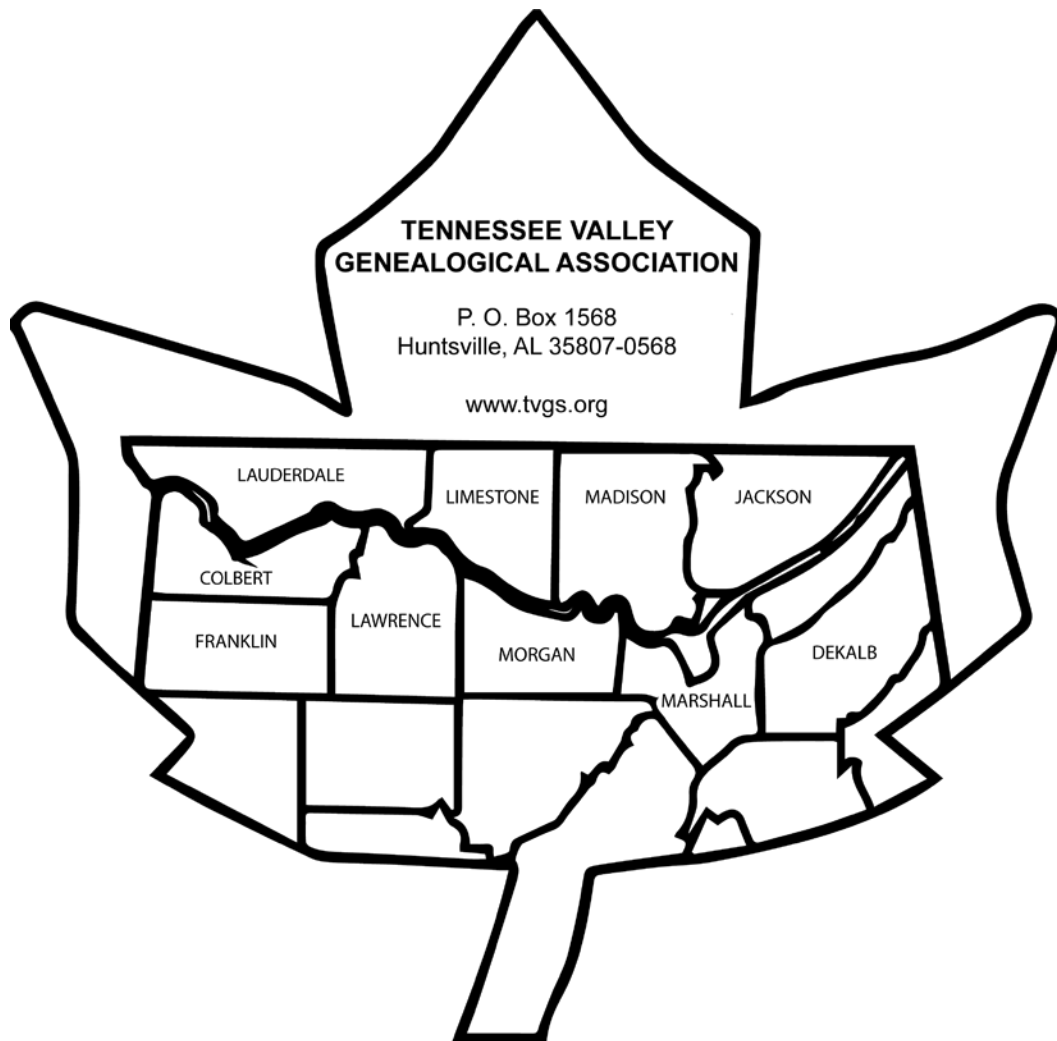


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Upcoming Events

TVGS meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library at 915 Monroe St., Huntsville, AL unless otherwise announced.

Regular Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2017, 7:00 pm
Huntsville Public Library Auditorium

Dr. George Marchelos will present his annual "Genealogy Antique Roadshow" program. Bring one or two items to have informally appraised. Dr. Marchelos is a certified appraiser of personal and estate property, antiques, and collectibles. He is the originator of the UAH Certificate Series on Antiques and a university instructor in antiques. He has experience with banks, museums, insurance claims, legal settlements and churches. He is also a frequent contributor to the Antique Traders column "Ask The Expert."

Regular Membership Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2017, 7:00 pm
Huntsville Public Library Auditorium

Rickey Butch Walker will discuss two of his books: "Doublehead: Last Chickamauga Cherokee Chief" and "Appalachian Indian Trails for the Chickamauga: Lower Cherokee Settlements." Mr. Walker has written over a dozen books on the Cherokee and the Appalachian region. His works will be available for purchase at the event and are also available on Amazon in both print and eBook formats.

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Jackson County

Federal Bankruptcy Act of 1867 Petitioners from Jackson County, Alabama Transcribed From the National Archives

By Coy Michael

At the beginning of the Civil War, the Confederate government demanded that all citizens and businesses owing money to the northern citizens and businesses remit that payment to the Confederacy rather than provide “comfort and support” to the enemy. After the war, those northerners who were owed these funds came looking for remittance.

The large mercantile houses were especially affected. When the large merchant houses called for payment from smaller merchants throughout the region, the smaller merchants then passed demands for payment down to individuals.

Then, along with the economic after-war depression throughout the region, the result was Congress passing the Bankruptcy Act of 1867. The court for the following cases was held in Huntsville, Alabama. The case files usually contain a petition giving all assets and liabilities.

Copies of individual Jackson County case files can be ordered from the following:
 National Archives – Southeast Region
 5780 Jonesboro Road
 Morrow, Georgia 30260
 Phone: 770-968-2547
 E-mail: Atlanta.archives@nara.gov
 Furnish the bankruptcy name, county and state, case file # and court location.

Petitioner	Case #		
Alley, Alexander K.	757	Cowan, James H.	260
Arnold, James J.	407	Cunningham, John H.	459
Arnold, John	90	Davis, Bradford L.	758
Austin, Anthony C.	91	Dodson, James P.	179
Austin, James S.	13	Douglas, Edward E.	932
Austin, William A.	782	Duncan, George W.	428
Bolton, Seiver	432	Duncan, Isaac	423
Bradford, Henry C.	318	Dupuy, Stephen W.	909
Brewer, Robert C.	430	Dwyer, William	518
Broom, E.C. M.	12	Eshelby, James	754
Buchanan, James M.	834	Farrin, William M.	89
Campbell, John R.	311	Fears, George W.	315
Caperton, George W.	753	Gay, Allison A.	175
Carpenter, James G.	464	Gibson, Benjamin F.	906
Carter, Richard C.	287	Graham, Flavis J.	756
Chisenhall, Marcus L.	525	Graham, Milton F.	317
Chisenhall, Redden	616	Grubbs, Lucus H.	151
Clarke, David C.	86	Gullatt, James M.	313
		Gurley, James H.	328

Hall, Thomas C.	364	Petty, William L.	429
Harris, Gideon	73	Poe, John	177
Harris, Robert B.	465	Poston, Sanford E.	329
Harris, Thomas B.	837	Price, Robert H.	366
Hartley, Calvin	262	Proctor, James W.	751
Hayes, William	427	Reid, George	314
Haynes, John R.	85	Roach, Charles B.	461
Hewitt, Francis A.	582	Roach, Henry L.	615
Hill, Orin	80	Robinson, Thomas	319
Hill, William P.	934	Rorex, John	70
Holland, John W.	170	Rorex, William	71
Hood, William A.	309	Saims, James G.	813
Hudgins, Anderson P.	316	Saunders, Francis K.	752
Hunt, Claiborne W.	276	Scarborough, Joseph H.	138
Hunter, Richard F.	871	Shelton, John A & Wm	330
Johnson, Nathan O.A.	72	Shook, James P.	176
Jones, Benjamin W.	140	Smith, John W.	431
Jones, Moses	927	Snodgrass, Benjamin	87
Joyner, George W.,	139	Snodgrass, John	87
Keeble, George W.	838	Stephens, Charles N.	836
Keible, William B.	273	Stephens, William G.	517
Keith, William M.	161	Stratton, James H.	363
Kennamore, Stephen E.	412	Sublett, Joseph	508
Kennemore, Nathaniel	413	Swain, Moses	310
Kyle, Nelson	141	Thornton, William A.	275
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Ledbetter, Joel P.	481	Tipton, Caleb L.	173
Lee, William C.	178	Tipton, Henry D.	750
Maples, James N.	83	Troop, David H.	930
Martin, Samuel M.	367	Wann, William	425
Matthews, Thomas L.	125	Warren, Charles	181
McCoy, James H.	69	Warren, Thomas V.	261
McMahan, Frances M.	95	Washington, William W.	320
McMahan, William J.	94	Whitfield, William C.	84
McMahon, Thomas E.	93	William (s), John W.	180
Metz, Lewis	274	Williams, Ephraim	172
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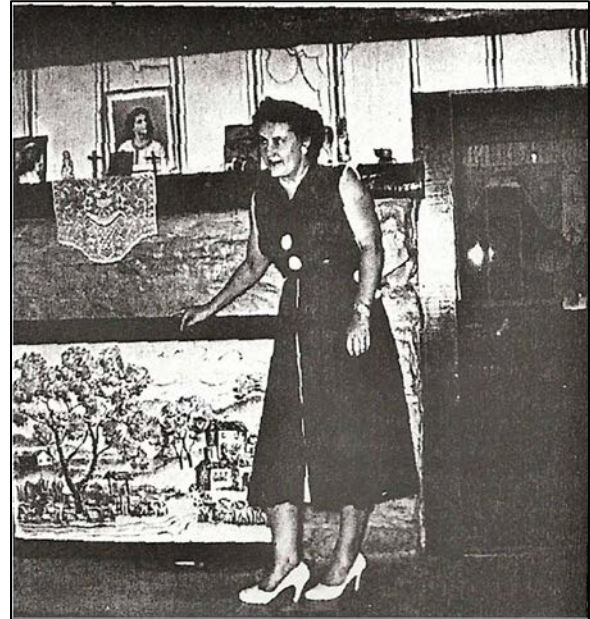
The House of Happiness in Scottsboro, AL

By Elhura "Ellie" Kenady Smith

The House of Happiness was founded in 1923 in Scottsboro, AL as a mission of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama. Its purpose was to provide medical, educational, material assistance and religious instruction to impoverished families of the highland area of North Alabama. Children and their needs were a primary focus. Temporary residential care was given to a number of children needing such care. The House of Happiness received its name shortly after inception when a young girl named Rosa pronounced on her first night there that this was "shore a happy house."

In 1923, Augusta B. Martin came from Montgomery to explore area needs and to set up an early mission that would serve the area until 1953. Miss Martin stayed for several years and in 1925 saw the program move from a house in Scottsboro to a small shack nine miles west of town in Sauta Bottom. The original purchase of 160 acres included the shack, a barn and an occupied tenant house that was later to become a school and a church. In time, a large and more permanent log home was built just beyond the shack up the side of July Mountain. Birdsong Spring at the foot of the mountain supplied water by virtue of bucket and pulley to the house 200 feet above.

The work of the mission was vast and encompassed meeting basic needs of many impoverished families, offering a kindergarten and other schooling opportunities for children and adults,



*House of Happiness 1953- Bea Callahan
(Smith Family Photos)*

Beatrice Smith Abercrombie Callahan (1916-1969) was a community girl who attended the House of Happiness School when it was part of the Jackson County School System. A public school teacher in Birmingham, she acquired the property after it was sold by the Episcopal Diocese. In this circa 1953 photo, she stands by the fireplace in the living room of the House of Happiness. The distinctive rock pattern can be matched to one of the standing chimneys today.

providing an Episcopal chapel for Sunday afternoon services, and even acting at times as an early child welfare intervention program. At such times, Miss Martin worked with resources across the state to locate permanent homes for House of Happiness children. In one of her last reports she stated that 130 children had been cared

for at one time or the other at the House of Happiness.

Miss Martin was a tireless worker and teacher, intrepid in her search of and service to those in need, often arising in the middle of the night to respond to some sickness or other emergency need. Families assisted were not only from Sauta Bottom, but often came from many miles away. Dr. Hugh Boyd, a Scottsboro physician, was well known in the area and provided medical services to the families coming to Miss Martin's attention.

Throughout its history numerous workers and volunteers were recruited to carry out the work of the House of Happiness. Many came from afar while, after warming to the program, youth and adults from Sauta Bottom pitched in to help in various ways. Community men harvested logs from the property for construction of the large, 1½ story log edifice that was to become the permanent House of Happiness structure. Donations of food, clothing, shoes, bedding, other necessities and financial support were received from across the diocese and from as far away as New York City. A piano for the school was sent by a lady from Demopolis, AL. The House of Happiness farm provided some provisions. Barter and sharing within the community were a common way of life. Although free to anyone in need, a stick of firewood or exchange of labor would yield a voucher with which a family could purchase clothing or other items available at the House of Happiness.

Miss Martin remained at the House of Happiness until approximately 1933 when health necessitated her permanent departure. Miss Nellie Barnwell of Mississippi, who had worked at previous times with Miss Martin, had returned to Scottsboro and

served as acting director while hoping for Miss Martin's return. Miss Barnwell was named Director in December, 1934.

In the summer of 1934, Captain Charles Leslie Conder of the Church Army, an evangelical arm of the Episcopal Church, came to assist with religious outreach. He became Director in January, 1936, at which time the work of the House of Happiness became that of the men of the Church Army. Captain Conder and wife, Mary, were followed by Captains Moss, Kast, Thomas, Austin and Wheat. Under the Church Army the House of Happiness no longer provided residential care but continued to provide a viable social service and community program until 1953. Miss Martin died in Montgomery, AL in 1964. Miss Nettie Barnwell went on to serve a mission in North Carolina and died in Mississippi in 1971.

During its 30 years of existence, the House of Happiness property came to encompass the barn, a small farmhouse at Birdsong Spring, the community church/school building, and a privately-owned community cemetery. Refinements had been made to the original log structure and an enclosed sun porch, compliments of a donor, and a worker's addition had been added to the main dwelling.

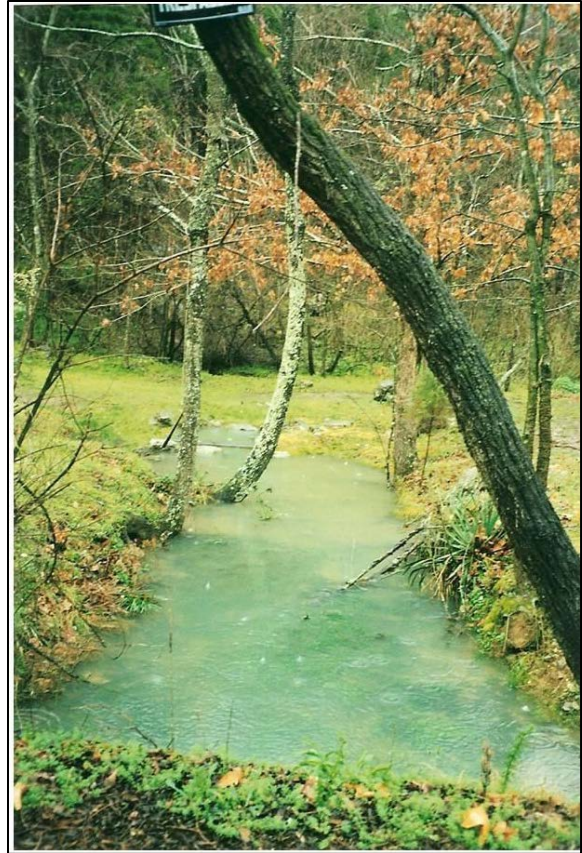
Early in her tenure, Miss Martin had been asked by the Board of Education to teach at the nearby McCutchen School. She later persuaded the Board of Education to provide for a teacher at the House of Happiness School, or Happy Hollow School as it came to be called. An addition was made to the rear of the original tenant house for school and church purposes. The school continued to operate under the auspices of the County Board of Education until about 1939 when roads improved and children could travel to

larger area schools. In its peak year of 1931-32, Miss Martin reported Happy Hollow School to have an enrollment of 127.

In later years, the House of Happiness became not only a resource for families in need, but a beloved community center, providing a place of social interaction for the many youth of Sauta Bottom. Friday night socials were for many years a common part of community life. In a 1938 report, Captain Conder spoke of Sauta Bottom. At that time there were 80 families living in the area of which 18 owned their farms. Another 31 were tenant farmers and 31 were day laborers. In 1938 there were seven automobiles, five radios and two telephones in Sauta Bottom.

Around 1953, when the Church felt its mission to the area was complete, the property was sold to a neighbor, Thurmond Richie, who had purchased the first 40 of the original 160 acres in 1951. A later owner was Beatrice Smith Abercrombie Callahan, a community girl who attended the House of Happiness School and later became a teacher in Birmingham. Upon her acquisition, the farm and buildings became rental property. The house and barn burned in separate accidental fires in the 1960s. As of 2010, Smith heirs retain ownership of the original property, including Birdsong Spring, the House of Happiness Cemetery, and an additional five acres just below the school that were purchased from the County Board of Education.

Sources: The House of Happiness Story, Compiled and written by Campbell Long, Selma Printing Service, 1973; Records on file at the Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center, 208 S. Houston Street, Scottsboro, AL; and Smith family knowledge.



Birdsong Spring near the House of Happiness 2003 (Photo by Liz Bennett, Smith Family Photos)

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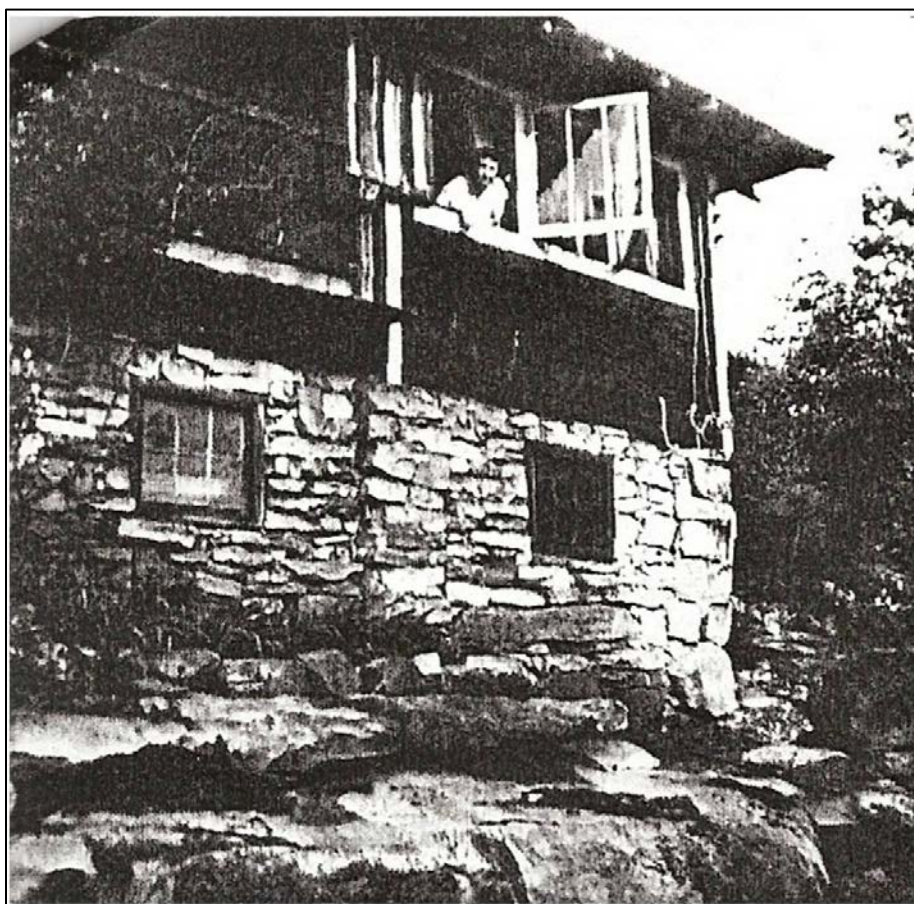
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House of Happiness Circa 1960 (Smith Family Photos)



House of Happiness, 1953, from the front, facing west (Smith Family Photos)



House of Happiness 1953 from the front (Smith Family Photos)



House of Happiness 1953 living room- Nieces and nephews with Bea Callahan (Smith Family Photos)



**HOUSE OF HAPPINESS SITE
SPRING, 2003**

2003 Four different views of the two chimneys still standing at the House Happiness site. The bottom right fireplace is the one by which Bea Smith Abercrombie Callahan stood in the 1953 photograph. (Photos by Liz Bennett, Smith Family Photos)

House Of Happiness Cemetery Interments

This cemetery is located in Scottsboro, AL across the road from Living Word Ministries on Happiness Drive off of the Highway 79 Bypass. **Editor's Note:** This may be an incomplete interment list. Please visit findagrave.com for an alphabetized listing and recent interments.

Name	Birth	Death	Gravestone Notes
Liddie Ritchie	1879	1974	
The T.T. Ritchie Babies	No Dates		
Henry T. "Hank" Miller	12-28-1933	5-11-1996	
Mary R. Miller	7-12-1895	N/A	
John F. Miller	3-9-1891	7-23-1964	
Viola P. Miller	6-18-1935	7-12-1935	
Paul E. Ritchie	2-22-1948	2-22-1948	
Harold Leroy Cornine	2-15-1947	N/A	
Patricia Faye Cornine	5-11-1946	3-25-1994	
Samuel Lester Smith	7-28-1912	8-24-1993	Married 5-3-1941
Stella Barnes Smith	4-7-1919	4-10-2010	
Matthew "Matt" Smith	12-3-1887	1-28-1981	
Ida Metcalfe Smith	8-22-1887	5-27-1954	
Carl D. Canoy	12-17-1924	6-4-1990	
Benjamin L. Furlong	9-17-1966	2-19-1971	
Noble E. Russell	7-16-1930	N/A	
George T. Russell	9-20-1933	10-11-1961	
Thomas W. Russell	6-21-1961	10-24-1978	
Eddie W. Russell	8-13-1954	6-9-1996	
Katherine D. Smith	10-1-1932	6-25-1995	
Charles Lawton Shiflett	6-1-1925	2-9-1990	S1 US Navy Cpt US Army World War II Korea
Rosa M. Shiflett	12-7-1930	N/A	
James A. Shiflett	11-28-1928	1-8-1979	
Gordon Dale Smith	10-25-1955	6-10-1973	
Jane Hasting	8-7-1873	10-15-1964	
Robt. W. Hasting	11-16-1877	8-13-1952	
William Joe Parson	3-23-1970	3-27-1971	
Jerry D. Smith	12-13-1956	12-18-1956	
George W. Sanders	1867	1938	
Palestine Sanders	1871	1938	
Dick O. Ritchie	8-5-1904	2-13-1957	
Georgia Lee Paradise	3-16-1909	10-27-1951	
Charles W. J. Rich	2-5-1941	4-18-1941	
Ruth Shiflett	10-1964	3-1965	Daughter
Addie Shiflett	12-1895	10-1973	
Lloyd E. Shiflett	2-1895	1-1938	
Lloyd V. Shiflett	11-28-1926	9-15-1989	Beloved Uncle S1 US Navy WWII

Jackson County

Name	Birth	Death	Gravestone Notes
James A. Brown	1926	1945	Rest In Peace Infantry U.S.A. Pfc
Rayford "Speedy" Campbell	11-6-1930	9-7-1997	
Baby Frances Campbell	No Dates		
Campbell Infant	No Dates		
Campbell Infant Twins	No Dates		
Campbell Infant	No Dates		
Milton F. Miller	9-25-1946	2-25-1947	
Elbert L. Dulaney	2-28-1900	7-8-1974	
Lyda Jane Dulaney	2-20-1904	3-31-1995	
Hershel Floyd Dulaney	2-22-1943	7-22-1960	Alabama Rct Co B 8 Bn 2 Tng Regt.
Brenda Carol Dulaney	4-15-1950	12-2-1950	
J.W. Edgar Smart	2-16-1947	N/A	
Shirley P. Smart	3-3-1941	6-7-1988	
Amy Leigh Smart	5-12-1973	5-18-1998	
Bessie D. Russell	10-16-1934	N/A	Married 1-6-1950
John W. Bruce	9-14-1927	8-6-1976	
Bertha L. Russell	6-18-1908	4-17-1979	
William H. "Bud" Russell	9-13-1890	3-4-1952	Al. Pvt. 306 Ammo Tn 81 Division World War I
Winnie Catherine Russell	4-2-1950		(Only Date)
George Russell	12-19-1957	N/A	
Mary Alice Russell	1-16-1925	11-4-1987	
Richard Steven Owens	9-14-1948	4-12-1949	
Claud Swon Treece	6-12-1925	2-7-1984	
Lella C. Treece	2-15-1925	N/A	
Olene Miller	9-6-1926	12-29-1993	
John F. Miller	2-5-1920	N/A	
Peggy B. Miller	6-11-1950	N/A	
Johnny E. Miller	4-8-1944	6-28-1982	
Robert Dulaney	2-20-1922	4-22-1988	
Julia Dulaney	12-12-1925	N/A	

Revolutionary War Soldiers Who Died In Jackson County

Compiled From Various Sources by Coy Michael, TVGS Researcher

Last Name	First Name	Birth	Birth Location	Death	Burial	Service
Allen	Annanias	1756	NC	1840	Allen Cemetery	Wilkes Co., NC MIL.
Atchley	Abraham	1759	NJ	Aft 1834		Orderly Sgt.
Austill	Malone					Soldier
Boykin	Soloman,	1742/46		1821		GA MIL
Bynum	Isaac N.	1755	NC	1840		
Bryant	John	1754	VA	1842	Bryant Cemetery	Albemarle, VA MIL
Busby	John	1757	NC	Bef 1840		Soldier, NC
Carlton	Silas			1837		Soldier
Clarke	Lewis	1763	VA	1842	Paint Rock Valley	Pvt. VA MIL.
Coffee	Nathan	1760	NC	1823	Near Old Santa	Pvt. NC MIL.
Davis	William	1753	VA	1848	Proctor Cemetery	Lindley's VA Regt
Duncan	John	1755	VA	1844		Soldier, SC
Fletcher	William	1758	VA	1837		Capt. NC MIL.
Foster	Richard			Aft 1835	Maynard's Cove	Soldier NC
Gilliam	Jourdan	1732	VA	1837		Soldier, VA MIL
Green	George			1823		Soldier
Hamman	Philip	1756	Germany	1832	Hamman Cemetery	Col. VA MIL
Holland	William	1760/70		1830/40	Holland Cemetery	Soldier, NC
Jackson	John	1751		1833	Robertson Cemetery	Pvt. SC Continental Line
Jones	William	1748		1834		Soldier
Kirby	Andrew					Soldier
Matthews	Benjamin	1764	VA	1840		Pvt., VA
McCormick	Joseph	1744/45		Aft 1840		Pvt., GA Troops
McCravy	John	1752		1840/50	Roach or Bryant Cem.	Sgt. NC Troops
McCutchen	John Ames	1755	SC	1835	Robertson Cemetery	3rd SC Rangers
McGehee	William	1855	VA	1836		Pvt. VA State Troops
McInally	Jonah					Soldier

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Last Name	First Name	Birth	Birth Location	Death	Burial	Service
Morris	John	1764	NC	1844		Pvt. NC Troops
Pearce	James	1765	VA	Aft 1836	Pearce Cemetery	Soldier
Peyton	Daniel	1864		1824		Maj. KY MIL
Rice	Ned	1756	SC	1860		Black Slave as Servant
Roundsavall	John R.	1758	NC	1840	Freeman Cemetery	Col Summer's SC MIL
Rowan	Samuel			Aft 1833		Pvt. SC Continental Line
Russell	Thomas H.	1761	PA	1850	Doran' Cove Cem.	Pvt. Cav. NC
Samples	Jessee	1763/64	SC			Soldier, NC Continental
Smith	James	1760	VA	1843		Pvt. NC & VA
Summers	John	1760	VA	Aft 1837		Soldier
Townsend	Joshus	1762		Aft 1840		
Tribble	Elijah	1755	VA	1840	Near Bridgeport	Pvt. NC MIL.
Vaughn	Abner	1765	VA	Aft 1820		Soldier, MIL
White	James			Aft 1840		Pvt. VA Continental Line
Wilson	William	1757		Aft 1840	Old Roach Cemetery	Soldier
Wood	John	1751		Aft 1840		Soldier

Graves of Revolutionary soldiers and their contemporaries can be among the most difficult to track and find. Many were buried in family cemeteries that have fallen into disuse. Others may lie nameless due to the effects of acid rain on their limestone grave markers. If you know of a Revolutionary War soldier in Jackson County, AL who is not listed here, please e-mail us at tvgsvalleyleaves@gmail.com.

Madison County

“JOHN BYRD MURDERED”

By Coy E. Michael
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These were the headlines on the first page of *The Huntsville Herald* on July 4, 1902. John Byrd and family were living in the Monrovia community of Madison County in 1902. Byrd and his family did not have a good well on their farm. John would have his son go to the adjoining farm house, belonging to the Johnsons, to get a bucket of water from their well.

On Saturday, prior to this July 4 news article, Byrd sent his son to the Johnsons to get a bucket of water. Mr. Johnson refused to let him get water, giving the reason that his well water was low and the well may run dry. Byrd's son returned home with the news. John Byrd, known for having a fiery temper, went into the house and retrieved his double barrel shotgun and a bucket and said, "I will go get water and no one will stop me."

As he departed his family, consisting of his wife, son, father and two or three others followed close behind. Whether they were trying to get him to stop or urging him on is not known. When Johnson and his brother-in-law, Stevens, saw the party coming they armed themselves. Johnson yelled to Byrd to stop coming to the well. Byrd came on and leveled his gun at the two men. Johnson opened fire with a pistol at some distance, none of the bullets having any effect. Stevens then fired his shotgun and Byrd fell dead riddled with shot. Mrs. Byrd was struck in her arm badly wounding her. Byrd was shot twice. Tension between Byrd and the brothers-in-law previously developed when their cattle had frequented the Birds'



crops, but the water situation was the last straw.

The men came to the city after the killing and turned themselves in to the sheriff, who had no warrant for their arrest. The sheriff advised them to come back in the afternoon and appear before Judge Stewart for preliminary trial.

Warrants for the arrest of Johnson and Stevens were sworn out by the dead man's father, and a preliminary trial was held before Squire David Phillips, who held the men for further investigation.

The regular preliminary hearing was held Monday afternoon and Judge Stewart bound the defendants over to await the action of the

grand jury. Their bonds were fixed at \$1,000 and were easily made.

The State of Alabama vs. Fred Stevens and Robert Johnson was recorded as case #6267 in the Circuit Court of Madison County August 14, 1902. Witnesses for the state were Murphy Clutts, Eli Moore, Eunice Bird, Mason Taylor. Mrs. John Bird, George Moore, Solon Phillips, Matilda Bunch, L. N. Ivan (?), John Brimley, D. E. Kelley, G. M. Bird, Martha Bird and Mand Bird. The grand jury returned a verdict of murder in second degree.

The grand jury reported their findings in the August term of 1902 as follows: Fred Stephens, alias Fred Stevens and Robert Johnson unlawfully and without deliberation or premeditation killed John Byrd by shooting him with a gun.”

The court met February, 1903. Due to the death of Bob Johnson the court admitted prosecution abate as to him and defendant Stevens ordered tried separately. On August 24, 1904 the jury reached a verdict of guilty to defendant Stevens. Stevens was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$50.

John William Bird was born April 16, 1870 in Walker County, Georgia. His parents were George Marshall Bird and Martha S. Clark who settled in Georgia after the Civil War. John William Bird married M. Canzada Pierce on December 23, 1887 in Walker County, Georgia.

John and Cannie relocated to McLemore’s Cove in Madison County, Alabama where their first child, Eunice Clark Bird, was born July 22, 1888. Eunice was born prematurely and only seven months after his parents were married. Eunice was said to have been so small that he could have fit into a teacup.

Conzada, commonly known as “Cannie,” was born October 3, 1780 in McLemore’s Cove in Madison County, Alabama, and was the daughter of John Calvin Pierce and Lydia Caroline Harvey. John and Lydia had 11 known children – Sylvania P.C. (1854), M.D.P (1856), Calvin Berry (1857), George Washington (1859), Mary Elizabeth (1862), William Brice (1866), Frances Cordelia (1868), M. Canzada (1870), John Vigil (1873), S.C. (1875), and James Edward (1878).

Family legend has that John traveled west to Fort Worth, Texas, and upon returning to Georgia, convinced his father to pack up and move to Texas. The families worked their way westward. They were cattle farming in Hope, Arkansas when, on March 10, 1895, Cannie passed away from a sudden illness, probably a heart attack. Eunice, who was six years of age at the time, had been sent out to the pasture to bring in the herd. As he ran the cattle through the gate, Eunice saw his mother standing nearby as she fainted and collapsed. M. Canzada Pierce Bird, who was later described by her son, Eunice, as a sweet-natured, tall, slender woman, was buried in Hope Arkansas (Hempstead County).

Sometime after Cannie’s death John married a woman by the name of Maggie Walker in McNairy County Tennessee. John and Maggie had one son, John Evan Bird, born in 1898, and one daughter, Ella M. was born in 1899.

John and family and John’s father decided to work their way back to Georgia. They left McNairy County, Tennessee and on their travels decided to stay for some time in the small community of Monrovia, Madison County, Alabama. This is where John’s life came to an end.

The 1880 census of Pond Spring, Walker County, Georgia has John W. Bird, age 10, in the home with his parents, George W. Bird, age 36, and Martha Bird, age 29. Three other children in the home were Mary S., 8, Claude A., 6, and Matilda, age four.

In the 1900 census of McNairy County, Tennessee John Bird was age 30 and was identified as widowed. He was in the home with his parents, George Bird, age 56, and Martha Bird, age 49. Fourteen people were

in the household which included 8 children of George and Martha, and three children of John Bird. Also in the household was Sarah A. Bird, age 82, the mother of George Bird. John William Bird, son of George Marshall Bird and Martha S. Clark, father of Eunice Clark Bird and Wiley Virgil Bird, as well as Ella Bird (infant) and John Evan Bird.

(Editor's note: John Bird's name appears with the spelling Byrd in the news article. It is spelled Bird on the grave marker.)



Genealogy of a Family Cemetery

Chandler Cemetery, Owens Cross Roads, Madison County, Alabama

By Ginny Dunaway Young
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Chandler Cemetery is located on the side of a country road known as Old Gurley Pike near Owens Cross Roads and New Hope, Alabama. It's a quiet place, and it appears to be almost forgotten these days – overgrown, neglected, with many of the tombstones knocked down or damaged. It was a question that was asked about the families and people buried there that prompted this index: “Who are the Cobbs buried at Chandler Cemetery?”

A cemetery is a place of solemnity and reflection, and this small cemetery is no different from larger ones. The earliest tombstone is dated 1874 for William R. Chandler, but it is possible that there are earlier unmarked graves for Chandler family members. The most recent burial was in 2007 for James Richard Manuel, a great-great-great-grandson of William Robert Chandler. The Chandler Cemetery is indeed a family cemetery in that the majority of the people buried here are related either by blood or marriage to William Robert and Eliza Moon Chandler.

The Chandler family members in Chandler Cemetery:

WILLIAM ROBERT CHANDLER (b. 28 Jun 1798, d. 15 Jan. 1874)

ELIZA C. (MOON) CHANDLER (b. 22 Aug. 1812, d. 28 Dec. 1891)

In the 1840 U.S. census, William Robert and Eliza C. Moon Chandler reported that they had two sons and two daughters. John M. Chandler is definitely one of the sons. Recently found in the 1850 U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedule is Jackson Chandler, age 14, born about 1836. Jackson died a “sudden” death in September 1850, and the Chandler family census was taken in December 1850. He lived in District 35 where the William R. Chandler family lived, and there were no other Chandler families listed in Madison County, Alabama in 1850. Eliza's brother was Jackson Moon and was her sibling closest in age. All of these factors make it likely that Jackson Chandler was the unknown son of the 1840 census.

Their known children are:

1. Almira Chandler (b. 1831, d. 1870-1880) m. William H. Moon
2. John M. Chandler (b. 1834, d. abt 1879) m. Nancy Eason
3. Hester Ann Chandler (b. 1840, d. 1910) m. Thomas Carpenter
4. Nathaniel Green Chandler (b. 1841, d. 1918) m. Alice Emma Isora Taylor
5. Eva Virginia Chandler (b. 1847, d. 1929) m. John Preston Maples
6. Harriet C. Chandler (b. 1848, d. abt 1874) m. Edward F. Patterson
7. Allen Clement Chandler (b. 1851, d. 1910) m. Harriet Branum
8. Eliza America Chandler (b. 1855, d. 1939) m. 1st Eleazer Cobb, m. 2nd George Washington Maples.

All of these children are buried in marked graves at Chandler Cemetery with the exceptions of Almira Jane Chandler Moon and Harriet C. Chandler Patterson. It is likely that both Almira and Harriet rest in unmarked graves at Chandler Cemetery.

Chandler Cemetery Index:

Baker, Absalom Perry Divicus “Dike” (b. 24 Nov. 1870, d. 7 Nov., 1936)

Nathaniel Green Chandler’s family – Absalom Perry Divicus “Dike” Baker was son-in-law of Nathaniel Green Chandler and Alice Emma Isora Taylor; the husband of Eliza America Chandler; the son of Thomas Lewis Baker and Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker.

Grandson-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

He was also the grandson of Thomas Carpenter, husband of Hester Ann Chandler, since his mother was Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker b. 1852 d. 1925, the daughter of Thomas Carpenter and first wife, Phebe White Tabor.

Baker, Catherine Chandler – b. Oct. 29, 1888 d. Sep. 23, 1911

John M. Chandler’s family – Catherine “Katie” Chandler was the great-granddaughter of John M. Chandler; granddaughter of William Allen Chandler and Willie Connally; daughter of Frederick Allen Chandler and Jewel Fields; wife of Robert Houston Baker; Great-great granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Baker, David Shelby – b. Mar. 15, 1904 d. Jun 28, 1985

Nathaniel Green Chandler’s family – David

Shelby Baker was the grandson of Nathaniel Green Chandler and Alice Emma Isora Taylor; son of Eliza America Chandler and Absalom Perry Divicus “Dike” Baker; Great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

He was also the great-grandson of Thomas Carpenter through Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker b. 1852 d. 1925, daughter of Thomas Carpenter and first wife, Phebe White Tabor.

Baker, Eliza America Chandler – b. Feb. 26, 1876 d. Nov. 27, 1959

Nathaniel Green Chandler’s family – Eliza America Chandler Baker was the daughter of Nathaniel Green Chandler and Alice Emma Isora Taylor; wife of Absalom Perry Divicus “Dike” Baker; Granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

She was also the daughter-in-law of Thomas Carpenter through Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker b. 1852 d. 1925, daughter of Thomas Carpenter and first wife, Phebe White Tabor.

Baker, Lois – b. Nov 12, 1921 d. Nov 13, 1921

Eva Virginia Chandler Maples’ family – Lois Baker was great-granddaughter of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; granddaughter of Hester Americus Maples and Ira Taylor Sibley; the infant daughter of Pauline Sibley and Eddie C. Baker; Great-great granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Carpenter, America Ella b. Jun 25, 1877 d. Feb 5, 1892

Hester Ann Chandler Carpenter’s family – America Ella Chandler was the daughter of

Hester Ann Chandler and Thomas Carpenter; Granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Carpenter, Hester Ann Chandler b. May 16, 1840 d. Feb 24, 1910 on tombstone b. May 16, 1840 d. Jan. 24, 1910 in family Bible Alabama death certificate – death date is Mar 10, 1910.

William Robert Chandler's family – Daughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon; wife of Thomas Carpenter.

Carpenter, Magnolia B. – b. Feb 20, 1882 d. Feb 24, 1882

Hester Ann Chandler Carpenter's family – Magnolia B. Carpenter was the daughter of Hester Ann Chandler and Thomas Carpenter; Granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Carpenter, Thomas – b. Feb 13, 1820 d. Jan 24, 1913 on tombstone; b. Feb 15, 1826 d. Feb 24, 1913 in Carpenter family Bible

Hester Ann Chandler Carpenter's family - Thomas Carpenter was the husband of Hester Ann Chandler; son of Willis Carpenter and Elizabeth "Betsy" Ross. Son-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Alice Emma Isora Taylor – b. Mar 22, 1856 d. Dec 20, 1940.

Nathaniel Green Chandler's family – Alice Emma Isora Taylor was the wife of Nathaniel Green Chandler; daughter of John C. Taylor and Elizabeth Garner. Daughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Allen Clement – b. Oct. 5, 1851 d. Sep 4, 1910

William Robert Chandler's family – Allen C. Chandler was the son of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon; husband of Harriet Elizabeth Branum.

Chandler, Eliza C. Moon – b. Aug 22, 1812 d. Dec 28, 1891

William Robert Chandler's family – Eliza C. Moon Chandler was the wife of William Robert Chandler; daughter of John Moon (b. abt 1789 – d. 1844) and Mary "Polly" Lewis (? – abt 1820). "Polly" was a common nickname for Mary.

Chandler, Frederick Allen – b. Mar 8, 1894 d. Jul 20, 1934

John M. Chandler's family – Frederick Allen Chandler was the grandson of John M. Chandler; son of William Allen and Willie Connally Chandler Worley; husband of Jewel Fields; Great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Harriet Elizabeth Branum – b. Nov 27, 1856 d. Feb 26, 1940

Allen Clement Chandler's family – Harriet Elizabeth Branum was the wife of Allen Clement Chandler; daughter of Richard Branum and Julia Smith. Daughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Jennie Hickman – b. Feb 17, 1896 d. Aug 11, 1967

Allen Clement Chandler's family – Jennie Hickman Chandler was the daughter-in-law of Allen Clement Chandler; 2nd wife of John Willis Chandler; daughter of John Y. Hickman and Sarah Caldonia Hinkle. Granddaughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Jewel Fields – b. Aug 19, 1900

d. Jun 5, 1944

John M. Chandler's family – Jewel Fields Chandler was the granddaughter-in-law of John M. Chandler; daughter-in-law of William Allen and Willie Connally Chandler; wife of Frederick Allen Chandler; daughter of James Daniel Fields and Mattie Sadler. Great-granddaughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, John M. – b. 1834 d. abt 1879

William Robert Chandler's family – John M. Chandler was the son of William Robert and Eliza Moon Chandler; husband of Nancy Eason; Nancy Eason was the daughter of George Eason and Elizabeth Jenkins.

Chandler, John Willis – b. 1874 d. 1952

Allen Clement Chandler's family – John Willis Chandler was the son of Allen Clement Chandler and Harriet Elizabeth Branum; husband of Mary Arminda Lyon first, then husband of Jennie (Janie) Hickman second. Grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Mamie Clark – b. Jun 5, 1891 d. Jan 1, 1980

Allen Clement Chandler's family – Mamie Clark Chandler was the daughter-in-law of Allen Clement Chandler; wife of Nathaniel Thomas Chandler; daughter of Thomas K. Clark and Margaret Elizabeth Hughes. Granddaughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Mary Arminda Lyon – b. Dec. 28, 1873 d. Dec. 21, 1906

Allen Clement Chandler's family – Mary Arminda Lyon Chandler was the daughter-

in-law of Allen Clement Chandler; was the first wife of John Willis Chandler; daughter of Rev. William Augusta May Lyon and Rhoda Jane Ivy. Granddaughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Nathaniel Green – b. Jun 16, 1841 d. Apr. 19, 1918

William Robert Chandler's family – Nathaniel Green Chandler was the son of William Robert and Eliza Moon Chandler; husband of Alice Emma Isora Taylor.

Chandler, Pvt Nathaniel Thomas – b. Feb 15, 1894 d. Jul 19, 1970

Allen Clement Chandler's family – Nathaniel Thomas Chandler was the son of Allen Clement and Harriet Elizabeth Branum Chandler; husband of Mayme "Mammie" Clark; Grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Shelby – b. Jan 22, 1900 d. Sep 30, 1901

Nathaniel Green Chandler's family – Shelby Chandler was the grandson of Nathaniel Green Chandler; the son of Lee Allen Chandler and Virginia Leah Gibbs; Great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, Valtena Louise – b. Oct 9, 1934 d. Aug 30, 1936

Nathaniel Green Chandler's family – Valtena Louise Chandler was great-granddaughter of Nathaniel Green Chandler; granddaughter of Lee Allen Chandler and Virginia Leah Gibbs; daughter of Robert N. Chandler and Gertrude Cambron; Great-great granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, William Allen – b. Aug 9, 1866

d. Sep 19, 1908

John M. Chandler's family – William Allen Chandler was the son of John M. Chandler; husband of Willie Jordan Connally; Grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Chandler, William Robert – b. Jun 28, 1798 d. Jan 15, 1874

Born in Halifax County, Virginia; was in Madison County by September 1830 where he married Eliza C. Moon, daughter of John Moon and Mary "Polly" Lewis.

Cobb, Agnes Inez – b. Nov 25, 1911 d. Jan 13, 1912

Great-granddaughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; granddaughter of Amanda Caroline Worley and George William Cobb; daughter of Effie Christine Cobb and John Isaac Cobb.

Cobb, Amanda Caroline Worley – b. Aug 7, 1873 d. Mar 14, 1941

Daughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; wife of George William Cobb; mother of Effie Christine Cobb.

Cobb, Andrew Jackson – b. Apr 22, 1858 d. Oct 26, 1928

Brother-in-law of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; married to Charlotte Worley, sister of Henry F. Worley. Charlotte is buried at Merrimack Cemetery in Huntsville, Alabama. Andrew Jackson Cobb was the son of Adams A. Cobb and Nancy Marytine Nell Vann.

Cobb, Effie Christine – b. Sep 5, 1894 d. Jul 25, 1927

Granddaughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; daughter of Amanda Caroline Worley and George William Cobb; wife of John Isaac Cobb.

Cobb, Eleazer C. – b. Feb 28, 1861 d. Jul 21, 1881

William Robert Chandler's family – Eleazer C. Cobb was the first husband of Eliza America Chandler; son of Eleazer Cobb and Eliza C. Moon. His mother, Eliza C. Moon, was the daughter of Thomas L. Moon and Pheraby Clark and was the first cousin of the Eliza C. Moon who married William Robert Chandler. Son-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Cobb, George William – b. Jan 19, 1871 d. Apr 3, 1937

Son-in-law of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; husband of Amanda Caroline Worley; father of Effie Christine Cobb; son of John Cobb and Mary Christian.

Cobb, John Bowen – b. Nov 21, 1885 d. Sep 7, 1920

Nephew of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; son of Andrew Jackson Cobb and Charlotte Worley; husband of Magnolia "Maggie" Kilgore. Maggie Kilgore was sister of Silas Edward Kilgore (1884-1943) whose wife was Ethel Beatrice Cobb, daughter of Amanda Caroline Worley and George William Cobb.

Cobb, John Isaac – b. Feb 28, 1888 d. Dec 23, 1956

Son-in-law of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; husband of Effie Christine Cobb.

Cobb, Pvt. Joseph Dickson – b. 1828 d. Feb 15, 1907

Half-brother of Bernice Cobb Worley; son of Bryant Cobb and first wife, Mary Polly Grayson; Bernice Cobb Worley was the daughter of Bryant Cobb and his second wife, Amanda M. Camper.

Fryar, Jimedie – b. Apr 22, 1901 d. Jul 14, 1919

Almira Jane Chandler's family – Jimedie Fryar was the great-grandson of Almira Jane Chandler; grandson of Nathan "Nattie" and Matilda Jane Lacy Moon; son of Mary Ellen Moon and William Wesley Fryar; Great-great grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Fryar, Mary Ellen Moon – b. Oct 11, 1874 d. Jan 19, 1938

Almira Jane Chandler's family – Mary Ellen Moon Fryar was granddaughter of Almira Jane Chandler; the daughter of Nathan "Nattie" and Matilda Jane Lacy Moon; wife of William Wesley Fryar; Great-granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Fryar, Thomas A. J. – b. Feb 17, 1896 d. Nov 15, 1901

Almira Jane Chandler's family – Thomas A. J. Fryar was the great-grandson of Almira Jane Chandler; grandson of Nathan "Natty" and Matilda Jane Lacy Moon; the son of Mary Ellen Moon and William Wesley Fryar; Great-great grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Fryar, William Wesley – b. Sep 14, 1865 d. Feb 22, 1917

Almira Jane Chandler's family – William Wesley Fryar was the grandson-in-law of Almira Jane Chandler; son-in-law of Nathan

"Natty" and Matilda Jane Lacy Moon; the husband of Mary Ellen Moon Fryar; son of James Fryar and Mary F. Eason. Mary F. Eason was the sister of Nancy Eason, the wife of Dr. John M. Chandler. Great grandson-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Gibbs, Edith E. Maples – b. Aug 5, 1883 d. Dec 28, 1932

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – Edith E. Maples Gibbs was the daughter of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; wife of James Thornton Gibbs; Granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Gibbs, James Thornton – b. Feb 19, 1879 d. Feb 7, 1953

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – James Thornton Gibbs was the son-in-law of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; the husband of Edith E. Maples Gibbs; son of Benjamin P. Gibbs and Sarah J. Dunlap. Grand-son-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Gibbs, Roy Lester – b. Jan 19, 1908 d. Dec 28, 1911

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – Roy Lester Gibbs was the grandson of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; son of Edith E. Maples and James Thornton Gibbs; Great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Gibbs, Thomas Lawler – b. Apr 22, 1910 d. Sep 23, 1912

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – Thomas Lawler Gibbs was the grandson of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; son of Edith E. Maples and James Thornton

Gibbs; Great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Kelly, Gordon Wilson – b. Nov 14, 1916 d. Jul 26, 1921

Grandson of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; son of Maggie Lee Worley and Clarence Gordon Kelly.

Kelly, Maggie Lee Worley – b. 1887 d. 1936

Daughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; wife of Clarence Gordon Kelley; mother of Gordon Wilson Kelley.

Kelly, Julia Vafemia “Julie” Inman – b. 1851 d. Jan 30, 1927

Cousin of Henry F. Worley; granddaughter of Francis Worley and Charlotte Cobb who were grandparents of Henry F. Worley also; daughter of Louisa Worley and James Madison Inman; wife of Marion Kelly. Julia was also the great-grandmother of Gordon Wilson Kelly buried in Chandler Cemetery whose parents were Maggie Lee Worley and Clarence Gordon Kelley.

Kilgore, Edna Ozella – b. Jul 20, 1942 d. Jul 20, 1942

Great-granddaughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; granddaughter of Ethel Beatrice Cobb and Silas Edward Kilgore; daughter of Edward Wiley Kilgore and Edith Ozella Mance.

Lyon, Charles Ramon – b. Feb 16, 1900 d. Jul 7, 1949

Eva Virginia Chandler’s family – Charles Ramon Lyon was grandson of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; the son of Harriet C. Maples and George William

Lyon; Great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Lyon, George William – b. Oct 29, 1872 d. Mar 18, 1949

Eva Virginia Chandler’s family – George William Lyon was the son-in-law of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; husband first of their daughter, Harriet C. Maples; After the death of Harriet C. Maples in 1911, he married Harriet’s sister, Lillie Maples, and thus continued being the son-in-law of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; son of Rev. William Augusta May Lyon and Rhoda Jane Ivy. Grandson-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Lyon, Harriet Catherine Maples – b. Sep 16, 1873 d. Jan 14, 1911

Eva Virginia Chandler’s family – Harriet Catherine Maples was the daughter of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; she was married to George William Lyon until her death in 1911. Granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Lyon, Lillie Mae Maples – b. Dec 28, 1876 d. May 31, 1936

Eva Virginia Chandler’s family – Lillie Mae Maples was the daughter of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; 2nd wife of George William Lyon after the death of her sister, Harriet Catherine Maples; Granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Manuel, James Richard – b. Aug 15, 1953 d. Mar 27, 2007

Nathaniel Green Chandler’s family – James Richard Manuel was the great-great grandson of Nathaniel Green Chandler and Alice Emma Isora Taylor; great-grandson of

Eliza America Chandler and Absolom Perry Divicus "Dike" Baker; the grandson of Gertrude Flossy Baker and Charlie Gordon Smith; son of Verna Marie Smith and James Manuel. Great-great-great grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon. James Richard Manuel was also the great-great grandson of Thomas Carpenter through Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker b. 1852 d. 1925, daughter of Thomas Carpenter and first wife, Phebe White Tabor.

Manuel, Verna Marie Smith – b. Jan 7, 1924 d. Sep 16, 1998

Nathaniel Green Chandler's family – Verna Marie Smith was the great-granddaughter of Nathaniel Green Chandler and Alice Emma Isora Taylor; granddaughter of Eliza America Chandler and Absolom Perry Divicus "Dike" Baker; the daughter of Gertrude Flossy Baker and Charlie Gordon Smith; wife of James Manuel. Great-great granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon. Verna Marie Smith Manuel was also the great-granddaughter of Thomas Carpenter through Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker b. 1852 d. 1925, daughter of Thomas Carpenter and first wife, Phebe White Tabor.

Maples, Eliza America Chandler – b. Oct 16, 1855 d. Dec 31, 1939

William Robert Chandler's family – Eliza America Chandler was the daughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon; wife first of Eleazer C. Cobb (1861-1881); after his death, she was wife second of George Washington Maples. George Washington Maples was the brother of John Preston Maples who married Eva Virginia Chandler, Eliza's sister.

Maples, Eva Virginia Chandler – b. Aug 3, 1847 d. Jul 21, 1929

William Robert Chandler's family – Eva Virginia Chandler was the daughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon; wife of John Preston Maples.

Maples, Infant Son – b. Jun 12, 1880 d. Aug 14, 1880

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – Infant son of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; Grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Maples, John Preston – b. Apr 29, 1848 d. Jun 18, 1925

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – John Preston Maples was the husband of Eva Virginia Chandler; son of James Maples and Edith Caroline Patterson. Son-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Patterson, Edna Lillian – b. Nov 9, 1911 d. Jul 7, 1918

Almira Chandler's family – Edna Lillian Patterson was probably great-granddaughter of Almira Chandler Moon; probably granddaughter of Elizabeth Charlotte Moon and Edward F. Patterson; Most likely, she was the daughter of either Paul L. Patterson or John Will Patterson, sons of Elizabeth Charlotte Moon and Edward F. Patterson. Probable great-great granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Patterson, Edward F. – b. Jul 13, 1848 d. Mar 8, 1912

William Robert Chandler's family – Edward F. Patterson was first the son-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon. He was married to Harriet C. Chandler, daughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon until her death about about

1874. After Harriet's death, he married Harriet's niece, Elizabeth Charlotte Moon, the daughter of Almira Chandler and William Moon. With this marriage he became the son-in-law of Almira Chandler Moon and William Moon; Edward F. Patterson was the son of John Patterson and Lydia Maples. Son-in-law first, grandson-in-law second of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Patterson, Elizabeth Charlotte Moon – b. Oct 1855 d. Oct 13, 1924 – unmarked grave

Almira Chandler's family – daughter of Almira Chandler and William Moon; wife of Edward F. Patterson; Granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon; No grave marker but death is reported on Alabama Deaths and Burials Index and burial site is Chandler Cemetery.

Patterson, Jessie David – b. Oct 14, 1889 d. Mar 23, 1955

Almira Chandler's family – Jessie David Patterson was the grandson of Almira Chandler and William Moon; son of Elizabeth Charlotte Moon and Edward F. Patterson; husband of Maud Lamb; Great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Patterson, Maud Lamb – b. Feb 13, 1894 d. Oct 31, 1921

Almira Chandler's family – Maud Lamb Patterson was the granddaughter-in-law of Almira Chandler and William Moon; daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Charlotte Moon and Edward F. Patterson; wife of Jessie David Patterson; daughter of Edward Charles Lamb and Nancy A. McGaha. Also the great-granddaughter of Francis Cobb and Charlotte Worley. Great-granddaughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Sibley, Mattie Elizabeth – b. Mar 27, 1918 d. May 17, 1919

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – Mattie Elizabeth Sibley was the granddaughter of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; daughter of Hester Americus Maples and Ira Taylor Sibley; great-granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Sibley, William A. – b. Feb 13, 1924 d. Mar 11, 1924

Eva Virginia Chandler's family – William A. Sibley was the infant grandson of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples; son of Hester Americus Maples and Ira Taylor Sibley; great-grandson of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Smith, Charlie Gordon – b. May 7, 1894 d. Jun 4, 1966

Nathaniel Green Chandler's family – Charlie Gordon Smith was the grandson-in-law of Nathaniel Green Chandler and Alice Emma Isora Taylor; son-in-law of Eliza America Chandler and Absolom Perry Divicus "Dike" Baker; husband of Gertrude Flossy Baker; son of Frank Smith and Elizabeth Bush. Great-grandson-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon. Charlie Gordon Smith was also the great-grandson-in-law of Thomas Carpenter through Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker b. 1852 d. 1925, daughter of Thomas Carpenter and first wife, Phebe White Tabor.

Smith, Gertrude Baker – b. Jun 2, 1897 d. Dec 24, 1940

Nathaniel Green Chandler's family – Gertrude Flossy Baker was the granddaughter of Nathaniel Green Chandler

and Alice Emma Isora Taylor; daughter of Eliza America Chandler and Absolom Divicus "Dike" Baker; wife of Charlie Gordon Smith; great-granddaughter of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon. She was also the great-granddaughter of Thomas Carpenter through Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Baker b. 1852 d. 1925, daughter of Thomas Carpenter and first wife, Phebe White Tabor.

Smith, Lillie L. – b. Sep 26, 1906 d. Sep 6, 1911

Allen Clement Chandler's family – Lillie L. Smith was the granddaughter of Allen Clement Chandler and Harriet Elizabeth Branum; daughter of Mary Etta Chandler and George Washington Smith. In a 1994 letter to Jan Chandler Traller, Jack Campbell, a grandson of George Washington Smith and Mary Etta Chandler reported that they were buried in unmarked graves at Chandler Cemetery. She was also the great-niece of John Preston Maples who married Eva Virginia Chandler and George Washington Maples who married Eliza America Chandler; granddaughter of Robert W. Smith and Christina Maples; Christina Maples was the sister of George Washington Maples and John Preston Maples.

Walls, Matilda Jane Lacy – b. Aug 24, 1854 d. Aug 5, 1934

Almira Jane Chandler's family – Matilda Jane Lacy was the daughter-in-law of Almira Jane Chandler and William Moon; wife of Nathan "Natty" Moon who died about 1874; daughter of Andrew B. Lacy and Minerva Brannum. Married Dock M. Walls in 1908. Granddaughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon.

Worley, Willie Connally Chandler – b. Sep 9, 1872 d. Aug 23, 1951

John M. Chandler's family – Willie Connally was the daughter-in-law of John M. Chandler; wife of William Allen Chandler; daughter of Nathaniel D. Connally and Diana Catherine Flanagan. Granddaughter-in-law of William Robert Chandler and Eliza Moon. After William Allen Chandler died in 1908, Willie Connally Chandler married William Penn Worley, the brother of Henry F. Worley and brother-in-law of Bernice Cobb.

Worley, Bernice Cobb – b. Oct 11, 1851 d. Jun 28, 1931

Allen Clement Chandler's family – Bernice Cobb Worley was the mother of Kate Marie Worley. Kate Marie Worley married Arthur C. Chandler, Allen Clement Chandler's son. Kate and Arthur moved to El Paso, Texas and are buried there. Bernice Cobb Worley was the daughter of Bryant Cobb and Amanda C. Camper. She was the half-sister of Joseph Dickson Cobb who is buried at Chandler Cemetery.

The Children and Grandchildren of William Robert Chandler and Eliza C. Moon:

Almira Jane Chandler

Almira Jane Chandler was the oldest known daughter of William R. and Eliza Moon Chandler. She was born abt 1831 in Madison County, Alabama and married William H. Moon on November 18, 1851 (date of marriage license) in Madison County. Almira is shown living with her husband and family in the 1870 U.S. census but is not listed on the 1880 census with the family still in Madison County.

William H. Moon was the son of Nathaniel and Charlotte Troup Moon and was a cousin of Almira's. Almira probably died in Madison County sometime between 1870 and 1880. At some time after the 1880

census was taken, William H. Moon and his grown children, Hester, William, and John T. moved to Arkansas. William H. Moon died sometime after 1901 in Arkansas and had been approved in 1901 in Pike County, Arkansas for a Confederate Pension based on his service in the Civil War with Co. E of the 37th Tennessee Infantry. William is shown living with his son, John T. Moon in Arkansas in the 1900 census.

Known family members of Almira Jane Chandler Moon buried in Chandler Cemetery:

1. Mary Ellen Moon Fryar
2. William Wesley Fryar
3. Jimedie Fryar
4. Thomas A. J. Fryar
5. Elizabeth Charlotte Moon Patterson – unmarked grave but Chandler Cemetery is listed on Alabama Deaths and Burials Index as burial site.
6. Edward F. Patterson
7. Jessie David Patterson
8. Maud Lamb Patterson
9. Edna Lillian Patterson
10. Matilda Jane Lacy Moon Walls

Possible unmarked graves in Almira's family include:

1. Almira Jane Chandler Moon
2. Nathan "Natty" Moon
3. Virginia Moon (young daughter of Nathan and Matilda Lacy Moon.)

Children of Almira Jane Chandler and William Moon:

1. Nathan "Natty" Moon – (1852 - abt 1874) Probably Chandler Cemetery married Matilda Jane Lacy
2. Elizabeth Charlotte Moon – (1853 - 1924) Chandler Cemetery married Edward F. Patterson
3. Hester – (1859 – unknown) – died in Arkansas – Unknown burial site

4. William – (1863 – unknown) – died in Arkansas – Unknown burial site
5. John Tyr Moon – (1867 – 1936) – died in Arkansas; Probably buried in Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas married Virginia T. Moon (maiden name unknown) in Arkansas.

John M. Chandler (1834-1879)

John M. Chandler married Nancy A. Eason (1837-unknown.) Nancy was the daughter of George Eason and Elizabeth Jenkins. John M. Chandler and Nancy married on October 10, 1865 (date of marriage license) in Madison County and were on the 1870 census but do not appear on the 1880 census or afterwards. They had one son, William Allen Chandler, and he is living with Thomas and Hester Chandler Carpenter on the 1880 census. It is unknown whether Nancy Eason Chandler died or moved elsewhere. John's occupation is listed as physician on the 1860 and 1870 censuses. He served in Co. E of the 37th Tennessee Infantry, CSA, as a physician and was known as "Dr. John Chandler." The birth of William Allen Chandler, their only known child, is listed in the Thomas and Hester Chandler Carpenter family Bible.

John M. Chandler was likely buried in an unmarked grave. In recent years, a marker commemorating his service in Co. E of the 37th Tennessee Infantry, CSA has been placed in Chandler Cemetery. Nancy Eason Chandler may also be buried in an unmarked grave at Chandler Cemetery.

Known family members of John M. Chandler buried at Chandler Cemetery:

1. John M. Chandler
2. William Allen Chandler
3. Willie Connally Chandler Worley
4. Frederick Allen Chandler
5. Jewel Fields Chandler
6. Catherine (Katie) Chandler Baker

Possible unmarked grave: Nancy Eason

Child of John M. Chandler and Nancy Eason:

1. William Allen Chandler (1866-1908) Chandler Cemetery married Willie Jordan Connally

Hester Ann Chandler (1840-1910)

Hester married Thomas Carpenter (1826-1913) on April 23, 1863 (date of marriage license) in Madison County. Thomas Carpenter was the son of Willis and Betsy Ross Carpenter, and his first marriage was to Phebe White Tabor in 1851. Of this union, one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Carpenter, survived and two infants died. Phebe died about 1856.

Known family members of Hester Ann Chandler Carpenter buried at Chandler Cemetery:

1. Hester Ann Chandler
2. Thomas Carpenter
3. America Ella Carpenter
4. Magnolia Carpenter

Possible unmarked graves for:

1. John W. Carpenter – infant son b. Jul 20, 1864 d. Mar 10, 1865
2. Eliza Maria Carpenter – infant daughter b. Oct 4, 1865 d. Feb 8, 1866

Children of Hester Ann Chandler and Thomas Carpenter:

1. John W. Carpenter – (1864-1865)
2. Eliza Maria Carpenter – (1865-1866)
3. Laura C. Carpenter – (1866-1957) – New Hope Cemetery, New Hope, Alabama; married Newton Cobb Worley.

4. Thomas Nathaniel Carpenter (1868-1936) – New Hope Cemetery, New Hope, Alabama; married Nellie Lee Vann.
5. Virginia Ann Carpenter (1870-1917) – Byrd Cemetery, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama; married William R. L. Williams.
6. James Allen Carpenter (1872-1954) – New Hope Cemetery, New Hope, Alabama; married Jimmie Obara Butler first; Maggie Ivy second.
7. Alice Carpenter (1874-1958) – Union Grove Cemetery, Union Grove, Alabama; married David Mitchell Jetton.
8. America Ella Carpenter (1877-1892) – Chandler Cemetery
9. Hester Lee Carpenter (1880-1970) – New Hope Cemetery, New Hope, Alabama; married Wiley Vann.
10. Magnolia Carpenter (1882-1883) – Chandler Cemetery

Nathaniel Green Chandler

Nathaniel Green Chandler served in the 50th Alabama Regiment of the CSA, was captured at the Battle of Chattanooga in November, 1863, and spent the rest of the war imprisoned at Rock Island, Illinois. After his return from the war, he married Alice Emma Isora Taylor, daughter of John C. Taylor and Elizabeth A. Garner on November 17, 1872 (date of marriage license.)

Known family members of Nathaniel Green Chandler buried at Chandler Cemetery:

1. Nathaniel Green Chandler
2. Alice Emma Isora Taylor Chandler
3. Eliza America Chandler Baker
4. A.D. Baker (Absolom Perry Divicus “Dike” Baker)
5. David S. Baker

6. Gertrude Flossy Baker Smith
7. Charlie Gordon Smith
8. Verna Marie Smith Manuel
9. Shelby Chandler
10. Valtena Louise Chandler

Children of Nathaniel Green Chandler and Alice Emma Isora Taylor:

1. Lee Allen Chandler (1873-1970)
Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama
married Virginia Leah Gibbs
2. Eliza America Chandler (1876-1959)
Chandler Cemetery
married Absolom Perry Divicus
"Dike" Baker
3. Laura Anne Chandler (1879-1968)
Moon Cemetery, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama
married Thomas Franklin Glover

Eva Virginia Chandler

Eva Virginia Chandler married John Preston Maples on Dec 19, 1872 (date of marriage license.)

Known family members of Eva Virginia Chandler Maples buried at Chandler Cemetery:

1. Eva Virginia Chandler
2. John Preston Maples
3. Infant son
4. Harriet Catherine Maples Lyon
5. George William Lyon
6. Charles Ramon Lyon
7. Lillie Mae Maples Lyon
8. Edith E. Maples Gibbs
9. James Thornton Gibbs
10. Roy Lester Gibbs
11. Thomas Lester Gibbs
12. Mattie Elizabeth Sibley
13. William A. Sibley

Children of Eva Virginia Chandler and John Preston Maples:

1. Harriet Catherine Maples (1873-1911) – Chandler Cemetery
married George William Lyon
2. Mariah Gay Maples (1879-1949)
- Gurley Cemetery, Gurley, Alabama
married William "Bill" Harvey Ryan
3. Lillie Mae Maples (1876-1936) – Chandler Cemetery
married George William Lyon
4. Infant Son Maples (1880-1880) – Chandler Cemetery
5. Edith F. Maples (1883-1932) – Chandler Cemetery
married James Thornton Gibbs
6. Hester Americus Maples (1888-1961) – Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama
married Ira Taylor Sibley, Jr.

Harriet C. Chandler

Harriet C. Chandler (1848- abt 1874). Harriet married Edward F. Patterson on May 9, 1872. She died about two years after the marriage and did not have children. Most likely she is buried in an unmarked grave at Chandler Cemetery. Note: Edward F. Patterson married Elizabeth Charlotte Moon, daughter of Harriet's sister, Almira Chandler Moon, in 1874 after Harriet's death. He is buried at Chandler Cemetery. No children.

Allen Clement Chandler

Allen Clement Chandler (1851-1910). Allen married Harriet Elizabeth Branum (1856-1940), daughter of Richard Branum and Julia Smith, on November 12, 1872 (date of marriage license).

Known family members of Allen Clement Chandler buried at Chandler Cemetery:

1. Allen Clement Chandler
2. Harriet Elizabeth Branum Chandler

3. Nathaniel Thomas Chandler
4. Mammie Clark Chandler
5. John Willis Chandler
6. Mary Arminda Lyon Chandler
7. Jennie Hickman Chandler
8. Lillie L. Smith

Unmarked graves according to Jack Campbell, grandson of Mary Etta Chandler, in letter to Jan Chandler Traller, 1992:

1. **Mary Etta Chandler Smith Hannah** (1880-1914) - married first to George Washington Smith, second to James Hannah
2. **George W. Smith** (1873-1912) first husband of Mary Etta Chandler
They are the parents of Lillie V. Smith buried in a marked grave

Children of Allen Clement Chandler and Harriet Elizabeth Branum:

1. **John Willis Chandler** (1874-1952) – Chandler Cemetery; married Mary Arminda Lyon first, Jennie “Janie” Hickman second
2. **Richard Joseph Wade “Joe Wade” Chandler** (1876-1961) – Moon Cemetery, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama;
married Mary Boyd Ellis
3. **Mary Etta Chandler** (1880-1914) – Chandler Cemetery, unmarked grave married George Washington Smith first, James Hannah second.
4. **Arthur C. Chandler** (1889-1957) – Restlawn Memorial Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.
married Kate Marie Worley
5. **Nathaniel Thomas Chandler** (1894-1970) – Chandler Cemetery.
Married Mamie “Mammie” Clark.

Eliza America Chandler

Eliza America Chandler (1855-1939). Eliza America married Eleazer C. Cobb (1861-

1881) on Dec 23, 1879 (date of marriage license.) He died on July 21, 1881.

Eliza America then married George Washington Maples (1837-1910) on Oct 18, 1887 (date of marriage license.) George Washington Maples was a widower whose first wife, Sarah Jane Manning, had died in 1875. There were no children born to either marriage of George Washington Maples. He was a brother of John Preston Maples who had married Eliza America Chandler’s sister, Eva Virginia Chandler, in 1872. George Washington Maples is buried in Bethel Cemetery where his first wife is buried.

William R. Chandler was born June 28, 1798 in Virginia. It is believed that he was born in Halifax County, Virginia. Parents’ names are not confirmed, but he was possibly the grandson of William Chandler Jr. (1734-1789) and Judith Roberts (1744-1809). There were nine sons in the family, and it is thought that one of these sons may be the father of William Robert Chandler.

The first record for William Chandler in Madison County, Alabama is a marriage license to Eliza C. Moon in 1830. She was the daughter of John Moon (1789-1844) and Mary “Polly” Lewis.

Family lore told by three of William Robert Chandler’s grandchildren was that he and three brothers came to Alabama from Virginia with a slave trader named “Jack Burns.” These brothers “thought highly” of Jack Burns. After returning to Virginia for personal items, they made their way back to north Alabama to settle. Researchers have been unable to link William R. Chandler to other Chandlers in the area who could possibly be brothers though it is thought that Luke Randolph Chandler of Jackson County may have been related.

By 1827, John Byrne, born 1798 in Halifax

County, Virginia, was living in the Maysville area of Madison County, Alabama where he married Martha Johnson. John Byrne's mother was Nancy Chandler Byrne, wife of William Byrne, of Halifax Co., Virginia. She was a daughter of William Chandler Jr. (1734 – 1789) and Judith Roberts, (1744 – 1809) of Halifax County, Virginia.

At some time in her later years, Nancy Chandler Byrne moved to Alabama and was shown living with her son, John Byrne, and his family in Maysville in Madison County on the 1860 census. She died in 1867 and was buried at the Chambless-Byrne Cemetery near Maysville. This cemetery is practically lost, heavily overgrown, and very difficult to find. Nancy's tombstone reads that she was "100 years, 5 months, and 21 days" old. Her grave and the small cemetery were discovered by Jan Chandler Traller, a descendant of Allen Clement Chandler.

Was it possible that John Byrne was the "Jack Burns" of family lore and that he was possibly a first cousin of William R. Chandler? Another link that tied the Chandler and Byrne families together was that Andrew Jackson Byrne, a son of John Byrne, was a witness on the 1914 Confederate Pension application for Nathaniel Green Chandler, a son of William R. Chandler.

The question and answer: "Who are the Cobbs buried at Chandler Cemetery?"

Of the Cobb and Worley families, only Bernice Cobb Worley is related directly by marriage to the William R. Chandler family. Her daughter, Kate Marie Worley, married Arthur C. Chandler, the son of Allen Clement Chandler. Kate and Arthur moved to El Paso, Texas and are buried there. There are 11 graves in the cemetery that are directly related to Bernice Cobb Worley and husband, Henry F. Worley. Two daughters

of Bernice Cobb Worley and their families are also buried at Chandler Cemetery. Even though there is not an exact, direct line to William R. Chandler, it can be assumed that the Cobbs, Worleys, and other families who buried loved ones here felt a kinship even if it was not a blood kinship.

Cobb/Worley/Chandler family links:

Newton Columbus Worley, b. 1822 d. 1900 was the father of at least 10 children. Three of his sons have direct ties to family members buried at Chandler Cemetery:

- Henry F. Worley was the husband of Bernice Cobb Worley.
- Newton Cobb Worley married Laura C. Carpenter, the daughter of Thomas and Hester Chandler Carpenter.
- William Penn Worley married Willie Connally Chandler, the widow of William Allen Chandler in 1918.

The Cobbs, Worleys, and Kellys buried at Chandler Cemetery:

1. **Bernice Cobb Worley** – b. 1851 d. 1931 - only direct link to William Robert Chandler's family
Allen Clement Chandler's family – Bernice Cobb Worley was the mother-in-law of Arthur C. Chandler.

Bernice Cobb Worley's husband, Henry F. Worley, b. Dec 1850 d. March 10, 1916 is buried in a solitary grave between two cedar trees in a field located 0.4 miles south of the intersection of Cherry Tree/Old Gurley Pike near Owens Cross Roads, Alabama. This cemetery is near Chandler Cemetery.

2. **Joseph Dickson Cobb** – b. 1828 d. Feb 15, 1907

Half-brother of Bernice Cobb

Worley; Joseph Dickson Cobb was the son of Bryant Cobb and first wife, Mary Polly Grayson.

3. **Julia Vafemia “Julie” Inman Kelly** – b. 1851 d. Jan 30, 1927

Cousin of Henry F. Worley; granddaughter of Francis Worley and Charlotte Cobb who were grandparents of Henry F. Worley also; daughter of Louisa Worley and James Inman; Julia was also the great-grandmother of Gordon Wilson Kelley b. Nov 14, 1916 d. Jul 26, 1921.

4. **Andrew Jackson Cobb** – b. Apr 22, 1858 d. Oct 26, 1928

Brother-in-law of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; married to Charlotte Worley, sister of Henry F. Worley. Charlotte is buried at Merrimack Cemetery in Huntsville, Alabama; Andrew Jackson Cobb was son of Adams A. Cobb and Nancy Marytine Nell Vann.)

5. **Amanda Caroline Worley Cobb** - b. Aug 7, 1873- d. Mar 14, 1941

Amanda Caroline Worley Cobb is the daughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; wife of George William Cobb; mother of Effie Christine Cobb.

6. **George William Cobb** – b. Jan 19, 1871- d. Apr 3, 1937

George William Cobb was the son-in-law of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; husband of Amanda Caroline Worley; son of John Cobb and Mary Ellen Christian; father of

Effie Christine Cobb.

7. **John Bowen Cobb** – b. Nov 21, 1885 d. Sep 7, 1920

Nephew of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; son of Andrew Jackson Cobb and Charlotte Worley; husband of Magnolia “Maggie” Kilgore. Maggie was sister of Silas Edward Kilgore whose wife was Ethel Beatrice Cobb, daughter of Amanda Caroline Worley and George William Cobb.

8. **Maggie Lee Worley Kelley** – b. 1887 d. 1936

Daughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; wife of Clarence Gordon Kelley; mother of Gordon Wilson Kelley.

9. **John Isaac Cobb** – b. Feb 28, 1888- Dec 23, 1956

Grandson-in-law of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; son-in-law of George William Cobb and Amanda Caroline Worley; husband of Effie Christine Cobb; son of Bryant B. Cobb and Annie Nash.

10. **Effie Christine Cobb** – b. Sep 5, 1894- d. Jul 25, 1927

Granddaughter of Henry F. Worley and Bernice Cobb; daughter of Amanda Caroline Worley and George William Cobb; wife of John Isaac Cobb.

11. **Agnes Inez Cobb** – b. Nov 25, 1911 d. Jan 13, 1912

Great-granddaughter of Henry F.

Worley and Bernice Cobb;
granddaughter of Amanda Caroline
Worley and George William Cobb;
daughter of Effie Christine Cobb and
John Isaac Cobb.

12. **Gordon Wilson Kelley** – b. Nov 14,
1916- Jul 26, 1921

Grandson of Henry F. Worley and
Bernice Cobb; son of Maggie Lee
Worley and Clarence Gordon Kelley;
Also great-grandson of Julia
Vafemia “Julie” Inman Kelley.

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The people buried at Chandler Cemetery were descendants of some of the earliest settlers of Madison County, Alabama. Many living descendants do not even realize the family ties that intertwine and connect

together the families of the area. The people resting in the graves at Chandler Cemetery were important to their loved ones, were deeply missed when they died, and are important to descendants today trying to ascertain genealogy stories and histories. Please share your information with others.

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Surname (at death)	Given Name	Maiden Name	Birth	Death	Relationship to William Robert Chandler
Chandler	William Robert		28 Jun 1798	15 Jan 1874	Self
Chandler	Eliza C	Moon	22 Aug 1812	28 Dec 1891	Wife
Baker	Absalom Perry Divicus "Dike"		24 Nov 1870	7 Nov 1936	Grandson-in-law
Baker	Catherine	Chandler	29 Oct 1888	23 Sept 1911	Great-great granddaughter
Baker	David Shelby		15 Mar 1904	28 Jun 1985	Great-grandson
Baker	Eliza America	Chandler	26 Feb 1876	27 Nov 1959	Granddaughter
Baker	Lois		12 Nov 1921	13 Nov 1921	Great-great granddaughter
Carpenter	America Ella		25 Jun 1877	5 Feb 1892	Granddaughter
Carpenter	Hester Ann	Chandler	16 May 1840	24 Feb 1910	Daughter
Carpenter	Magnolia B		20 Feb 1882	24 Feb 1882	Granddaughter

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Surname (at death)	Given Name	Maiden Name	Birth	Death	Relationship to William Robert Chandler
Carpenter	Thomas		13 Feb 1820	24 Jan 1913	Son-in-law
Chandler	Alice Emma Isora	Taylor	22 Mar 1856	20 Dec 1940	Daughter-in-law
Chandler	Allen Clement		5 Oct 1851	4 Sep 1910	Son
Chandler	Eliza C	Moon	22 Aug 1812	28 Dec 1891	Wife
Chandler	Frederick Allen		8 Mar 1894	20 Jul 1934	Great-grandson
Chandler	Harriet Elizabeth	Branum	27 Nov 1856	26 Feb 1940	Daughter-in-law
Chandler	Jennie	Hickman	17 Feb 1896	11 Aug 1967	Granddaughter-in-law
Chandler	Jewel	Fields	19 Aug 1900	5 Jun 1944	Great-granddaughter-in-law
Chandler	John M		1834	Abt 1879	Son
Chandler	John Willis		1874	1952	Grandson
Chandler	Mayme "Mamie"	Clark	5 Jun 1891	1 Jan 1980	Granddaughter-in-law
Chandler	Mary Arminda	Lyon	28 Dec 1873	21 Dec 1906	Granddaughter-in-law
Chandler	Nathaniel Green		16 Jun 1841	19 Apr 1918	Son
Chandler	Pvt Nathaniel Thomas		15 Feb 1894	19 Jul 1970	Grandson
Chandler	Shelby		22 Jan 1900	30 Sept 1901	Great-grandson
Chandler	Valtena Louise		9 Oct 1934	30 Aug 1936	Great-great-granddaughter
Chandler	William Allen		9 Aug 1866	19 Sept 1908	Grandson
Cobb	Agnes Inez		25 Nov 1911	13 Jan 1912	
Cobb	Amanda Caroline	Worley	7 Aug 1873	14 Mar 1941	
Cobb	Andrew Jackson		22 Apr 1858	26 Oct 1928	
Cobb	Effie Christine		5 Sept 1894	25 Jul 1927	
Cobb	Eleazer C		28 Feb 1861	21 Jul 1881	Son-in-law
Cobb	George William		19 Jan 1871	3 Apr 1937	
Cobb	John Bowen		21 Nov 1885	7 Sept 1920	
Cobb	John Isaac		28 Feb 1888	23 Dec 1956	
Cobb	Pvt Joseph Dickson		1828	15 Feb 1907	

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Surname (at death)	Given Name	Maiden Name	Birth	Death	Relationship to William Robert Chandler
Fryar	Jimedio		22 Apr 1901	14 Jul 1919	Great-great-grandson
Fryar	Mary Ellen	Moon	11 Oct 1874	19 Jan 1938	Great-granddaughter
Fryar	Thomas A J		17 Feb 1896	15 Nov 1901	Great-great grandson
Fryar	William Wesley		14 Sept 1865	22 Feb 1917	Great grandson-in-law
Gibbs	Edith E	Maples	5 Aug 1883	28 Dec 1932	Granddaughter
Gibbs	James Thornton		19 Feb 1879	7 Feb 1953	Grandson-in-law
Gibbs	Roy Lester		19 Jan 1908	28 Dec 1911	Great-grandson
Gibbs	Thomas Lawler		22 Apr 1910	23 Sept 1912	Great-grandson
Kelly	Gordon Wilson		14 Nov 1916	26 Jul 1921	
Kelly	Maggie Lee	Worley	1887	1936	
Kelly	Julia Vafemia	Inman	1851	30 Jan 1927	
Kilgore	Edna Ozella		20 Jul 1942	20 Jul 1942	
Lyon	Charles Ramon		16 Feb 1900	7 Jul 1949	Great-grandson
Lyon	George William		29 Oct 1872	18 Mar 1949	Grandson-in-law
Lyon	Harriet Catherine	Maples	16 Sept 1873	14 Jan 1911	Granddaughter
Lyon	Lillie Mae	Maples	28 Dec 1876	31 May 1936	Granddaughter
Manuel	James Richard		15 Aug 1953	27 Mar 2007	Ggg-grandson
Manuel	Verna Marie	Smith	7 Jan 1924	16 Sept 1998	Gg-granddaughter
Maples	Eliza America	Chandler	16 Oct 1855	31 Dec 1939	Daughter
Maples	Eva Virginia	Chandler	3 Aug 1847	21 Jul 1929	Daughter
Maples	Infant Son		12 Jun 1880	14 Aug 1880	Grandson
Maples	John Preston		29 Apr 1848	18 Jun 1925	Son-in-law
Patterson	Edna Lillian		9 Nov 1911	7 Jul 1918	Gg-granddaughter?
Patterson	Edward F		13 Jul 1848	8 Mar 1912	Son-in-law, then grandson-in-law
Patterson	Elizabeth Charlotte	Moon	Oct 1855	13 Oct 1924	Granddaughter
Patterson	Jessie David		14 Oct 1889	23 Mar 1955	Great-grandson

Surname (at death)	Given Name	Maiden Name	Birth	Death	Relationship to William Robert Chandler
Patterson	Maud Lamb		13 Feb 1894	31 Oct 1921	Great granddaughter-in-law
Sibley	Mattie Elizabeth		27 Mar 1918	17 May 1919	Great-granddaughter
Sibley	William A		13 Feb 1924	11 Mar 1924	Great-grandson
Smith	Charlie Gordon		7 May 1894	4 Jun 1966	Great-grandson-in-law
Smith	Gertrude	Baker	2 Jun 1897	24 Dec 1940	Great-granddaughter
Smith	Lillie L		26 Sept 1906	6 Sept 1911	
Walls	Matilda Jane	Lacy	24 Aug 1854	5 Aug 1934	Granddaughter-in-law
Worley	Willie	Connally	9 Sept 1872	23 Aug 1951	Granddaughter-in-law
Worley	Bernice	Cobb	11 Oct 1851	28 Jun 1931	

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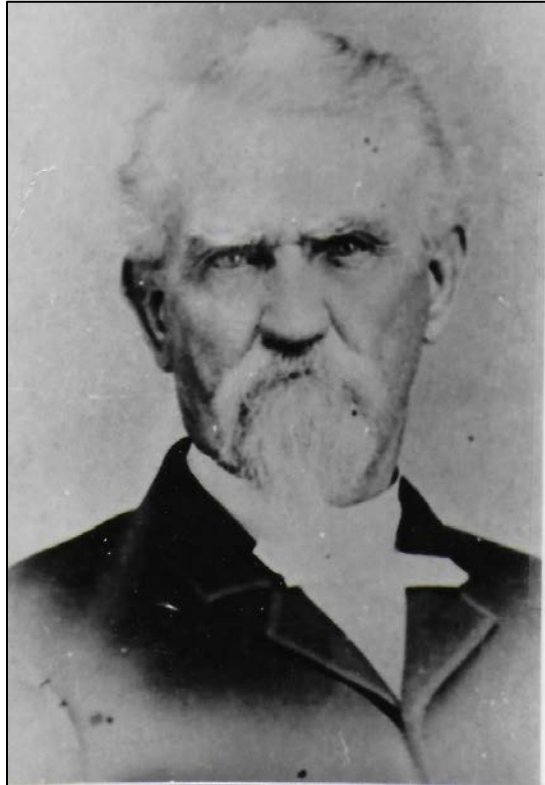
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Marshall County

James Monroe Jackson, M.D.



By Betty Taylor
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In Guntersville, Alabama on Christmas Night 1891, there came a knock at the doctor's door. The doctor's son, James L., opened the door and a fine-looking old gentleman asked for Dr. Jackson. The doctor, being ill, had retired to bed, so the stranger was escorted to Dr. Jackson's bedside.

"Do you know me?" asked the stranger.

"No," said the doctor, "I don't believe I do."

"I am your long-lost brother" replied the visitor.

Such was the brothers' meeting after 42 years. That night, Dr. James Monroe Jackson discovered that his long lost brother had become a successful merchant. After the Civil War, Mr. Joseph T. Jackson had moved his family to Texas and had not known, until recently, the whereabouts of his brother, James. It was a delightful meeting and much information was shared.

EARLY LIFE

James Monroe Jackson was born in Maury County, Tennessee on April 12, 1826. He was the third child of Harbard and Martha Gill Jackson. Harbard Jackson had come from Georgia with his father, Mark Jackson, during the early settlement of Tennessee.

In addition to James Monroe, Harbard and Martha had three daughters: Elizabeth, Susan, and Priscilla; and two sons, Floyd and Joseph. Harbard was a farmer who raised and educated his children on the farm. James Monroe was then sent to Jackson College in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee.

After graduating from college in 1844, James Monroe traveled to Somerville, Morgan County, Alabama to begin the study of medicine with his cousin Dr. William G. Gill. In 1848-49, he completed his medical degree and graduated from the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston. After obtaining his medical degree, James returned to Somerville where he had a successful medical practice. In November 1850, Dr. Jackson married Eliza D. Wilkinson, daughter of Dr. James and Martha (Berry) Wilkinson of Somerville. Both Dr. and Martha Wilkinson were natives of Georgia.

In 1856, the Jacksons left Morgan County and moved to Guntersville, Marshall County, Alabama. Here they found a peaceful, delightful community of spirit-minded people. Dr. Jackson soon became a prominent citizen, known for his compassionate care for his patients and his community.

MILITARY CAREER

But alas, the Civil War was growing closer and closer to beginning. Around April 1, 1861, Dr. Jackson enlisted in the Confederate Army with Capt. Isaac Henry's infantry company and was assigned to Clarksville, Tennessee. There, with the help of Mrs. Gus Henry and other noble ladies, he organized the Stuart Hospital, of which he became chief surgeon. He remained there until ordered by



The Jackson home on Hill Street. (Collection of B. Taylor)

General Floyd to Fort Donelson where General Grant was laying siege. He left all his effects at Clarksville, except the clothes he had on, including his instruments. He did not even have a blanket or a cent of money with him.

When the garrison surrendered, Dr. Jackson was made a prisoner of war. The Confederate prisoners were loaded on over-crowded steamboats and sent to a northern prison at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. Many of the prisoners were suffering with acute dysentery. On the morning after the arrival at Columbus, the prisoners awoke to find a heavy snow which covered their blankets with a small hole above their heads kept open by the warmth of their breath.

While a prisoner at Camp Chase Prison, Dr. Jackson wrote a letter to his associate in business, Dr. W. B. Harrison of Guntersville, Alabama. He wanted Dr. Harrison to relate to Judge Louis Wyeth and others to try to get him a speedy exchange. Also, he wanted his friends at home to take care of his family and give them aid if needed. He mentioned Judge May and Colonel Lamar, explaining that he

believed they would be willing to help with his requests.

The doctor's letter from Camp Chase Prison included news of a man named Leroy from Marshall County, Alabama, and revealed that he had been sent to Chicago, Illinois, where he was doing well. There had been a lot of sickness and some of Captain Henry's company had died since being at Camp Chase. In all, there were about 700 prisoners in the prison. Gardner Ledbetter was there and had just had a hard spell of sickness, but was up and doing well.

An example of Dr. Jackson's compassionate character was related to the editor of *The Guntersville Democrat* several years after the war was over:

"Dr. Jackson was a young surgeon and did not adhere to the Federal treatment of dysentery and he refused to go to the hospital at Columbus. After several days, there was a heavy death toll at the hospital and many times the young doctor was asked if he would accept help and he still refused their treatment. He lay weak and helpless until a Yankee Captain came along and made the usual inquiry. Dr. Jackson gave an angry reply "I have been neglected and am tired of replying to the same question."

The Yankee was Captain Terrell, who had a great degree of kindness of heart and strength of character. He realized the doctor was very near death and asked him again "What can I do for you?" Dr. Jackson replied, "My stomach craves buttermilk."

Captain Terrell called his orderly and gave orders to ride to a farmhouse and buy a gallon

of buttermilk. This was done day after day and in due time Dr. Jackson was well enough to be sent to Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, where he was, by Federal authority, placed in charge of the hospital with the freedom of the whole island.

An exchange of prisoners gave Dr. Jackson his liberty and he reported to the Surgeon General at Richmond, Virginia. While there, and just before being sent to General Joseph E. Johnson's Army of the Tennessee, Dr. Jackson visited the prison for Federal soldiers. Presently, he saw a familiar face. Low and behold it was Captain Terrell, the Federal officer who had saved his life at Columbus!

Dr. Jackson stopped. "Do you remember a buttermilk transaction with a sick Rebel at Columbus last year?" The reply was: "Is that Dr. Jackson standing here?" In a second Jackson's arms were thrown around Captain Terrell and they both were sobbing in a fraternal embrace.

"What can I do for you Captain Terrell?" "I would like to be exchanged." That same afternoon Dr. Jackson had Captain Terrell paroled and set free with transportation furnished to his Ohio home.

Dr. Jackson was ordered to Jackson, Mississippi, to take charge of all returning prisoners, sick and wounded, exchanged from the battlefields of Perryville and others in Kentucky. When no longer needed in that capacity he was ordered to Port Hudson, Louisiana, and on to Vicksburg. After the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, he was left with the wounded of that combat and with the aid of the noble women and men of that city organized McBeth College Hospital.

Dr. Jackson spent the remainder of the war at Camp Morton in Indianapolis and was there in solitary confinement until President Lincoln issued his peace proclamation. At last, he returned to Guntersville, Alabama, where he resumed his practice of medicine.

FAMILY

Dr. and Mrs. Jackson had two children live to maturity and one who died at birth. Their daughter was Alice Lee Jackson and their son was James L. Jackson.

Alice Lee Jackson married Robert B. McKinney around 1883. They had one son, Robert J. McKinney, born in 1885 in Mississippi. Robert J. had two sons: William, born in 1921 in Ohio, and Robert, born 1922 in Alabama.

James L. Jackson married Annie Steger on May 22, 1883, in Madison County, Alabama. They had two children reach maturity: a daughter, Alice Jackson and a son, Robert Jackson. He lived in Tennessee most of his life.

Miss Alice lived in Guntersville, Alabama, until her death. She had a good friend, Mrs. Grant, who lived next door. They both were fond of cats, gardening and talking about old times.

Dr. Jackson's obituary was printed in the *The Guntersville Democrat* on December 31, 1914:

“Dr. James Monroe Jackson was one of the oldest doctors in town. He died at his home in Guntersville, Alabama, on December 28, 1914. He was 89 years old and had recently



At right, Miss Alice Jackson.
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given up his practice. He played a big part in the Civil War, having saved many lives by his surgical skills. He was survived by a son, J. L. Jackson, and a daughter Mrs. Robert McKinney.”

Dr. Jackson's long-lost brother Joseph had married Martha E. Bryant on February 10, 1847, in Tennessee. According to the 1880 Ellis County, Texas, Federal Census they had had several children: Bedford, born in 1864; Thomas S., born in 1867; and Joseph, born in 1871. On other census records, three other children appear: Nancy, Mary and James. Nancy married a Willis and had three children, Robert G., born in Arkansas 1875; Joseph born in Tennessee 1882; and Marvin born in Tennessee 1884.

Joseph Jackson died in Ellis County, Texas, on January 16, 1918, and his wife Martha died at Confederate Woman's Home in Ellis County, Texas, on March 31, 1925.

On April 10, 1935, the obituary of Dr. Jackson's son, James L. Jackson, was also printed in *the Guntersville Advertiser-Democrat*:

“James L. Jackson passed away in April, 1935, at his home on Hill Street following an illness of two weeks of pneumonia. The remains were taken to Nashville, Tennessee, his former home. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Watkins, a relative, with interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery, ten miles from Nashville. Masons J. P. Willis and C. F. Dodson of Guntersville, Alabama, joined the Masonic body in Nashville in the services.

Mr. Jackson was one of Guntersville's oldest and most highly respected citizens. He was 83 years old, a Mason and member of the Methodist Church. He was the son of Dr. J. M. Jackson. Prior to his father's death, he

moved from Nashville with his daughter Miss Alice Jackson. His wife had preceded him to the grave. His other survivor was his sister Mrs. Alice McKinney of Florence.”

James L.'s daughter, Miss Alice Jackson died in Guntersville, Alabama, 1981-82.

Sources: 1850, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1930 Ellis Co., Texas, Maury County Tennessee, Lauderdale County, Alabama and Marshall County, Alabama, Federal Censuses, Northern Alabama p.403, Confederate Military History p. 640, The Guntersville Democrat

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1938 Marshall County Obituary Index

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DEATH DATE	NAME AND DATE OF PAPER
A			
Ashley	Audry	Aug. 30, 1838	Advertiser - Sept. 14, 1938
Atchley	Mollie	May. 16, 1938	Advertiser - May 25, 1938
B			
Baker	James C.	Feb. 11, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 16, 1938
Barkley	Catherine	Apr. 30, 1938	Advertiser - May 18, 1938
Baxter	Arthur E.	Dec. 27, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 28, 1938
Beck	Dora M.	Apr. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 13, 1938
Berry	Martha	Oct. 29, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 09, 1938
Betterton	M. L.	Feb. 15, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 16, 1938
Birdsong	Mrs. Milner	Oct. 01, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 05, 1938
Blue	Ernest	Mar. 12, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 16, 1938
Bodine,	Perry Raymond	Jan. 16	Advertiser - Jan. 19, 1938
Boyles	Stonewall Jackson	Feb. 18, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 23, 1938
Bradford	Neal	Feb. 02, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 09, 1938
Bray	P. W.	Jul. 14, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 20, 1938
Brown	Ruth	May. 10, 1938	Advertiser - May 11, 1938
Burgett	Carrie Etta	Mar. 13, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 30, 1938
Burk	Robert G.	May. 09, 1938	Advertiser - May 11, 1938
Bush	Pauline	Jul. 11, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 13, 1938
C			
Caston	W. Edgar	Nov. 19, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 23, 1938
Chandler	Henry "Parson"	May. 18, 1938	Advertiser - May 18, 1938
Chandler	Robert L.	Jun. 15, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 22, 1938
Clay	W. D.	Nov. 19, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 23, 1938
Clotfelter	Lemmie	Jun. 08 , 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
Cody	Cephus	May. 10, 1938	Advertiser - May 18, 1938
Cole	Burley Lee	Sept. 30, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 05, 1938
Collins	Amillie	Jul. 22, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 27, 1938
Collins	Mary Jane	July, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 03, 1938
Colston	Mary	Mar. 08, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 16, 1938
Cook	General E.	Jul. 09, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 13, 1938
Cook	Margaret	Aug. 07, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 10, 1938
Cornelius	Hollis	Feb. 14, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 16, 1938
Cornelius	Mrs. A. E.	Mar. 20, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 23, 1938
Cox	J. W.	Apr. 01, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 06, 1938
Cryar	Lilly	Apr. 29, 1938	Advertiser - May 04, 1938
D			
Darnell	Mrs. John W.	May. 31, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938

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Davis	Mrs. J. T.	Aug. 12, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 17, 1938
Davis	Betty	Nov. 06, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 09, 1938
Delton	Noel	May. 20 , 1938	Advertiser - May 25, 1938
Dendy	Mrs. J. H.	Jun. 24, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 25, 1938
Denham	Nathan Carter	Jul. 29, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 03, 1938
Dobbins	Priscilla	Aug. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 10, 1938
Dodd	John M.	Aug. 07, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 10, 1938
Dyar	Lewis T.	Aug. 12, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 17, 1938
F			
Foster	W. M.	Jul. 17, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 20, 1938
Freeman	James A.	May. 24, 1938	Advertiser - May 25, 1938
G			
Geiger	Mary Ellen	Apr. 08, 1938	Boaz Leader - Apr. 14, 1938
Geiger	Thomas Milton	Jun. 16, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 22, 1938
Gentry	W. T.	Nov. 09, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 16, 1938
Gibson	Susie	Apr. 19, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 27, 1938
Gibson	Nora Inez	Aug. 27, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 31, 1938
Gilbreath	A. Ellie	Apr. 28, 1938	Advertiser - May 04, 1938
Goodson	Mrs. J. P.	Jul. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 13, 1938
Grace	Charles R.	May. 24, 1938	Advertiser - May 25, 1938
Grant	Catherine Elizabeth	Aug. 26, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 31, 1938
Gunter	Julius C. "Pete"	Mar. 09, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 16, 1938
H			
Hall,	Y. W.	Dec. 27, 1937	Boaz Leader - Jan. 06, 1938
Haralson,	Judge . W.	Mar. 02, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 09, 1938
Hardeman	Mrs. W. L.	Aug. 17, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 24, 1938
Harris	Mary Ann	Dec. 09, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Harrison	Ellen	Jan. 13, 1938	Boaz Leader - Jan. 28,1938
Hazel	Mrs. Sam	Mar. 29, 1938	Boaz Leader - Mar. 31, 1938
Henry	Sam	May. 08, 1938	Advertiser - May 11, 1938
Hill	William M.	Jun. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
Hix	Della	Jul. 06, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 13, 1938
Hodges	Mrs. Vesper Wm.	Jul. 19, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 27 1938
Holcomb	W. C.	Dec. 09, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Hood	Telitha	Sept. 14, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 21, 1938
Hunkapiller	James P.	Dec. 09, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Hunt	Josie	Jun. 12, 1938	Boaz Leader - Jun. 16, 1938
Hyatt	Ophelia Crawford	May. 21, 1938	Advertiser - May 25, 1938
Hyde	Jim E. Jr.	Oct. 26, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 02, 1938
I			
Irby	Margaret A.	Jan. 15, 1938	Advertiser - Jan. 19, 1938
Irby	W. H.	Mar. 17, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 23, 1938

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J			
Jacobs	J. C.	Jun. 29, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 06, 1938
Jarrett	Johnnie Wayne	Dec. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Jobe	A. J.	Mar. 31, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 06, 1938
Johnson	Dorcas	Dec. 27, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 28, 1938
Jones	A. J. C.	Jun. 08, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 15, 1938
K			
Keller	Jessie	Feb. 19, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 23, 1938
Kelly	John	Feb. 03, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 02, 1938
Kenamer	T. J.	September, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 05, 1938
Kenneday	Matilda	Dec. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Kennedy	Matilda	Nov. 07, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Kilpartick	W. C.	Aug. 12, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 17, 1938
King	Charles Ervin	Jul. 11, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 13, 1938
King	Mrs. Jim	Dec. 01, 1937	Advertiser - Jan. 05, 1938
King	Jim E. Jr.	Jun. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
L			
Lackey	Eddie	May. 19, 1938	Boaz Leader - May 26, 1938
LaFarlett	Will	Feb. 18, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 23, 1938
Lang	Mrs. George W.	Jun. 03, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
Latham	Ulis P.	May. 20, 1938	Advertiser - May 25, 1938
Lawrence	William Dunn	Mar. 15, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 16, 1938
Leach	Martha	Oct. 06, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 19, 1938
Lecroy	Lois Nailer	Sept. 29, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 12, 1938
Ledbetter	Mrs. E. W.	May. 11, 1938	Advertiser - May 18, 1938
Light	Lillian	October, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 02, 1938
Lipscomb	G. E.	Dec., 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 21, 1938
Love	Buck	June, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
Lowery	Robert	Sept. 14, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 21, 1938
M			
McCormick	George W.	Feb. 06, 1938	Boaz Leader - Feb. 10, 1938
McKee	Jeddie	Feb. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 16, 1938
Malone	James C.	Mar. 24, 1938	Boaz Leader - Mar. 31, 1938
Manning	Kathleen	Feb. 02, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 09, 1938
Martin	D. C.	Jun. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
Martin	Edna	Jun. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
Martin	S. Homer	May. 13, 1938	Boaz Leader - May 19, 1938
May	Elizabeth	Oct. 05, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 12, 1938
Milam	David Wilburn	May. 29, 1938	Boaz Leader - Mar. 31, 1938
Morgan	C. L.	May. 28, 1938	Boaz Leader - Jun. 02, 1938
Moore,	Arthur	Aug., 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 31, 1938
Moore,	T. V.	Jan. 01, 1938	Advertiser - Jan., 12, 1938
Mullinax	Arch G.	Feb. 15, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 16, 1938

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N			
Nelson	A. S.	Sept. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 14, 1938
Nelson	Frances S.	Oct. 13, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 19, 1938
Nesmith	Mrs. F. R.	Sept. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 14, 1938
Nesmith	Mr. D. P.	Oct. 03, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 05, 1938
Nix	Frank M.	Aug. 25, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 31, 1938
Nixon	Granville	Aug. 20, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 24, 1938
P			
Pankey	Wiley	Jan. 24, 1938	Boaz Leader - Jan. 28, 1938
Parkhill	Billie	Nov. 12, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 16, 1938
Patterson	T. Will	Jun. 14, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 22, 1938
Peck	Samuel Minturn	May , 1938	Advertiser - May 11, 1938
Porch	Mrs. C. E.	Apr. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 06, 1938
Putnam	Leon	Jul. 18, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 20, 1938
R			
Reno	Ella	Feb. 01, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 09, 1938
Reno	Ella	Feb. 02, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 09, 1938
Roberts	Mary Ann	September, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 05, 1938
Roden	I. H.	Mar. 15, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 30, 1938
Roden	W. E.	Mar. 26, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 30, 1938
Rutledge	Samuel Franklin	Sept. 16, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 21, 1938
S			
Saint	Ruthie	Jul. 17, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 27, 1938
Screws	Mrs. M. A.	May. 20 , 1938	Advertiser - May 25, 1938
Simpkin	Mrs. J. M.	Mar. 25, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 06, 1938
Smith	Henderson	Feb. 11, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 02, 1938
Smith	Jesse S.	September, 1938	Advertiser - Oct. 05, 1938
Smith	Sam H.	May. 05, 1938	Advertiser - May 11, 1938
Smith	William Miller	Dec. 13, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Snow	Mamie	Sept. 21, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 28, 1938
Solley	Glenn	Sept. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 07, 1938
Stanley	Jess C.	Aug. 05, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 10, 1938
Starkey	Billie Jean	Jun. 06, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 08, 1938
Stephens	J. D.	May. 04, 1938	Advertiser - May 11, 1938
Stevenson	Mrs. J. M.	Mar. 25, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 06, 1938
Stone	Martha Rice	Dec. 11, 1937	Advertiser - Jan. 05, 1938
Strickland	William E.	May. 27, 1938	Boaz Leader - Jun. 02, 1938
Sworm	Sarah A.	Jun. 04, 1938	Boaz Leader - Jun. 09, 1938
T			
Tankersley	Mrs. C. L.	May. 16, 1938	Advertiser - May 18, 1938
Teal	L. M. (MG)	May. 20, 1938	Boaz Leader - May 26, 1938
Terrell	Jesse D.	Sept. 20, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 28, 1938
Thomas	Leonard	May. 25, 1938	Boaz Leader - Jun. 09, 1938

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Thomason	James Eugene	May. 31 , 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 01, 1938
Thomason	Dr. James M.	Dec. 04, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 07, 1938
Traylor	Willis David	Jul. 17, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 20, 1938
Turner	"Red"	Dec. 25, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 28, 1938
Tyler	Houston	Dec. 11, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
V			
Vann	Tom	Aug. 20, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 24, 1938
Vaughn	J. Thurman	Mar. 11, 1938	Advertiser - Mar. 16, 1938
Vaught	Herbert	Apr. 29, 1938	Advertiser - May 04, 1938
Vest	Eliza	Jun. 29, 1938	Advertiser - Jul, 13, 1938
Vest	Ernest H.	Aug. 07, 1938	Advertiser - Aug. 10, 1938
W			
Walden	Louisa	Jun. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 15, 1938
Walton	Dago	June, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 15, 1938
Watkins	Ola Lee	Apr. 18, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 20, 1938
West	Mrs. J. W.	Jun. 24, 1938	Advertiser - Jul. 06, 1938
Whitaker	Capt. S. C.	Jun. 09, 1938	Advertiser - Jun. 15, 1938
Whitaker	John William	Nov. 20, 1938	Advertiser - Nov. 23, 1938
Whitehead	Marley	Sept. 06, 1938	Advertiser - Sept. 07, 1938
Whitten	R. C.	Feb. 02, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 09, 1938
Wiles	W. S	Dec. 13, 1938	Advertiser - Dec. 14, 1938
Wooten	W. L.	May. 10, 1938	Advertiser - May 11, 1938
Wright	Joe E.	Feb. 10, 1938	Advertiser - Feb. 16, 1938
Wright	Marina	Apr. 06, 1938	Advertiser - Apr. 13, 1938
Wright	Wade	Apr. 08, 1935	Advertiser - Apr. 13, 1938

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Thomas J. Cochran, Ninth Sheriff of Marshall County (1859-1862)

**By Margene Black
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Thomas J. Cochran was born October 15, 1827 in Alabama. He was the first child of William Alexander Cochran and Matilda Swann Johnston. William was born in Antrim County, Ireland. He came to America in 1810. At the age of 18, he became a Private in the New York Militia during the War of 1812. During this period he served in the State of Maryland.

William moved to what is now Madison County, Alabama while this was still a territory. He married Matilda Swann Johnston on March 24, 1824. Matilda was born in Tennessee October 17, 1807 to John J. and Rosanna Johnston. William and Matilda became the parents of nine children: Thomas J., John D., Robert E., William A., Martha D., Isaac Newton, Isabella, James M. and Margaret A. William was listed as a farmer in the 1850 Madison County Census. He died September 23, 1858.

The 1850 Marshall County, Alabama Census shows Thomas J. Cochran living as a boarder in the household of Arthur Beard in Bluff Beat, District 41, and page 23, household 469. His occupation was listed as being a merchant and he was single at this time.

On November 29, 1858 Thomas married Nancy Ann Manning in Marshall County. Nancy Ann was the daughter of Thomas M. Manning and Lucinda Parker. It was not long after Thomas and Nancy married that the War Between the States began. Nancy

was born October 19, 1838 in Marshall County and died June 2, 1868. It is believed she is buried in the Manning Cemetery around Grant, Marshall County, Alabama.

Cochran enlisted in the 49th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Co. E. This Regiment was also called the 52nd Regiment and was organized at Nashville, Tennessee in February, 1862, according to Family Search and the National Park Service. It originally mustered into service as the 31st (Hale's) Alabama Infantry. Its designation was changed to 49th during the spring of 1863. The men were recruited in the counties of DeKalb, Jackson, Marshall, Madison, Limestone, Lawrence, Colbert, Lauderdale, Blount, and Morgan. It took an active part in the conflicts at Shiloh, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge and Corinth. Some of the Marshall County men in this Regiment were: Lieut. Colonels M. Gilbreath, and William H. Davidson. Majors B. Johnston and Thomas B. Street, Captains William H. Wright, William H. Davidson, James Fletcher, W. H. Smith, Thomas B. Street, J. S. Bain and F. A. Pouge.

Following the war, Thomas and Nancy became the parents of three children. Martha or Mollie as she was called, was born about 1862, Isabella or Belle was born August 19, 1863 and Thomas M. was born about 1867 and died in 1869. He may be buried in the Manning Cemetery near his mother. All of these children were born in Claysville.

The obituary of Thomas Cochran was printed in the January 18, 1893, Marshall

County, Alabama paper The Democrat. It reads as follows:

Thomas J. Cochran

The news dashed over the wires Monday morning that the spirit of Thos. J. Cochran had winged its flight from its tenement of clay. He had been removed by his brother, Dr. Robert Cochran from the World's Dispensary at Buffalo to New York City in the expectation of securing better medical attention but in vain. He continued to grow worse and then came which sooner or later is the fate of us all. Dr. Cochran brought the remains home and the funeral services will take place today. Mr. Cochran was the senior member of the firm of Jordan, Manning & Co, of the place, and was sixty-seven years old at the time of his death. He was a native of Madison County and moved to Marshall while young. He was sheriff of this county from 1859 to 1862, replacing John J. Sibley. He has been closely identified with the material interest of the county all his life. Mr. Cochran leaves two children, Mrs. J. L. Jordan and Mrs. T. L. Farrow, his wife having died when these were quite small. He has been in failing health for several years and his death was unexpected. With his loved ones will be joined in their sorrow by a host of friends and acquaintances.

On February, 1893 a Lamar County, Alabama newspaper, The Vernon Courier, stated that a telegram was received from New York City announcing the death of Thomas J. Cochran. He was a prominent merchant of Guntersville. He was a member of the firm of Jordan, Manning and Company and had gone to New York for treatment for Bright's disease.

Mollie, Cochran's oldest daughter, married James L. Jordan in Marshall County on



Thomas J. Cochran's Tombstone

October 30, 1877. This couple can be found on the 1880 Guntersville, Marshall County census. James L. was born September 9, 1851 and died December 6, 1890. Mollie C. was born September 1, 1861 and died September 13, 1910. They are both buried in the Guntersville City Cemetery.

Isabella Cochran was the second daughter of Thomas J. Cochran. She went by the name of Belle and was born August 19, 1863. She married Thomas Lynard Farrow on October 8, 1889 in Guntersville, Alabama. There were three children from this marriage. Robert Lusk Farrow, born February 3, 1859 and died October 18, 1925. Mattie (Martha) Lee Farrow, born August 13, 1894 and died March 15, 1962. Isabella and Thomas were expecting their third child but because of an accident, this child was not saved. While Isabella was expecting the child she climbed on a chair to straighten a curtain and fell. Because of this fall, Belle and the child both lost their lives. This family is buried in the Guntersville City Cemetery.

Thomas M. Cochran was the third child of Thomas J. and Nancy Ann. He was born August 30, 1867 and died July 20, 1869. He is believed to be buried in the Manning Family Cemetery with his mother.

Reuben Hampton, 10th Sherriff of Marshall County (1862-1865)

**By Margene Black
Researcher, Marshall County Archives**

The first record of Reuben Hampton is the license to marry Sarah Adeline Kennedy and Reuben Hampton. It was issued 26 October 1852 and the couple were joined in marriage on the same day by Peter Wood. This marriage took place in Marshall County, Alabama. Sarah Adeline is probably the daughter of Robert J. and Martha Kennedy. The other children of Robert and Martha were: Joseph, Lorenzo P., James, Charles, and Robert.

It is not known at this time who the parents of Reuben Hampton were. It is known that Reuben was born in Alabama. This information was taken from census records. Reuben lived in the Western District of Marshall County in the 1860 Agriculture Census. This is in the area of Guntersville. His value of Farming Implements and Machinery was \$30. He had 2 horses, 3 milk cows, 4 working oxen, 9 other cattle and 25 swine. The value of his livestock was \$390. He also had 300 bushels of Indian corn. In the 1860s, he was a well to do farmer.

Hampton was made Sheriff of Marshall County by Civil Appointment on 13 August 1862. This record can be found in the Alabama Archives, Civil Register of County Officials, Vol. 3, (1844-1867), page 385. The film is M 81571. He signed a poll list on 15 November 1862, along with Judge of Probate W. T May and John M. Scott.

Hampton became a widower in January 1860 when Sarah Adeline died of Pneumonia Fever at the age of 27. This record is found in the U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885. The family was still living in the Western area of Marshall County. At the death of Adaline, Hampton was left with two young daughters, Martha K., age 3, and Sarah A., age 5 months. These girls were possibly named for their grandmother and mother. Nothing more could be found about these children.

The United States Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885 shows the death of Reuben Hampton in August 1879, age 48. He died of Dropsy of the Heart. At the time of his death he was a grocery keeper. His doctor was listed as Dr. L. D. Lusk. He had been a resident of the county for 40 years. He lived in Township 8 of Marshall County.

Margene Black is a prolific family history writer who has written biographies for Marshall County's first 10 sheriffs. The first Marshall County sheriff took office in 1835, just before the municipality was officially created by the state legislature on January 9, 1836. These sheriffs served three-year terms and lived varied lives. Some of their varied lives are better recorded than others, but Margene has researched diligently to record the lives of each sheriff in as much detail as the historical record allows.

Federal Bankruptcy Act of 1867

Petitioners from Marshall County, Alabama

**Transcribed from the National Archives
By Coy Michael**

At the beginning of the Civil War the Confederate government demanded that all citizens and businesses owing money to the northern citizens and businesses remit that payment to the Confederacy rather than provide “comfort and support” to the enemy. After the war, those northerners who were owed these funds came looking for remittance.

The large mercantile houses were especially affected. When the large merchant houses called for payment from smaller merchants throughout the region, the smaller merchants then passed demands for payment down to individuals. Then, along with the economic after-war depression throughout the region, the result was Congress passing the Bankruptcy Act of 1867.

The court for the following cases was held in Huntsville, Alabama. The case files usually contain a petition giving all assets and liabilities.

Copies of individual Marshall County case files can be ordered from the following:

National Archives – Southeast Region
5780 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, Georgia 30260
Phone: 770-968-2547

E-mail: Atlanta.archives@nara.gov

Furnish the bankruptcy name, county and state, case file # and court location.

Petitioner		Case #
BAILEY	James F.	368
BAIN	James S.	670
BARNARD	Robert W.	847
CARTER	Nelson J.	920
ERWIN	William R.	867
EVANS	Andrew J.	832
EVANS	Thomas J.	133
KENNAMORE	Abram	426
KENNAMORE	Zaccheus	424
KING	Andrew	938
LINN	Julius W.	308
MARTIN	Wiley O.	785
MATHENY	Jasper N.	760
MCDERMET	Joseph	510
NICHOLAS	Charles A.	597
NICHOLSON	Isaac E.	371
RAYBURN	Samuel K.	409
ROLLINS	Pleasant I.	285
SHEFFIELD	James L.	152
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Pruitt Award Luncheon a Success

On March 22, 2017, the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society hosted an awards luncheon at which renowned Huntsville historians Nancy Rohr and John Rankin were honored with the Raneé Pruitt Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. Also present were delegations presenting their own awards from Hartselle, the William Hooper Council Alumni Association, and the Descendents of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

The event was deemed a great success. One attendee said “It seemed that all who attended had a good time. The turn-out was good, the venue was good, the food was delicious, Mayor Battle and Senator Orr were spot-on with their remarks, and the audience seemed to love our awardees.”

Award recipient Nancy Rohr is the author or editor of four books and 10 articles on local history. She is also a prolific researcher and lecturer. She and John Rankin have worked together to preserve old records in various repositories that are deteriorating. She is also a past board member of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society.

The second award recipient, John Rankin, has been a member of the book committees for



Diners enjoy the meal during the Pruitt awards luncheon.



Speakers prepare at the awards luncheon

development of county heritage books about Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Lawrence, and Limestone counties of North Alabama. For the last 15 years, he has been digitizing historical records in the Tax Assessor's archive, the Probate Office's Madison County Records Center, and lately concentrating upon the Dr. Frances Roberts historical papers in the University of Alabama Special Collections Library. He is also a frequent contributor to



John Rankin, right, receives the Ranéé Pruitt Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation



Nancy Rohr, right, receives the Ranéé Pruitt Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation

genealogy publication, *TVGS Valley Leaves*.

Certifications of Appreciation were awarded to Joyce Markwardt Smith and Alex Luttrell. Joyce Markwardt Smith has been a dedicated member of the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society for 56 years. She joined in 1961 has served as club president on two different occasions. She also served as president of the Alabama Historical Association in 1999. Alex Luttrell was recognized for 20 years of dedicated service to the Society as chairman of the Historical Marker Committee, erecting 43 new markers and repairing or refurbishing 48 markers.

Congratulations to the recipients!



Certificate of Appreciation winners Alex Luttrell, left, and Joyce Markwardt Smith

Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society

Proposed By-Law Changes

Proposed: January 2017 Membership Vote: April 27, 2017 Status: Passed

The following TVGS By-Law changes were passed unanimously on 27 April 2017 at the quarterly membership meeting.

Article III – Membership

Sec 2 reads: Individuals, institutions and societies within and outside the Tennessee Valley region shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

Proposed Change: Individuals within and outside the Tennessee Valley region shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

Article IV – Dues

Sec 1 reads: The annual dues for individuals, societies, and institutions shall be established by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting of the Society and shall be published in the journal.

Proposed change: The annual dues for individuals shall be established by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting of the Society and shall be published in the journal

Sec. 2: No change.

Proposed Sec 3: An exchange of publications only (i.e. *Valley Leaves* journal) with other historical/genealogical societies and institutions shall be approved by the Executive Board. There will be NO CHARGE for this exchange as it is reciprocal.

Proposed Sec 4: Individuals, societies and institutions may purchase available publications (*Valley Leaves* journal) for an amount established by the Executive Board.

Rationale for changes: To better define current membership status and procedures, as well as projected income and expenses.

TVGS Hosts Annual Seminar



The 2017 TVGS Spring Seminar featured two speakers: Charles A. Sherrill, State Librarian and Archivist of Tennessee, and Gordon T. Belt, archives advocate, public historian, and founding editor of *The Posterity Project*, an award-winning blog devoted to archives and history in Tennessee.

Mr. Sherrill presented two workshops:



Analysis of a Case File: A long trail has led you to that hefty packet of old papers filed in your ancestor's lawsuit. But how do you wade through the legal jargon and cull the valuable research clues hidden in a hundred pages of cramped handwriting? Learn how to systematically identify, sort and read case files for effective use.

Using Original Court Records: A Hands-On Workshop: Files of the Tennessee Supreme Court formed the basis for this workshop. Participants gained hands-on experience in

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identifying and interpreting original records. Exercises using copies from 19th-century minute books, dockets, estate packets and court cases helped develop skills for effective research among these records.

Mr. Belt gave the following two presentations:

Stories from the Stacks: Evidence of our past is found in the documents, photographs, maps, and artifacts left behind by our ancestors. They help us tell a story about our collective history. Participants learned about a wide range of historic items and collections discovered “in the stacks” of the Library and Archives, each item with a unique story to tell.

John Sevier: Tennessee’s First

Hero: A celebrated soldier, admired politician and founding father of the state of Tennessee, John Sevier led an adventurous life. He commanded a frontier militia into battle against British

Loyalists at King’s Mountain and waged a relentless war against the Cherokees in his effort to claim America’s first frontier. He forged the “State of Franklin” from the western lands of North Carolina, and later became Tennessee’s first governor. Following his death, Sevier’s accomplishments faded from public memory, but years later, writers resurrected his image through romanticized accounts of his exploits, relying heavily on folk tales and recollections from aging pioneers. Participants examined John Sevier’s extraordinary life through the lens of history and memory, shedding new light on this remarkable Tennessee figure.

Two distinguished local authors, Robert Davis and Butch Walker, also attended to sell their publications and speak with attendees.



Robert (Bob) Davis is well known to North Alabama for his genealogy courses at Wallace State College and his historical and genealogical presentations. Bob has written over 1,000 articles/publications in research, records, genealogy and history. Bob is especially noted for his publications/research on Georgia to include *A Researcher’s Library of Georgia*, *The Wilkes County Papers*, *Georgia Citizens and Soldiers of*

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the American Revolution and Civil War Atlanta. Bob's latest publication on Alabama is entitled *Tracing Your Alabama Past*.

Rickey Butch Walker is a noted North Alabama historian, researcher, and Alabama authority on Native American-Celtic history. Among his publications are *Doublehead Last Chickamauga Cherokee Chief*, *Warrior Mountains Indian Heritage*, *Warrior Mountains Folklore*, *Boy of the Appalachia* and *Chickasaw Chief George Colbert*. Mr. Walker will present to TVGS at the October quarterly membership meeting.



Seminar door prize winners pose with their winnings. Among the prizes were a satchel from RootsTech, local history books, and online records subscriptions.

First Families Certificates Awarded



From left, Kim Johnson, Rhonda Larkin, and Martha Ann Whitt

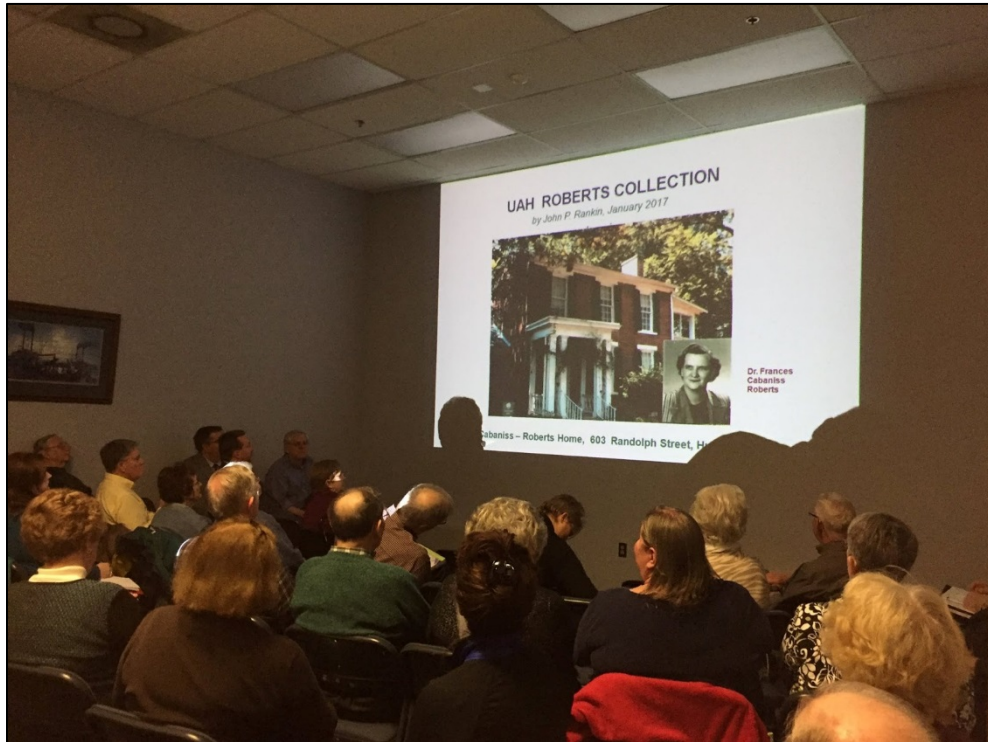
During the 2017 TVGS Spring Seminar, TVGS awarded two new certificates for their First Families of the Tennessee Valley program, which recognizes descendents of families who settled the region before Alabama statehood. Past-president Rhonda Larkin presented certificates to distant cousins Martha Ann Whitt and Kim Johnson.

Many families moved into the area now called the Tennessee Valley well before statehood, when it was still Indian Territory. In 1798, an act of Congress created the Mississippi Territory, which included all the area now in Alabama and Mississippi north of 31 degrees and south of 32 degrees, 28 minutes. Madison County became a county in 1809. Finally, during the war of 1812, Congress seized the Mobile District of West Florida and thus completed the Territory.

The Act of March 3, 1817 created the Alabama Territory, establishing its boundaries, making Mississippi Territorial law applicable, and making St. Stephens the new capital. Alabama grew so rapidly that there were only two sessions of the territorial legislature before statehood. President Monroe signed the bill for Alabama's admission as a state on December 14, 1819.

First Families is a project of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society to find those persons who lived in the Tennessee Valley prior to December 14, 1819. If one of your ancestors qualifies please submit your application and join us by visiting tvgs.org.

Rankin Digitizing Roberts Papers at UAH



At the quarterly membership meeting on January 26, 2017, local historian John Rankin presented "Findings in the Frances Roberts Papers." Mr. Rankin has been digitizing the collection, which spans from the 1830s to the 1930s and is housed at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Dr. Frances Cabaniss Roberts was the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in history from the University of Alabama and was instrumental in establishing the humanities department at the

Huntsville extension. Her collection contains many interesting accounts of local history, including many Civil War-era accounts and salvaged legal documents. A full catalog of the records housed in the collection is available at <http://libguides.uah.edu>.



The digitization project is still seeking volunteers. Anyone interested in helping to scan these historical documents can call John Rankin at 256-653-5206 or email him at prankin64@gmail.com

Valley Leaves Publications Go Digital



The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society is pleased and excited to announce that our *Valley Leaves* publication has been accepted by the Alabama Department of Archives and History to be digitized as part of the Alabama Bicentennial celebrations spanning 2017 to 2019.

This digitization represents over 45 years of genealogical and historical information pertaining to the Tennessee Valley, particularly Jackson, Marshall, and Madison counties. Among the many articles and records presented in *Valley Leaves* are county and municipal records, newspaper clippings, tombstone inscriptions, cemetery indexes, church records, school records, and many items not published anywhere else, such as Bible records, personal letters, and diaries.

Our Society extends its thanks to the Alabama Department of Archives and History for accepting, digitizing, and making available our genealogical and historical records for the 21st century and beyond. The *Valley Leaves* publication committee would also like to thank local digital archivist Deane Dayton for his guidance on this project.

The Department of Archives has been hard at work scanning thousands of pages and we are proud to report that the digitization has just been completed! To read over four decades of *Valley Leaves* for free, visit <http://digital.archives.alabama.gov> and search “TVGS.”

“Making History Local”



Dr. Chris Paysinger presented "Making History Local, a Better Context for Approaching the Past" at the TVGS Quarterly Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017. His presentation revolved around how to find relevance with and through history. Too often history becomes disjointed facts, separate and lacking interest. Through contextual framing of events and authentic questioning based on specific locality, history can become real and exciting. Every person finds unique viewpoints in the same written history, depending on their life and educational experiences. Dr. Paysinger utilizes this approach with his students in the Athens School District.

The son of Sherry Paysinger of South Alabama and Bobby Paysinger of Athens, Chris grew up in Elkmont and graduated from Elkmont High School before attending Auburn University. He graduated from Auburn in 1998 and taught history in South Alabama for a year before accepting a job at Sparkman High School. He is currently on

the Athens City School Board. Chris is married to the former Suzanne Clem.

Chris was named Outstanding Graduate Student in History at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for research on his thesis, "Let the Family Circle Be Unbroken: The Transformation of Republican Patriarchy Athens, Alabama, 1818-1870." Chris's research and his enthusiasm for his subject matter have made him a popular speaker locally and in several areas throughout the state. He has given talks to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Alabama Association of Historians, and lectures in the UAH Lifetime Learning Program. He lives in the Mason-Looney Home (c. 1825) in Athens and maintains a blog dedicated to telling the local history of Athens from its incorporation in 1818 through the end of Reconstruction in 1877. He is also a historical marketing consultant for Reconstruction South, a firm that strives to connect businesses with the history of their locality and industry.

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