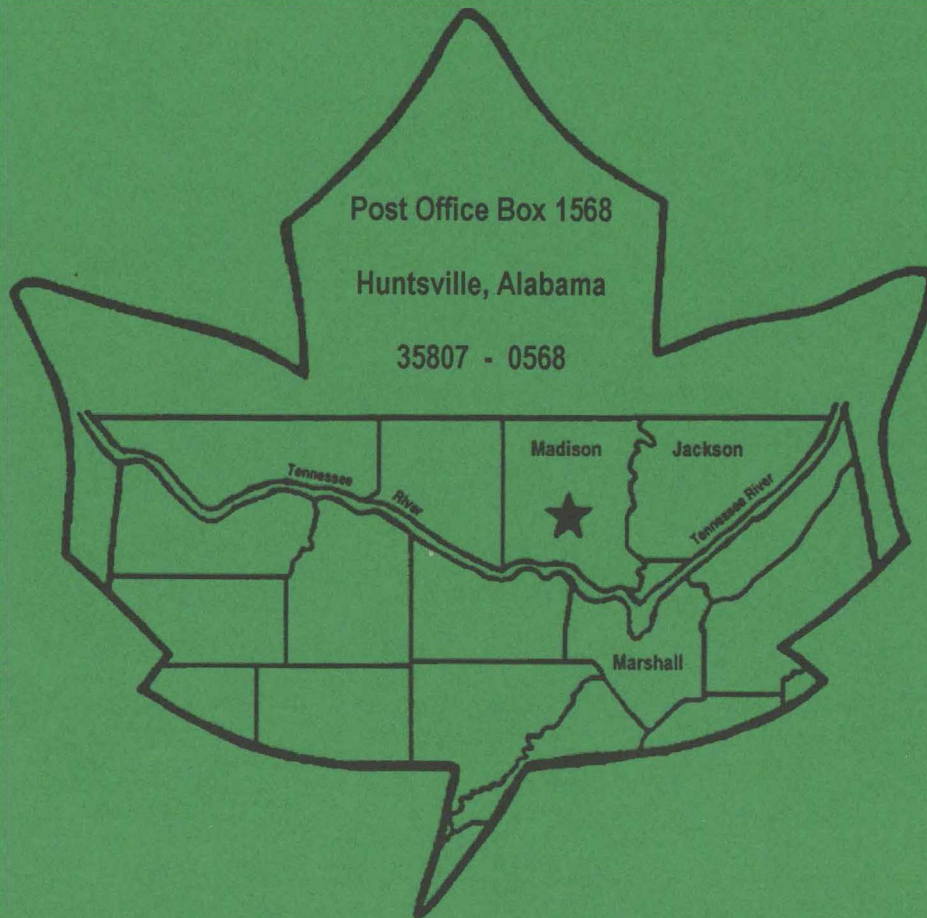


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# Jackson County

## 1915 Probate Records

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The following records were copied from the Probate Office of the Jackson County Courthouse in Scottsboro, Alabama, record book for the year 1915. J. B. Hackworth, Judge of Probate, signed all records in this section.

**Flora Thompson, a minor, Estate of  
Appointing Guardian  
February 19, 1915  
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This day comes A. H. Thompson and files his petition in writing and under oath praying to be appointed Guardian of Flora Thompson, a minor. Alleging in said petition among other things that said Flora Thompson has no father or mother living or other legal guardian residing in this state. That said minor has an estate in her own right situated in this County of the value of about \$600 and probably not more.

That petitioner is the grandfather of said minor and desires to be appointed Guardian thereof. It appearing to the Court that the facts set forth in said petition are true and that it is necessary and will be to the interest of said minor to have a guardian for it, and it further appearing that said A. H. Thompson has given bond in the sum of \$1,000 and P. C. Barbee and G. W. Gant, as his sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this court, it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that said petition be and the same is hereby granted and that A. H.

Thompson is appointed Guardian of Flora Thompson, a minor. It is further ordered that letter on Guardianship issue forthwith to him thereon.

There being some controversy arising as to who should be the proper guardian of said child, said controversy between A. H. Thompson, its paternal grandfather and Mary M. Green, its maternal grandmother. Now to avoid further controversy, said A. H. Thompson and Mary M. Green each appear in open Court and enter into the following contract, to wit:

**The State of Alabama  
Jackson County**

Whereas, the undersigned, A. H. Thompson and Mary Green are the grandfather and grandmother of Flora Thompson, a minor child five years of age, without father or mother living.

And whereas, the proper guardianship of the property interests of said child, as well as her custody, care and education are of great concern to both of us.

And whereas, the said Mary Green has cared for and assisted in bringing up of said child since it was a baby, it is now agreed as follows:



1<sup>st</sup>. That A. H. Thompson shall be made the guardian of the estate of said child.

The condition for his appointment, it is agreed that the said Mary Green shall have the custody, care and control of the said Flora Thompson during the life of the said Mary Green, or until the said child is 14 years of age.

It is further stipulated and approved by the Court in making said appointment that the said Mary Green shall have the possession of the home place where Myrtle Thompson resided at the time of her death, and that the use of said place shall be free to her as the means of furnishing a support and maintenance for said child, and from time to time such other funds shall be furnished her as she and the Guardian may agree upon, or as the Court shall order from time to time.

This agreement is made a condition upon which the said A. H. Thompson shall be appointed Guardian of said child.

Executed in duplicate, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1916.

**Herman Jean, et al, minors, Estate of  
Transferring Estate to Tenn.  
Probate Court  
February 24, 1915  
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This day comes A. J. Jean and files his petition in writing and under oath, praying for a removal of the estate of Herman Jean, Roy Jean, and Helen Jean and Grace Jean, minors to the State of Tennessee. Therewith filing a transcript of the proceedings in the Court of Lincoln County, Tennessee, of the appointment of said A. J. Jean, as Guardian of the above named minors in that Court, which transcript is verified by affidavit and according to the acts of

Congress in such proceedings made. It appearing to the Court that A. J. Jean has been appointed Guardian of said minors, by a Court having proper jurisdiction in Lincoln County, Tennessee, a transcript of all the proceedings having been filed in this Court.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said petition be granted, and that the sum of \$150 which belongs to Ray Jean, Grace Jean, and Herman Jean, from a division of a sale of the real estate of Hulda Gaither, deceased, and paid into this Court by D. P. Wimberley, the administrator thereof, be transferred from this Court and paid to A. J. Jean as Guardian of the above named minors, who now reside in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

It is further ordered that all of said proceedings be recorded.

**Hulda Gaither, deceased, Estate of  
Final Settlement  
February 24, 1915  
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This being the day heretofore appointed by an order of this Court for a final settlement of the estate of Hulda Gaither, deceased, by D. P. Wimberley, the administrator thereof.

Now comes the said Administrator and moves the Court to allow his account as stated and filed by him. It being shown to the Court that due notice of the nature of said settlement and of the day set for making the same has been given according to law, and Jno. K. Thompson, the Guardian ad litem, appointed by a former order of this Court, and having filed his written consent to set as such Guardian ad litem, proceeds to contest said settlement, the Court proceeds to hear the account and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto.



Whereupon it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court, that said administrator has received of the assets of said estate, the sum of \$1118.90. And that he has paid out and justly expended in payments of the just debts due therefrom, and incident to said administration, the sum of \$213.74, leaving a balance of \$905.16 for further distribution.

And said account appearing to be full and correct, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the same be passed and allowed as above stated. It is further ordered that a distribution of said estate be had among the heirs who are entitled to receive the same; being six in number, said \$905.16 must be divided into six equal parts, making \$150.86, due each heir.

It appearing to the Court that Will Gaither, Bettie Gaither, Mrs. Alice D. Anderson and Mrs. M. T. Taylor, are each to receive the said sum of \$150.86 on this distribution. But it further appears that Will Gaither and Bettie Gaither have each received \$150 from said administrator, which leaves \$0.86 due each of them on this distribution, which amount of \$0.86 is now paid to them in open Court by said administrator.

It appearing to the Court that Mrs. Alice D. Anderson has been paid \$50. And that Mrs. M. T. Taylor has been paid \$50, by said administrator, it is therefore ordered by the Court that Mrs. Alice D. Anderson and Mrs. M. T. Taylor each have and receive the sum of \$100.86 on this distribution, which amounts is now paid to them by said Administrator in open Court.

It further appearing that Mrs. Lillie George is entitled to one full share of \$150.86 in this distribution, which said

sum of \$150.86 is now paid to her in open Court by said administrator.

It further appearing to the Court that A. J. Jean, who is the Guardian of Roy Grace and Herman, Jean, minors, is entitled to the sum of \$150.85 as Guardian for the above named minors. But it further appears that said minors have been paid the sum of \$53.25 by said Administrator to said A. J. Jean as their Guardian, leaving a balance of \$97.61 due the above named minors in this settlement. Which said sum is now ordered to be transferred to Lincoln County, Tennessee, and paid to said Guardian for said minors, as per order on the transcript, from the County Court of Lincoln County and verified according to the Act of Congress.

Said administrator having fully discharged his duties, it is therefore ordered that he be released from answering further as such administrator. It is further ordered that said account be recorded.

**John Terrel Clemens, Deceased,  
Estate of  
Report Sale Personal Property  
February 25, 1915  
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This day comes Thomas Clemens, the administrator in this Court of the estate of John Terrel Clemens, deceased, and files his report of the sale of the personal property belonging to said estate. All of which sales amount in the aggregate to \$505.86, and stating further that he has in bank \$136.60, making total assets \$642.46.

It is ordered by the Court that said report be recorded.

**Catherine Barnes, a minor, Estate of  
Order appointing Guardian**

**March 1, 1915**  
**Page 251**

This day comes J. A. Barnes and presents his petition in writing and under oath praying to be appointed Guardian of Catherine Barnes, a minor, of the age of 17 years. Alleging in said petition among other things that said minor has an estate in her own right of the value of about \$150 and probably not more. And that petitioner is the husband of said minor, of the full age of 21 years and upwards, and in no way disqualified under the law from acting as such Guardian.

It appearing to the Court that the facts set forth in said petition are true, and that J. A. Barnes is entitled to Guardianship of the estate of his wife, who as yet a minor, and it further appearing that said J. A. Barnes has given bond in the sum of \$300 with C. M. Petty and R. A. Elkins as his sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this Court, it is therefore ordered that said petition be granted and that J. A. Barnes be and he is hereby appointed Guardian of Catherine Barnes, a minor.

It is further ordered that letters of Guardianship be issued to him. It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

**J. T. and John Spurgeon, minors,**  
**Estate of**  
**Appointing Guardian**  
**March 1, 1915**  
**Page 252**

This day comes Mary Spurgeon and presents her petition in writing and under oath praying to be appointed Guardian of J. T. Spurgeon and John Spurgeon, minors. Alleging in said petition among

other things, that said minors have not father living or other legal guardian residing in this State, that said minors have an estate in their own right situated in this County for the value of about \$450 and probably not more; and that it is necessary and will be to the interest of said estate to have a Guardian appointed for said minors.

It appearing to the Court that the facts set forth in said petition are true and that said Mary Spurgeon is the mother of said minors, and in no way disqualified under the law from acting as such Guardian, who has given bond in the sum of \$900 with D. P. Woodall, Jas. Spurgeon, and Claud Gamble as her sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this Court. It is therefore ordered that said petition be and the said is hereby granted and that letters of Guardianship issue to her thereon.

It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

**Sarah M. Pickett, Deceased, Estate of**  
**Petition to Probate Will**  
**March 1, 1915**  
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This day comes J. P. Pickett and files his petition in writing and under oath, therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah M. Pickett, deceased, and praying for such orders, decrees and proceedings of this Court, that may be necessary for the due probate and record of said will in this Court, which said will appears to be witnessed by J. G. Williams and J. B. Bramlett, and who are alleged to have signed the same as subscribing witnesses thereto.



It appearing to the Court from said petition that said John P. Pickett, the petitioner is one of the next of kin of said deceased and that O. W. Pickett, who resides in this County, is the husband of said deceased. That the deceased left surviving her the following named children, to-wit: Petitioner, J. B. Pickett, Fannie Gane, Julia Stone, Minnie Hendrick, all of whom are of full age and reside in this County; Mattie Pace, who resides at or near Dallas, in Paulding County, Georgia; Fervie Roberts, who also resides at or near Dallas, Paulding County, Georgia; Nannie Garner, who resides at or near Roanoke, Ala. Ethel Crawford, who resides at or near Laurel Hill, Walton County, Florida.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the 29 day of March, 1915 be appointed the day to hear said petition and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto.

That said J. G. Williams and J. B. Bramblett, be subpoenaed to appear on said 29 day of March, 1915 in and before this Court to testify and give evidence of and concerning all and any facts touching the question of the validity of said instrument as such will.

That all of the resident heirs and legatees of said estate be notified of this proceeding and of the day above set for hearing, by citation, to be personally served upon each of them, at least ten days before said day of hearing. That all of the non-residents, heirs, and legatees of said will be brought into Court by advertisement in the *Progressive Age*, for three successive weeks, a newspaper published in this County.

**Wm. McCutchen, Deceased, Estate of  
Order setting day for Final Settlement  
March 6, 1915**

**Page 253**

This day comes Arthur and Adam McCutchen, co-administrators of the estate of Wm. McCutchen, deceased, and file the accounts, vouchers and evidences for a final settlement as such administrators. It is ordered that the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1915 be appointed a day to make such settlement and to consider the evidence submitted relating to said account. It is further ordered that J. H. Gregory, who is not of kin or counsel of said administrator be and he is hereby appointed Guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of all the minors interested in this proceeding. It is further ordered that notice of the nature of said settlement and the day for making the said be given by publication for three successive weeks in the *Progressive Age*, a newspaper published in this County. It is further ordered that all the resident heirs of said estate have notice of this proceeding and of the day set for making said settlement, by citation to be personally served on each of them at least ten days before said day for settlement.

**George E. Larkin, et al, Estate of  
Report sale land  
March 6, 1915  
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This day comes J. H. Gregory, the Commissioner appointed by an order of this Court, to sell the lands belonging to George E. Larkin, et al., as tenants in common, for the purpose of division; and files his report of said sale as said Commissioner.

It is ordered that said report lie over until the 17 day of March, 1915 in order that any exceptions or objections to said sale may be given. It is further ordered

that all matters to this report be deferred until that day.

**P. William Pendergrass, Deceased  
Estate of  
Hear report Allotment Exemptions  
March 12, 1915  
Page 253**

This being the day to hear the report of J. E. Rutledge and J. A. Hamilton, the Commissioners appointed by an order of this Court to allot and set apart to Rachael Pendergrass the widow of P. William Pendergrass, the homestead Exemptions allowed to her in said Estate. Now comes the said Rachael Pendergrass by her Attorney, Milo Moody and moves the Court to confirm the report hereinabove stated.

It appearing to the Court that said report was filed in this Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1915 and ordered to lie over until this day; and it further appearing that no exceptions to said report have been made, the Court proceeds to hear the report and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto.

Thereupon it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court that P. William Pendergrass at the time of his death occupied as a homestead, the following described real estate, situated in this County, to-wit: The NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 6, Range 6, which consists of all the real estate owned by him at that time. It further appearing to the Court that this homestead contains less than 160 acres in area and is worth less than at \$2,000 in value, it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that said report of said Commissioner be confirmed.

It is further ordered that said report together with the commission and the

petition for said homestead be recorded. It is further ordered that said Rachael Pendergrass pay the court of this proceeding, for which execution may issue.

**Copeland Hasting, et al, minors,  
Estate of  
Order Appointing Guardian  
March 17, 1915  
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This day comes J. O. Hasting and files his petition in writing and under oath praying to be appointed Guardian of Maggie Wilbourn, age 19 years, Birdie Hasting, age 13 years, and Copeland Hasting, age 11 years. Alleging in said petition among other things, that said minors have no father living or other legal Guardian residing in this State; that said minors are residents of this County and have an estate in their own right situated in this State, estimated to be worth, about \$300 each, and probably not more. That it is necessary and will be to the interest of said estate to have letters of Guardianship granted thereon.

It appearing to the Court that the averments set out in said petition are true and it further appearing that J. O. Hasting is the brother of said minors and in no way disqualified under the law from setting as such Guardian, and who has given bond in the sum of \$1,000 with I. A. Hunt, P.W. Knight, and W. Whittenburg as his sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this Court.

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that said petition be granted and that letters of guardianship issue to said J. O. Hasting as prayed for in said petition.

It is further ordered that said petition and bond together with the letters



granted be recorded. It is further ordered that J. O. Hasting pay the cost of this proceeding.

**George E. Larkin, et al, Estate of  
Confirmation Sale  
March 17, 1915  
Page 255**

This day comes J. H. Gregory, the Commissioner appointed by an order of this Court to sell certain lands belonging to George E. Larkin, and others as tenants in common. And moves the Court to confirm his report made in writing and under oath more than ten days since, setting forth among other things that on the 1 day of March, 1915, he proceeded and sold at public outcry in front of the Court house door in this County, being the day and place appointed for said sale, and within legal hours, the following described lands to-wit: W ½ of SE ¼ and all of the E ½ of the SW ¼ that lies East of the ditch running North and South through said 80, all in Section 21, Township 4, Range 5, East, Jackson County, Alabama. And that said lands were purchased at said sale by John Talkington at and for the \$1150.

It appearing to the Court that said report was filed more than ten days before this day and that no exceptions thereto have been made, and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that due notice of this sale was given, according to law, and in pursuance with the former order of this Court.

And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the evidence now therewith submitted that said amount so bid for said land by said John Talkington, was the highest and best bid for the same.

That said sum so bid was not greatly less nor disproportionate to its real value. That said sale was legally and fairly made, conducted and concluded, and that said purchaser has complied with the terms of sale and has paid in cash, the entire amount of said purchase money. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said sale be and the same is hereby in all things ratified and confirmed.

It is further ordered that J. H. Gregory as such Commissioner convey to said John Talkington all the right, title, interest and claim that said tenants in common had in and to said land at the time of sale.

It is further ordered that J. H. Gregory as such Commissioner make a distribution of said amount to all the heirs at law therein, after first having paid the cost of this proceeding, and make his report to this Court of said distribution. It is further ordered that the petition, citation and all the papers pertaining to this sale be recorded.

**Peter S. Shaw  
Stock Mark  
March 18, 1915  
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This day comes Peter S. Shaw, and makes application to this Court for the record of the ear mark of his livestock; alleging that the ear mark of his cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats, are as follows: Swallow fork and over bit in the right ear and smooth crop off of left ear. It appearing to the Court that no other citizen in the neighborhood of Peter S. Shaw has recorded a mark described as herein, it is therefore ordered by the Court, that the ear mark as described by Peter S. Shaw herein, be and the same is hereby made a matter of record.

**W. J. Smith, Deceased, Estate of  
Appointing Administrator  
March 18, 1915  
Page 256**

This day comes D. P. Wimberly of the firm of Bouldin and Wimberly, and files his petition in writing and under oath praying for letter of administration on the estate of W. J. Smith, deceased. Alleging in said petition among other things that W. J. Smith departed this life intestate, on or about the \_\_\_ day of April 1914, at or near Paint Rock, in this County, leaving assets of the value of about \$1500, consisting chiefly of farm and timber lands, livestock, implements and c. That it is necessary and will be to the interest of said estate for letters of Administration to be had thereon.

That his death has been known more than 30 days before this day, and that the widow, the next of kin, has declined to administer said estate.

It appearing to the Court that the facts set forth in said petition are true, and that D. P. Wimberly has filed his bond in the sum of \$3,000 with I. W. Wimberly and Virgil Bouldin as his sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this Court.

It is therefore ordered that said petition be and the same is hereby granted and D. P. Wimberly is appointed Administrator of the estate of W. J. Smith, Deceased.

It is further ordered that letters of administration issue to D. F. Wimberly thereon.

It is further ordered that an inventory and appraisement of said estate be had; that George T. Lilly and A. J. Houk, be and they are hereby appointed Appraisers, who shall be commissioned and instructed to render an appraisement to this Court of said estate.

It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

**Peter H. Gold, Deceased, Estate of  
Additional Bond  
March 20, 1915  
Page 256**

This day comes David Z. Gold the administrator in this Court of the estate of Peter H. Gold, deceased, and makes application for an additional bond as such administrator. Alleging in said petition among other things that letters of administration on said estate were granted to said David Gold, on or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902; that he gave in about \$400 which was duly proven by the Judge of this Court; that no assets have come into his hands as administrator of said estate; that he is now about to come into possession of the sum of \$700 and probably not more. The proceeds of a claim against the United States Government for property destroyed during the Civil War of 1862-1865, therewith presenting an additional bond in the sum of \$1200 with L. E. Brown and O. C. Hackworth, as his sureties thereon.

It is ordered by the Court that said additional bond, with said sureties be taken and approved. It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

**James L. Milligan, et al, Joint Tenants  
Estate of  
Decree Ordering sale for Distribution  
March 20, 1915  
Page 257**

This day comes the petitioners by their attorney, and John Thompson, the Guardian ad litem for Charley and Westley Milligan, the only minors interested in said cause, and the said



Guardian ad litem having filed his written consent to act as such and his answer denying the allegations of the petition and contests the same. And it appears that the defendants have had notice of the said application and of the time and place of hearing the same by citation duly served on them more than ten days before this day, and proceeding to hear the cause, it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court by the evidence of disinterested witnesses by depositions taken as in chancery cases.

That the said land cannot be equitably divided or partitioned without a sale thereof, and that it will be to the interest of said minors to sell the same for division.

It is considered, adjudged and ordered that the said lands be sold for the purpose of division among said tenants in common and that such sale be made for cash at the Court house door of said County.

That the same be sold in lots of 40 acre tracts and then in one body and that the highest bid for said land either as a whole or in separate lots be reported to this Court.

It is further ordered that John B. Tally be appointed commissioner to make said sale, that he give notice of the time, terms and place of sale together with a description of the land by advertisement as the law directs.

It is further ordered that the petition, citation, consent and answer of the Guardian ad Litem and the depositions of the witnesses be recorded.

**W. K. Spiller, Deceased, Estate of**  
**Order to sell rent corn**  
**March 20, 1915**  
**Page 257**

This day comes R. A. Jones and R. E. Alley, the executors in this Court of the Estate of J. K. Spiller, deceased, and file their petition in writing and under oath praying for an order and proceeding of this Court, authorizing and directing them to sell certain personal property belonging to said estate, which have accumulated in the way of rents.

Alleging in said petition among other things, that they as such executors have on hand about 800 bushels of shelled corn in the sack, and about 3 bales of rent cotton; that 2 of the bales of cotton are good cotton and the other one is of an inferior grade.

That it will be the interest of said estate to sell the corn at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash and to sell the cotton at private sale for cash, as cotton is now daily fluctuating in price insomuch that one cannot tell one day just what the cotton would bring the next day.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said executors be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sell said corn on the premises at public outcry for cash after having given at least ten days notice by either circulating handbill or by publication by one insertion in the *Bridgeport News*, or by correspondence and such other places as in opinion of Executors will be to the best interest of said estate.

Said executors are authorized and directed to sell said cotton either at public or private sale, using their judgment as to the best interest of said estate, and make their report to this Court of said sale.

**W. L. Petty, Deceased, Estate of**  
**Appointing Administratrix**  
**March 23, 1915**  
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This day comes Eliza J. Petty and files her petition in writing and under oath praying to be appointed administratrix of the estate of W. L. Petty, deceased.

Alleging in said petition among other things that said deceased departed this life in this County on or about the 16 day of February, 1915, and died seized and possessed of real and personal estate, consisting chiefly of a house and lot in Larkinsville, Alabama an open account and a stock of goods and merchandise, all of said estate being estimated to be worth about \$2,500 and probably not more. And that it is necessary and will be to the interest of said estate to have letters of administration granted thereon.

It appearing to the Court that the death of said deceased has been known more than 30 days before this day, and it further appearing, that petitioner is the widow of said deceased, who has given bond in the sum of \$5,000 with Albert Woodall and T. H. Petty as her sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this Court. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and Eliza J. Petty is appointed Administratrix of the estate of W. L. Petty, deceased and that letters of administration issue to her thereon.

It is further ordered that an inventory and appraisement of said estate be had. That C. S. Brewton and W. C. Manning be appointed Commissioners to render and inventory and appraisement of the personal property of said estate to this Court according to law. That they have notice of this appointment by commission issuing to them directing them in their duties thereon.

It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

**E. G. Wiggington, Deceased, Estate of  
Petition to Probate Will**

**March 25, 1915**

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This day comes Nora M. Gordon Wiggington and Lucinda Wilks by their Attorneys, Bouldin and Wimberly, and file their petition and writing and under oath, praying for an order and proceeding of this Court to probate an instrument of writing, now produced and filed, which purports to be the last will and testament of E. G. Wiggington, Deceased.

Alleging in said petition among other things that said E. G. Wiggington departed this life sometime during the year 1901; That at the time of his death he was a resident citizen of Jackson County, Alabama; that on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899 said deceased executed his last will and testament, which was attested by J. G. Williams and E. J. Williams as subscribing witnesses thereto.

That petitioners are beneficiaries under said will; that the names and ages and residences of the next of kin are as follows; Levina Wiggington, the widow of said deceased, is a non-resident of Alabama. That J. W. Wiggington, Cornelius Wiggington are of full age and residents of Alabama; Charlie Wiggington, a minor over 14 years of age, who resides with his mother at Chavies, DeKalb County, Alabama; that Fannie Burgess, H. E. Wiggington, George Wiggington, are of full age, and reside somewhere in the State of Texas.

It is ordered that the 27 day of April, 1915, be appointed a day for hearing said petition and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto. It is further ordered that all the resident



legatees of said will have notice of this proceeding by citation to be personally served on each of them at least ten days before said day of hearing. It is further ordered that Charley Wiggington, a minor over 14 years of age and who resides at Chavies, Dekalb County, Alabama, have notice of this proceeding by citation to be personally serviced upon his mother, who has the custody of said minor. It is further ordered that all the non-resident legatees herein be brought into Court by publication for three successive weeks in the *Progressive Age*, a newspaper published in this County.

It is further ordered that W. J. Norwood be and he is hereby appointed Guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of said Charley Wiggington, who appears to be the only minor in this proceeding, and that he have notice of this appointment.

**W. J. Smith, deceased, Estate of**  
**Report allotting exemption**  
**March 25, 1915**  
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George T. Lilly and Andrew J. Houk, the commissioners appointed by an order of this Court, to allot and set apart as exempt to Dianna C. Smith, who is the widow of W. J. Smith, deceased, the exemptions allowed by law, this day made their report in writing and under oath. Setting forth among other things that they have allotted to said widow all yarn cloth on hand, all books, family portraits, household and kitchen furniture and wearing apparel, the same being selected by the widow, and the following personal property to wit: Horse, mules, cows, calves, hogs, sheep, wagons, mower plows, harrows and

other farming implements, all aggregating the value of about \$674.75.

And that commissioners further report that said deceased occupied as a homestead the following described real estate, to wit: Bound North by lands of Simeon Houk, S. E. Yarber, on the East and North by George Kirkpatrick and A. J. Houk, on South by Harrison farm, and on West by Simeon Houk, in Paint Rock Valley, Jackson County, Alabama, consisting less than 160 acres but more than \$2,000 in value.

It is ordered by the Court that said report be recorded.

**Sarah M. Pickett, Deceased, Estate of**  
**Order to hear Contest**  
**March 29, 1915**  
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This being the day heretofore appointed by an order of this Court to hear the petition to probate an instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah M. Pickett, deceased. Now comes O. W. Pickett, the husband of said Sarah M. Pickett, deceased, and files his sworn statement and proceeds to contest said instrument purporting to be said will.

Whereupon an issue is made up, which issue is stated that said Sarah M. Pickett, deceased, who was the wife of contestant, was at the time of the execution of said instrument, a person of unsound mind and not capable under the law of making her will. That in making said will, said testatrix was unduly influenced by one of the legatees of said will, namely, John T. Pickett.

It is therefore ordered that the 15 day of April 1915 be appointed a day to hear said contest.

**Charles Macklin Cross, Estate of**

**Non Compos Mentis**  
**April 8, 1915**  
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This day comes R. R. Rudder and J. B Cross and file their petition in writing and under oath, praying for an order and proceeding of this Court to have said Charles Macklin Cross declared of unsound mind according to law, settling forth therein among other things that petitioners are relatives of said Charles Macklin Cross, who is a resident citizen of Jackson County, Alabama, of male sex and 36 years of age. That the said Charles Macklin Cross is of unsound mind and has an estate real and personal situated in this County requiring the care of a Guardian praying that an inquisition of the facts alleged in said petition be had according to law.

It is ordered that Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1915, be and the same is set for the hearing of said petition.

It is further ordered that for the trial of said issues the names of 24 jurors be drawn and summoned as required by law. Thereupon the jury box being brought into Court, the court proceeds to draw therefrom the names of the following jurors:

Cicero Milligan, J. Wms. Bryant, W. Grover Glover, Tom F. Johnson, Jno. D. Pressley, F. Marion Metcalf, Earl Wilbourn, Tom H. Barnes, Geo. W. Minton, Jno. P. Cunningham, J. L. Staples, Don P. Patterson, N. D. Smith, Richard H. Smith, Jno. G. Hicks, J. D. Worthington, J. B. Bramblett, J. W. Manning, W. R. Larkin, W. H. Thompson, J. G. Williams, R. E. Jones, Albert Proctor and W. B. Thomas.

It is ordered that the Sheriff summon said jurors to appear on the said 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1915, for the trial of said cause.

It is further ordered that a writ be issued directed to D. O. Austin, Sheriff of said County to have the body of said Macklin Cross present in Court on the day of trial if the health of said Macklin Cross will permit him to do so, and if the conditions and surroundings of said Macklin Cross are such that he can be, with safety, brought into Court on that day.

**Wm. McCutchen, deceased, Estate of**  
**Final Settlement**  
**April 9, 1915**  
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This being the day heretofore filed by an order of this Court for a final settlement of the estate of Wm. McCutchen, deceased, it is ordered that the day for making said settlement be continued till the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1915 and that all matters pertaining to said settlement be deferred till that day.

**Margaret Brown, Deceased, Estate of**  
**Order to Surrender Mtg.**  
**April 10, 1915**  
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This day comes L. E. Brown, the administrator in this Court of the Estate of Margaret Brown, deceased and file his petition in writing, praying for an order and proceeding of this Court, authorizing and directing him as such administrator, to deliver a certain mortgage now in his possession given by Lemuel Carter. Setting forth in said petition among other things, that said Lemuel Carter claims that said Mortgage was paid in full but at the time paying the same the mortgagee failed to deliver the instrument at the time of paying the same. It is ordered that the 22 day of April, 1915 be appointed a day to hear

said petition and to consider the proof that may be submitted in support of the same.

**Wm. McCutchen, Deceased, Estate of  
Final Settlement  
April 13, 1915  
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This being the day to which was continued the day for making final settlement of the Estate of William McCutchen; now comes Adam and Arthur, the co-administrators and move the Court that their accounts may be allowed as the same is stated and filed by them.

It appearing to the Court that due notice of the nature of said settlement and of the time for making the same has been given in all respects according to law and the former order of this Court, and J. H. Gregory, who was heretofore duly appointed Guardian ad litem to represent and protect all the minors interested in this proceeding now appearing and in open Court files his written answer, consenting to act as such Guardian ad litem and proceeding to contest said Settlement, the Court proceeds to hear the matter pertaining to said accounts and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto. Whereupon, it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court that said administrators have received from the assets of said estate, the sum of \$412.20. And that they have paid out and justly expended in and about the administration of said estate, and in paying the just debts due therefrom, and upon partial distribution, the sum \$315.07, leaving a balance of \$99.13 still in the hands of administrators for further distribution.

And said account appearing to be full and correct, it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said account be and the same is ? in all this passed and allowed, as above stated.

It is further ordered that a distribution of said estate be had. And it now appearing that said deceased left surviving him the following children, who are entitled to share in said estate in this final settlement. Adam McCutchen, Mary Robbins, Victoria Allen, Ada Hopper and Ida Hopper, Arthur McCutchen and Fronia Berry. But it further appearing that said William McCutchen in his lifetime gave to said Fronia Berry, his daughter by deed a certain tract of land, which shows its face and by due proof which Fronia Berry does not deny, that this should be her entire interest in her father's estate on final settlement of the same. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Fronia Berry have and receive nothing further from said estate on this distribution. It appearing that Adam McCutchen, Ida Hopper and Arthur McCutchen, are each entitled to one full share in the distribution of this estate. And it further appearing that the children of Mary Robbins, who was a daughter of said deceased are entitled to one full share in this distribution.

And it further appearing that Ada Hopper, deceased, a daughter of said Wm. McCutchen deceased, was entitled to one full share in said distribution, so that said sum of \$99.13 shall into six equal parts or shares of \$16.53 each. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said Adam McCutchen have and receive the sum of \$16.53 in this distribution. And that Arthur McCutchen have and receive the sum of \$16.53 on this distribution, which



amounts is now retained by them as co-administrators of said estate.

It appearing that the children of Mary Robbins, deceased, are entitled to one full share of \$16.53 in this distribution, which said \$16.53 shall be divided equally between the said children being four in number and named as follows: Ethel Robbins, Allen Robbins, Cora Robbins and Laura Belle Robbins, who are each entitled to the sum of \$4.13, which amount is now paid into Court for them on this settlement.

It appearing to the Court that the children of Ada Hopper deceased, are entitled to one full share of \$16.53, in this distribution. And it further appearing that said children are four in number, to wit: Edna Hopper, Willie Hopper, Mary Hopper, and Arthur Hopper, are each entitled to \$4.13 on this distribution, which amount is not paid into Court for them on this settlement.

It appearing to the Court that said administrators have fully accounted for all of the assets that have come into their hands from this estate; and it further appearing that full settlement of the same has been made; it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said administrators be and they are hereby discharged from answering further in this capacity. It is further ordered that said account be recorded.

**Henry C. Ott, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Setting day Final Settlement**  
**April 14, 1915**  
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This day comes J. D. Holcomb as the Administrator of the estate of Henry C. Ott, deceased, and files his accounts, vouchers and evidences for a final

settlement of said administration. It is ordered that the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1915 be appointed a day for making said settlement and that notice of the nature of and of the time set for making the same be given by publication for three successive weeks in the *Scottsboro Citizen*, a newspaper published in this County. It is further ordered that all the resident heirs interested in this proceeding have notice by citation to be personally served on each of them at least ten days before said day for settlement. It is further ordered that Virgil Bouldin be and he is hereby appointed Guardian ad Litem to represent and the interest of all the minors interested in this settlement and that he have notice of time appointment.

**W. J. Smith, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Allotting Exemptions**  
**April 14, 1916**  
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This day comes Diana C. Smith and files her petition in writing and under oath praying for an order and proceeding of this Court necessary to have the exemptions allotted to her allowed by law as the widow of W. J. Smith, departed this life in this County on or about April 1914, leaving real and personal property in this County at the time of his death, that at the time of his death, he was a resident citizen. It appearing to the Court that the averments of said petition are true.

It is therefore ordered that George T. Lilly, F. L. Rousseau and Will Jones, be and they are hereby commissioned to allot and set apart the exemptions allowed by law to said widow and minor children. It is further ordered that a

commission issue to them directing them as to their duties therein.

**Charles Macklin Cross**  
**Estate of**  
**Non Compos Mentis**  
**April 15, 1915**

This being the day set for the trial of the inquisition of lunacy of Charles Macklin Cross, now comes R. R. Rudder and J. B. Cross, the petitioners, in person and by counsel and also comes the said Charles Macklin Cross in person and by counsel, and no good cause being shown for continuance the Court proceeds to make up and try the issues in said cause.

Thereupon the venire of jurors summoned in said cause being called, it appears that fifteen of said jurors answer "present" and by consent of parties the sheriff summon from by-standers nine other qualified citizens of the County to complete the venire of twenty-four jurors.

Therefore the Court proceeds to empanel the jury as follows: J. Wm. Bryant, Earl Wilburn, Geo. W. Minton, J. L. Staples, Don P. Patterson, N. D. Smith, Jno. G. Hicks, J. B. Bramblett, W. R. Larkin, W. H. Thomason, J. G. Williams and W. B. Thomas. And said Jury being duly empaneled and sworn well and truly to make inquisition of the facts alleged in the petition, and a true verdict render according to the evidence after hearing the testimony and argument of counsel, upon their oaths do say: "We the jury, find that the facts alleged in the petition are true and that Charles Macklin Cross is of unsound mind."

W. H. Thomason, Foreman

It is thereupon ordered that the said petition and all the proceedings thereon be recorded. It appearing from said proceedings that the said Charles

Macklin Cross is of unsound mind, a resident of this County, and has an estate real and personal within this County requiring the care of a guardian.

It is thereupon ordered that Eliza Marvin Rudder, the sister of the said Charles Macklin Cross be and she is hereby appointed guardian of the said Charles Macklin Cross upon her entering into bond in the sum of \$3,000, conditioned and approved as required by law.

**Sarah W. Pickett, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Probate of Will**  
**April 15, 1915**  
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On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1915 comes the Proponent, John T. Pickett and the contestant, O. W. Pickett, by their attorneys and the said contestant withdrawn his contest. And it appearing to the Court that notice by citation and by publication has been given the next of kin of the said Sarah M. Pickett as provided in the order of this Court made and entered on the filing of the application. On hearing the evidence it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court that by the testimony of J. G. Williams and J. B. Bramblett, who were examined orally before the Court, after a personal inspection of the instrument of writing propounded for probate, that on the day of the date thereof the same was written under the direction of the said Sarah M. Pickett who was then of full age and sound mind; that she declared the same to be her will and that she signed the same in the presence of the said witnesses and that the said J. G. Williams and J. B. Bramblett signed their names to said instrument as witnesses in the presence of said testatrix

and at her request and in the presence of each other.

It is therefore considered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said instrument which was duly executed is the last will and testament of the said Sarah M. Pickett and as such, that the same be admitted to probate, that the proper certificate be endorsed thereon and that said will and the testimony of the said subscribing witnesses which has been reduced to writing and signed by them respectively, be recorded.

It appearing that the said John T. Pickett is nominated in said will as the sole executor thereof. It is ordered that he give bond in the sum of \$600 conditioned according to law and with good and sufficient sureties. And the said bond being presently given, it is ordered that letters testamentary issue forthwith to him.

It is further adjudged and ordered that the said John T. Pickett recover of the said O. W. Pickett the following costs in this behalf expended by reason of said contest filed to wit: This issuing and serving of the subpoenas and the attendance of the following named witnesses: W. A. Buford, V. F. Scogin, Levi Scogin, Annie Scogin, W. E. McGriff and Dr. E. R. Smith, for which let execution issue. It is further ordered that the said John T. Pickett pay all other costs in this behalf expended, out of the assets of said estate.

**Robbie St. Clair, et al, minors**  
**Estate of**  
**Order Appointing Guardian**  
**April 16, 1915**  
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This day comes Martha St. Clair and files her petition in writing and under oath praying to be appointed Guardian of

Dora E. St. Clair, age 8 years, 10 months, and Robbie May St. Clair, age 1 year. Alleging in said petition among other things that said minors have not father living or other legal guardian residing in this State; That said minors have an estate in their own right of the value of about \$150 and probably not more; and that it is necessary and will be to the interest of said minors to have a guardian appointed for them.

It appearing to the Court that the statements set forth in said petition are true and that Martha St. Clair is the mother of said minors, and in no way disqualified under the law from acting as such Guardian, and it further appeared that said Martha St. Clair has given bond in the sum of \$300 with R. O. Phillips, Hall Phillips and R. O. Starkey as her sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this Court. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that said petition be and the same is hereby granted and Martha St. Clair is appointed Guardian of said above named minors.

It is further ordered that proper letters issue forthwith to her thereon. It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded. It is further ordered that said Guardian pay the cost of this proceeding.

**B. W. Hill, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Resignation Executors**  
**April 20, 1915**  
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This day comes, Ben L., J.J., and A.S. Hill and files their resignations as executors of the last will and testament of B. D. Hill, deceased. Alleging in said resignation among other things, that they



as such executors have performed the duties set forth in said will, that they have set aside all the creditors to said estate and have fully adjudged all the affairs between the legatees in said will and pray that they may be discharged.

It appearing to the Court that the allegations in said petition are true, it is therefore ordered by the Court that said resignation be accepted and the executors discharged from further liability and further duties under the provisions of said will. It is further ordered that said executors pay the cost of this proceeding. It is further ordered that said resignation be recorded.

**Jas. L. Milligan, et al**  
**Estate of**  
**Report sale of Land**  
**April 20, 1915**  
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This day comes John B. Tally, the Commissioner appointed by an order of this Court to sell certain lands belonging to James L. Milligan, et al for division, this day makes his report in writing and under oath of the same thereof. It is ordered that the report of said sale lie over till the 1st day of May, 1915 for any exceptions thereto, and that all matters pertaining to said sale be deferred till that day.

**Margaret Brown, Deceased**  
**Estate of**  
**Petition to Surrender Mtg.**  
**April 22, 1915**  
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This being the day heretofore appointed by an order of this Court to hear the petition of L. E. Brown as the administrator in this Court of the Estate of Margaret Brown, deceased, for an

order authorizing him to surrender a note and mortgage to Lemuel Carter.

Now comes the said L. E. Brown, also comes Lemuel Carter and moves the Court that said petition be granted. Whereupon, an investigation is had. After it having been shown to the Court that due notice of this proceeding has been given to all parties interested, the Court proceeds to hear the evidence submitted relating thereto.

R. T. Hargiss, a witness in this cause being sworn testifies that he saw Lemuel Carter pay to Margaret Brown, in her lifetime, the full amount of said note and mortgage. Now the petitioner shows that said mortgage was given by said Lemuel Carter and Mary Carter to said Margaret Brown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1909 for \$50; That said Lemuel Carter represented to petitioner that he had paid the interest on said note for the years 1910 and 1911 to said Mary Brown in her lifetime, but that said mortgage bears no endorsement showing such payment and that said Lemuel Carter has produced no receipts showing that he has made payment of the same.

It appearing to the Court that upon the evidence of Lemuel Carter and the testimony of R. T. Hargiss, that the full amount of principal and interest has been fully paid, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the petition be granted and L. E. Brown as such Administrator be said he is hereby authorized and directed to satisfy said mortgage and note in full and deliver the same to said Lemuel Carter.

It is further ordered that said petition be recorded.

**Walter V. Gentle, et al**  
**Estate of**  
**Final Settlement**  
**April 24, 1915**

This day comes W. S. Gentle, the Guardian in this Court of Walter V. Gentle and Sadie Latham, also comes Walter Gentle and Sadie Latham in open Court and allege that they are both over the age of 21 years and proceed to make settlement with their Guardian.

The Court proceeds to assist said Guardian and said Walter V. Gentle together with Sadie Latham and making their full and complete settlement of their said estate.

Whereupon it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court and also to the satisfaction of Walter Gentle and Sadie Latham that said Guardian has received of the assets of their estate the sum of \$769.95 for said Walter V. Gentle and also the sum of \$769.95 for Sadie Latham. And it is shown to their satisfaction that said Guardian has paid out for Walter Gentle on the purchase of lands, the sum of \$763.00, leaving a balance of \$6.95 now in his hands, which amount is now paid in open Court to said ward. And it appearing to the Court that said Guardian has paid to said Sadie Latham, at one time the sum of \$550, leaving a balance of \$219.95 due her. And whereupon it is shown that he has paid her four checks amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$236, which shows that he has overpaid said Sadie Latham the sum of \$15.05. And said accounts appearing to be full and correct, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said accounts be and the same are hereby in all things passed and allowed as above stated. It is further ordered that said Guardian be discharged. It is further ordered that said accounts be recorded.

**George T. Hastings, Dec'd, Estate of  
Report Allotting Exemptions**

**April 26, 1915  
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Dixie Brown, A.M. Brown and W. B. Stewart, the commissioners heretofore appointed and commissioned by an order of this Court to set aside and allot to S. Lou Hasting, Maggie Wilburn, Bertie and Copeland Hasting, minors, a homestead from the lands occupied by George T. Hastings at the time of his death, this day make their report, alleging in said report, among other things, that they, as such commissioners after being duly sworn, set off and allotted to said widow and minor children the following homestead of the lands described in the commission, including the dwelling and appurtenances having regard to the quality of the real estate and also to the selection of the widow; the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 1, T. 5, R. 4, containing 70 acres, more or less, SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 1, T. 5, R. 4 East, containing 40 acres, more or less and in all containing 110 acres, more or less, and valued at \$2,000.

It appearing to the Court that said report is in due form and under oath, it is ordered that the same be made a matter of record. It is further ordered that said S. Lou Hastings pay the cost of this proceeding.

It is further ordered that said petition and commission together with the report of the Commissioners be recorded.

**E. G. Wiggington, Deceased, Estate of  
Petition Probate Will**

**April 27, 1915  
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This day having been regularly appointed for hearing the application of Nora May Wiggington and Lucinda

Wiggington which was heretofore filed in this Court, for the probate of an instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of E. G. Wiggington, deceased; Now comes the said petitioner and also comes W. H. Norwood who was duly appointed by an order of this Court, who now consents to act as Guardian ad litem for all the minors interested in this proceeding, and files his answer denying the allegations in said petition. The Court proceeds to hear the matter pertaining to said petition and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto; Whereupon, it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of said application and the nature of this proceeding has been given in all respects according to law and in accordance with the former order of this Court by publication for three successive weeks in the *Scottsboro Citizen* a newspaper published in this County, and by citations personally served on all the resident heirs interested therein.

Now upon the testimony of J. G. Williams and E. J. Williams that they respectively signed the said instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said decedent and which writing is now shown to them, on the day of the date thereof, in the presence of said testator and at his request, as subscribing witnesses to the same, said testator then declaring said instrument constituted his last will; and it being also shown by due proof which is satisfactory to the Court that said testator was of the full age of 21 years and upwards at the time of making said will; and that he was of sound mind, an inhabitant of this County and fully capable of making his said will at the time the same was made.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said instrument

is duly proven to be the genuine last will and testament of said E. G. Wiggington, dec'd., and as such will, it is admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded in this office, together with the proof thereof and all other papers on file relating to this proceeding.

It is further ordered that the applicants pay the cost of this proceeding.

**Charles Macklin Cross, Estate of  
Appointing Guardian**

**April 28, 1915**

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This day comes Eliza Marvin Rudder and files her petition in writing and under oath praying for an order and proceeding of this Court, appointing her guardian of the estate of Charles Macklin Cross, who has been alleged by a proceeding in this Court to be a man of unsound mind; Alleging in said petition among other things that said Charles Macklin Cross has no father living or other legal Guardian residing in this State; That he has an estate in his own right situated in this County consisting of farm lands, livestock, the rental value of said farmlands amounting to about \$1,000 a year and probably not more; That it is necessary and will be to the interest of said estate that a Guardian be appointed for him.

It appearing to the Court that the allegations set forth in said petition are true, and that said Charles Macklin Cross has been declared by a jury property empaneled in this Court, to be incapable of conducting his own affairs; and it further appearing that Eliza Marvin Rudder is a sister of said Charles Macklin Cross and is in no way disqualified under the law from acting as such Guardian; and who has given bond in the sum of \$3,000 with J. B. Cross,



Robert Rudder and T. F. Allison as her sureties thereon, which bond has been taken and approved by the Judge of this Court, it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said petition be and the same is hereby granted and Eliza Marvin Rudder is appointed Guardian of said Charles Macklin Cross. It is further ordered that letters issue forthwith to her thereon. It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

**Ben C. Howard, Deceased, Estate of  
Appointing Administratrix  
April 30, 1915  
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This day comes Mollie Howard and files her petition in writing and under oath, praying to be appointed Administratrix of the estate of Ben C. Howard, deceased. Alleging in said petition among other things that said deceased departed this life at Bridgeport, Alabama in the year 1915, leaving no last will or testament so far as is known or believed; That his death was known more than 15 days before this day; That he was at the time of his death an inhabitant of this County and that he only assets of his estate is a claim against the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway. That it is necessary and will be to the interest of said estate to have letters of administration granted thereon.

It appearing to the Court that the petitioner is the widow of said deceased and in no way disqualified under the law from having such charge, and who has given bond in the sum of \$1,000 with L. H. Hughes and J. R. Loyd as her sureties thereon, which bond is taken and approved by the Judge of this Court. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that said petition be granted. And said Mollie Howard is appointed

administratrix of said Estate of Ben C. Howard, deceased. It is further ordered that letters of administration thereon issue forthwith to her. It is further ordered that said petition together with said bond be recorded. It is further ordered that said Mollie Howard pay the cost of this proceeding for which execution may issue.

**Jas. L. Milligan, et al  
Joint Tenants, Estate of  
Set Aside report sale  
May 1, 1915  
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This being the day heretofore appointed by an order of this Court to hear the report of the sale of the lands belonging to James L. Milligan, et al, as Joint Tenants which sale was made by John B. Tally, Commissioner, appointed by an order of this Court. Now on motion the court Proceeds to hear the facts pertaining to said sale and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto. Whereupon it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court that said lands at said sale was bid off by J. C. Jacobs at and for the sum of \$380, he being the highest, best and last bidder for the same.

It appearing to the Court that said bid of \$380 is greatly less and disproportionate to the real value of said lands, It is therefore ordered, by the Court, that said sale be and the same is hereby set aside and held for naught

It is further ordered that John B. Tally, as commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to re-sell said lands under the former order of sale granted thereon. It is further ordered that said report, together with all the papers in this proceeding be recorded.

# Madison County

## Death Certificates of White People Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery 1908 – 1916

(Last Names beginning with "S")

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### Sparkman, J. R.

Died: 7 May 1913 at 3:00 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Meridian St.,  
Huntsville, Al  
Had lived there about 16 or 18  
years  
Occupation: Farming  
Duration of illness: 8 or 10 yrs.  
Cause of death: Cholecystitis  
Contributory cause: Gall stones  
Age: 63 years  
Married  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

### Spelce, Edward Jr.

Died: 18 Sept 1912 at 3:00 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Church St., 1<sup>st</sup> Ward,  
Huntsville  
Duration of illness: 3 mo.  
Cause of death: Marasmus  
Age: 3 mos.  
Father: Ed Spelce Sr., b. Ala  
Reporter: J. L. Darwin

### Spencer, Earl

Died: 29 Sept 1910 at 9:30 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 185 Pike St.,  
Huntsville

Had lived there 4 yrs. before  
death  
Duration of illness: 3 weeks  
Cause of death: Congestive chill  
Contributory cause: Malaria  
Age: 12 yrs.  
Father: Martin Spencer, b. Tenn  
Mother: Mary Spencer, b. Tenn  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

### Spillman, Mary A. (Mrs.)

Died: 1 Feb 1910  
Born: (Not stated)  
Place died: Madison Co., Al  
Cause of death: La Grippe  
Age: 80  
Widow  
Reporter: W. T. Pride

### St. John, Mary Mastin

Died: 5 Jan 1914 at 12:10 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Franklin St., Ward 3,  
Huntsville  
Had resided her lifetime at place  
died  
Duration of illness: 4 days  
Cause of death: Pneumonia  
Contributory cause: La Grippe  
Age: 64 years  
Widow  
Father: James Henry Mastin,

b. Va  
 Mother: Mary Jane Mastin,  
 b. Ala  
 Reporter: J. L. Darwin, M. D.

**Stanley, Cassie (Mrs.)**

Transit permit.  
 [No dates or other information]  
 Father: William Wells  
 Mother: Emma Wells  
 Buried in Lot 13, Section D  
 Remarks: Died 15 years ago at  
 Pierre, South Dakota.

**Statum, Ester Christine**

Died: 10 April 1908  
 Place born: West Huntsville  
 Place died: Ward Ave.  
 Cause of death: "Don't know,  
 Would take a P[ost] M[ortem]  
 to determine."  
 Age: 3 yrs., 3 mo.  
 Father: W. F. Statum  
 Mother: Mary Ells Statum  
 Buried: Section K, Lot 59  
 Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

**Steele infant**

Died: 17 July 1908 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Born: Madison Co., Al  
 Place died: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Eustis St.  
 Cause of death: Premature birth  
 Age: 5 hours  
 Father: George Curtis Steele,  
 b. Tenn  
 Mother: Bessie Lee Steele, b. Ala  
 Remarks: Child had only reached  
 about the 6<sup>th</sup> month and could  
 not live.  
 Reporter: W. C. Wheeler, M. D.

**Steele, Wilford**

Died: 29 Oct 1911 at 11:00 a.m.  
 Place born: Alabama  
 Place died: E. Holmes,  
 Huntsville.

Had lived there entire life  
 Duration of illness: 3 weeks  
 Cause of death: Ptomaine  
 poisoning  
 Age: 5 years  
 Father: J. R. Steele, b. Ala  
 Mother: Gertrude Steele, b. Tenn  
 Reporter: F. B. Wilson

**Stegall baby (male)**

Died: 28 March 1908, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward,  
 Huntsville  
 Cause of Death: Stillborn  
 Father: O. K. Stegall  
 Buried: Section 12  
 Reporter: H. C. Laughlin

**Steger Infants (twins)**

Born: 13 Oct 1909, 6 a.m. in  
 Huntsville at 508  
 O'Shaughnessey Ave.  
 Died: Stillborn (6 mo.) male and  
 female.  
 Father: Shelby Steger, b. Al  
 Mother: Mary S. Steger, b. Tn  
 Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Steger, John**

Died: 16 June 1908 at 10 a.m.  
 Born: Madison Co., Al  
 Place died: 506 O'Shaughnessey,  
 Dallas Mills Village  
 Had lived there 2 yrs.  
 Duration of illness: 3 days  
 Cause of death: Congestion  
 Contributory cause: Malaria  
 Age: 4 years  
 Father: Shelby B. Steger, b. Ala  
 Mother: Mary Sue Ella Steger  
 Buried: Lot 85, Section E  
 Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

**Stevens infant**

Died: 27 Aug 1913  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Green St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward



Cause of death: Malnutrition  
Age: 3-1/2 mo.  
Father: J. T. Stevens  
Remarks: Salvation Army Plot  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Stevens, Mary**

Died: 5 Dec 1912 at 4:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 306 Halsey,  
Huntsville  
Had lived there 4 years  
Occupation: Mill work  
Cause of death: Lobar  
pneumonia  
Age: 49 years  
Widow  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Stevenson, John Burton**

Died: 22 April 1912 at 7:30 p.m.  
Place died: Ward 2, E. Holmes  
Resided at place of death his  
lifetime  
Duration of illness: Six hours  
Cause of death: Congenital Heart  
Lesion  
Age: 21 days  
Parents: Henry M. and Mayme  
G. Stevenson  
Note: Buried in Judge Vaught's  
lot  
Reporter: W. B. England

**Stewart Infant (male)**

Died: 4 Feb 1914  
Born: Ala  
Place died: Ward 2 Huntsville,  
Al  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Contributory cause: Premature  
Birth  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. P. T.  
Stewart  
Reporter: P. T. Stewart (father)

**Stewart, J. W. (Mrs.)**

Died: 4 April 1910 at 10:30 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: E. Holmes  
Duration of illness: Months  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
(Bowels)  
Age: 30 years  
Married  
Father: Gus Moore  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**Stewart, James H.**

Died: 1 March 1913  
Born: Georgia  
Place died: 601 Oakwood Ave.,  
Dallas Village  
Had lived there three years  
Duration of illness: Immediate  
Cause of death: Augiria Pictoris  
Age: 42  
Married  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

**Stewart, William R.**

Died: 14 May 1913 at 5:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Walker St.,  
Huntsville, Al  
Had lived there one month  
Occupation: Bank cashier  
Duration of illness: 2 weeks  
Cause of death: Colitis  
Age: 78 yr., 2 mo.  
Married  
Parents: William and Lina Ann  
Stewart, both born in Virginia  
Remarks: "The patient lived in  
Memphis many years; came  
here about one month ago."  
Reporter: T. E. Dryer, M. C.

**Strong, Baldrige**

Died: 6 Oct 1913 at 7:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Meridianville, Al

Had lived there 18 years  
 Duration of illness: Entire life  
 Cause of death: "Fits –  
 Epilepsy"  
 Was there surgery? "Yes, years  
 ago."  
 Age: 18 years  
 Single  
 Father: B. A. Strong, b. Ala  
 Mother: Mary Strong, b. Ala  
 Reporter: W. H. Esslinger,  
 Meridianville, Al

**Strong, Ben A.**

Died: 4 July 1913 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Meridianville, Al  
 Had lived there entire life  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Cause of death: Gunshot wound.  
 Insanity, suicide.  
 Age: 58 Years  
 Reporter: H. C. Laughlin,  
 Coroner

**Strong, Ben A. (Mrs.)**

Died: 4 July 1913 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Born: Ala.  
 Place died: Meridianville, Al  
 Had lived there entire life  
 Occupation: Housewife  
 Cause of death: Murdered.  
 Killed by husband who was  
 insane.  
 Age: 54 years  
 Married  
 Reporter: H. C. Laughlin,  
 Coroner

**Strong, Robert Nathaniel**

Died: 24 Oct 1912 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Meridianville, Al  
 Had lived there 15 years  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Duration of illness: 5 mo.

Cause of death: Chronic nephritis  
 Contributory cause: Exhaustion  
 Age: 70  
 Married  
 Father: Charles Strong, b.  
 Virginia  
 Mother: Didama<sup>1</sup> Strong, b.  
 Virginia  
 Reporter: R. C. Williams

**Sullivan infant**

Died: 4 Feb 1909  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: New Decatur,  
 Morgan County  
 Cause of death: Stillborn  
 Father: J. J. Sullivan  
 Buried: Section 15.1 No. 455  
 Reporter: M. W. Murray, F. C. B.

**Sullivan, Mary Louise**

Died: 17 Dec 1912 at 10:20 p.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Huntsville  
 Had lived there entire life  
 Duration of illness: 4 weeks  
 Cause of death: Meningitis  
 Age: 10 months  
 Father: B. S. Sullivan, b. Ala  
 Mother: Mary Sullivan, b. Ala  
 Reporter: J. W. Boggess

**Sullivan, R. A. (Mrs.)**

Died: 8 July 1910 at 11:00 a.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Randolph St., 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Ward  
 Cause of death: Dysentery (old  
 age)  
 Age: 76  
 Widow  
 Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

<sup>1</sup>This name erroneously spelled Didnana. She was Didama Humphrey, wife of Chas. Strong.

**Swazey, J. Edgar**

Died: 26 June 1910  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Oak Ave., Huntsville  
Cause of death: Typhoid fever  
Age: 19 years  
Single  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Swinea, E.**

Died: 20 Nov 1913  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Florence, Lauderdale  
Co., Al  
Cause of death: Pneumonia  
Age: 2 yrs.  
Remarks: "Died Nov. 20, 1913.  
Reinterred Dec. 26, 1913."  
Reporter: Z. P. Morrison,  
Undertaker, Florence, Al

**Swinford, Walter D.**

Died: 13 June 1914  
Born: Tenn  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Occupation: "Hand"  
Had lived 2 to 4 yrs. where died  
Cause of death: Pulmonary  
tuberculosis  
Age: 30 yr., 8 mo., 28 days  
Married  
Father: Henry Swinford, b. Tenn  
Mother: Martha Swinford, b.  
Tenn  
Reporter: W. B. England, M. D.

**Syler Infant**

Died: 14 Jan 1912  
Place died: Madison Co.,  
Northwest of Huntsville  
Stillborn  
Father: George Syler  
Reporter: George Syler (father)

**Syler infant (male)**

Died: 5 June 1913 at 7:00 a.m.

Born: Alabama  
Place died: Gladstone, Ala.<sup>2</sup>  
Cause of death: Malformation of  
valves in the heart. Lived four  
hours.  
Age: 4 hours  
Father: George Richard Syler, b.  
Tenn  
Mother: Lena Little Syler, b. Ala  
Reporter: F. H. Turner, M. D.,  
Gladstone, Alabama

**Tallent, Jesse Wilson**

Died: 9 Aug 1911 at 5:00 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Halsey Ave.  
Duration of illness: 2 weeks  
Cause of death: Pneumonia  
Age: 2 mo.  
Father: Walter Tallent, b. Tenn  
Mother: Myrtle Tallent, b. Tenn  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas, M. D.

**Taylor, Evalin**

Died: 10[?] Oct 1911 at 2:30 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 320 Humes Ave.,  
Dallas Village, Huntsville  
Duration of illness: 2 mo.  
Cause of death: Pneumonia  
Age: 7 months  
Father: Milton L. Taylor, b. Miss  
Mother: Florence Taylor, b. Tenn  
Reporter H. H. Thomas

**Taylor, Lewis**

Died: 15 Jan 1913  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Memphis St.,  
Abingdon Village  
Cause of death: Acute Bronchitis  
Age: 6 years

<sup>2</sup> When one thinks of Gladstone, they think of the present-day Gladstone Place on Chapman Mountain. The one referred to here was the Gladstone Nursery on Pulaski Pike.



Father: Lewis Taylor  
 Mother: Florence Taylor  
 Reporter: H. H. Thomas, M. D.

**Taylor, Milton**

Died: 9 Feb 1913  
 Place died: Dallas Village  
 Occupation: Mill hand  
 Duration of illness: 3 or 4 mo.  
 Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
 Age: 23 years  
 Reporter: W. B. England, M. D.

**Teal, Clark**

Died: 2 Nov 1913  
 Born: Georgia  
 Place died: Madison County  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Duration of illness: months  
 Cause of death: Supposed to be  
 congestive chill. Found dead  
 in bed.  
 Age: 13 years  
 Father: Not known  
 Mother: Emma Teal  
 Remarks: This patient in destitute  
 circumstances.

**Teal, Emma**

Died: 4 Nov 1913  
 Place died: Madison County  
 Cause of death: Remittent fever  
 Contributory cause: Diarrhea  
 Duration of illness: Don't know  
 Age: 50 years  
 Widow  
 Remarks: "This patient in  
 destitute circumstances."

**Terry, Mary Fackler (Mrs.)**

Died: 24 Aug 1910 at 2:00 a.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Adams Ave.,  
 Huntsville, Al  
 Had lived there entire lifetime  
 Duration of illness: 2 mos.

Cause of disease: Bright's  
 Disease of kidneys  
 Contributory cause: Acute  
 Dysentery  
 Occupation. Housekeeper  
 Age: 64 yrs.  
 Widow  
 Father: John J. Fackler  
 Mother: Elizabeth Fackler  
 Buried in Fackler Lot.

**Thomas, Clifton**

Died: 4 Aug 1913  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: E. Clinton, Ward 2,  
 Huntsville  
 Had lived there entire life  
 Occupation: Student  
 Cause of death: Typhoid fever  
 Age: 9 yrs.  
 Single  
 Father: F. S. Thompson, b. Ala  
 Mother: Mrs. F. S. Thompson, b.  
 Ala  
 Reporter: H. H. Thomas, M. D.

**Thompson infant**

Died: 12 Jan 1914 at 8:00 p.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Huntsville Ward 2  
 Cause of death: Stillborn  
 Father: Charles A. Thompson, b.  
 Ala  
 Mother: Mrs. Chas. A.  
 Thompson, b. Ala  
 Reporter: F. E. Baldrige, M. D.

**Thompson infant**

Died: 31 Dec 1912  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Meridian St., 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 ward  
 Cause of death: Premature birth  
 Father: Charles Thompson, b.  
 Ala  
 Mother: Jourdie Blair Thompson,

b. Ala  
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

**Thompson, Charles Oskar**

Died: 13 Sept 1912 at 6:00 a.m.  
Born: Warren Co., Illinois  
Place died: Madison, Ala.  
Had lived there one year  
Where disease contracted?  
Colorado  
Duration of illness: 10 years  
Cause of death: Bright's Disease  
Age: 52 years  
Father: Wm. Mitchel Thompson,  
b. Penn.  
Mother: Nancy Ann Thompson,  
b. Ohio.  
Reporter: L. L. Wickle, Madison,  
Al

**Tidwell, Rebecca**

Place died: Church St.,  
Huntsville, Al  
Date died: 24 April 1908  
Cause of death: Cancer of womb  
Occupation: Millhand  
Age: 54 years  
Buried Section 3, single space  
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin

**Tipps, Ethel**

Died: 9 Sept 1913  
Place died: Huntsville  
Had lived where died two years  
Duration of illness: 5 weeks  
Cause of death: Typhoid Fever  
Age 16  
Single  
Father: Don't know  
Mother: Ella Tipps, b. Tenn  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

**Towrey, Dorothy**

Died: 3 Oct 1911 at 11:00 a.m.  
Place born: Tennessee  
Place Died: Stevens Ave.

Had resided there two years  
Duration of illness: 5 mos.  
Cause of death: Fever  
Age 12 yrs.  
Father: Thos. B. Towrey, b. Ala  
Mother: Mahaley V. Towrey, b.  
Ala  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Troup infant (male)**

Died: 16 Oct 1912 at 11: p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville hospital  
Cause of death: Stillborn  
Father: J. L. Troup, b. Tenn  
Mother: Lougenia Troup, b. Tenn  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Troup, Donnie May**

Died 3 June 1914  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville  
Age: 21 days  
Cause of death: Not given by  
doctor  
Father: Alex Troup  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Troup, Lougenia**

Died: 20 Oct 1912 at 9:00 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Huntsville hospital  
Had lived 19 years in Huntsville  
Occupation: Housewife  
Duration of illness: 3 days  
Cause of death: Cesarean section  
From childbirth.  
Age: 39 years  
Father: W. H. Mills, b. Tenn  
Mother: Mart Mills, b. Georgia  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Troup, Mattie (Mrs.)**

Died: 6 Oct 1911 at 6:15 p.m.  
Place born: Georgia  
Place died: Halsey Ave.,

Huntsville  
Had lived 12 years at place of  
death  
Duration of illness: 6 days  
Cause of death: Fever  
Age: 52  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Trump, Mary**

Died: 1 Sept 1912 at 4:00 a.m.  
Born: Ohio  
Place died: 4 mi. SW of town on  
Triana Pike  
Had lived there 25 years  
Occupation: Housekeeper  
Cause of death: Debility from old  
age  
Age: 88 years  
Reporter: P. L. Brouillette

**Tucker, Ibbie Nevada**

Died: 29 Jan 1910 at 11:30  
Born: Marion Co., Tn  
Place died: Dallas Ave., Dallas  
Village  
Had lived there two weeks  
Contracted disease in Tennessee  
Duration of illness: One year  
Cause of death: Hook worm  
Contributory cause: Anemia  
Age: 3 years  
Father: Silas M. Tucker, b. Tenn  
Mother: Lizzie Tucker, b. Tenn  
Remarks: This case was only  
found two days before death.  
Reporter: Samuel H. Tucker,  
grandfather

**Turner, A. H.**

Died: 3 Dec 1912  
Born: Unknown  
Place died: E. Clinton, Huntsville  
Had lived there about 35 yrs.  
Duration of illness: 4 weeks  
Cause of death: Arteriosclerosis  
Age: 67 yrs.

Married  
Reporter: F. B. Wilson

**Turner, Anna K.**

Died: 28 April 1914, 6:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: North Huntsville  
Occupation: Housewife  
Had lived where died about 3  
weeks  
Duration of illness: 3 weeks  
Cause of death: Cerebral  
softening  
Contributory cause: Embolism  
Age: 71 years  
Widow  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Vann, S. M.**

Died: 18 July 1914  
Born: (not given)  
Place died Dallas Ave.,  
Huntsville  
Cause of death: Intestinal  
tuberculosis  
Age: 77  
Married  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**Vaughn, Hunter**

Died: 13 May 1910  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 360 B St., Huntsville  
Had lived there 4 years  
Duration of illness: One year  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis of  
lungs  
Contributory cause: Heart Failure  
Occupation: Engineer  
Age: 24 years  
Married  
Father: J. T. Vaughn  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Vaughn, James S.**

Died: 14 May 1910



Born: Tennessee  
 Place died: Pulaski, Giles Co.,  
 Tenn.  
 Was visiting there when died.  
 Duration of illness: Months  
 Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
 Age: 41 years  
 Remarks: Was resident of  
 Huntsville but went to old  
 home on visit and died.  
 Reporter: W.V. Abernathy,  
 M. D., Pulaski, Tenn

**Vaughn, Mabel**

Died: 27 April 1910 at 11:00  
 p.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Wells Ave.,  
 Huntsville  
 Had lived there all her life  
 Duration of illness: Two weeks  
 Cause of death: Spinal  
 meningitis  
 Age: 1 year  
 Father: J. S. Vaughn, b. Tenn  
 Mother: Alice Vaughn, b. Tenn  
 Reporter O. J. Brooks, M. D.

**Vaught, C. N.**

Died: 6 Feb 1913 at 4:00 a.m.  
 Born: Tennessee  
 Place died: Ward Ave., Ward 2,  
 Huntsville  
 Occupation: Lawyer  
 Duration of illness: 10 days  
 Cause of death: Angina  
 Contributory cause: La Grippe  
 Age: 72 years  
 Married  
 H. H. Thomas, M. D.

**Vickers, Lena Maybell**

Died: 3 Feb 1913  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: West Huntsville  
 Cause of death: Premature birth

Age: 10 days  
 Father: Henry Vickers  
 Mother: Lizzie Vickers  
 Reporter: Miss Cutting (Nurse)

**Vickers, Lionel P.**

Died: 9 Feb 1913  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: West Huntsville  
 Duration of illness: Life  
 Cause of death: Premature birth  
 Age: 14 days  
 Father: Henry Vickers  
 Mother: Lizzie Vickers  
 Reporter: "Miss Cutting" (Nurse)

**Vining, Dovie (female)**

Died: 6 June 1910  
 Born: Ala.  
 Place died: 402 Stevens  
 Had lived there entire life  
 Duration of Illness: 3 mos.  
 Cause of death: Acute Ileocolitis  
 Age: 2 yrs.  
 Father: Andy Mitchell  
 Mother: Ada Mitchell  
 Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Vokel, Clyde**

Died: 23 June 1908 at 12:00 a.m.  
 Born: Madison Co., Al  
 Place died: Pratt Ave  
 Lived there entire life  
 Duration of illness: 6 weeks  
 Cause of disease: Diarrhea and  
 teething.  
 Age: 1 yr., 13 days  
 Father: Voekel, E. A., b. Kansas  
 Mother: Mallie Voekel, b. Tenn  
 Buried Lot 79, Section E  
 Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**Walker, Elaine R. (Mrs.)**

Died: 5 July 1911  
 Born: Tennessee  
 Place died: Los Gatos, Santa

Clara, California  
Cause of death: Valvular disease  
of heart (Natural).  
Contributory cause: Verdict of  
Coroners Jury.  
Age: 56  
Remarks: Buried on father's lot,  
Southeast corner, on 16 July  
1911.  
Reporter: B. E. Kell, coroner,  
Los Gatos, California, July 10,  
1911

**Walker, Mary Simpson**

Died: 19 Feb 1914 at 11:40 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: McClung St., Ward 3,  
Huntsville  
Occupation: "widow"  
Had resided where died 70 years  
Duration of illness: 17 days  
Cause of death: La Grippe  
Contributory cause: Senile  
Debility  
Age: 85 yrs., 8 mos.  
Widow  
Father: James Simpson, b.  
Ireland  
Mother: Mrs. Simpson, b. Va.  
Reporter: J. L. Darwin, M. D.

**Ward, George**

Died: 1 Dec 1911 at 4:00 a.m.  
Place died: 5 miles west of  
Huntsville  
Born: Virginia  
Occupation: Farmer  
Had lived where died his entire  
life  
Duration of illness: 10 days  
Cause of death: Paralysis  
Age: 88 years  
Reporter: O. B. Patton

**Ward, Laurel L.**

Died: 11 March 1914

Born: Alabama  
Place died: McCullough St.  
Occupation: Merchant  
Duration of illness: Two months  
Cause of death: Senility –  
Bright's Disease  
Age: 72 yr  
Married  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas, M. D.

**Ward, Mary A.**

Died 18 Nov 1913 at 1:30 p.m.  
Born Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville  
Had lived there four years  
Occupation: House wife  
Cause of death: Umbilical hernia  
Age: 52 Yr.  
Married  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

**Ward, O. B.**

Died: 10 July 1909 at 10:30 a.m.  
Born: Mississippi  
Place died: Huntsville Beat 1  
Lived there 10 years  
Duration of illness: 7 days  
Cause of death: Typhoid fever  
Occupant: Merchant  
Age 20  
Married  
Father: L. L. Ward, b. Miss  
Mother: A. E. Ward, b. Ala  
Remarks: Dr. Dryer being ill, this  
certificate was given by brother  
of deceased.  
Reporter: J. H. Ward (brother)

**Warren, Miller (Mrs.)**

Died: 8 Sept 1911 at 7:45 a.m.  
Born: Georgia  
Place died: Limestone Co., Al  
Had lived there 20 years  
Duration of illness: 1 week  
Cause of death: Malaria  
Occupation: Housewife

Age: 75 yr.  
Father: Charles Rose, b. Ga  
Mother: \_\_\_ Rose, b. Ga.  
Remarks: "Pauper brought from  
county."  
Reporter: L. L. Wikle, M. D.,  
Madison

**Weaver, Albert C.**

Died 21 December 1908  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: St. Augustine, Florida  
Was there for treatment  
Cause of death: Softening of  
brain  
Age: 70 yr.  
Married  
Buried: Lot 111, Section E  
Reporter: R. A. Ponce

**Weaver, Dollie**

Died: 1 Feb 1909 at 10:30 p.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Taft, Lincoln Co.,  
Tenn.  
Duration of illness: 4 mos.  
Cause of death: Malarial  
Toxemia  
Contributory cause: Anasarca<sup>3</sup>  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age 37 years  
Married  
Buried Lot 12 L, Section 12  
Reporter: E.E. Weaver (husband)

**Weaver, Henry C.**

Died: 27 April 1908  
Born: Madison Co., Al  
Place died: Clinton St., 2<sup>nd</sup> ward  
Had lived there his entire life  
Cause of death: Apoplexia  
Occupation: "Grand Sect. IOOF  
Ala."  
Age: 56 yr., 5 mo., 11 dys.

Single  
Father: Wm. Weaver, b. Penn  
Mother: Mary Weaver, b. Tenn  
Buried Section 13  
Reporter: W. C. Wheeler, M. D.

**Weaver, Lucy**

Died: 13 Dec 1911 at 10:30 p.m.  
Place died: West Huntsville  
Occupation: Schoolgirl  
Had lived entire life where died  
Duration of illness: 7 days  
Cause of death: Burn  
Contributory Cause: Septic  
poison infection  
Age: 8 yrs.  
Father: L. A. Weaver, b. Tenn  
Mother: Minnie Weaver  
Reporter: A. Zimmerman, West  
Huntsville post office.

**Webb, M. A. (Mrs.)**

Died: 8 June 1914  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Madison Co., Al  
Occupation: Housewife  
Had lived her entire life where  
died  
Cause of death: Pneumonia  
Age: 83 yrs.  
Widow  
Reporter: W. F. Pride, M. D.,  
Madison, Al

**Webster, Caroline**

Died: 9 March 1914  
Place died: Cluttsville, Madison  
Co., Al  
Occupation: Housewife  
Had lived entire life where died  
Duration of illness: 6 mos.  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Age: 72 yr.  
Married  
Pettus, Claude, M. D.

<sup>3</sup> Severe, generalized edema

**Weeks, Charles E.**

Died: 27 May 1914  
Born: Unknown  
Place died: 1340 Madison,  
Memphis, Tn  
Age: 53 years  
Married  
Reporter: W. A. McDowell,  
Undertaker, Memphis, Ten

**Weeks, Ethel May**

Died: 22 April 1910 at 5:00 a.m.  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Huntsville  
Had lived there over one year  
Duration of illness: Two weeks  
Cause of death: Pernicious  
anemia  
Occupation: Worked in cotton  
mill at times  
Age: 20 years  
Father: W. N. Weeks, b. Miss  
Mother: Eliza Belle Weeks, b.  
Tenn  
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

**Wells, Glenn W.**

Died: 18 May 1913 at 5:00 a.m.  
Born: Minnesota  
Place died: Madison Co., 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ward  
Had lived there 18 years  
Occupation: Real Estate  
Cause of death: Chronic  
intestinal nephritis  
Age: 45  
Married  
(No reporter)

**West, Mattie (Mrs.)**

Died: 27 Nov 1908  
Place died: 261 Westervelt Ave.,  
New York City  
Cause of death: Nervous  
Prostration  
Age: 50 years

"Buried in Shelby Cullom" Plot  
Buried Section 13  
Remarks: Remains shipped from  
New York Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1909;  
interred in family plot Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>  
1909.

**Wheeler, Stella**

Died: 10 Aug 1910  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: 505 McKinley Ave.,  
Dallas Village  
Had lived there 4 years  
Duration of illness: 4 or 5 weeks  
Cause of death: Broncho  
Pneumonia  
Contributory Cause: Whooping  
cough  
Age: 4 yrs.  
Father: Walter Wheeler  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**White, Addison**

Died: 4 Feb. 1909 at 6:00 a.m.  
Born: Abingdon, Va  
Place died: Adams Ave.,  
Huntsville  
Had resided there 60 years  
Duration of illness: 18 days  
Cause of death: Old age  
Contributory cause: Enlarged  
prostate  
Occupation: Farmer  
Age: 84 yr., 4 dys.  
Widower  
Father: James L. White, b.  
Coolile, Pa  
Mother: Bettie Wilson, b. Pa  
Buried in Lot 121, Section E  
Reporter O. B. Patton, M. D.

**White, Angie L. (Mrs.)**

Died: 1 Aug 1911 at 12:00 a.m  
Born: Tennessee  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Had lived there 4 yrs. before



death  
Duration of illness: 10 days  
Cause: Injury received in fall  
Occupation: Housekeeper  
Age: 74 years  
Widow  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**White, Anna M. (Mrs.)**

Died: 5 Nov 19[11]?<sup>4</sup>  
Place died: Augusta, Ga  
Cause of death: Pulmonary  
Edema.  
Contributing factor: Bright's  
Disease  
Age: 77 yrs.  
Widow  
Father: Thos. White McClung  
Buried in McClung Lot.  
Reporter: W. J. Wilson, Augusta,  
Ga

**White, James B.**

Died: 29 Nov 1911 at 3:00 a.m.  
Place died: Hospital  
Occupation: Farmer  
How long resided at place of  
death? Two weeks  
Cause of death: Cirrhosis of liver  
Contributory cause: "Chronic  
Diarrhea. Hemorrhoids Nov 7,  
1911"  
Age: 67 years  
Father: Thomas White, b. Va  
Mother: Susan W. White, b. Va  
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

**White, Jesse (female)**

Died: 11 June 1910  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Cause of death: Acute  
tuberculosis

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<sup>4</sup> No year shown on certificate but was among the 1911 deaths. Also, her tombstone in Maple Hill Cem. gives her name as Ann Parsons McClung, wife of A. J. White. 1841 - 1911.

Age: 16 years  
Father: David White  
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**White, Mamie Hayes**

Died: 30 Aug 1912  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Kansas City, Jackson  
Co., Mo.  
Had lived there one year  
Occupation: Housewife  
Cause of death: Acute toxemia of  
pregnancy  
Age: 23 years  
Reporter: C. A. Ritter, Kansas  
City, Mo.

**White, Newton K.**

Died: 8 March 1913  
Born: Kentucky  
Place died: Adams Ave.,  
Huntsville Ward 3  
Had lived there 46 or 47 years  
Occupation: Railroad man  
Where was disease contracted:  
Pullman Car, between  
Chattanooga & Memphis, Tn.  
Duration of illness: 2-1/2 yr.  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Contributory cause: Using  
sleeping births infected by Fla.  
Petianta[?]  
Age: 56 yr.  
Single  
Father: Addison White, b. Va  
Mother: Sarah Irvine White, b.  
Ky  
Reporter: J. L. Darwin, M. D.

**White, Wm. Y. C.**

Died: 6 May 1914  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Eustis St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward,  
Huntsville  
Had lived entire life where died  
Occupation: None

Cause of death: Arteriosclerosis<sup>5</sup>  
Age: 67  
Single  
Reporter: W. E. England, M. D.

**Whitman, J. J.**

Died: 4 Aug 1910  
Born in Tenn.  
Died in Huntsville  
Duration of illness: 8 weeks  
Cause of death: Typhoid Fever  
Contributory cause: Eating too soon  
Occupation: Mill hand  
Age: not given  
Married  
Remarks: "Space grave."  
Reporter: F. B. Wilson

**Whitman, Jas. W.**

Died: 21 March 1910 at 10:00 a.m.  
Born: Not shown  
Place died: Stevens Ave., Dallas Beat  
Where was disease contracted?  
Dallas  
Duration of illness: 28 days  
Cause of death: Typhoid Fever  
Occupation: Mill Hand  
Age: 18 yr.  
Single  
Buried: Space, NE corner of Lot No. \_\_\_\_  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Whitworth, Ann B. (Mrs.)**

Died: 31 May 1910  
Place born: North Carolina  
Place died: Madison Co., Al  
Had lived there 35 years  
Duration of illness: 4 months  
Cause of death: Senility  
Age 73 yrs.

Reporter: W. T. Pride

**Widner, Homer**

Died: 7 July 1910 at 7:45 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Main St., Huntsville, Al  
Had lived there 2-1/2 yrs.  
Duration of illness: 13 days  
Cause of death: Teething  
Contributory cause: Whooping Cough  
Age: 11 mos., 7 days  
Father: T[?] N. Widner, b. Tenn  
Mother: Ada Widner, b. Tenn  
Reporter: W. W. Thomas

**Widner, Mary**

Died: 5 Jan 1912, 3 miles north of Huntsville.  
Born: Tennessee  
Occupation: Housewife  
Had lived 6 or 8 yrs where died  
Duration of illness: Two weeks  
Where was disease contracted?  
Home  
Cause of death: Accidental. She fell and crushed her hip.  
Contributory cause: Venous Thrombosis<sup>6</sup>  
Age: 72 years  
Reporter: W. W. Haden

**Willett, W. C. (Mrs.)**

Died: 21 Sept 1910  
Birth place unknown  
Place died: Monte Sano, Huntsville  
Duration of illness: Five weeks  
Cause of death: General debility  
Occupation: Housewife  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

<sup>5</sup> "Hardening of the arteries."

<sup>6</sup> Blood clot

**Williams, C. C.**

Died: 27 July 1910  
Born: Alabama  
Duration of illness: 3 weeks  
Cause of death Acute ileocolitis  
Age: 1 yr. 6 mos.  
Father: C. C. Williams  
Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Williams, C. T.**

Died: 26 April 1910 at 9:00 a.m.  
Born: (not given)  
Place died: Ward Ave.,  
Huntsville  
Had resided there several years  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Occupation: Mill operative  
Age: 63 years  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**Williams, G. T. (Mrs.)**

Died: 22 Feb 1910  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Dallas Village  
Had lived there two years  
Duration of illness: Six hours  
Cause of death: Acute  
indigestion  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age: 46 years, 8 days  
Married  
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin

**Williams, Mollie (Mrs.)**

Died: 24 January 1914 at 1:30  
a.m.  
Born: Georgia  
Place died: Monrovia, Madison  
Co., Al  
Occupation: Housewife  
Had lived 20 years at place died  
Duration of illness: 2 yrs.  
Cause of death: Paralysis  
Age: 75  
Widow  
Father: John Davis, b. Ga

Mother: Alice Davis, b. Ga  
Reporter: Claude Pettus, M. D.

**Williams, Phillip**

Died: 14 Aug 1912 at 8:00 a.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville, Al  
Had lived there entire life  
Duration of illness: 3 weeks  
Cause of death: Ileocolitis  
Age: 4 mos.  
Father: T. M. Williams, b. N. C.  
Mother: Mrs. Williams, b. N. C.  
Buried Lot 86 Section B  
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

**Wilson, Annie Lou**

Died: 25 Feb 1910 at 10:30  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Arnett St., Huntsville  
Duration of illness: Few hours  
Cause of death: Heart paralysis  
Occupation: Housewife  
Age: 26 years  
Married  
Father: W. C. Berry, b. Ala  
Mother: Mrs. Berry, b. Ala.  
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

**Wilson, Louise**

Died: 29 Aug 1912 at 1:00 p.m.  
Born: (not stated)  
Place died: Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Had lived her lifetime there  
Duration of illness: 4 days  
Cause of death: Uremia  
Age: 24 years  
Single  
Father: L. H. Wilson, b. Ala  
Mother: Ward Wilson, b. Ala  
Reporter: J. T. Shepard,  
Chattanooga, Tn

**Wilson, William Samuel**

Died: 18 July 1908 at 5:20 a.m.  
Born: Madison Co., Al

Place died: Arnett St., Huntsville  
 Had lived there entire lifetime  
 Cause of death: Cholera  
 Infantum  
 Age: 9 Mos.  
 Father: Dallas H. Wilson, b.  
 Jackson Co., Al  
 Mother: Anna Lou Wilson, b.  
 Jackson Co., Alabama  
 Buried Lot 23 Section H  
 Reporter: Dr. Burnam

**Wilson, William Samuel**

Died: 18 July 1908 at 5:20 a.m.  
 Born: Madison Co., Al  
 Place died: Arnett St., Huntsville  
 Had lived there entire lifetime  
 Cause of death: Cholera  
 Infantum  
 Age: 9 Mo.  
 Father: Dallas H. Wilson, b.  
 Jackson Co., Al  
 Mother: Anna Lou Wilson, b.  
 Jackson Co., Alabama  
 Buried Lot 23 Section H  
 Reporter: Dr. Burnam

**Winston, \_\_\_\_\_**

(No first name given)  
 Died: 28 Oct 1911 at 11:30 p.m.  
 Died: 215 Grove, Huntsville  
 Born: Alabama  
 Cause of death: Stillborn  
 Father: W. E. Winston, b. Ala  
 Mother: Edna Winston, b. Tenn  
 Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

**Wise, Blanche F.**

Died: 13 Jan 1914  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: 406 Oakwood, Dallas  
 Village  
 Had lived there entire life  
 Duration of illness: One week  
 Cause of death: Double bronchial  
 pneumonia

Age: 6 yrs. 9 mos.  
 Father: Louis Wise, b. Tenn  
 Mother: Mollie Wise, b. Al  
 Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

**Womack infant**

Died: 12 Sept 1911  
 Place died: Huntsville, Al  
 Had resided there entire life  
 before dying  
 Duration of illness: 2 days  
 Cause of death: Broncho  
 pneumonia  
 Age: 2 mos.  
 Reporter: Herbert Thomas, M. D.

**Worley infant**

Died: 27 Aug 1911 at 7:00 a.m.  
 Born: Alabama  
 Place died: Huntsville  
 Cause of death: Jaundice  
 Age: days  
 Father: Winston Worley, b. Ala  
 Mother: Gertie Worley, b. Ala  
 Reporter: Wm. W. Haden

**Worley, Myrtle**

Died: 1 Dec 1911 at 9:00 p.m.  
 Place died: Bierne Ave.  
 Had lived there her entire life  
 Duration of illness: 3 days  
 Cause of death: Burns  
 Age: 3 years  
 Father: S. B. Worley, b. Ala  
 Mother: Mrs. Worley, b. Ala  
 Reporter: H. H. Thomas

**Worley, Silas H.**

Died: 26 June 1914 at 11 a.m.  
 Born: Georgia  
 Place died: Dallas St., Huntsville  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Had lived 35 yrs. at place died  
 Duration of illness: 6 mos.  
 Cause of death: Chronic Bright's  
 Disease



Contributory cause: Dropsy  
Age: 74 yr., 6 mo., 1 day.  
Married  
Reporter: W. B. England

**Worsham, Margaret**

Died: 27 March 1914  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Mill St., Huntsville  
Occupation: Housewife  
Had lived entire life where died  
Duration of illness: 6 mos.  
Cause of death: Carcinoma of  
uterus  
Age: 60  
Widow  
Reporter: W. W. Derrick, M. D.

**Wright, Lizzie (Mrs.)**

Died: 30 Jan 1913 at 2:00 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville  
Duration of illness: About 3 mos.  
Cause of death: Tuberculosis  
Age: 42 years  
Father: Mr. Worley, born Ala  
Mother: Mrs. Worley. Birthplace  
unknown  
Reporter: W. B. England, M. D.

**Yancey, Douglass**

Died: 23 Aug 1912 at 8:40 p.m.  
Born: Ala  
Place died: Pearl St., 4<sup>th</sup> Ward,  
Huntsville  
Had lived there all her life  
Occupation: Fireman  
Cause of death: Supposition is  
that it was accidental  
electrocution.  
Age: 30 years  
Father: Polk Yancey, b. Tenn  
Mother: Jane Yancey, b. Tenn  
Buried Lot 106, Section B.  
Remarks: Came in contact with  
live wire on street corner.

Reporter: H. C. Laughlin,  
Coroner

**Yancey, Rosa**

Died: 1 Aug 1912  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Darwin St., 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Huntsville  
Had lived there entire life  
Duration of illness: 3 mos.  
Cause of death: Acute nephritis  
Contributory cause: Rheumatism  
Age: 26 years  
Father: Polk Yancey, b. Tenn  
Mother: Jane Yancey, b. Tenn  
Reporter: W. B. England

**Yarbrough, Lillian Miller**

Died: 7 June 1908  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Sylacauga, Ala  
Cause of death: Ptomaine  
poisoning  
Age: 1 yr.  
Father: E. C. Yarbrough, b. Ala  
Mother: Bessie Yarbrough, b.  
Tenn  
Buried Lot 113, Section D  
Reporter: H. L. Castleman,  
M. D., Sylacouga, Al

**Yeatman, D. P.**

Died: 7 April 1913 at 8:00 p.m.  
Born: Alabama  
Place died: Huntsville hospital  
Had lived Huntsville entire life  
Occupation: Clerk  
Cause of death: Uremia  
Age: 52 years  
Single  
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige, M. D.

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## Madison County

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Information found in probate packets, third floor of the Huntsville/Madison County Library, offer fascinating insight into the lives of our ancestors. Look closely and you might find signatures of our more prominent citizens.

**Amy Larcom Atwood**  
**Madison County Estates**  
**Case No. 8164**  
**1932**

Editor's Note: Amy Larcom Atwood owned 420 acres in Madison County, Alabama, though she was a resident of Chicago, Illinois at the time of her death. There is no indication that she ever lived in Huntsville since her father, Roger Atwood, was born in New Boston, New Hampshire and her mother, Emily Larcom, was born in Beverly, Massachusetts.

There was an Atwood family on Randolph Street in the 1800s, and information on William Atwood follows, but the connection is not clear. Readers who may know the answer are encouraged to let us know!

Research shows that she was 53 at the time of her death, she was single, a teacher, and had been to Londonderry, Ireland in August, 1930, one year before her death.

Her will specifies that she was to be buried in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago, formerly owned by her father Roger W. Atwood. She left interesting bequeaths, only a few of which are described here: \$5,0000 to Park Manor Congregational Church; \$20,000 to Oakhaven Old People's Home; \$10,000 to Illinois Children's Home and Aid

Society; \$3,000 to Aagard Rest Home, Lake Bluff Illinois; \$5,000 to the Chicago Home for Incurables.

**Executor's Notice**  
**State of Alabama**  
**Madison County**  
**Probate Court**  
**March 1, 1932**

In the matter of the estate of Amy Larcom Atwood, Deceased.

Letters of testamentary upon the estate of Amy Larcom Atwood deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of February 1932 by the Hon. Thomas W. Jones, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same with (?) be barred. Signed by Robert W. Richards, Executor.

**State of Alabama**  
**Madison County**  
**Probate Court**

In the matter of Probate of Will of Amy Larcom Atwood, Deceased

This day came Robert W. Richards of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and filed his petition in writing and under oath praying for the probate of last will

and testament of Amy Larcom Atwood, deceased, late a resident of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, who, at the time of her death, owned real estate in this county, and also praying for appointment of petitioner as executor of said will without bond, and said petitioner having filed in this court a copy of the will of said decedent, duly certified and authenticated as provided by Section 905 of the revised statutes of the United States, and it appearing to the court that said will has been duly proved and established in the Probate Court of Cook County, Illinois, by a certificate of the Judge of said court, that such will was regularly proved and established, and that letters testamentary were issued to petitioner thereon in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois by the Probate Court of Cook County Illinois, having jurisdiction of the subject matter; and it further appearing to the court that said will has been duly proved and established in the Probate Court of Cook County, Illinois, by a certificate of the Judge of said court, that such will was regularly proved and established, and that letters testamentary were issued to petitioner thereon in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois by the Probate Court of Cook County, Illinois, having jurisdiction of the subject matter; and it further appearing to the court that under the provisions of said will, petitioner was appointed as executor of same without bond.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by this court that said instrument of writing filed by petitioner be, and the same is hereby declared to be duly proven as the last will and testament of said decedent, and as such, admitted to probate in this court to be recorded, together with the proof thereof and that the said Robert W. Richards is hereby

appointed as executor of said will without bond, and that letters testamentary be issued to him as such executor.

Dated this 29 day of February, 1932 signed by Thomas W. Jones, Probate Judge.

Editor's Note: The only heir that she mentioned in the state of Alabama was Abbott Blair, no address provided.

**State of Alabama  
Madison County  
In the Probate Court  
Alabama Power Company, applicant  
vs. Roger W. Atwood, defendant**

To the Alabama Power Company or Spragins and Speake, its attorneys:

You are hereby notified that Roger W. Atwood has appealed to the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama from an order of condemnation rendered against him in the above cause on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1917, by the said Probate Court.

Roger Atwood  
Taylor Watts, Attorneys

Roger W. Atwood hereby demands a trial of this cause by jury, and this demand is made at the time of taking the above appeal. This 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1917. Taylor Watts, attorney for Roger W. Atwood.

**Alabama Power Company  
vs. Roger W. Atwood, et al  
In the Court of the Probate of  
Madison County, Alabama**

Whereas, an application was heretofore filed by the Alabama Power Company against Roger W. Atwood and

others, in the Court of Probate of Madison County, Alabama, seeking to condemn to its use certain rights of way and easements over and across certain lands therein described, in which cause said court made an order granting the application, and commissioners were appointed by said court, who assessed the damage and compensation of the defendant, Roger W. Atwood, mentioned as the owner of the lands described in paragraph one of Article Four of the petition and application, at \$175, which sum as been heretofore deposited in money in said Court of Probate by said petitioner and applicant, Alabama Power Company.

And whereas, the said defendant, Roger W. Atwood, has taken an appeal to the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama from the order made by said Court of Probate condemning the lands described in said paragraph one of Article Four of said petition and application and belonging to said defendant.

And whereas, all differences between the said parties, including the amount of damages and compensation of the said defendant, have been compromised and settled.

It is, therefore, agreed by the parties hereto that the Judge of said Court of Probate, or the clerk of said Circuit Court of Madison County, is hereby authorized and directed to pay over to the said defendant, Roger W. Atwood, or his attorneys of record, Taylor and Watts, the said sum of \$175 being the damages and compensation assessed for said defendant, Roger W. Atwood, as the owner of the lands described in said paragraph one of Article Four of said petition and application and that the appeal so taken by the said defendant is

hereby withdrawn and dismissed by him at the petitioners cost.

And it is further agreed between the parties that the order of condemnation heretofore rendered in said cause by said Court of Probate, ? which said appeal was taken, is and shall remain in full force and effect.

And it is further understood that this agreement shall be filed in the said Circuit Court of Probate and that no final record in the cause shall be made in said Circuit Court of Madison County. Witness this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1917

Due to the increased cost of postage, *Valley Leaves* is now printed twice yearly instead of quarterly. These two issues are double, so you are receiving the same amount of material.

The issue you received in December should have been labeled Issue 1 & 2, but was mistakenly identified as Issue 1. Notice that this issue is 3 & 4. This numbering system will be used from now on.

It has been my pleasure to be editor of *Valley Leaves* for the past 8 years. This marks my final issue. Along with you, I look forward to future issues of *Valley Leaves* with our new editor. – Jacque Reeves

It is time to renew your membership to Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society. Please send a check for \$25, made out to TVGS, to P.O. Box 1568, Huntsville, AL 35807-0568, along with your e-mail address so we can let you know of upcoming events.



# Marshall County

## Probate Records

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This information is found in the records room of the Marshall County Court House in Guntersville. The following information is found in the probate book for 1918. The first entry is the Last Will and Testament actually written in 1909.

**Last Will and Testament**  
**Hugh C. Henderson**  
**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**October 15, 1909**  
**Page 1**

Know all men by these presents, that I, Hugh C. Henderson, of state and county, being in fairly good health and sound mind, do make and publish this, my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

As my worldly estate, embracing all the real, personal and mixed property, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my deceased, consist of my interest as the same may appear in the Henderson Land & Development Company, a corporation created under the laws of Alabama, with principal place of business at Guntersville, Alabama. I do hereby devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following, to wit:

First. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses, shall by my executors, herein after named, be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as will be convenient for the same to be done.

Second. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Jennie McDonald Henderson during her natural life, and at her death to my children to be shared

alike by them, my entire interest as therein may appear at the time of my decease. But it is my Will, and I so direct, that my said interest in said corporation shall not be severed from or taken out of it so long as said corporation shall remain intact and transact business under its charter; and during the time that it shall so remain intact and continue business after my decease, I will and direct that said corporation shall furnish my said wife a comfortable home and \$1,500 in money per annum till said corporation shall dissolve or cease to do business. And in the event of the death of my said wife during the time the said corporation remains intact, I will and direct that it shall furnish my children who may survive her a comfortable home and \$1,500 per annum till it ceases to do business as a corporation. When said corporation shall dissolve and cease to do business, my will is, and I so direct, that my said interest therein shall be disposed of as above directed in the first bequest of this paragraph.

I nominate and appoint Geo. S. Henderson and Thomas W. Glover to be the executors of this, my last Will and Testament, without making any bond as such executors. And in the event of the death of either one of the said executors, the other is hereby authorized to discharge the duties of both.

In testimony whereof, I, the said Hugh C. Henderson, have to this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 1909.

Witnessed by Thomas W. Glover and J. L. Burke. Filed in Office May 8, 1918.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**June 7, 1918**  
**Page 1-2**

I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing dated October 15, 1909, has this the 7 day of June 1918, and before me as Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last Will and Testament of Hugh C. Henderson, deceased, and that said Will, together with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book of Wills No. 2, page 1.

In witness of all which I hereto set my hand and the seal of the said Court this 7 day of June, 1918.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**June 7, 1918**  
**Page 2**

In the matter of the last will and testament of Hugh C. Henderson, deceased: Before me, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared Thomas W. Glover who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath; that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of Hugh C. Henderson, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county and that said Hugh C.

Henderson, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of J. L. Burke, the other subscribing witness, who is now deceased, and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said Hugh C. Henderson deceased; that said Hugh C. Henderson was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said Hugh C. Henderson was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Thomas W. Glover  
Filed June 7, 1918

Editor's Note: Hugh Carlisle Henderson, born June 6, 1855 in Macon, Georgia, died April 21, 1918 in Guntersville. His wife, Jennie McDonald Throckmorton, was born December 18, 1861 in Tuscumbia and died June 4, 1941 in Guntersville. Hugh Henderson is buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Tuscumbia next to Hugh Carlisle Henderson, Jr., born December 12, 1892, died August 12, 1893.

**Last Will and Testament**  
**James T. Decker**  
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I, James T. Decker of the town of Albertville, Marshall County Alabama, being of sound mind, to hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, revoking any and all former wills by me heretofore made at any time.

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after decease as conveniently be done.

Second. I give and bequeath to my daughter Monnie Decker Brock and Pearl Decker Cobb the sum of \$250 each, the same to be paid out of my personal estate.

Third. I give and bequeath to each of my other children, not mentioned in the preceding paragraph, as they marry or become twenty-one years of age the sum of \$500 the same to be paid out of my personal estate.

Fourth. All the rest, residue, remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed where so-ever situated of which I may die, seized or possessed, or to which I may be entitled at the time of my decease, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife Lula G. Decker to be held by her absolutely until all of my children have either married or the youngest child is of age.

Fifth. It is my will that when all my children have married or the youngest has become of age that all of my real estate shall be divided equally between them save and except the dower interest in the same to which my wife Lula G. Decker is entitled, said division to be made by them without a sale if possible for them to agree on the same. If they can not agree on an equitable division then a sale may be had and the proceeds divided equally between them.

Sixth. I further give and bequeath to my wife Lula G. Decker all the rest residue and remainder of my personal property of which I may die, seized and possessed with full power of disposition during her life, subject to the payment of the amounts to my children heretofore mentioned in paragraph one, two and three of this my will, and I hereby invest my wife Lula G. Decker with full power

and authority to dispose of and make any transfers or sales of my interest in the Star Company, a mercantile corporation located in the town of Albertville, Alabama, as she may see fit and proper.

Seventh. I nominate constitute and appoint my wife Lula G. Decker of Albertville, Alabama as executrix of this my last will and testament without bond, and she shall not be required to make an inventory or reports to the Probate or any other Court.

Eighth. In the event my wife Lula G. Decker should not live until all of my children have married or until my youngest child is of age, then in such event I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son Walter Decker to succeed her as executor of this my last will and testament without bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal in the town of Albertville, Alabama on this the sixth day of March A.D. 1918 in the presence of George W. Baker and Thomas E. Orr, whom I have requested to become subscribing witnesses hereto. Signed by James T. Decker.

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sealed, published and declared by James T. Decker as and for his last will and testament in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and we, at the same time, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names and residences as attesting witnesses this sixth day of March A.D. 1918. Witnessed by George W. Baker and Thomas E. Orr of Albertville.

Editor's Note: James T. Decker, born April 22, 1868, died October 19, 1918 and is buried at Memory Hill Cemetery in Albertville. He married Lula

Higginbotham (1868-1954) and she is buried at Memory Hill as well.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**December 3, 1918**  
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I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County, in said State, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing dated March 6, 1918, has this the 3 day of December 1918, and before me as Judge of Probate in and for said county, in said State, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last Will and Testament of James T. Decker, deceased, and that said Will, together with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book of Wills No. 2, page 3.

In witness of all which I hereto set my hand and seal of the said Court this 3 day of December, 1918

**Proof of Will**  
**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**December 3, 1918**  
**Page 4**

In the matter of the last will and testament of James T. Decker, deceased: Before me, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared George W. Baker and Thomas E. Orr, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined each did and do depose and says on oath; that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of James T. Decker, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county, and that said James T. Decker, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on this day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last

will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of each other and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said James T. Decker, deceased, that said James T. Decker was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his last will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said James T. Decker was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Signed by Thomas E. Orr and George W. Baker. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1918.

**Last Will and Testament**  
**J. Abb McNaron**  
**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**January 22, 1919**  
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In the name of God, Amen. I, J. Abb McNaron, a resident of Albertville, county of Marshall and State of Alabama, and over the age of twenty-one years, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and being conscious of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills that may have been made by me at any time heretofore.

First. I will that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my executor as soon after my decease as practicable.

Second. I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Stella McNaron, my entire Three-Fourths interest in the Stock of Merchandise owned and known as



McNaron & Pearson in the town of Albertville, Alabama.

Third. I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Stella McNaron the following real estate to wit: Lot No. 6, and 50 feet off of the East end of Lot No. 5, in Block No. 1, according to J. T. Moore survey addition to Deitz survey 1901 in the town of Albertville, Marshall County, Alabama; Lots No. 7-8-9-10 and 11 in Block No. 1, in Ober addition to the town of Albertville, Alabama, said real-estate lying and being in Marshall County, Alabama.

Fourth. I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Stella McNaron the following personal property to wit: One black cow, one blue cow, one blue heifer, one piano, one Victrola and all household and kitchen furniture.

Fifth. I nominate and appoint my wife Stella McNaron as executor of my last Will and Testament, and declare that she shall not be required to give bond for the performance of her duties hereunder; she shall be required to make an Inventory of the property coming into her hands as such executor, and make report to the Court of her proceedings hereunder.

Witness my hand this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1919. Signed in the presence of B. C. Bynum and W. R. Singleton.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**March 28, 1919**  
**Page 5**

I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the forgoing instrument of writing dated January 22, 1919 has this the 28 day of March 1919 and before me as Judge of Probate in and for said State and county, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of J. A.

McNaron, Deceased, and that said Will, together with the Proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book of Wills No. 2, page 5.

In witness of all which I hereto set my hand and the seal of the said Court this 28 day of March, 1919.

**Proof of Will**  
**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**March 28, 1919**  
**Page 6**

In the matter of the last will and testament of J. A. McNaron, Deceased: Before me, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared B. C. Bynum and W. R. Singleton, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined each did and do depose and says on oath; that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of J. A. McNaron, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County and that said J. A. McNaron, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of each other and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said J. A. McNaron, deceased, that said J. A. McNaron was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said J. A. McNaron was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Signed by B. C. Bynum and W. R. Singleton

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Langston, Alabama, R.F.D. #1**  
**June 25, 1919**  
**Page 6-7**

The last will and testament of John C. Carter: For as much as I have made a strong endeavor to rear my family in the highest ideals of Christian citizenship, when I am gone from you I recommend to you to take the Lord Jesus Christ as your nearest friend and guide in life. I leave with you what influence and character I have made that you may profit by and follow the good that you find in it, as I have followed Christ.

In bequeathing to you my worldly effects, the efforts of fifty years service of my life, I am hereby endeavoring to make a distribution on strict justice to each.

Now, to put in execution and carry to an effect, I appoint Robert L. Carter as manager, Grace Alexander and Frankie Williamson as co-executors without bond. Now, I will that Robert Carter as manager collect my insurance, cash the bond and collect all outstanding debts and do the selling of all personal property and that he make an invoice bill with the price added for every sale and that he turn these bills with the amount of cash over to Frankie Williamson as Secretary and that she audit every such bill and the cash also in a separate account and that she then turn over the cash and take receipts of same to Grace Alexander as treasurer. This cash to be deposited in the First National Bank of Guntersville, Alabama in the name of John C. Carter's estate and shall be checked out only by each of the executors signing the check and that this

process go on until all of the property be turned into cash.

I will that \$100 be set aside to buy a monument to my grave. The pay to Ida Wellborn, Walker Carter and Grace Alexander, \$2,500 each and that a reasonable compensation be paid to the executors for service. The balance to be equally divided with the ten legatees.

Now, I will that my real estate be divided as below described: The plats that go make up lot No. one I will and bequeath to Joe Ethel Winston. The plats that go to make up lot No. two I will and bequeath to Frankie Williamson. The plats that go to make up lot No. three I will and bequeath to Jno. M. Carter. The plats that go to make up lot No. four I will and bequeath to Robert L. Carter. The plats that go to make up lot No. five I will and bequeath to Eugenia Carter, my widow during her natural life. Then go to and become the property of Hugh Conway Carter, my grandson whom I have reared as my own child. He paying to Dolores Wilborn my granddaughter \$500 in cash as fast as he may be able to do so. The payments to begin as soon as he comes in possession of the land. The plats that go to make up lot No. six I will and bequeath to Nora Wellborn. The plats that go to make up lot No. seven I will and bequeath to Jessie McCormick.

My daughter Nora has raised her family in my home and it is my desire that she remain with the family just as we have been, and for this purpose I will that the two east rooms, one below and one above be reserved. Also one of the barns and the use in common with Eugenia of the dining and cook rooms, the gardens and all outside appertenances to the home.

I will that the lots on which the mill and spring are located and my interest in the mill which consists of one half of the

mill and gin house and one half of all of the machinery except the large boiler in which I have one third.

Now, I will that this be placed under control of the executors to be used in this way so long as they deem it to the best interest of the family and then by a majority vote be disposed of as they think best and the proceeds be equally divided with the ten legatees.

This instrument goes into effect thirty days after my death.

In Testimony whereof I fix my seal and sign the Instrument in the presence of the witnesses whose names are attached hereto.

Witnessed by J. W. Hodge and J. W. Evans.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Records**  
**August 11, 1919**  
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I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, hereby certify that the within paper has been duly proven as the last will and testament of John C. Carter, Dec'd, and has with the proof thereof been duly recorded as such, on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1919, in Book 2 on page 6. Witness this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1919.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**August 11, 1919**  
**Page 7-8**

In the matter of the last will and testament of John C. Carter, deceased: Before me, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared John W. Hodge and --- who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, each did and do depose and says on oath; that he is a

subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of John C. Carter, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county and that said John C. Carter since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witness to the same in the presence of each other and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said John C. Carter, deceased.

That the said John C. Carter was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said John C. Carter was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Signed by J. W. Hodge

Editor's Note: John Coffee Carter (1849-1919) married first Arabella Lucinda Evans (1851-1892) in 1869. He married Eugenia S. McCorkle (1853-1953) in 1894. He is buried in the Raney/Rainey Cemetery in Arab, Marshall County, as are both wives.

**Last Will and Testament**  
**George W. Bulman**  
**Woodville, Jackson County, Alabama**  
**November 2, 1899**  
**Page 8-9**

I, George W. Bulman, of Woodville, Jackson County, Alabama, do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament, as follows:

I do hereby devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha C. Bulman, all my property, real and personal, of which I may die seized to have and to hold for and during her natural life. I do devise and bequeath to my beloved children the remainder of said property, after the death of my beloved wife, in fee, share and share alike, and if any child or children shall depart this life before my decease, leaving descendants such descendant or descendants shall take under this will, as under the law of descent the same share that such child or children would be taken, if living. All these devises and bequests shall be subject to the power of disposition hereinafter conferred upon my executrix.

Having full faith and confidence in my beloved wife, Martha C. Bullman, I do hereby nominate and appoint her my sole executrix without bond, and hereby authorize and empower her, whenever in her discretion the best interests of my children or their descendants require it, at any time during her life, to make a division and partition of all or any part of said property among my said children, or any of them, allotting to such child or children or their descendants any portion of such property not greater than their respective shares under this will, reserving to herself such portion, or the rents, issues and profits thereof, as in her judgment and discretion shall be sufficient for her comfortable support and maintenance during her life. My said executrix may execute deeds conveying to said child or children, or their descendants the property so allotted to them, and place them in possession thereof.

In the partition and allotment of property by my executrix, she shall take into consideration any advancements of property made by me in my lifetime, and

if any property remains still undivided at the death of my executrix in making division thereof under this will, the property advanced in my lifetime, as well as the property allotted by my executrix, shall be considered and treated as a part of the shares of the respective devisees receiving such advancements or allotments, it being my intention that all my beloved children shall take share and share alike as under the laws of descent and distribution of State of Alabama.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 2 day of November, 1899.

We, the undersigned, hereunto set our hands, as subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will signed by George W. Bulman, and declared to be his last will and testament, in his presence, and at his request, on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1899.

Witnessed by P. H. Woodall, H. D. Stephens, and W. W. Cameron.

**Estate of G. W. Bulman Will**  
**Filed March 14, 1905**  
**Page 9**

I, W.W. McCutchen, Judge of Probate in and for said County, do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of George W. Bulman, decd. And that said will together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office in record of wills Volume No. 5, page 150.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court this March 27, 1905.

To the State of Alabama, Marshall County: I hereby certify that the within Will was filed in this office for record on



the 13 day of August A.D. 1919, and was duly recorded in Book 2 of Wills, page 8, and examined.

**Last Will and Testament  
Marshall County, Alabama  
Probate Records  
July 21, 1919  
Page 9-10**

I, Henry M. Lokey, a resident of Albertville, Route 4, County of Marshall and State of Alabama, and over the age of 21 years, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and being conscious of the uncertainty of death, do make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills that may have been made by me at any time heretofore.

First. I will that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my executor as soon after my decease as practicable.

Second. I will, bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife, Rosa A. Lokey the following real estate to wit: thirty acres being in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ in Section 16, Township 9, Range 4, east, in Marshall County, lying on the west side of said forty just described in Marshall County, Alabama, but should my wife Rosa A. Lokey see fit to marry again, then all of the above described real estate is to be sold for division and divided equally among all my heirs living at the time of said marriage, and my wife Rosa A. Lokey is to have a child's part when so divided.

Third. I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rosa A. Lokey all my personal property I may own at the time of my decease, to be used as she sees fit or proper.

Fourth. I nominate and appoint my wife Rosa A. Lokey as executor of my last will and testament, and declare that of the property coming into his hands as

such executor, and make report to the Court of her proceedings hereunder.

Witness my hand and seal this the 21 day of July, 1919.

Witnessed by L. C. Yarbrough and H. R. Moman, filed September 2, 1919.

I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, hereby certify that the within instrument has been duly proven as the Last Will and Testament of Henry Lokey, Deceased, and has with the proof thereof been duly recorded as such, on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1919, in Book 2 of Wills, page 9.

Witness this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1919, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate.

**Marshall County, Alabama  
Probate Court  
September 18, 1919  
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In the matter of the last will and testament of Henry M. Lokey, deceased: Before me, Gordon Gilbreath Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared L. C. Yarbrough and H. R. Moman who having been by me first duly sworn and examined each did and do depose and says on oath; that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of Henry M. Lokey deceased, late an inhabitant of this county and that Henry M. Lokey since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of each other and that such other witness subscribed his



name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said Henry M. Lokey deceased; that said Henry M. Lokey was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said Henry M. Lokey was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Witnessed by H. R. Moman and L. C. Yarbrough, September 18, 1919.

**Madison County, Alabama**  
**Probate Records (in records of**  
**Marshall County Courthouse)**  
**May 25, 1906**  
**Page 11-12**

In the name of God, Amen. I, Byron Wilborn Hinds, of New Hope County of Madison, State of Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish, this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills which may have been made at any time heretofore by me.

Item First: I will that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my executor and executrix as soon after my decease as practicable.

Item Second: I will and bequeath to my beloved daughters Margaret Elizabeth Hinds and Mary Bertie Hinds that certain tract and parcel of land known as the W.I. Scott place, situated and being in Marshall County lying in section 27 and 28, township six Range two East (2), said tract containing in all 305 and 56/100 acres more or less, upon the following condition however, that if either shall marry before the distribution of the estate then in said event the one that marries shall not share under the provision of this item but shall become an equal sharer with the other heirs of

my estate and the daughter that remains unmarried shall take solely all the benefits of this Item Second. If both of my said daughters Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Bertie shall marry before the distribution of my estate then in said event the bequest of this Item Second shall be null and void and said property shall be put into the general funds of my estate and shall be distributed among all my heirs equally.

Item Third. My home place situated in New Hope, Alabama, on which I have resided as a home for many years, and the corner lot which I own situated on Main Street, New Hope, Alabama, and on which is situated at present a blacksmith shop, said lot being in this northeast corner of a lot of land owned by Miss Nancy Jane Nichols, I will and bequeath to my beloved daughters Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Bertis Hinds under and upon the same conditions as are recited in Item Second.

Item Fourth. I will and bequeath to my beloved daughters Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Bertie Hinds all my livestock with the exception of my horses.

Item Fifth. I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Bertie out of the horses of my estate a horse each. Elizabeth to have first choice in the selection of same and Bertie second.

Item Sixth. I will and bequeath to my beloved daughters Margaret Elizabeth, Mary Bertie Hinds, five acres out of certain real estate known as the Jim McDuff place being a forty acre tract of land in Township six, Range two, East said five acres to be taken out of that part of said tract lying on north side of public road in center of said tract and contiguous to said public road, it being my intent to convey said tract to my daughters Margaret Elizabeth and Mary

Bertie for their use to secure sufficient firewood for domestic purposes and to give them the best wooded five acres by this bequest.

Item Seventh: I will and bequeath to my beloved children Ida, Mattie, Earnest, Wilford, Walton, Margaret Elizabeth, and Mary Bertie share and share alike the following real property, to wit: that tract known as the J. N. Johnson tract situated in Marshall County, Alabama and containing 585 and 85/100 acres more or less, that tract known as the J. H. Morris tract, situated in Marshall County, Alabama, and containing 30 acres, more or less; that tract known as the Wm. Matthewson tract situated in Marshall County, Alabama and containing 60 acres, more or less; and two forty acre tracts entered by myself and situated in Marshall County, Alabama and containing eighty acres more or less; that tract known as the John Wade tract situated in Marshall County, Alabama and containing twenty acres more or less and the balance of the Jim McDuff place about thirty five acres left after the five acres given to my daughters Elizabeth and Bertie as provided in Item Sixth. This forgoing bequest however is given with the following provisions, that Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Bertie shall participate in same provided they are unmarried, in the event of the marriage of either, the child that marries shall participate in my estate equally.

Item Seventh, continued: With Ida, Mattie, Ernest, and Walton, and the unmarried children shall have and take all the special bequests as shown and provided in Item Second, Third, Fourth, and Sixth. And if both Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Bertie are married before the distribution of the estate then in said event it is my intent that my

estate shall be divided equally amongst all of my children share and share alike.

Item Eighth: I will and bequeath to my beloved sons, Ernest and Alford Walton Hinds, each the value of a good horse, namely \$150 each, to be paid out of the proceeds and funds of my estate.

Item Ninth. The rental of the J. R. Johnson place which is now rented for \$600 per annum to John E. Aldrich for two years to November 31(sic), 1907, is to go to my general estate and be distributed equally between all of my heirs.

Item Tenth: I especially direct if that my home place in New Hope has not been renovated and repaired before my death, that if unmarried my daughters Elizabeth and Bertie or either of them shall have sufficient funds out of the fund of estate to make all such repairs as are necessary and put the house and its premises in good tenatable condition.

Item Eleventh: I especially direct my executor and executrix in making some of my real estate to advertise same in newspaper in Huntsville, Alabama, and in Chattanooga, Tennessee, before selling same, and then empower them to make said sale either privately or at public outcry as they shall deem best.

Item Twelfth: As to all of my estate, real personal and mixed, which I have not specially bequeathed in this my last will and testament, I hereby direct that same be sold by my executor and executrix by private or public sale as they shall deem best, and the proceeds of same be divided equally amongst all of my heirs; that is Ida, Mattie, Ernest, Alford Walton Margaret Elizabeth, and Mary Bertie.

Item Thirteenth: I nominate and appoint my son Ernest Hinds and Margaret Elizabeth Hinds, my daughter, as executor and executrix of this my last

will and testament and declare that they shall not be required to give bond as required to make any inventory of the property coming into their hands as executor and executrix nor make any report to any court of their proceedings hereunder.

Witness my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1906, Byron Wilborn Hinds.

Signed and declared to be his last will and testament by Byron Wilborn Hinds in our presence and we in his presence and in the presence of each other, and at his request have hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date. Signed by Charles H. Rice, G. R. Dickey, and W. E. Butler.

**Madison County, Alabama  
Probate Court (Marshall County  
Probate Records)  
October 2, 1906  
Page 12-13**

I, W. T. Lawler, Judge of Probate for Madison County, Alabama do hereby certify that the forgoing will of Byron W. Hinds was duly probated and established in this Court on the 2 day of October 1906, and together with the proof ordered recorded and that said Will and proof was duly recorded on the same day in Will Book No. 3 page 387 of the records of this office.

Witness my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1906 – W. T. Lawler, Judge of Probate.

**Madison County, Alabama  
Probate Court  
October 2, 1906  
Page 13, Marshall County Records**

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of Byron W. Hinds deceased before me, W. T. Lawler, Judge of said Court, personally appeared in open court Charles H. Rice, W. E.

Butler, and G. R. Dickey who having been by me each first duly sworn and examined, did and do depose and say on oath that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of Byron W. Hinds since deceased, signed and executed same instrument on the day that the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that as affiants each set his signature thereto, on the day the same bears date, as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said Byron W. Hinds and said Byron W. Hinds was of sound mind and disposing memory, and, in the opinion of deponents, fully capable of making his last will, at the time the same was made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Byron W. Hinds, was, on the day of the said date of will, of full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Charles H. Rice, W. E. Butler, and G. R. Dickey. Subscribed and Sworn before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1906.

**State of Alabama, Madison County  
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I, Thomas W. Jones in and for said State and County do hereby certify that the foregoing will and proof of same is a true and correct transcript as the same appears on the records of this office and as recorded in Will Book #3 and on Page 387 of the records of this office. Signed by Thomas W. Jones, Judge of Probate

**The State of Alabama, Marshall  
County  
Office of Judge of Probate Court  
Page 13**

I hereby certify that the within Copy of Will was filed in this office for record on the 9 day of October A.D. 1919, and was duly recorded in Book 2 of Wills,

page 11, and examined. Signed by G. Gilbreath, Judge Probate Court.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Last Will and Testament**  
**Martha A. Malone**  
**December 7, 1889**  
**Page 14**

I, Martha A. Malone of the County and State aforesaid being of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare this my last will and Testament.

First. I direct that all my just debts be paid and that my body be decently interred out of my Estate.

Second. I will and bequeath all my property, real, personal and mixed to my husband, Thomas B. Malone that I may own at the date of my death – It is intended to vest and I do hereby vest in the said Thomas B. Malone a full and complete title in fee simple to all the property of whatever kind and nature that I may die seized and possessed of.

Three. I do hereby nominate and appoint my said husband, Thomas B. Malone the Executor of this my last will and Testament and request that he may not be required to make a bond as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this December 7, 1889.

Signed, sealed published and delivered in our presence and we attesting same in the presence of the said Martha A. Malone as her last will and Testament this December 7, 1889.

Witnessed by W. M. Foster and W. C. Rayburn.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**October 13, 1919**  
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I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing dated Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1889, has been before me as Judge of Probate in and for said State and County been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last Will and Testament of Martha A. Malone, deceased, and that said Will, together with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book of Wills No. 2, Page 14.

In witness of all which I hereto set my hand and the seal of the said Court, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1919.

Filed for probate, September 8, 1919.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**October 13, 1919**  
**Page 4-15**

In the matter of the last will and testament of Martha A. Malone, deceased: Before me, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared W. C. Rayburn and ---- who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath; that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of Martha Malone, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county and that said Martha Malone, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her last will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of each other and that such other witness, W. M. Foster, now deceased, subscribed his name as a



witness in his presence and in the presence of said Martha Malone, deceased, that said Martha Malone was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making her will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said Martha Malone was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Signed by W. C. Rayburn. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of October, 1919. Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Last Will and Testament**  
**May 8, 1906**  
**Page 16**

I, John B. Decker of Marshall County, Alabama hereby makes this my last will and testament.

First. I direct that my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named as soon after my death as may by them be found convenient.

Second. I give to my wife and her children that she may have by me my entire estate during her life or widowhood after her death or remarriage the whole entire estate to go to mine and her children at her death or remarriage.

Third. I give to my sons and daughters by my first wife the sum of one hundred dollars which I have paid to them my sons and daughters as following: W. W. Decker and J. H. Decker and G. S. Decker and J. T. Decker and Mark Decker and my daughters Amanday L. Grubbs, Rosey Amberso, and Sary J. Faulkner and Nancy Daniel and Catharine F. Nelson and Ann Gunneles and Judy Morton and Hatty Morton.

Fourth. I hereby appoint my wife Debry E. Decker to be Executor of this Will without bond. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 8 day of May 1906. Signed and published as his last will by the said John B. Decker in our presence and we in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses on the day of the date of said Will. Signed by J. B. Decker and witnessed by C. M. Dyar and U. G. Woodham.

Filed April 1, 1919.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**October 20, 1919**  
**Page 16**

I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing dated May 8, 1906, has before me as Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of J. B. Decker, deceased, and that said will, together with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book of Wills No. 2, page 16.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and the seal of the said Court, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1919.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**October 20, 1919**  
**Page 16**

In the matter of the last will and testament of J. B. Decker, deceased: Before me, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared U. G. Woodham



who having been by me first duly sworn and examined each did and do depose and says on oath; that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of J. B. Decker, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county and that said J. B. Decker since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of C. M. Dyar who is at present a resident of Mississippi and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said J. B. Decker, deceased; that said J. B. Decker was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said J. B. Decker was on the day of the date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Signed by U. G. Woodham.

**Last Will and Testament**  
**James Ira Morton**  
**August 9, 1919**  
**Page 17-18**

Know all men by these presents, that I, James Ira Morton of the County of Marshall and State of Alabama, being of failing health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my executor hereinafter named be paid out

of my estate as soon after my decease as is convenient for the same to be done.

Second. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Savanna Florence Morton, in the event that she survives me, all of my personal property, of whatever nature of which I may die possessed, the same to be used and disposed of by her as she may see fit and proper for her maintenance and support and for the maintenance and support of my minor children during their minority, at the death of my beloved wife, the residue of said personal property, if any, is to be divided among my heirs-at-law, hereinafter named, share and share alike.

Three. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Savannah Florence Morton, a life interest in all of the real estate of which I may die seized and possessed, with the exception of fifteen and one-third acres of land which I have deeded to my said wife before the signing of these presents, which said 15 1/3 acres of land, I intend for my said wife to have absolutely in fee simple.

Four. It is my will that at my said wife's death, all of my real estate with the exception of the 15 1/3 acres heretofore disposed of, shall be divided equally, share and share alike, among my children, to wit: Louella Morton Cole, Collista Morton Pruett, Charles W. Morton, David T. Morton, James L. Morton, Joseph T. Morton, Hobart M. Morton, Myrtice Morton and Cyrus N. Morton.

In the event that any of the above named heirs, the same composing all of my children now living, should not survive me, then the share of the deceased child or children shall go to the deceased child's or children's heirs at law, share and share alike. If no heirs of said deceased child or children survive them the share of such child or children

is to revert to my estate, to be disposed of as herein directed.

Five. I nominate and appoint my son, Charles W. Morton, executor of this, my last will and testament, and I hereby relieve my said executor from making any bond whatever.

In testimony whereof, I, the said James Ira Morton, have to this, my last will and testament, which is pen-written on two pages of paper, subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1919.

Signed, sealed and declared by the said James Ira Morton, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us who, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnessed thereto. Signed by W. E. Snead and G. H. Miller.

Filed for probate October 6, 1919.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**October 27, 1919**  
**Page 18**

I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing has, before me as Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of J. I. Morton, Deceased, and that said Will, together with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book of Wills No. 2, page 17 et seq.

In witness of all which I hereto set my hand and the seal of the said Court this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1919.

**Marshall County**  
**Probate Court**  
**October 27, 1919**  
**Page 18**

In the mater of the last will and testament of J. I. Morton, deceased. Before me, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared W. E. Snead and G. H. Miller who having been by me first duly sworn and examined each did and do depose and says on oath; that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of J. I. Morton, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county and that said J. I. Morton since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of each other and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said J. I. Morton, deceased, that said J. I. Morton was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid.

Affiant further states that the said J. I. Morton was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards. Signed by W. E. Snead and G. H. Miller. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1919.

**Last Will and Testament**  
**Elizabeth C. McNaron**  
**January 7, 1920**  
**Page 19**

I, Elizabeth C. McNaron, the widow of W. R. McNaron, deceased, of Albertville Marshall County, Alabama, do hereby

make publish and declare this my last will and testament revoking any and all former wills or testamentary writing by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors hereinafter named as soon after my decease as conveniently can be done.

Second. I give and bequeath to my children Mrs. Delia Wesson, T. B. McNaron, W. W. McNaron, Charles McNaron, O. L. McNaron and Mrs. Mary Hughes and to the heirs at law of J. A. McNaron, all my property both real personal and mixed of every kind and character, share and share alike.

Third. The devise to the heirs at law of J. A. McNaron is made only on the following condition; that all of said heirs are to only receive the distributive share of the said J. A. McNaron, the same to be divided equally among them. Provided further that the sum of \$200 which I advanced to the said J. A. McNaron during his last sickness shall be taken held and treated as an advancement of his said interest in my said estate and his heirs shall not receive anything only the excess over and above \$200 which I have already advanced to J. A. McNaron during his last sickness.

Fourth. I do not give my son Ed-Cooper McNaron any part of my said estate for the reason, that I and his father have already spent on him and given him more than there will be for each of the other children.

Fifth. I hereby nominate and appoint my sons T. B. McNaron and Chas. McNaron executors of this my last will and testament, without bond, and request that they serve without compensation, or expense to my said estate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of

November in the City of Birmingham in the presence of J. E. Noojin and Mrs. C. R. Walker both of whom I have requested to become attesting witnesses hereto.

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sealed, published and declared by Mrs. Elizabeth C. McNaron as and for her last will and testament in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and we at the same time and at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our names and residences as attesting witnesses on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1919.

Filed January 7, 1920.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**February 2, 1920**  
**Page 19-20**

I, Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing has been, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1920, before me as Judge of Probate in and for said State and County, duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of Elizabeth C. McNaron, deceased, and that said Will, together with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book 2 of Wills, page 19.

In witness of all which I hereto set my hand and the seal of the said Court this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1920. Signed by Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate.

Personally appeared before me, Thomas E. Orr, Notary Public in and for said County and State Mack Killcrease who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says: that in the matter of the Probation of the Will of Elizabeth C. McNaron, now pending in the Probate

Court of said County, and State; That Joe Noojin and Mrs. C. R. Walker are material witnesses for proponents in this cause; That said witnesses now reside at Ensley, Alabama, which is more than one hundred miles from the place of trial of this cause, computing by the route usually traveled, and the further grounds for the taking of the deposition of Mrs. C. R. Walker, being given by Section 4030 of the code of Alabama, when the witness is a woman.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1920. Signed by Mack Killcrease and Thomas E. Orr.

**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Probate Court**  
**January 24, 1920**  
**Page 20**

In the matter of the probate of the Will of Elizabeth C. McNaron, Deceased. To Oscar Berney, Esquire, of Ensley in the State of Alabama, or to such one or more of you as shall act herein – Greeting:

Know ye, that we, reposing confidence in your integrity, skill, and ability, have appointed you Commissioner to take the answers to the interrogatories hereunto attached of Joe Noojin and Mrs. C. R. Walker material witnesses for the proponents in a certain case or proceeding now pending and undetermined in our said Court of Probate, entitled as set forth in the caption hereof.

And we do hereby authorize and empower you, the said commissioner, to call and cause to come before you the said witnesses at such time and place as you shall appoint and their depositions on oath to take, touching their knowledge of the matter and things in controversy in said cause or proceeding; and said depositions when so taken by you, shall be subscribed by said

witnesses and the same you shall, together with this commission return to us with all convenient speed, and you shall likewise certify the same to us, under your hands and seals in all things fully and explicitly how you have executed this commission.

Witness Gordon Gilbreath, Judge of Probate, at office in Guntersville, Alabama this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, 1920. Signed by Gordon Gilbreath.



Headstone of W. R. McNaron shared with his wife, Elizabeth McNaron, Memory Hill Cemetery, Albertville, Marshall County, Alabama

Editor's Note: J. A. McNaron, mentioned in his mother's will, is Joseph Abner McNaron, who married Phoebe Roberts and had seven children. He predeceased his mother by nine months.

Ed-Cooper McNaron, who did not receive any money from his mother's estate, died in 1921.



# Things You Should Know

## **Genealogy Jamboree, Cumberland Gap, Tennessee**

Dear Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society,

In June 2013, History will come alive in the streets of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. On June 6, 7, and 8, 2013 the 3rd annual Genealogy Jamboree will be hosted by the Cumberland Gap Volunteer Fire Department. This event is free to the public and combines genealogy/history lectures, with period re-enactors and traditional crafters in an historic setting. Nationally known speakers such as Mark Lowe, Carrie Eldridge, and others, will give these lectures. Traditional music will also be provided.

There will be many craftsmen, and women, demonstrating their pioneer crafts. What is now considered by many as being "rare skills" were once used in everyday life in pioneer times throughout the Appalachian and Cumberland Mountains.

All lectures, concerts, and demonstrations are free to the public. All vendor fees are donated to the Cumberland Gap Volunteer Fire Department. This is a nonprofit event for the Genealogy Jamboree Committee and volunteers.

Your society is invited to set up a booth/tent at this event. Join the many societies that participate in our event each year. Most societies have publications and other items for sale, which are of much interest to the public. Please bring these items, as there are no

additional fees for selling your publications, etc.

Attendance over the three days of our last Jamboree was approximately 5600. Come and celebrate our mountain heritage with us. For your convenience a vendor form is attached. For further information please go to our web site [www.genealogyjamboree.us](http://www.genealogyjamboree.us) or contact [mark@genealogyjamboree.us](mailto:mark@genealogyjamboree.us) The web site will be updated often as we get closer to the time for the event. Lecture and concert schedules will be added to the web site as they become available.

If your organization cannot participate, please place a notice in your newsletter, and tell your members. -Roger Edmondson Committee Member

## **Magherafelt (Northern Ireland) District Council Launches New Genealogy Web Site**

The Magherafelt (Northern Ireland) District Council has launched a new state-of-the-art website [www.magherafelt.gov.uk](http://www.magherafelt.gov.uk).

Michael Browne explained, "Since the council opened its Tourist Information Office 15 years ago, it receives almost daily enquiries relating to genealogy from people all over the world. The idea is to have uploaded photos and maps of local gravestones and graveyards to give people a starting point in their quests."

Information from over 60 graveyards is available on the site. The web site developers visited each graveyard, took photos, documented inscriptions



and developed maps. Each graveyard has its own page on the site including its history and a link to 'persons of interest' buried there. Each headstone even has GPS coordinates.

### **On-Line Alabama Collections**

For those of you have not heard of it, the Alabama Department of Archives and History has a tremendous database for researchers. The database for Civil War soldiers took nearly 10 years to complete. Over 238,000 entries have been made, so far, and others will be added, as time permits. If your ancestor's name could have been spelled various ways, be sure to look up all of the variations. The website is: <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/civilwar/index.cfm>.

Another interesting website that may hold many missing facts is a collection of church records, letters, and books. The collection is called Alabama Church and Synagogue Records Collection, 1805 – 1008. Churches are listed in alphabetical order, under the denomination. For Cumberland Presbyterians, see Presbyterian, Cumberland:

[http://www.archives.state.al.us/findaids/v8813\\_Denomination.pdf](http://www.archives.state.al.us/findaids/v8813_Denomination.pdf)

Another new collection offered through the Alabama Department of Archives and History is the Alabama 1867 Voter Registration Records Database. There are some restrictions, however. The following counties had not been established in 1867: Chilton, Cullman, Escambia, Geneva, and Houston. No information could be found for Clarke County. Some books were damaged from mold and are difficult to read: Dallas, Franklin,

Lauderdale, Limestone, Lowndes, Monroe, Randolph, and Washington.

A spot check by your editor did not turn up any information of personal interest, but that should not keep you from looking.

And there is lots more – through volunteers, items are being added continuously. Look at the following collections for family names: American Revolution, Spanish-American War, War of 1812 and 1<sup>st</sup> Creek War, 2<sup>nd</sup> Creek War (1835-1836), Texas War for Independence (1835-1836), Mexican War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and DD214's (discharge records).

### **Settling Estates in the 1800s**

Thanks to Don Frost of Athens, Alabama for providing the following information regarding settling estates in the 1800s:

1. The court appoints an administrator or executor. If the decedent had a will, he would have named this person.
2. The administrator posts bond with the court to guarantee that he will perform the duties required of him.
3. An inventory of the personal property belonging to the deceased must be made. Investigations are made to determine the financial status of the deceased. For example, to whom did the deceased owe money and how much? Reports must be made to the court of the inventory and a ledger of accounts payable and accounts receivable must be made and

- presented for the court's approval.
4. Appraisal of the personal property, which includes slaves, livestock, farm equipment and feed, tools, furniture, and household items.
  5. Sale of personal property. The administrator is ordered by the court to sell the personal property. The money received is held by the administrator until the final settlement.
  6. An attempt, usually a very feeble one, is made to collect monies owed to the deceased's estate. Any accounts not collected are written off as uncollectable. At this point, a determination is made by the court concerning the solvency or insolvency of the estate. If there is not enough money in the hands of the administrator to pay all the court costs, fees and accounts payable to creditors of the deceased, the estate is declared insolvent. Any land owned by the deceased is now ordered to be sold, with the proceeds applied to the debts of the estate. If the deceased left a will, any money or property left after all debts were paid would be distributed to the heirs according to the provisions made in that will. When there was no will, distribution was made according to law, with each child receiving an equal share. No preference was given to the widow. She received only the same as one of the children. Of

course if nothing was left after all debts were paid, the heirs got nothing. Many widows and children were left totally destitute. All household goods, including bedding, dishes and furniture had been sold with nothing left to continue as a household. Writ of Dower: There was one provision whereby the law made some effort at recognizing a widow as a human being deserving of some consideration. A widow had the right to petition the court, asking that she be granted her writ of dower. By law, a widow's dower entitled her to one third of any land owned by her late husband. I'm not clear on this point, but I believe her dower was to include the house or dwelling. Of course, it would be an empty house, because everything had been sold.

7. Final settlement. At this point, the court collects its fees for the judge, clerk administrator, etc. and what funds are left applied to the estate's debts, with any remainder distributed to the heirs. The administrator is dismissed from his duties.

Contact Coy Michael for help with  
your family research at  
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883-1445 or (256) 655-5814.

## A synopsis of the Original Records Published in Valley Leaves

This synopsis was compiled by Sue Bright Richter

### Part 5

The following is a synopsis of material published in the back issues of Valley Leaves. Editorials, tidbits, book reviews, queries and introductions (which are not outlined here) can prove as valuable as the material presented. Individual and family records often span several counties but are shown in the county under which the material appeared. Queries are in all issues and Book Reviews are in most issues. All volumes consist of 200 pages plus a full-name index. Volumes prior to 13 are now available on CD.

#### **VOLUME 14 (1979-1980) \$15.00**

North Alabama: Old Towns: Coldwater and York Bluff (Colbert Co.), Marathon (Lawrence Co.); Census of North Alabamians "Gone to Texas"

Colbert - Franklin: Shaw Cemetery; Benjamin Burgess, JP; Muster Roll - Capt. Jack Shackelford's "Red Rovers" at Goliad; Mount Pleasant Methodist Church Membership Certificates; Dr. B. F. Newsum death notice; Dillard Bible; Shewbart Bible; Kee/Key Bible.

Jackson: Probate Records, 1856-1857; 1870 Mortality Schedule; Hugh Carter death notice; Cemeteries: Old Bostick Hill, Butler; Chancery Court Record Book "O".

Lauderdale: North Carolina Cemetery; Hooks Bible; Peter Jackson citizenship and Headright Certificate; Robinson Bible; William A. King Headright Certificate; Will Record A.

Lawrence: Tract Book; Character Sketches from Moulton Advertiser, 1911: Preuit family, Capt. A. A. McGregor, Capt. A. J. Harris, Daniel M. Hodges, Dr. Calvin A. Crow, Edward Bracken, Ligon Family, Shackelford Family; Abraham Randolph, Revolutionary War Patriot.

Limestone: Marriages 1856-1859; Deed Record I, 1819-1825;

Madison: 1833 Letters left at Huntsville Post Office; Peyton S. Wyatt Headright Certificate; Register of Births, 1886-1902; Session Book of Big Cove Mount Pleasant Society; Naturalization Records before 1850; Obits from Memphis Avalanche, 1867.

Marshall: Probate Minutes, 1836-1839; Orphans Court Minutes, 1836-1837; Preston Cemetery;

Deacon Baptist Church Deed; David H. Campbell to Arthur C. Beard Power of Attorney.

Morgan: Rock Creek Cemetery, Prince Cemetery, Jones Bible, Compton Cemetery, Hobson Bible, Saints Cemetery; Deed Book A, 1826-1827; Jemima (Meniffee) Heard Headright Certificate, Gone to Texas. Newspaper Items - Florence Times.

#### **VOLUME 15 (1980-1981) \$15.00**

North Alabama: Militia, 1819 and 1820; North Alabamians in Washington Co., TX; North Alabamians in Austin's Texas Colony.

Franklin-Colbert: Marriage Record 2, 1897-1902; Osborn Bible, Malone Bible; 1822 Caleb Hawkins- John Isbell Bill of Sale.

Jackson: Probate Records 1855-1859; William Coffee, Gone to Texas.

Lauderdale: Will Record A, 1835-1858; Killen Bible; Platt Stout moves to Florence; 1870 Mortality Schedule; Green Hill Masonic Lodge, 1867 Charter Members; Inventory Book A-1, 1818-1822.

Lawrence: Tract Book; Legal Notices from The Christian Herald. 1870 Mortality Schedule; Character Sketches: Dr. Geo. Ernst Kumpe, Preuit Family, W. D. Thomason; Gone to Texas.

Limestone: Deed Record I, 1819-1825; 1860-62 Marriages; Mattie C. Withers death in 1885; Lindsey grave; Col. L. R. Davis obituary, 1892.

Madison: Wills; Register of Births, 1886-1902; 1870 Palmer letter; 1824 Legislative Candidates; James V. A. Hinds, Gone to Texas; W. Graves Bouldin's school.

Marshall: Probate Minutes 1836-39; Orphans Court Records 1836-37.

Morgan: Deed Book A; John W. Dancy, Gone to Texas; Madden Cemetery; Red Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery; Deloach- Patterson Bible.

**VOLUME 16 (1981-1982) \$15.00**

North Alabama: Decatur County Township Plats; Civil War Pensioners in North Alabama, 1898-1899.

Franklin- Colbert: Marriage Record 2, 1891-1902; Edwin Ruthven Freeman Bible; Thomas W. Clay Bible.

Jackson: Probate Records, 1855-58; Flanagan, Mourning, and Langston Cemeteries; Ardin Bible; the town of Nashville in Jackson County.

Lauderdale: Will Record A, 1835-58; Boggs-Irvine Bible; Hugh B. King, Gone to Texas; Thos S. Pope buys Florence Hotel in 1824.

Lawrence: Tract Book; Character Sketches; Stephens Simpson, Seamans family, James Davis Pickens; John Gregg, Gone to Texas.

Limestone: Todd, Craig, Myers cemeteries; Temperance Oak Cemetery; 1870 Mortality Schedule; Mrs. M. A. Peebles Obit., 1886; Death Notices from the Athens Post, 1869, 1872, 1873; Samuel French and Nathaniel Terry, Gone to Texas; Hamilton F. Arthur Bible; Stolen

Marshall: Probate Minutes, 1836-39; Orphans Court, 1836-37; 1870 Mortality Schedule; Kyle Cemetery; 1899 Whitman and Hay marriage

Morgan: Marriage Book A, 1821-61; Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery; Wilson Cemetery; 1824 Legislative Candidates; Abram Skidmore, Gone to Texas; 1870 Mortality Schedule; Kyle Cemetery; David Nelson and Mrs. E. A. Mitchell death notices.

**VOLUME 17 (1982- 1983) \$15.00**

North Alabama: Decatur County Township plats.

Colbert: 1921 and 1907 Confederate Censuses.

Franklin: Hester Bible; Wiley Roberson Hester's 1921 Confederate Census Record; Richard Ellis Headright Certificate; E. Isbell 1849 Invitation.

Jackson: Probate Records, 1855-58; Tabitha Wilborn Land Patent; Stephens, Mt Olive church, Noles, Kennamore-Derrick Cemeteries; 1856 Acts of Alabama; The Progressive Age of 1899. The Stephens Bible; Marriage Records, 1851-1856.

Lauderdale: Will Record A, 1835-1858.

Lawrence: Tract Book; Texas 1836 Revolution bounty land due north Alabamians; County Treasurer's Report, 1844-1849.

Limestone: Orphans Court Minutes, 1824-30; acts to Build Bridges across Elk River; Act to Prohibit Sale of Liquor.

Madison: Clay family correspondence; Bishop Cemetery and Bishop Death Certificate; Clay-McClung partnership; Shadrack Ready, Rev. Soldier; Grief Carriel Petition; Gurley's First Baptist Church, 1884-1915; Mary Etta Wilbourn's school progress report; William Dickson's Last Will & Test; 1824 Legislative Candidates; Wyatt Bible Record; Two George Smith probate files; Mullins Bible

Marshall: Probate Minutes, 1836-39; Orphans Court Minutes, 1838-39.

Morgan: Marriage Book A, 1821-61; Act for Relief of Laurence S. Banks; Simpson Family Bible; Alice Cooper Obituary.

Miscellaneous: Introduction to Genealogy: Do's & Don'ts; Genealogical Shorthand, Land Records; Understanding Probate Minutes and Records.

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North Alabama: Decatur County Township plats.

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Jackson: probate record 1855-58; 1921 Confederate Census; Peters Cove Cemetery; Acts of Alabama.

Lauderdale; 1866 State Census; Marriage Books 5 & 6, 1838-1857.

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Lawrence: Orphans Court Book - 1825

Limestone: Deed Book 2, 1825-1826; Marriage records 1869 - 1874.

Madison: Wills of Madison County; William Petty Pension Application; Bailes Bible; James Harvey Bragg Cherokee Indian Removal of 1838 Bounty Land Warrant Application.

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