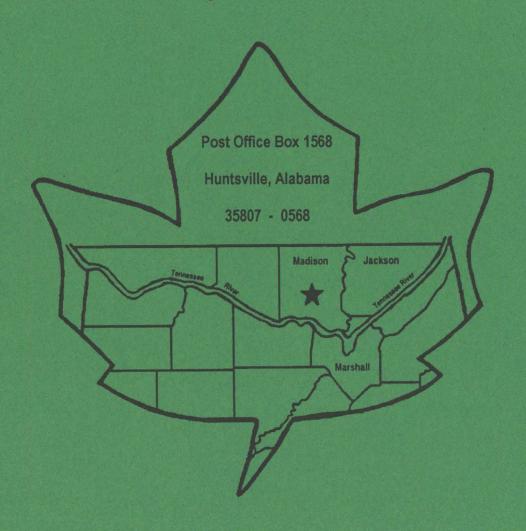
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Jackson County

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Written by Addie Stovall Shaver Edited by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Addie Stovall Shaver, before her death, compiled information from old Jackson County records. We are fortunate to be able to publish a portion of her extensive work in Valley Leaves. Mrs. Shaver passed away before she could put finishing touches on her work.

Decatur County was created by the Alabama Legislature on December 21, 1821 out of the western part of Jackson County, the eastern part of Madison County, and the northern part of Marshall County. Actually, it ran right up Paint Rock Valley, most of it being on the mountain between Jackson and Madison Counties. John R. Kennamer, in his History of Jackson County, gives a good description of the boundaries.

Decatur County was abolished by the Legislature on December 28, 1825, only lasting a very short time. The reason given is that it did not contain enough land for a county as required by the U.S. Constitution This part of the state was not surveyed until 1822.

A governing body was set up in Decatur County and voting precincts were named. Old Woodville was selected to be the county seat. It was a thriving town at the time but not destined to be a county seat.

When the county was dissolved, the records were carried to the Jackson County courthouse at Belefonte, then the county seat of Jackson County. Unfortunately, these records are believed to have been destroyed during the Civil War when the courthouse was occupied, and burned by the Federal Army.

About all one can find are some of the land records that have been published several years ago by the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society in their publication, *Valley Leaves*. The land can be recognized as being in one of three counties: Jackson, Madison, or Marshall, after Decatur County was abolished.

Decatur County was named for Stephen Decatur, a famous naval hero in the War of 1812.

Samuel Williams, known as the "Father of Chattanooga," was born in Paint Rock, Alabama in 1807. There was information that his father and mother got a divorce in 1823 in Alabama. I was expecting this to be in Jackson County, but I knew that at that time, a divorce had to go through the Legislature and they all appear in the law books of Alabama called the Acts of Alabama.

Records show that Tempe Williams was granted a divorce from George Washington Williams – not in Jackson County, but in old Decatur County. Notice of the divorce had to be published three times in the Huntsville newspaper. It was granted in circuit court term 1823.

Only one divorce is known to have been granted in Decatur County during its short existence. The one divorce was Tempe Williams from George Washington Williams.

We have found one record of a marriage being performed in Decatur County, however, we feel there were many. The found marriage was in McNairy County, Tennessee records and was a marriage contract between William Steadman and Margaret Turvin, both of Decatur County, Alabama. The document was proven in Decatur County by James T. Thornton, a witness, in the April 1824 term of court and certified in Jackson County, Alabama on 15 February 1833.

How Paint Rock Valley Was Named

The Valley was named for the Paint Rock River which flows from the Walls of Jericho on the line between Franklin County, Tennessee and Jackson County, Alabama.

The Walls of Jericho is a geological formation of extremely sheer cliffs from which base most of the creeks that flow into Paint Rock River originate. This is several miles above the Hurricane Creek and the Estill Creek that comes together and flows into the Paint Rock River. There is a creek in the head of the Valley across Miller Mountain that also flows into the Paint Rock River. This is Larkin Creek that meets the river near Princeton. The Lick Fork Creek forms near Princeton. On down the valley is Clear Creek, Dry Creek, Guess Creek, as well as many coves along these routes.

Some well-known coves are Fowler's Cove, Williams Cove, Bishops Cove, and Reids Cove, named for early settlers.

The Walls of Jericho, also known as the Grand Canyon of the South, was named by a minister in the late 1800s. The area was explored by Davy Crockett in the late 1700s. The creeks coming from there have a rare Tennessee cave salamander, five imperiled mussels and twelve rare mussels. The pale Lilliput and Alabama lampshell mussel are not found anywhere else in the world.

At one time, years ago, there were many people who used the river to send their farm products to market and a committee was appointed to survey the river and cut the trees off the river to keep them from falling in and blocking the flow of water. Money was appropriated for this task but it never came to fruition. It was assumed that the trees would float on down the river by heavy rains, but it was a very dry year and the river did not carry all of the trees and brush on out of the valley. Just the opposite happened as the river was clogged by rotting timbers and caused the river to overflow over the fields. Mosquitoes bred in standing water and caused much sickness, such as malaria. Hundreds of people died or were sick, so many families left the valley and headed west. This explains why there was a migration of people westward at this time. Some families were completely wiped out. The river overflows today with big rains and covers the farmland but only lasts a few days. There is no river traffic down the Paint Rock River today. Some of the names of the villages and creeks are named for the early settlers. You will find the same towns and villages in Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Paint Rock Valley has always been considered a secluded place and slow to get modern things, but it is also considered very beautiful. However, with the Redstone Arsenal, TVA, and other employers, many people left the valley on the improved roads in their automobiles for work in town and some quit farming. It has become easier to drive to Huntsville and nearby towns to work. Today the very opposite is true as some new people have moved into the valley to get away from the busy cities to

the quietness and underdeveloped areas where their lives are not so hectic.

Early Ministers and Churches

John Williams was the oldest known minister in the valley. He helped organize the old Primitive Baptist Church on Larkin's Fork. From this was founded Sardis Church at Milan, Alabama, now Estill Fork. Wesley Sisk was the pastor. Another church was founded at Blue Spring on Guess Creek out of this church and I think John Williams was also pastor of this church.

The Methodist churches formed from camp meetings. The Methodist Church at Princeton today is called Camp Ground. Thomas Hickman was one of the early Methodist preachers. Some of his family settled in the valley. There were actually three of the Hickman brothers out of Tennessee but only Thomas settled in the valley.

John Ervin was an early Presbyterian. The first Presbyterian church was at the mouth of Dry Creek. Very early on, they moved to Lick Fork on the Chorn farm. It was later established in Princeton.

The Bostick Hill Methodist Church was built very early and, most likely, the earliest ministers were circuit riders.

W. W. Thompson was an early Presbyterian minister. He preached in the church after 1859 – 1860. The Presbyterians had some kind of split in their beliefs. Thompson was also pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterians at the Trenton church. He joined the church in 1859 – 1850 and studied at Lebanon, Tennessee. He officiated at the weddings of many valley couples. He was raised in the valley and his parents were John and Elizabeth Thompson.

There was also a Missionary Baptist church at Francisco and a Methodist church. There was a Missionary Baptist church built somewhat later at Estill Forks, Francisco, and Hollytree. The Methodists had one at Grays Chapel early. Usually the same minister pastured all of these churches and preached on different Sundays in each month.

Rev. Richard Taliaferro moved from Madison County and founded all these Missionary Baptist churches in the valley. Some of the churches have their church history and some are lost. The Presbyterians also had a church at Garth.

I am unsure if the Baptist Church at Trenton was founded or pastored by Rev. Taliaferro.

Some of the other early ministers were: Rev. A. C. Howell, who was a Baptist. He lived at Princeton. Elder Jennete Morring was pastor of the Trenton Baptist Church. Rev. Thomas Howell, I believe, was pastor of the Francisco Baptist Church. Rev. Crawford Howell, son of P.C. Howell, was also a minister and lived at Hollytree for a long time He was pastor at Mt. Nebo (Hollytree), Trenton and Francisco.

Rev. H. H. Horton (brother of Governor Horton of Tennessee) lived in the valley for a few years and was pastor at Beech Grove Baptist Church at Francisco for several years, also at Freedom Baptist Church. He was pastor at Estill Fork for four years, and at Trenton Baptist four years. He was at Mt. Nebo at Hollytree for two years.

Rev. David Jacks lived in Jackson County, attended Beech Grove Church in Francisco, but later moved to Madison, preached there, and may have moved back to Jackson. He was in Jackson County in 1870 as clerk of the Beech Grove Church at Francisco.

Rev. John Henry Knight was a pastor at Garth in 1909, 1911 – 1916 (not sure what denomination, but he was probably Presbyterian). He is buried in an unmarked grave in the Flanagan Cemetery at Garth.

Other Presbyterian preachers in the valley at the old church on Dry Creek were D. K. Hunter of Madison County, Henry Larkin of Tennessee, and William Gagle.

Rev. Felix Toney was also a minister in the valley. I think he was Baptist and preached on Putman Mountain. I believe he is buried at Clay Cemetery in Princeton with no tombstone.

Ira Langston was a Primitive Baptist minister but I do not know where he preached.

Rev. W. A. Hood was a minister but I do not know where he preached.

Dr. James O. Robertson was both minister and doctor. He lived at Hollytree and I do not know if he preached any in the valley as he practiced his medical profession. He officiated at the marriage of a number of people.

Rev. Alexander Hamilton Reid was a famous Baptist minister who was raised in the valley. He became president of the Alabama Baptist Conference. One large book has been written about his life as I found it at a genealogical book sale, and then presented it to my church, the Jackson Way Baptist Church in Huntsville.

There is one other valley Baptist minister who lived around Hollytree that I wish to mention. His name was Josiah Lamb. Mrs. Sue Cunningham told the story to my husband. The minister was away from home and while he was gone, his little daughter died. Mrs. Cunningham helped to wash and dress her and lay her out in the home. The

child's body had been cold for several hours and if anyone was ever dead, this child was. When Rev. Lamb came home, he went into the room, had everyone go out, then shut the door. He prayed over her for a while and finally opened the door and brought the child out alive and walking. The child lived many years after that. Rev. Lamb was the author of two or three books.

Early Valley Doctors

There were two Dr. David McCords from whom the McCord family descends.

Dr. James O. Robertson was both a physician and a minister and practiced and preached in the valley. Several other Robertsons born in the valley also became doctors but moved elsewhere.

Dr. Felix Grant was a half brother to Dr. James O. Robertson.

Dr. John R. Hardin practiced here and is buried in the Clay Cemetery at Princeton.

Dr. Francisco Rice practiced in the valley.

Dr. Sentell was my mother's physician for many years and cured her of pellagra, a disease that affects the skin, central nervous system, and gastrointestinal tract.

Dr. Gentry from Stevenson also practiced in the valley.

There were two Dr. Vandivers. Dr. Horace Vandiver was one but I am not sure of the name of the other one, who was crippled.

There was a Dr. Counts and a Dr. Duckett. Dr. Brewer was at Trenton in 1905. Dr. J. F. Clark practiced on Clear Creek. Dr. Horace Vandiver practiced at Trenton in later years. Dr. William D. Pitts was a physician living in the house with Elizabeth Taliaferro at Princeton in

1870 but I have no information on him. Dr. Benjamin Russ also practiced in the valley.

Education in the Valley

Mrs. Ida Maxwell, a teacher in the valley, wrote about an old school that was in a church called Sardis. This old church withdrew from the Primitive Baptist Church on Larkin Fork the first Saturday in August 1827.

The old Sardis Church eventually died out once the Missionary Baptist at Freedom was born.

In 1850, Benjamin Toney was teaching school at Hollytree, but I do not know where.

There was an early school in 1850 being taught in the Presbyterian Church. This church was first located at the mouth of Dry Creek then moved to Lick Fork on the Chun farm, then to Princeton. Francis Larkin was teaching at this school.

Some of the people who taught school in the valley should be recognized here. Will Money was an old-time teacher from this area. He taught at Stevenson as well as in the valley. He was born in the valley and was said to be one of the best teachers, but strict. It is believed that he once taught at an academy on Dry Creek. He may also have taught at Trenton. Once, at the end of his school year, he put on a play with all of his students participating. At the end of the play, his half brother, Judge Jim Money, and Mattie Robertson, were actually married.

John Jones, former probate judge, taught in the valley.

 D. J. Browder was an early teacher and a principal at Princeton. There was a school at Larkin for many years and I went there my first term before it was discontinued.

The old school at Princeton, before the new one was built in 1936, was on the grounds of the present Masonic Hall. Grades through 11 were taught at this school.

Jesse L. Prince taught school at Bostick Hill in 1897.

Richard Rousseau taught school at Princeton in 1897.

Miss Lena Fowler taught a school at Greerton in 1897.

P. W. Hodges, principal, and Miss Barbie Collins, taught at Bostick Hill in 1894.

The Scottsboro Citizen wrote that W. W. Reid was teaching in 1891 and 1894 but did not state where.

One Dr. Reid, also a physician in the valley, taught school in the old Erude building that sat beside the Baptist Church at Freedom during the Civil War.

In 1868, Thomas Henshaw paid J. H. Hardin for tuition to a private school. The tuition was \$13.87 1/4, but did not mention any student's name. Henshaw had three or four children who went to the A. H. Hyter School.

After the county took over the schools, most every community had about a two teacher grammar school as there were no buses at the time. Later, these were consolidated to Princeton and bus service began.

When I started to school, I had to board in Princeton three years and go home on week-ends with my cousin who rode a horse. Several years I walked over a mile to catch the bus and never missed a day.

The valley produced many very well educated people for the world. Many were not able to stay in the valley in

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early days but today, with good transportation, many stay because they love it and put their education to use in places such as Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal, Tullahoma, Tennessee, TVA and other important places in other nearby cities.

Some of the people who got wonderful educations and became quite famous in the world were members of the Bouldin family.

The Bouldin girls were well-educated as well as the boys. The oldest girl attended school at Burrett College and Winchester Normal in Tennessee. She married and raised a family that had many accomplishments.

The second child, Virgil Bouldin, was also educated at Burrett College, Winchester Normal College, Lebanon College. He was elected to the Alabama Legislature, served in the Spanish American War, practiced law at Scottsboro for forty years, served as Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court for twenty years, and was active in churches and education.

Laura Ann Bouldin attended Burrett College and Winchester Normal. She taught in the Alabama school system and taught music and art in Fort Worth, Texas.

Gideon P. Bouldin got an A. B. degree from Scottsboro College, fought in the Spanish American War as a first lieutenant, and built the first hard surfaced road in Jackson County. He was a successful farmer and engaged in the timber industry in Jackson County. He was active in church and civic affairs.

Benjamin Franklin Bouldin got an A.B. degree from Scottsboro College and a law degree from Lebanon College. He then practiced law in Fort Worth, Texas for 50 years. He was an assistant

county attorney there before age 30. He, too, was active in civic and church affairs.

Eliza Jane Bouldin got an A.B. degree from Scottsboro College, taught school in Alabama and in Fort Worth, Texas. She was very active in church and civic affairs. She married a lawyer who practiced law in Fort Worth and Harlington, Texas.

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Bouldin attended Scottsboro College and got her A.B. degree from Winchester Normal College. She taught school in Texas before her marriage. She was active in church work and taught Sunday School for many years.

Martha "Mattie" Bouldin received her B.S. from Winchester Normal College and taught school in Alabama.

Thomas Jefferson Bouldin, M.D., was educated at Howard College in Birmingham, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, the University of the South in Atlanta, Georgia and medical college. He practiced medicine at Hollywood, Alabama and St. Johns, Arizona. He served as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps during World War I and was elected to the Arizona State Senate.

George Washington Bouldin was educated at Winchester Normal College in Tennessee and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He did post graduate work at Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama and held A.B., Th.B., Th.M and D.D. degrees. He spent 25 years as a missionary in Japan, serving as president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Tokyo, Japan. He was pastor of the Union Church in Yokohama, Japan. He was also a pastor in churches in Tennessee. Virginia, Georgia Alabama. He taught in Alabama public

schools in the early 1900s and 1920s. He also taught in the Theological Seminary in Tokyo, Japan. He spoke Japanese fluently and taught that language in the Pentagon. During World War II, he translated several Buddhist sermons into English. He was named the official translator for Charles A. Lindbergh on his trip to the Orient.

Terrill Bunvan "Bun" Bouldin was educated at Scottsboro Business Institute and received a diploma in business from Winchester Normal College. He spent around 32 years in agriculture in South American countries He received credit for forty-six years, eight months, with the International Harvester Company, mostly in foreign service. He traveled extensively, covering most of North and South America. He made ten round trips to South America, passed by way of Europe five times and visited the British Isles, southern Europe, northern Africa, Asia Minor and the Holy Land. After marriage, he retired to Florida.

Governor Henry Horton of Tennessee was born at Princeton and lived there awhile as a child. His father was Rev. H. H. Horton who lived at Princeton and then at Stevenson, Alabama.

There was a Berry, I believe, named James, who was born in the Valley and lived there as a child. He became governor of Arkansas. Most of his schooling was in Arkansas. He lost a leg in the Spanish American War. I believe he became a lawyer.

Rev. Alexander Reid was a very prominent minister who got his early education in the valley. He became president of the Southern Baptists and wrote a history.

Probate Judge of Jackson County got his earliest education in the valley as did James M. Swaim who was the Circuit Court Clerk for many years. John T. Reid came from Paint Rock Valley and put the town of Scottsboro "on the map" with his progressive work.

John Jones, an early teacher who was born in the valley, became Probate Judge of Jackson County.

Why and Where They Came From

There were many settlers living in Paint Rock Valley by the time Jackson County was formed on December 13, 1819 – one day before Alabama became a state. There were people in the adjacent county of Madison long before this. A squatter census was taken in Madison County in 1809. Some Paint Rock Valley residents' names were on that census indicating they had migrated with the Madison County settlers. The Jackson County settlers lived in the mountains and some even lived in caves.

Most of the settlers came from Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Many of them stopped over in Tennessee and lived there for a while as the census records show many of their children were born there. Paint Rock Valley people mostly lived in Franklin, Moore, Giles and other nearby counties before coming on to the Paint Rock Valley.

At this time, several of the eastern counties of Tennessee were still part of North Carolina and Virginia and not yet the Federal government.

Many Revolutionary War veterans received bounty lands in eastern and central Tennessee counties. Eventually, Tennessee and Kentucky were formed and were added to the Federal government.

The Paint Rock settlers mostly settled on mountains, as I have said. They could not bring a lot with them on the long trips by ox card as the terrain was too Jackson County

rough. They came through the Cumberland Gap instead of over the mountains which made it easier.

They were really happy with the valley and it reminded them of their North Carolina terrain except the land was fertile instead of worn out and they were not faced with government restrictions. It had potential, even though it was remote.

Many of these families came together, then persuaded others to come. In a few years, they found so many had come they felt crowded and began to migrate west as new, valuable land opened up The quest for land, and sometimes dissatisfaction with something in their government, led them to move on.

The first settlers built their log cabins on the mountains. There were cane brakes in the valleys and huge trees to be cleared before they could move into the valleys and farm.

It is said there was a tree in the bottom near where I lived that you could drive a wagon and team through. I can remember many very large ones there but today they have been cut out for farming. I will tell you of some of the old ways that my parents and grandparents kept for years.

We always had plenty of clothes. We also had plenty to eat since we raised a lot of our food. We did not get electricity until after World War II. It came to Princeton at about Christmas of 1937 and we had a big celebration by having a huge Christmas tree lighted on the school grounds. Other people around got electricity at the same time, but because of the war, we did not get it until afterwards. We used oil lamps for light, but after electricity came to our house, we got a refrigerator, an electric radio, an electric washing machine, and eventually an electric pump to the well.

My father was never too thrilled with this.

We also never had a car as my father would not drive. He almost bought me one then decided not to as he was afraid for me to drive. I did not have my own car until I was married.

I can also remember when the first gravel road was built and then later the black top road. We had a good time in those years. I graduated from school in 1929 and helped to gather rocks on the hillside to build the high school. My class was the first class to graduate from that school. I went to school in the building a few years but another girl and I went away to finish school so did not graduate from that building. I attended school a few years in the old building which stood on the grounds of the present Masonic hall.

Most of the early settlers set to work clearing and building their houses, smokehouses, and barns on the mountain. Many of the early cabins were everything from one room to three rooms. Neighbors helped one another to build and clear and they would have gettogethers with food and sometimes had music and dancing. Most of the early families settled near a good spring and later some dug wells. We had a fine well.

My great grandfather, Russell W. Clay, walked into the valley with just what he and his wife could carry. He entered government owned land as did most of the settlers and the first thing bought was a lot of mules and then he built a big barn. He had a small family with slaves, but not many. Their first cabin had a dirt floor. By the time he died, he was very wealthy and owned land everywhere. He built a big house and it is still standing.

Jackson County

The Civil War almost caused people to starve to death and many young men were killed and left behind destitute families. Their homes were burned and everything was in ruin for those men who did come home.

Most of the people in those days were good and we never locked doors. It was on rare occasions that someone stole something from others.

Old Mail Routes

One of the earliest mail roads was Huntland. Tennessee down Larkin's Fork into Paint Rock Valley. then across the mountain to Larkinsville. Another was from Winchester, Tennessee to Bolivar by crossing the Cumberland Mountain to the Coon Creek and Cow Creek Valleys to Bolivar and to Wills Valley.

For many years, there was evidence of these roads crossing the mountain at Coon Creek then going up the mountain near Estill Fork and the old Sherman Sanders place. It was only a short distance across the mountain there. This was before the Civil War and sometime in the 1820s.

Another mail route at that time was from Salem, Tennessee by Larkin's Fork, Trenton, then on down the valley to Larkinsville, Sauta, Langston, and Bellefonte.

After the Civil War, Scottsboro was the center of mail service instead of Bellefonte. For several years, the mail to Paint Rock Valley would go by train from Scottsboro to Larkinsville and then by horseback to the valley.

About 1879, the mail route went up the valley to Garth Post Office from Paint Rock. In those days, it took at least two days for the mail to get to its destination. It was delivered only once a week, but beginning in the early 1880s, it was

received twice a week. Many times, creeks were up and mail carriers could not get across.

Most of the early roads were on the mountain or sides of mountains. An early road to Huntsville crossed the mountain somewhere in the lower end of the valley.

For many years, there was no road out of the valley as we know the route today. At first it was a gravel pike.

In trying to find out about the roads that some of these mail routes took across the mountains, I found something about the roads in the year 1853.

The Jackson County Chronicle of October, 1994 published the system by Larkin's Fork to Trenton and on down the valley to Larkinsville, Sauta, Langston and to Bellefonte. Early mail carriers encountered wild animals, and in the earliest days, occasionally hostile Indians.

This gives some idea of where the old roads ran in the valley. It seems the county had a road commission consisting of five men who were appointed to see to the work on the roads in a certain area - possibly where they lived. Some of these records are missing, but Paint Rock Valley seems to be there and they are amazing, trying to find out where they crossed the mountains. According to this report, there must have been several roads crossing mountain. The men in charge are interesting also. Here is a list of some of those routes:

From Redman's old place (Paint Rock) to Mead's Mill. David Price.

From Mead's Mill across the mountain to Samuel Geron's place, Isaac Jones.

From Madison County line to Davis's old place, Richard Campbell.

From Davis's old place to Mrs. Marv Derrick. William Kirkpatrick.

From Mrs. Mary Derrick's to the forks above Trenton, Mynas Dwyer.

From the mouth of the lane below Padgett's old place to the foot of the mountain above Jonathan Latham's place, Samuel Carden.

From C. Williams's spring branch to Blackwell's place, Nevels H. Bridges.

From Peter Blackwell's place to Sanford Peters's place, John Maples.

From the mouth of lane above a Wilson's to middle of Canady's Spring Branch, Martin Kirkpatrick.

From the middle of Canady's Spring Branch to L. D. Bridges, Samuel H. Davis

From the mouth of the lane below L. D. Bridges to Edmond Williamson's old place, R. A. Williamson.

From Edmond Williamson's old place to Madison County line, B. B. Toney.

From the mouth of the lane below L. D. Bridges's place to the middle of the ford on Lick Forks, John Putman.

From middle of the ford on Lick Fork to Bishop's old place, James B. Chron.

From road to Hopkinsville to the first fork on Larkins' Fork, Ralph Reid.

From the first ford on Larkin's Fork to the old Reynolds place, Valentine Cagle.

From Fears old mill to the foot of the mountain at the head of Arnold's cave, William Fowler.

From the head of Arnold's cove to Hopkinsville, John Poston.

From the forks of the road near F. F. Green's place to where it intersects the Arnold Cave Road near Fears Mill, Washington Henshaw.

I have an old deed showing that Farnefald F. Green sold land to William Floyd Bostick and William Floyd Bostick donated land for the old Bostick Hill Church. I had thought that perhaps Farnefald Green went back to Franklin County to live because he was in the

census records there and later in his life when old Franklin County supported him as a pauper. I am now thinking he may have always lived in Franklin County, but had land in Jackson County and sold to William Floyd Bostick.

Also, Washington Henshaw helped establish the old Bostick Hill Church. The road probably ran somewhere across the mountain to Tennessee from near the old Bostick Hill Church which was on the hill above the present church. I now feel Farnefald lived in the same spot on the Tennessee side of the mountain.

From Frazier's property to Joseph Martin's place, William Holland. These Fraziers lived on Larkin's Fork; Joseph Martin's place is known to us as the Old Bill Sanders place so there was a road across the mountain there.

From Joseph Martin's place to Evan Jacks' place, Thomas Langston.

From A. W. Collins's place to Larkin's Ford on Estill Fork, G. Collins.

From Larkin's Ford on Estill Fork to the Tennessee line, Nathan Sims.

As best as I can tell, there was another road from somewhere around the old Red Trice farm, also known to some as the Jones Swearingin farm. It ran down the side of the river all the way to where the Browns lived and on down the side to the old Nashville community that was the first Princeton post office.

Some of the other mail routes:

From E. C. Williams's place to Jesse Williams's spring branch, James Sloan.

From Jesse Williams's spring branch to Blackwell's place, Nevels H. Bridges.

From Peter Blackwell's place to Sanford Poston's place, John Maples.

---to be continued---

Madison County

Hewlett School

Contributed by Bettye Perrine

The Huntsville School Board just recently announced the closing of several local schools. As they fade into history, it becomes more important that we not let the schools and their students disappear into the past. With that thought in mind, it seems timely to publish records of one of those long gone schools, the Hewlett School. Much of the information came from a draft copy of the History of the Madison County Schools, written by Madison County teachers (undated) in Huntsville Public Library, pages 20 - 23. Other information is derived from "A One-Room County School in 1906," written by Hazel Phelps Jones in her later years for her sons. This was presented to the author by Mary Francis Brosemer, daughter of student Raymond Brosemer.

Hewlett School was named for a prominent neighborhood family who donated the land to Madison County. It was located approximately five miles from downtown Huntsville on the southwest corner of the intersection of Stringfield Road and Pulaski Pike. Records indicate that Hewlett was a well established school by 1905. This crude one room structure, approximately 20 by 60 feet, faced the Pike with three windows on each side. A well worn limestone block was used as the entry step. Inside, four rows of desks were arranged to provide a passage way to the front of the room. The school bell was housed in a bell tower atop four posts several yards from the building. A water bucket sat on a shelf in the back of the school room, with the common dipper hung on the wall beside. There was no well on the school grounds and water was brought from a nearby farm. If and when the farm's well went dry, water was carried from the creek.

The heating system was a pot-bellied coal stove which was started with cedar kindling gathered from the adjacent

mountain. The trustees of the school kept a coal pile behind the building and also made repairs when needed. The trustees for many years were William Renegar, George McLaughlin, C. M. Davis and Charles Phelps. The teachers of record included Mable Gillis, Luella Cawthon, Georgian Weatherly, Jessie Mertz, John White (an eighteen year old) and Anna Carter. Unless they lived in Huntsville and came to school by horse and buggy, they boarded with a family of the patrons of the school. John White boarded with the George McLaughlin family, being the son of Mrs. McLaughlin's mother's sister.

The Hewlett School closed in 1919 at the time of consolidation. It, along with White's Cross Roads and Gladsone, were consolidated to form what came to be known as Pulaski Pike School. It was located on the west side of Pulaski Pike between Springfield and Winchester Roads.

The following are reminiscences by two former students, Nell McLaughlin and Hazel Phelps.

Nell McLaughlin

Helen Mary (Nell) McLaughlin was born 11 Dec 1899 and died 11 Mar 1995. She married William Hurley Hinshaw 19 September 1959.

Mrs. Nell McLaughlin Hinshaw, who started school in 1905, stated "weeds and grass were allowed to grow in the school yard." She remembered an occasion when the grass caught fire and older students and neighbors used fine branches to beat out the fire. There was the added excitement when one girl's long dress caught fire and had to be hastily extinguished.

In cold weather, the nearby creek froze over and children enjoyed skating in their shoes on the frozen surface. Mrs. Hinshaw recalled "one time when the ice was not firm and one of the girls fell in the icy water. She was stripped to her union suit and put behind the warm pot-belly stove to dry. These stoves were famous for being red-hot, smoky, or cold."

Mrs. Hinshaw and Nona, her sister, rode their pony, Ching, to school. The pony was hitched under a tree and waited patiently until school was out.

Memories of Hazel Phelps

Hazel Lucile Phelps was born 22 July 1900 and died 06 February 1999. She married Dr. Walter B. Jones 28 January 1924. Dr. Jones was Alabama State Geologist, as well as holding other important positions in the state.

Hazel Phelps Jones does not remember anything about her first day of school, having turned six in July of 1906. She is even unsure if she started in 1906 or 1907. "I do remember that I was

outfitted with a pretty pencil box, a lunch box, and a collapsible drinking cup. That cup was the object of much heartache for me because Mama had said that I could not let anyone else drink This cup made me appear from it. 'stuck-up' and fair game for one urchin who tormented me for all the years that his family lived in the neighborhood. He turned up his nose every time he could catch my eye and was as ugly as his mean little face could be. I was happy if the day were rainy for I knew that he would not come to school. There was also a female bully who kept the girls and most of the boys in subjection [sic]. Those of us who outlived her, never could figure how she grew up to be such a good business woman, a Red Cross official, and generally a nice lady."

"My first books included a reader, a speller, and an arithmetic text; a bit later a geography book was added. There also was a writing manual because good penmanship was prized. We bought our books at M. R. Murray, a bookstore on the south side of the courthouse square in Huntsville, just above the Big Spring."

"At 'big recess' each school day, we took our lunch boxes to the shade of the trees to enjoy what Mama had packed that day, although I usually had consumed my dessert at 'little recess' at mid-morning. It could have been a piece of pie or some of Grandma Phelps' cookies. After an hour of recess and lunch, the teacher would ring the bell and we made a flying rip to the two toilet buildings in the sassafras bushes at the rear of the schoolhouse. Then we headed back to our desks for the last half of the day."

"At recess on some days, the girls rushed across the road into the big chestnut and pine grove where one girl would call out, 'I'm Momma,' and then direct her 'children' to rake pine straw into the dividers of her imaginary house. I think she got her example from home for she was the youngest of six children. Her papa seemed like an old man to me, but she always called him 'Baby', and he called her 'Manny.'"

"Some days we played baseball, with the toughest folks being chosen first. Our girl bully was always the boys' first selection. A few times I got to use a catcher's mitt which somebody had brought to school. A boy might bring a real baseball, but usually we played with this creation—a small rock well wrapped with rags and sewn into the toe of an old sox by one of the mothers. It had a pretty good delivery. Our bat was a bed slat about two feet long with a hand hold cut out of one end. Only rarely would a boy bring a real bat, and he wouldn't let just anyone use it."

"We played another game we called, Auntie Over. We divided into two groups—one on each side of the school building-and threw the ball over the school roof, then rushed to the other side to tag as many of the other team as we could. On rainy days we often would play jacks on the floor or ground if it was dry. Each of us had our little tobacco sack of smooth pebbles. We put them on the flat surface, threw one pebble as high into the air as we could, and tried to scoop up the others and catch the falling pebble before it landed. I was as good as anybody with jacks! Pop the Whip was another favorite sport; the tail-end man had to be rough and tough!"

"On Good Fridays we always had an Easter egg hunt in the grove. The big boys rushed ahead and found most of the eggs before we little folks covered much ground. The schoolhouse sometimes was

used as a Sunday School. My papa, Charles Phelps, usually talked from the International Sunday School Lessons that we received in the mail. After I began taking piano lessons, I played the pump organ at these sessions. Sometimes, there was a comic play put on at the school, and Mama usually directed it. How those kids loved their parts! Most of the farm families came from afar to enjoy the productions."

"At cotton chopping time, school was closed for about six weeks and all the children headed for their parents' cotton fields to thin the excess plants with hoes so the remaining plants could grow tall and wide. Usually about June, the students returned to school for six weeks to complete the year. This was followed by a brief recess before the regular fall session began. The children would again return to the fields in the fall and early winter for approximately another six weeks to pick the cotton crop."

Hazel Phelps Jones remembered, "at the end of each school day in good weather, we gathered our book satchels and lunch boxes and started walking home; if the weather was bad, my Papa usually picked me up in the buggy. I had a mile and a half to walk, and one family lived a mile farther up the Pike. If we chanced to see a nursery wagon [probably from the Huntsville Wholesale Nursery at Gladstone further up the Pikel headed our way, after delivering a load of young trees to the railroad station in town, we would tease the kindly driver to let us ride on the coupling pole. The front end of this long wooden pole, which was bolted to the underside of the wagon, was hitched to a team of mules. The rear end of the pole extended beyond the tailgate three or four feet and made a good spot for a person to ride. As many of us as the coupling pole

could seat scrambled on and held on tight. The driver would let us off at our mailboxes."

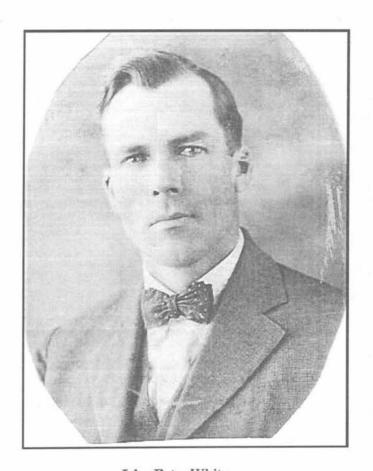
1909-1910 Hewlett School Students

The following were students at Hewlett School during the 1909-1910 session, Sept. 6—April 22, as listed by Hazel Phelps Jones. The names of the parents of the students were taken from the 1910 United States Census:

Ola Guthry, age 6, Grade 1, (daughter of George W. & Frances Guthry) Nona McLaughlin, age 6, grade 1. (daughter of George W. & Annie McLaughlin) Raymond Brosemer, age 7, grade 1, (son of S. & Catherine Brosemer) Josie Belle Fox, age 7, grade 1, (daughter of Joe W. & Julia C. Fox) Jimmie Guthry, age 10, grade 1, (son of George W. & Frances Guthry) Mamie Maples, age 9, grade 3, (daughter of Ike L. and Emma Maples) Mabel Fox, age 12, grade 4, (daughter of Joe W. & Julia C. Fox) Louis Drake, age 10, grade 4, (son of Frazier M. & Florence O. Drake) Robert Vaughn, age 14, grade 5, (living with Sam E. Davidson as a border) Johnnie Fox, age 14, grade 4, (son of Joe W. & Julia C. Fox) Hazel Phelps, age 9, grade 5, (daughter of Charles E. & Eva G. Phelps) Nellie McLaughlin, age 9, grade 5, (daughter of George W. & Annie

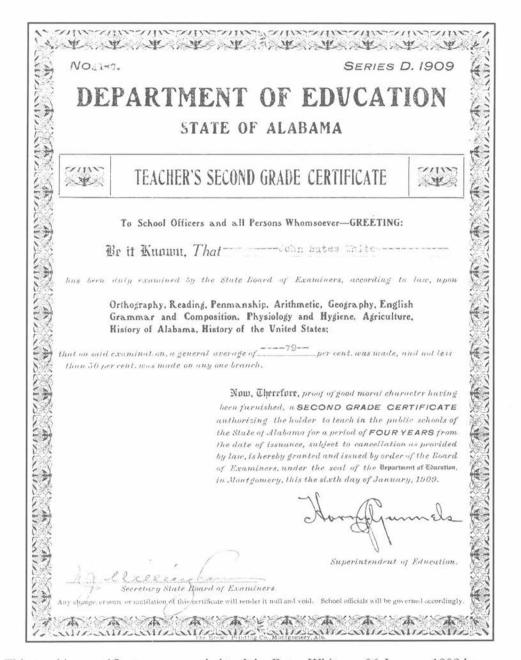
McLaughlin) Ava Erwin, age 10, grade 5, (daughter of J. W. & Bobie E. Erwin) Ava Lee, age 9, grade 5, (daughter of Y. S. and Lennie Lee) Aubrey Drake, age 11, grade 5, (son of Frazier M. & Florence O. Drake) Earl Erwin, age 12, grade 6, (son of J. W. & Bobie E. Erwin) Lessie Erwin, age 14, grade 6, (daughter of J. W. & Bobie Erwin) Elizabeth Rennegar, age 10, grade 6, (Jo J. & Stella Rennegar) Nellie Davis, age 10. grade 6, (daughter of Claude M. & Cvnthia A. Davis) Joseph Rennegar, age 12, grade 6, (son of Jo J. & Stella Rennegar) Alda Rennegar, age 13, grade 6, (daughter of Jo J. & Stella Rennegar) Carroll McLaughlin, age 14, grade 7, (son of George W. & Annie McLaughlin) Marguarite McLaughlin, age 12, grade 7, (daughter of Geo. & Annie McLaughlin) Buell Davis, age 14, grade 7, (daughter of Claude M. & Cynthia A. Davis) Gracie Foster, age 12, grade 5, (daughter of Ella B. Foster) Carrie Foster, age 9, grade 4, (daughter of Ella B. Foster) Searcy Drake, age 6, grade 1, (son of Frazier M. and Florence O. Drake)

The last three students seemed to be late entrants, as the dates were a few days later.



John Bates White

(from the archives of Bettye Perrine)



This teaching certificate was awarded to John Bates White on 06 January 1909 by the State Department of Education for a four year period. Born on 02 April 1891, he was only 17 when he received his certification and began teaching in the 1909 at 18.

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This report card, from the Hewlett School for the year 1916-1917, is for Isabelle McLaughlin, sister of Nell McLaughlin and signed by their mother, Annie Crocket Fraser McLaughlin. (The copy of the report card was given to the author by Virgil DeStefano, descendent of the McLaughlins)

Madison County Civil War Prisoners

Captured April 11, 1862 in Huntsville

Copied, Abstracted, and Contributed by Jacquelyn Procter Reeves

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Memphis & Charleston Eastern Division Headquarters in Huntsville, Alabama. The last passenger train to stop in Huntsville was the *Tennessean* in March, 1968. The building was to be torn down until graffiti was discovered under the flaking paint on the third floor. This building, the oldest railroad building in the state of Alabama, is now open for tours. Many tourists have come in search of information on their ancestors who were held as prisoners. Some even find their ancestors' names scrawled on the walls. It seems appropriate that we should publish a list of some of the Confederate soldiers who were captured on April 11, 1862 as the train they were on was fired upon and halted by Union soldiers. This event marked the first Union occupation of Huntsville. We wish we could find all of the names, but hope our readers may help us find others. The following names were taken from several sources: a list of Jackson Greys and also an incomplete list of prisoners at Camp Chase, Ohio on the internet.

Jackson Greys, Louisiana, Company K, 9th Louisiana Infantry

Sources differ on how many men, leaving Shiloh after the horrendous battle there, were captured on 11 April 1862 in Huntsville. Some say 129, others say 159. Of those men however, were a number of members of the Jackson Greys from Louisiana. The following list contains those men in the Jackson Greys who were in Huntsville for almost one month. Some were sent to Johnson's Island near Sandusky, Ohio and then on to Camp Chase, Ohio. Most were sent directly to Camp Chase.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the men listed were sent directly to Camp Chase, Ohio, then to Vicksburg, Mississippi for exchange on 11 September 1862, where they were boarded onto a steamer, the John H. Done, and taken to Aikens Landing,

Virginia where they were finally exchanged on 10 November 1862.

- Bond, J.L., Pvt. Sergt. Captured Huntsville, sent to Johnson's Island, Ohio 9 May 1862, before being sent to Camp Chase, Ohio.
- Bowman, William, Pvt. Captured Huntsville, sent to Johnson's Island, Ohio, 9 May 1862, then to Camp Chase, Ohio.
- Bronte, A.H., Pvt. Captured Huntsville, sent to Johnson's Island, Ohio 9 May 1862. Editor's Note: Pvt. Bronte was probably sent to Camp Chase, Ohio too. He was also sent to Vicksburg and to Aiken's Landing with the others listed.
- Brooks, W.J., Pvt. Captured Huntsville, sent to Johnson's Island, Ohio, 9 May 1862, then to Camp Chase, Ohio.
- Brown, H.B., Pvt. Captured Huntsville, sent to Johnson's Island,

Ohio, 9 May 1862, then to Camp Chase, Ohio.

- Clark, J.B., Pvt.
- Diffey, William, Pvt. Captured Huntsville, sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, exchanged 25 August 1862 Vicksburg.
 Died Oxford, Mississippi, 10 Nov. 1862.
- Duncan, William H., Pvt.
- Eiland, A.H., Sergt.
- Fuller, L. P., Pvt.
- Golden, J. R., Pvt.
- Goodwin, C.W., Pvt.
- Halcomb, Preston, Pvt.
- Harvey, J.T., Pvt.
- Harvey, W.H., Pvt.
- Hawthorn, J.B., Pvt.
- Hawthorn, T.W., Pvt.
- Herlong, H.B., Pvt.
- Hogan, J.R., Pvt.
- Howell, G.N., Pvt.
- Irbey, J.M., Pvt.
- Jackson, F.V., Pvt.
- Jenkins, Neil W., Pvt.
- Liles/Lisle, J.W., Pvt.
- McCranie, G. William, 1st Lt. Capt., sent to Johnson's Island, then Camp Chase, Ohio.
- McLain, J. L., Pvt.
- McLeroy, M. S., 1st Lt., sent to Johnson's Island 16 May 1862, and then to Camp Chase, Ohio.
- Munday, Thomas, Pvt., died 18 May 1862 at Camp Chase, Ohio.
- Phares, E. J., Pvt.
- Powell, J. A., Pvt.
- Redwin, C. M., Corpl. Record does not indicate he went from Vicksburg to Aikens Landing as the others did.
- Robison/Roberson, George, Pvt.
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- Sanders, W. H., Pvt.
- Shows, A. G. B., Pvt.
- Shows, E. P., Pvt. (Editor's Note: may have been brother of A.G.B. Shows.

Records show they enlisted at same place within one day of each other.)

- Simms, W. F., Pvt.
- Slaton, J. H., Corpl.
- Stringer, D. L., Pvt.
- Williams, D. O., Pvt.
- Glass, J.D., Pvt.
- Hendrickson, T.W., Pvt.
- Hogan, J.R., Pvt.
- Holmes, M., Pvt.
- Hurling, H.B., Pvt.
- Jackson, J. V., Pvt.
- Jenkins, W. W., Pvt.
- Kavanaugh, J.R., Major
- Lackey, W.J., Pvt.
- McCranie, G.W., Capt.
- McLeroy, W.S., 2nd Lt.
- Neal, S.J., Pvt.
- Phillips, Z., Pvt.
- Powell, J.A., Pvt.

Other soldiers captured at the Huntsville Depot and sent to Camp Chase:

- Cole, J.M., Capt. 5th Georgia
- Crozier, J., Pvt., 3rd Kentucky
- Hull, J.H., Capt., 5th Georgia
- White, W.E., Capt. 17th AL
- Wooten, C.B., Capt. 5th Georgia

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The Historic Huntsville Depot was originally unpainted brick. It was painted yellow and green when it was bought by Southern Railroad. The unusual 3-story depot is now on the Historic Register.

Cemeteries of Madison Co., AL Volume 2

Limited printing of this 142 cemetery, 8-1/2 x11 book now available; 375 pp, approx. 9,000 listings in full-name index, soft bound. Covers NE quarter of county and includes communities of New Market, Harbinville, Skinem, Sulphur Springs, Hazel Green (east half), Roseboro, Meridianville, Mountain Fork, Steele Crossing, Hickory Flats (now Plevna), Hillsboro, Cedar Gap, Greenfield, Deposit, Maysville, Bell Factory, Three Forks of Flint, Moores Mill, Chase, Mercury, Ryland, Maysville, Brownsboro, Moontown and Monte Sano Mountain. Contains large cemeteries and tiny family cemeteries. Includes some "excepted" graveyards found mentioned in early deed books and few obituaries. Grave info. has been correlated with 1850 census and marriage records which records are also included and in some cases other family information. Send \$25.00 plus \$5.00 postage to:

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Marshall County Deed Record Book A

Part 25

Continued from Volume 44, Issue Number 3

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Editor's note: copies were previously taken from very large, aged books in the Marshall County courthouse. 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: Hezekiah Bayless to Joseph G. Garrett Pages 309, 310

This indenture made February 16, 1839 between Hezekiah Bayless and Mary Bayless, his wife, of the first part, and Joseph G. Garrett of the other part. For and in consideration of the sum of hundred dollars acknowledged that the said Hezekiah Bayless and Mary Bayless do hereby bargain and sell to the said Joseph G. Garrett the following described certain tract or parcel of land to wit: the SW half of the SE quarter of Section 27, Township (6)?, Range 3 east containing 80 acres. (Additional described).

Signed by Hezekiah Bayless and Mary (her seal) Bayless and witnessed by William H. E. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace.

Deed: A. C. Banks to James Banks Pages 310, 311

Know ye that I. Austin C. Banks, for and in consideration of the sum of \$115 to me in hand paid by James Banks do hereby bargain and sell the following described property to wit: the SW fourth of Section two, Township eleven of Range four East to have and to hold.

Signed by Austin C. Banks. Richard C. Randles certified the deed was filed in his office March 1, 1839 in Book A on pages 210, 211.

Deed of Trust: Peter Duncan to William Smith Pages 311-313

This indenture made July 26, 1839 between Peter Duncan of the first part. William Smith of the second part and Thomas I. Moore of the third part. Whereas the said Peter Duncan is justly indebted to Thomas J. Moore in the sum of \$500.00 of which \$150 is due the first day of January 1842. Peter Duncan is willing and desirous to secure the said note and witness that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to the said Peter Duncan by the said William Smith, the said Peter Duncan hereby bargains and sells to the said William Smith the following described property to wit: one tract of land lying in the county of Marshall known as the East half of the SW quarter of Fractional Section 18 in Township 7 of Range 4 East, it being the East half of the East

half of said 80 acre track. (Land boundary description is given).

The said William Smith shall permit the said Peter Duncan to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of described property unless default in payments be made by due dates as described in this document. If default, then the said William Smith shall sell the above described property at public auction to the highest bidder after giving thirty days notice in some papers printed in Huntsville by advertisement.

This document was signed by Peter (his mark) Duncan, William (his mark) Smith and Thomas J. Moore. Richard S. Randles witnessed the signatures and recorded the same on pages 211, 212, and 213 of Deed Book A on March 19, 1839

Deed of Trust: John Lusk and Michael Howell Pages 313, 314

This indenture made between John Lusk, debtor, of the first part and Michael Howell, Trustee, of the second part and B. Snodgrass and Company, creditors, of the third part. Whereas the said John Lusk is indebted to the firm of B. Snodgrass in the sum of \$140 by his notes which the debt the said John Lusk is willing and desirous to secure. Witness that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar, the said John Lusk in hand paid by the said Michael Howell, Trustee, the said John Lusk does bargain and sell the following described property to wit: one wagon and two yoke of steers.

The said Michael Howell will allow the said John Lusk to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of described property unless default be made in payment due the first day of January 1840. If default in payment, then the said Michael Howell shall sell the described property to the highest bidder at public auction after advertising at three different places at least 10 days prior to sale.

This document was signed by John Lusk, Michael Howell and B. Snodgrass. Richard S. Randles witnessed the signatures and recorded this document in Deed Book A on pages 313, 314.

Deed of Trust: James Schrimsher and John J. McMillian Pages 314-316

This indenture made March 9, 1839 between James Schrimsher of the first part, John J. McMillian of the second part and Richard Golden of the third part.

Witness that the said James Schrimsher is justly indebted to the said Richard Golden in the following sums of money and payable at the following periods to wit: one note of hand for \$25.62 ½ cents bearing date of February 1839 due one day after date, one other note on hand for \$100 bearing date of March 9, 1839 and due one day after date.

The said James Schrimsher is willing and desirous to secure to the said Richard Golden the above-described debt. Witness that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said John J. McMillian, the said James Schrimsher has bargained and sold to the said John J. McMillian the following described property to wit: one sorrel mare with a streak in the forehead and white forefeet, five years old and one filly, two years old, one yoke of steers, one four horse wagon, two young oxen and one white heifer

The said John J. McMillian shall permit the said James Schrimsher to

remain in quiet and peaceable possession of said property unless default be made in payment of same of said due date. If default be made then the said John J. McMillian may sell to the highest bidder at public auction after giving 30 days notice by advertisement in three or more public places.

This document was signed by James Schrimsher, John J. McMillian and Richard Golden. Richard S. Randles witnessed the above signatures and recorded the above document in Deed Book A on pages 314, 315 and 316 on March 9, 1839.

Deed of Trust: Andrew Moore and W. H. E. Wheeler Pages 317, 318

This indenture made February 10, 1839 between Andrew Moore of the first part, W. H. E. Wheeler of the second part, and John O. Feemaster of the third part.

Whereas the said Andrew Moore is justly indebted to the said John O. Feemaster in the sum of \$500 due at the following periods to wit: \$37 due June 28 next. (Other payment amounts and due dates described). Now witness that for and in consideration for the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said Andrew Moore by the said W. H. E. Wheeler, the said Andrew Moore hath bargained, sold and granted to the said W. H. E. Wheeler the rights, title and interest that he the said Andrew Moore has to the books, book accounts belonging in any way pertaining to the said blacksmiths concern of Andrew Moore, Eli R. Feemaster and H. Fetton under the name firm and style of Moore and Fetton together with one entire set of blacksmith tools and all stock now on hand, amounting to \$50 or less.

The said W. H. E. Wheeler shall and do as soon as convenient or he can cause to be done to collect and recover all the outstanding claims and debts due to the aforesaid firm of Moore and Co. and Moore and Fetton and with the monies arising therefore after deducting the charges of this indenture and a reasonable compensation for services shall and will pay to the said John O. Feemaster the aforesaid sum of \$500 with all the interest due.

But if default be made in this payment of the first installment on June 28 next, then the said W. H. E. Wheeler shall proceed to sell the blacksmith tools and the stock on hand to the highest bidder at public auction after giving twenty days notice by advertisement at three prominent places.

This document was signed by Andrew Moore, W. H. E. Wheeler, and John O. Feemaster. Booker Smith, Justice of the Peace, witnessed the above signatures. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court, recorded the above document in Book A on pages 317 and 318, March 13, 1839.

Deed of Trust: Curtis Herrin to A. C. Beard Pages 319-321

This indenture made March 16, 1839 between Curtis Herrin of the first part, Lewis Wyeth of the second part and Arthur C. Beard of the third part.

Whereas the said Curtis Herrin did on the fourteenth day of December 1837, have a note discounted in the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Huntsville due in installments as follows:

December 17, 1838 \$249.66 December 17, 1840 \$266.00 December 17, 1840 \$282.34

The first installment on which the said Curtis Herrin has paid, and being willing Marshall County

and desirous to secure by the said Arthur C. Beard, (who together with James Childress are his securities for the payment of said note) against any damages which he may sustain by reason of said security.

Witness that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said Curtis Herrin paid by the said Lewis Wveth, the said Curtis Herrin does bargain and sell the following described property to wit: twenty head of stock cattle including cows, calves and forty-five head of stock hogs which cattle and hogs are marked with under slopes off each ear, one sorrel mare with a white stripe on her face, one spotted horse, one bay horse about six years and, one bay horse and colt, one bay mare and colt, four feather beds and furniture and one four horse wagon.

The said Lewis Wyeth shall permit the said Curtis Herrin to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of above described property until default on described payments of monies at due dates. Upon default the said Lewis Wyeth shall sell the above-described property to the highest bidder at public auction after giving twenty days notice by printed advertisement at three public places.

This document was signed by Curtis Herrin, Lewis Wyeth and A. C. Beard. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, witnessed the above signatures and also recorded the same in Deed Book A on pages 319, 320 and 321 on March 16, 1839.

Deed: Peter Duncan to Isaac Duncan Pages 321, 322

This indenture made March 11, 1839 between Peter Duncan and Lydia Duncan, his wife, of the first part and Isaac Duncan of the County of Jackson of the second part. Witness that the said

party of the first part in consideration of the sum of \$500.00 by the said party of the second part does bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part that tract or parcel of land described as the East half of the SE quarter fractional Section 18 in Township seven of Range four East, it being the East half of the East half of said 80 acre tract which was entered by L. D. Boshart in the land office in Huntsville. (Boundaries are further described).

This document was signed by Peter (his mark) Duncan and Lydia (her mark) Duncan. William H. W. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace, witnessed the signatures after the wife, Lydia Duncan, was examined by him separate and apart from her husband and acknowledged she is signing without any fear of threats or compulsion from her said husband, Peter Duncan. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Court, recorded the above document March 18, 1839 in Deed Book A on pages 321 and 322.

Deed: Samuel Hill to John Wright Page 323

This indenture made January 18, 1839 between Samuel Hill of the one part and John Wright of the second part. Witness that the said Samuel Hill for and in consideration of the sum of \$100 hath this day bargained and sold to the said John Wright a certain tract or parcel of land described as NE fourth of the NW fourth of Section 32 (?) of Range four East containing 40 acres.

This document was signed by Samuel Hill. Richard S. Randles. Clerk of the Court, recorded the above document in Deed Book A on page 323 on March 28, 1839.

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Things You Should Know

School Records

School records, if they are available, are as valuable a tool as the census records, and in some cases, much more complete. Those of us who are constantly searching for elusive graves and headstones, which sometimes disappear, have long ago realized that with more people opting to be cremated these days, our own descendants will hit more brick walls than we ever imagined. Sadly, some people will be forgotten in time without a headstone to mark their years on this earth.

The one place that keeps records are schools. Without access to those school records however, we will hit brick walls again. Fortunately, Familyrelatives.com has access to some of those elusive school records and now some church/clergy records as well.

A yearly subscription to Familyrelatives.com is roughly \$60, or you can opt for pay per view.

Who Do You Think You Are?

One television show creating a buzz in the genealogy circles is the show "Who Do You Think You Are?" Many of you have seen at least one episode, but for those who haven't, it is a fascinating program based on a different celebrity's search for their ancestors. I caught the episode about Matthew Broderick and I found it incredibly interesting. Other people have said the same about the rest of the episodes. Fortunately, the show will be renewed for a second season.

The good news for us? This show has captured the age18-49 demographics and may, perhaps, encourage those viewers to become more involved in their local genealogical societies in search of their

own roots. We could all use an increase in membership and workers!

Announcement of Seminar - Alabama

Thanks to Bettye Perrine for letting us know that the Alabama Genealogical Society will hold their fall seminar at the Montgomery Archives on Saturday, October 2. Registration will be at 8:30 and the sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dr. Robert Davis from Wallace State will speak on Soldiers, Settlers, and Brick walls. Door prizes will be awarded at 2:00 p.m. Contact the Alabama Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2296, Birmingham, AL 35229-0001 or see them online at www.algensoc.org for more information.

Publication Changes

Ancestry Magazine has ceased publication, after 25 years, of their magazine to concentrate more on their online business. Don't despair! Turner Publishing will continue to publish Ancestry.com books as well as their own genealogy line of books, of which there are more than 100 titles, to date.

Turner Publishing is most known for their collection of photograph books, including <u>Historic Photos of Huntsville</u>. They plan to more extensively promote the genealogy line of books.

Burke's Peerage Records

It might be fun to find out if you have a blue-blooded ancestor who was a member of Burke's Peerage, the British directory of landed gentry and barons. Although it is sometimes difficult for Americans to trace their ancestry past the ships they arrived on, it is possible and will be become more so with time. You can check your gentry now by looking on-line at

exacteditions.com/burkespeerage or email admin@burkespeerage.com.

How Weather Affects Genealogy

Did you know that weather extremes affected your ancestry? An interesting website has a list of many disasters: http://www.yourdiscovery.com/earth/year witho ut summer/facts/index.shtml

For example, in the summer of 1816, the eruption of Mount Tambora volcano in Indonesia on April 10 devastated much of the Northern Hemisphere. It was known world-wide as the "year without summer."

The people of Ireland suffered from cold rain for 142 out of 153 summer days, causing famine and a typhoid epidemic throughout Great Britain.

Starving Germans baked straw and sawdust to eat as they would have baked bread because of a grain famine.

In New England, farmers suffered from crop failure and so the Erie Canal was hurried to completion to help the farmers migrate to the mid-west.

Torrential rains in India promoted a cholera epidemic which spread to Europe. On top of that, they also suffered from famine.

When thinking about your ancestors migration patterns, it makes sense to look at what was happening at the time they left. After all, there are theories that some of the Native Americans, specifically the Navajos, are closely related to the Alaskans who left Asia due to natural disasters or to search for better living conditions.

Review Genealogy Books

Coy Michael has stumbled upon a new website called LibraryThing – a great site for entering in the names and descriptions of books in your library. If you own many books, it may be a huge task to even consider taking on, but if you would at least describe whatever book you may have just finished or are currently reading, you would provide a valuable service to

others who might look at the website in search of interesting books. Even better, it is a way to better decide what books to add to your own collection. Just type "LibraryThing" on your favorite search engine and sign in.

News from the Alabama Historical Commission

The Black Heritage Council, in an effort to restore endangered buildings, is working to create drawings that will be featured in presentations to citizens, community leaders, politicians, and potential donors to encourage them to donate money or building supplies to help in restoration efforts.

An architect draws each picture to help people envision what the building could look like with a little TLC. The council's first project was the Coosa County Farmers and Civil Association building in Rockford which was built in about 1940 for the Black County Extension and Home Demonstration agents.

Other projects include the Antioch Baptist Church in Camden, built in about 1870, the Thomaston Colored Institute in Marengo County, and the Sandtown High School in Elmore County.

In other news from the Alabama Historical Commission, new additions to the National Register of Historic Places have been announced:

In Russell County, the Hurtsboro Historic District was named in October, 2009. Several buildings and churches comprise this district, including two antebellum homes. This area is located 23 miles southeast of Tuskegee.

The Mobile County home of Charles Denby Garrison, Sr. in Prichard was listed in September, 2009.

The Monroeville Downtown District in Monroeville was listed in September, 2009. It includes the streets bordering the courthouse square, buildings that date from the late 19th century through the mid-20th century. The 1903 Classical Revival courthouse with the octagonal dome is the centerpiece.

The J. W. Shreve Addition Historic District in Andalusia was listed in September, 2009. The homes, schools, and churches date from 1905 to 1940.

George County, Mississippi Marriage Records

The Mobile Genealogical Society has announced that two books are now available for \$40 each, including postage and handling. They are: Colored Marriages of George County, Mississippi from 1910 to 1979 and White Marriages of George County, Mississippi, Volume 1, 1910 to 1943.

The announcement states that about 75% of the marriages in these books were couples from Mobile County, Alabama and other nearby Alabama counties. Why would Alabama couples marry in Mississippi instead of Alabama? Because Alabama required a three day waiting period!

If you are interested, contact:

Mobile Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 6224

Mobile, Alabama 36660-6224

Local Book Reviews

Northern Alabama: Historical and Biographical. Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press Inc. By Smith & DeLand, orig. pub. 1888, reprinted 2007, 883 pages, hardback \$75.00.

This book for research libraries is interesting reading for information written from the perspective of writers living during 19th century Alabama. It is a history of select counties and towns and biographical sketches of about 832 early settlers. The counties included are: Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, Dallas, Etowah, Greene,

Hale, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lauderdale, Lee, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marshall, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega and Tuscaloosa.

The book is divided into four parts and includes an index. Part I is a general discussion of the topography, geology and natural resources by Henry McCalley, Assistant State Geologist. This enthusiastic 19th century account looks to the future prosperity of North Alabama in farms, ores, timber, etc. It is interesting to compare his predictions for the future with the reality of today's prosperity. Part II is a summary of the state's history from its earliest settlement to 1888. Part III is the discussion of the counties, divided into the Cereal, Mineral, Cotton and Timber Belts. Each county is discussed as to its population, history, county-seats, post-offices, products and some of its prominent citizens. Part IV is a discussion of twenty-one principal cities and towns in Northern and Central Alabama with biographical sketches of some of their prominent people. Separate sections discuss brief histories of the places, legal and medical professions, churches, the press, banks, hotels, river navigation, railroads, industries, etc. The index is a list of names of the biographical sketches scattered throughout the book.

The fine print and lack of an index to the counties and cities is an inconvenience to using this book. Yet it is interesting to peruse as a picture of life in 19th century Alabama. The formal flowery writing, the use of polite address and titles, the emphasis on political and lodge affiliations, etc. are interestingly different attributes offering another comparison of the 19th and 20th centuries. The biographical sketches are a genealogical source. Contained within these sketches are other names, not indexed. Much information can be gleaned from this republication, forming a geological, historical, biographical and cultural picture of the time.

- Bettye Perrine

Sarah Huff Fisk. Civilization Comes to the Big Spring: Huntsville, Alabama 1823. Huntsville, Alabama: Pinhook Publishing Company, 2008. 178 pages, Paperback. \$22.95, ISBN-13: 978-0-9655917-3-7.

John Hunt built the first cabin near the Big Spring in 1805 in early Huntsville, the little town in the untamed southern wilderness. Sarah Fisk ably gives her conception of the appearance of some seventy of the earliest structures that stood around the public square. Her illustration of the scene is a scale drawing made after many years of archival research. The size and appearance of each structure was gleaned from deeds, newspapers, and other records, or was based on the architecture of surviving buildings in Huntsville or other southern towns.

In the beginning, Mrs. Fisk reflected on the wild rush of Federal land sales and 1819 Huntsville which played host to the convention that organized the State of Alabama. She further added short biographical information for some of the known Huntsville builders and artisans during the period 1810-1824. An early chapter entitled "Sights, Sounds, and Smells" embellishes both the pictures and descriptions of conditions in the early development of Huntsville.

The main part of the book contains illustrations of the buildings and their stories. All structures are numbered, which makes it easy to relate them to the documented text. Each of their stories are told: the owners, the builders, the succession of merchants, their goods as advertised in the local newspapers, the offices of doctors and lawyers, and the commerce of a bustling town as well as some of its problems. Mrs. Fisk discussed how the waters of the Big Spring were used by the town for their needs, and of the great fires that destroyed most of these buildings before the advent of photography.

The illustrations were originally made to commemorate the 150th anniversary in 1973 of the Huntsville Water Works, which is the oldest water system in the United States west of the Appalachian Mountains. This study by Mrs. Fisk additionally led to the restoration of Lots 51 and 52 which had housed activities closely associated with the drafting of Alabama's first constitution in the year 1819. Today on these two lots stand Alabama's Constitution Village, a living history museum that not only tells the story of Alabama's statehood, but also includes Early Works Children's Museum, an imaginative, hands-on museum facility that teaches us about our heritage.

Aside from being an entertaining and informative read, this publication of the late Mrs. Fisk's work will give researchers the opportunity to understand life on the Huntsville frontier, find ancestors among the earliest residents, and get a vivid picture of the who-and-what of each building and its occupants. They will surely want to delve into this important addition to the history of early Huntsville and Alabama.

Bettye Perrine

Old cemeteries hold a treasure trove of symbolism, if you know what you are looking for. Most common in this area is the weeping willow which represents sorrow, a broken column which represents a life cut short, and a bird which represents the soul's flight to heaven. We may also see, on rarer occasions, a beehive which is the symbol of a pious and unified community, a bouquet of flowers which is also the symbol of a life cut short, an arrow which is the symbol of a spiritual weapon, or an oak, which represents strength of faith and virtue, also valor. Some may see the sword held by an angel which indicates justice and mercy and a sword pointing down is a symbol of death during military service.

A very common symbol in local cemeteries is a draped urn. If the drape covers half of the urn, the deceased died prematurely or tragically.

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