a son, Ricky Brooks Keel. He was survived by a daughter, Kathy Ann Keel of Smyrna, Ga. and a son, John Brooks Keel and his wife Julie and grandson, Jesse Brooks Keel, all of Portland, Oregon; brother, Ralph Hardy Keel Sr. of Huntsville; four nieces and one nephew.

#### Ann E. Cochran

There is not enough space to list all the contributions Ann Cochran made to TVGS, thus only a few are listed here.

Ann was a charter member of TVGS, a past president and our third editor (Vol. 3 and 4). She helped set the standards for future editors. As editor, she researched and typed her quarterlies then used an offset machine at her church to print them. After taking the printed pages home, she enlisted her husband, son and daughter to help collate the pages into books by walking around the dining room table many, many times. She then typed the labels and took the books to the post office. No editor since has put forth that kind of effort for the benefit of the Society.

One of the most important articles ever published in *Valley Leaves* was a 43-page list of residents in Madison County, Mississippi Territory. It was a compilation of all tax payers during the territorial period from 1810 through 1815. [The 1814 tax was forgiven because of the depression.] Madison County, of course, was then the only northern county established in what later became Alabama. Ann and Catherine Gilliam researched these records and Ann wrote an eleven page introduction. This monumental work was carried in Vol. 4, issue No. 4. These records have been erroneously referred to as the "1816 census" by other respected researchers but Ann and Catherine proved



this was a tax list, not a census, and that there is no such thing as an "1816 census."

Ann was generous to a fault. She typed and indexed the Lawrence County, Alabama 1820 Census, then wrote the introduction but was not given the credit she deserved. Instead, she insisted that the current editor's name appear.

Ann studied the archaic Bylaws in use by TVGS at the time of her presidency. She chaired a meeting in which those Bylaws were rewritten and are still in use today. They were so good that other organizations have used them as a pattern for their own organization.

Roy Jackson "Jack" Cochran claimed Ann as his bride on June 10, 1950 and they settled in Huntsville in 1958 where he began working for what later became NASA. They shared each others' hobbies and "outside activities."

As avid fishermen, they spent many relaxing hours fishing from the West Coast to the Gulf and especially looked forward to catching bream at Madison County Lake. They enthusiastically attended Auburn football games and the Huntsville Stars baseball games. They were dedicated to their children and took an active role in their lives. Jack died peacefully in his sleep in 1994.

Ann was born in Fairfield, Alabama on January 9, 1929 and after an extended illness, died on January 30, 2010. She graduated from Auburn University in 1949. She was the daughter of Arthur Graham Esslinger (a lawyer) and Annie Laurie Martin (a teacher). Ann followed in the footsteps of her mother and seven aunts to also become a teacher.

Ann is survived by her sister, Catherine E. Vilece and husband, of Greenville, South Carolina; children, Laura Cochran Mickels and husband, Mike, of Madison, Alabama, and Roy J. Cochran, Jr. and wife, Susan, of Weatherford, Texas. Grandchildren are Stacy Staples and husband, Greg, of Huntsville, Alabama, Jonathan Cochran of Plano, Texas and Elliott Cochran of

Conroe, Texas. Great-grandchildren are Lucas and Gracie Staples of Huntsville, Alabama and many close cousins, nieces, and nephews.

### Book Reviews

Milus Eddings Johnston, author and Charles S. Rice, editor and annotator, **The Sword of Bushwhacker Johnston** – Huntsville: Flint River Press. 1992 reprinted with additions 1998. Paperback, 228 pages. \$19.95 plus tax and shipping. Order from Shaver's Bookstore, 256-536-1604, [shavers@mindspring.com](mailto:shavers@mindspring.com).

This rare first person account of Bushwhacker Johnston's military memoirs was first published in weekly installments in the *Guntersville Democrat* between April and December, 1902. This second issue includes all 35 installments, many annotations, a photograph, a map of Johnston's "New Confederacy" and a complete roster of Mead's Battalion, Confederate Cavalry, (eleven companies).

In April, 1862, Union soldiers seized Huntsville and severed the strategic Memphis & Charleston Railroad. This was a key component in seizing Chattanooga and using it as a base for the push to Atlanta. Huntsville's citizens responded by cutting telegraph lines, railroad tracks and picking off Union soldiers. In return, the Union soldiers began destroying property of Confederate sympathizers. Much of Madison and Jackson Counties were put to the torch, except Huntsville.

The Confederate soldiers usually stayed south of the Tennessee River, crossing north for supply runs, raids and skirmishes with small groups of "Yanks." The Union did not recognize these "guerilla soldiers" as regular Army, calling them "bushwhackers." In the late fall of 1863, Milus Johnston, after having his home burned three times, joined the bushwhackers of Colonel Lemuel Mead's company. He quickly rose to the rank of

Major, playing a leading role in the partisan struggle.

Johnston and his men surrendered on May 11, 1865, marking the end of the Civil War in North Alabama. He had been promoted to Lt. Col. and named to head the 25<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry, but failed to receive his commission before the end of the war. He lived to the advanced age of 92, dying on October 8, 1915.

This book, an easy and informative read, gives a picture of life in Madison and Jackson Counties during the war years 1862-1865, skirmishes of Johnston's troops, information from various sources about soldiers and private citizens, and as complete a muster roll as is possible today. – Reviewed by Bettye Perrine, Huntsville, Alabama

Nancy M Rohr, Editor & Annotator, *Incidents of the War: The Civil War Journal of Mary Jane Chadick*. 10012 Louis Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35803, Silver Threads Publishing. 2005. 379 pages. Paperback, ISBN 0-9707368-1-9

The Civil War diary of Mary Jane Chadick of Huntsville, Alabama, was published first in serial form in the Huntsville Times in 1937, then in small book form and reprinted in 1947 in the Alabama Historical Quarterly. Nancy Rohr's new edition with extensive annotations places the diary in context and illuminates Mrs. Chadick's life and the wartime world in which she lived.

This is an easily readable, informative and valuable primary source on women, northern Alabama and the Civil War. The diary is presented just as it was written but placed in italics with the annotations following each day's passages. There are also extensive endnotes, numerous photographs, multiple maps, several web sites, and a bibliography. Rohr's introduction sets the historical stage for the diary and the concluding epilogue follows Mrs. Chadick and her family until her death in 1905.

Mrs. Chadick, northern born, but solidly for the southern cause, wrote in her journal during Huntsville's periods of occupation by the northern army. It is more a journal than a diary in that she wrote of people, events and hardships rather than her personal anger, fear, or anxiety even though the unknown was always present for the citizens of Huntsville and the surrounding area as they were repeatedly ravaged by the war. Huntsville, suffering less, was a garrison and the officers utilized the houses for living quarters instead of destroying them, as was most of the rest of northern Alabama. Mrs. Chadick's observations, occasionally witty, of life under military occupation and of the trials and tribulations of women and children living in the war-torn south, coupled with Nancy Rohr's notes and historical insights, present a uniquely fascinating and illuminating perception of the Civil War era in Alabama, north of the Tennessee River and southern Tennessee. – Reviewed by Bettye Perrine, Huntsville, Alabama

## 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.

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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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