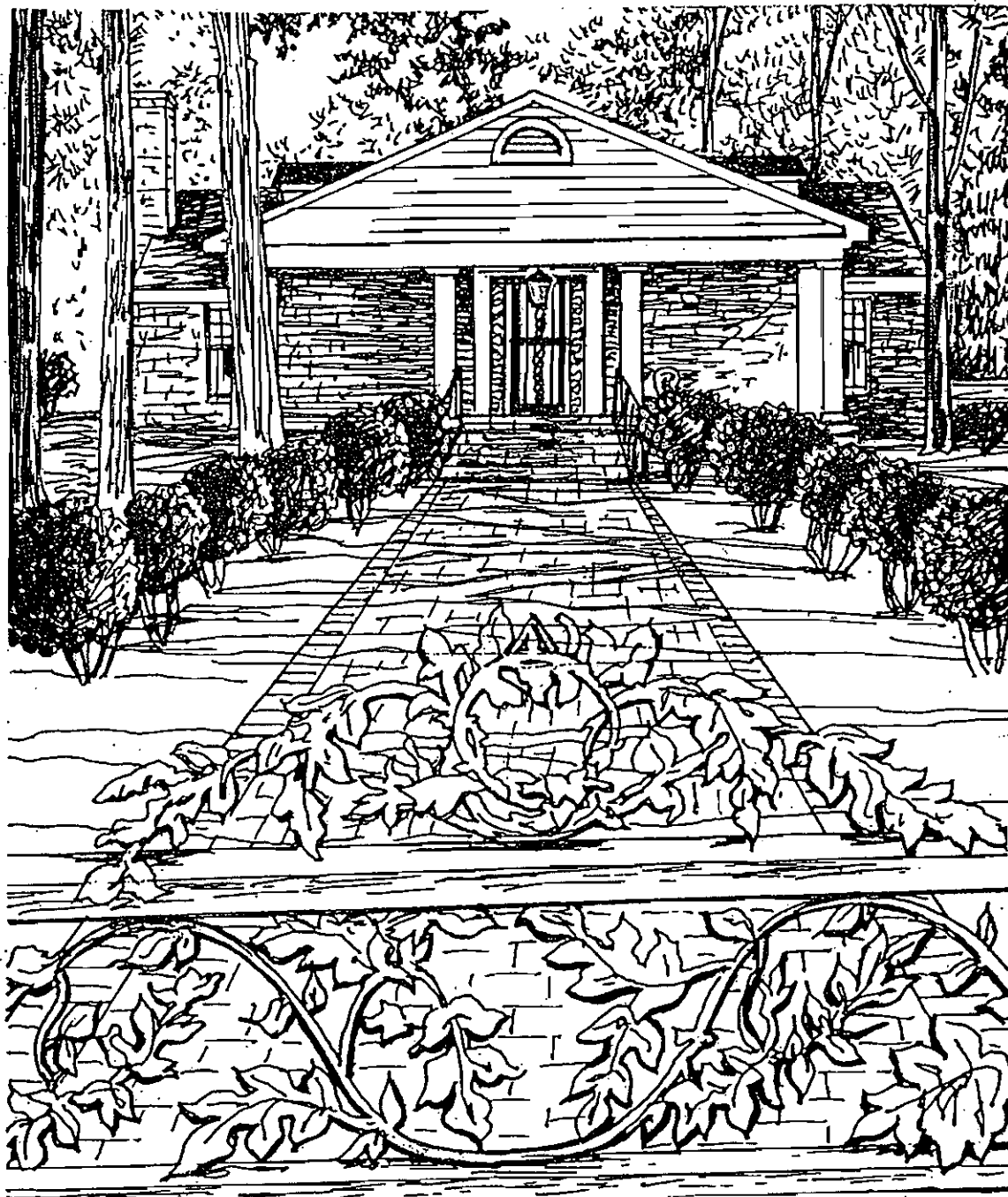

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MANY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES these days are having a difficult time just hanging on ... and some are even to the point of letting go. On 30 June, the Holston Territory Genealogical Society of Bristol, Va.-Tenn. — after 21 years of operations including publishing *The Holston Pastfinder* — called it quits and distributed all its books, files, and assets to area libraries.

What happened? The Society's officers say it was not because of financial problems; they had adequate funds to continue. The reason they gave was: "Our local members that have kept the Society going all these years are aging with health problems." So apparently it's a lack of younger volunteers willing to 'join the club' (literally and figuratively) and eventually take over the reins.

With the severe cutbacks in so many state budgets these days and their drastic impact on state-run libraries and archives, you have to wonder what will become of genealogical resources and records if genealogical societies cease to exist. For all of us who believe in the importance of our ancestors' lives and times ... of their sacrifices in our behalf... and of the instructive examples (both good and bad) they set for us ... it's something to ponder.

A PROJECT has begun to retrieve a substantial quantity of official Virginia documents that have been housed in California for the past 81 years.

The documents, along with books and other materials ranging from the Colonial period through the 19th Century, are referred to as the Brock Collection. They were assembled by the late **Robert Alonzo Brock**, who died in 1914. For eight years after his death, the collection was offered for sale but there were no takers until 1922 when **Henry Edwards Huntington**, a railroad magnate, purchased and moved it to the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif.

Microfilming of the collection is now under way and when completed will result in 500 reels encompassing more than 500,000 manuscript pages. The microfilm is expected to be on the Library of Virginia shelves by 2007, the year Virginia celebrates the 400th anniversary of its founding.

THE LEAD STORY in this issue on the **Oberst** family who migrated to Memphis from Switzerland in the 1840s grew out of some information submitted by **Robert M. "Bob" Echols**, whose great-great-grandfather, **William Eckles**, moved to Shelby County from Virginia in 1834 and settled in to raise cotton in an area that's now part of East Memphis. The **Echols** cemetery on Carnes Avenue just off Echols Street near the University of Memphis campus was on his plantation.

Spelling of the surname was changed by **Bob's** great-grandfather **Thomas** in 1842 (as documented in his marriage certificate). **Thomas** moved to Carrollton, Miss., and then to Drew Co., Ark., where the family lived for three generations. **Bob**, born in Monticello, Ark., in 1919, graduated from high school in Wilson, Ark., spent five years as a Navy pilot, then attended the University of Arkansas, and got his Master's and Ph. D. from Yale. After a career in government research, he is now retired.

Bob's wife, **Betty Suzanne Oberst**, is a direct descendant of **Jaques Oberst**, being the granddaughter of **Thomas Christian Oberst** and the daughter of **Walter Mullens Oberst**. She was born on Swan Lake Plantation near Clarksdale, Miss., and moved with her family near Turrell in north-east Arkansas. **Betty** graduated from high school at Gulf Park College in Gulfport, Miss., and later received a degree in history and political science at the University of California, Berkeley, making Phi Beta Kappa in the process.

They have two sons, **Robert, Jr.**, a civil engineer, and **John Clay Echols**, a teacher in California. **Bob** and **Betty** now live in Rio Concho Retirement Community in San Angelo, Tex., and like most of us in genealogy "sigh over wasted opportunities."

Bob writes: "During our school days and for some years after, Memphis was the center of our universe for shopping, shows, and entertainment, and for what the young people nowadays call 'hanging out.' How I wish I had spent some of that frivolous time looking up family records and talking with people who are no longer living."

IF YOUR ANCESTORS came from places in Virginia you'd rather not mention because you don't know how to pronounce them, hear this from **Robert Young Clay** who recently conducted a TGS seminar:

- Botetourt is pronounced Body-e-TOT
- Faquier = Faw-KEER
- Gloucester = GLOS-ter
- Taliaferro = TOL-i-ver
- Wythe = WITH
- Jordan = JER-dan
- Derby = DAR-by
- Staunton = STAN-ton
- Henrico = Awn-REE-co

.... and so on.

When in doubt about how to pronounce a place, don't try out loud ... just listen; that's my advice! As a young newspaper editor in Alabama, I was somewhat puzzled over how to pronounce the name of a community that was spelled C-h-a-l-y-b-e-a-t-e. After blurting out what logically seemed to be the correct pronunciation, I learned to my chagrin that the "h" was smarter than I was. It was silent.

Chalybeate = kuh-LEE-bit (at least it does in Alabama).

MISSOURI is living up to its title of the "show-me" state — the "me" in this instance being you and me. Its State Archives has a database of more than 185,000 records of Missouri births and deaths dating back before 1909.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.sos.state.mo.us/archives/resources>

There's also an online index of St. Louis Probate Court records from 1804 to 1900, plus pre-statehood probate documents online at the same address (minus the word 'resources' at the end).

State officials expect that Missouri records from the 1800s will be online by Dec 2003. ■

FROM SWITZERLAND TO TENNESSEE --

The Obrist/Oberst Family

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In 1845 **Jaques Obrist** with his wife, **Anna Barbara**,¹ and their seven children left their home in Switzerland and made their way across France to the port of Le Havre, where they boarded the ship *Sea Lion* to begin the Atlantic and Gulf crossing to the port of New Orleans.

The ship was commanded by **J. Gross**, master, and its passenger list showed 240 names. From the records it appears that the voyage was uneventful with the exception of the death of one unidentified passenger. The ship arrived in New Orleans on 28 November 1845, and the **Obrists** booked passage on a steamboat² to Memphis for themselves and all their possessions, including some beautiful furniture.

According to a story handed down in the family, the steamboat caught fire and sank with all their belongings somewhere below Memphis. The date of the boat's sinking is not known nor is the length of their stay in New Orleans. Efforts to identify the boat have been unsuccessful to date.

In the ethnic regions of Switzerland at that time, families clung strongly to their cultural heritages. In the Swiss-German section, the surname was (and still is) **Oberst** while in the Swiss-French section it is **Obrist**. **Jaques**, **Anna Barbara**, and their children all had French names. At some point after arriving in the United States, they Americanized their names, as was shown in the 1850 Shelby Co., Tenn., census:³

<u>Swiss Name</u>	<u>Americanized Name</u>	<u>Age in 1845⁴</u>
Jaques Obrist	-----	39
Barbara Obrist	Anny Oberst⁵	42
Guillaume Obrist	William Oberst	11
Ferdinand Obrist	Gideon Oberst	10
Amboise Obrist	Ambrose Oberst	9
Etienne Obrist	Rosanna Oberst	8
Christian Obrist	Christian Oberst	5

Another **Oberst** whose name is not in the 1845 passenger list [nor in the 1850 census] was **Stephen W.**, a son.⁶ Also absent from the 1850 census were daughters, **Jeanne**, whose age was given as 4 in the ship passenger list of 1845; and **Catherine**, whose age was listed as 2. After arriving in Memphis, **Jaques** and **Anna** had an eighth child, **Julia A.**, who was born 6 Jan 1848.⁷ [She is listed in the 1850 Memphis census as born in Tennessee.]

Jaques apparently died between 1847 and 1850 since his name did not appear in the 1850 census. Seventeen-year old **William** (J. F. W.) became the family wage-earner, working as a cooper. By 1858 he and his brothers had a place of business on Front Street in Memphis, making barrels and casks for steamboat shipping and overland wagon transport -- an important business at that time. **William** joined Memphis' volunteer fire department that was organized 17 May 1851, becoming captain of the hose section of "Mechanics" Company No. 4.⁸

¹ **Jaques** was born in the French region of Switzerland in 1806, and **Anna** was born 9 Nov 1808. [Jaques's birthdate based on 1850 Memphis census records, and **Anna**'s birthdate from Elmwood Cemetery records and her tombstone.]

² Name unknown.

³ Their names vary in census, city directory, military, and cemetery records. However, their names and birth dates appear to have been as follows: (1) **William** [sometimes referred to as J.F.W.], b. 17 Sep 1830; (2) **Ambrose Gideon** [most often referred to as A. G.], b. ca. 1836; (3) **Stephen Walter** [also known as S. W.], b. 28 May 1837, (4) **Rosana** [also called Rosina], b. ca. 1838, (5) **Christian**, b. ca. 1840; (6) **Josine** [also known as Jeanne], b. ca. 1841; and (7) **Catherine**, b. ca. 1843. All seven were born in Switzerland.

⁴ Swiss names and ages taken from 1845 ship passenger list.

⁵ **Anny**'s full name was **Anna Barbara Oberst**, as shown on Marker #4, Lot 590, Fowler Section, Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis. She was 70 years old and was residing on Greenlaw street in Memphis' Chelsea neighborhood when she died.

⁶ He is identified as **Anna**'s son in the *Masonic Jewel*, Vol. 3, published in Memphis in 1873. Microfilm of the original Elmwood Cemetery plat shows his first name spelled as "Stevan W." His middle initial "W" suggests that he may have been the **Walter Oberst** listed in *Rainey's 1855-56 City Directory* as living with **Anna**, **William**, **Gideon**, and **Christian**.

⁷ Birth date figured from date of her death and her age at death as given in *Memphis Funeral Home Records*, Vol. 3, E-G, Memphis/Shelby County Central Library, using birth calculator at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mvsong/datecalc.html>

⁸ The fire company's motto was "We Strive to Save." [Source: *Rainey's Memphis City Directory*, 1855-56]

On 3 May 1858, **William** married 'the girl next door' -- **Catherine E. Cook**. At the time of the 1850 census, **Catherine**, then 15, was living in the house next to the **Obersts** with her mother, **Catherine**, 45, and her brother **Thomas**, aged 10.⁹ The ceremony, performed by the **Rev. T. L. Grace**, minister of St. Peter's Church, was witnessed by **Gideon Oberst** and **Bridget Kelly**, and **William's** bondsman was his brother, **A. G.** (probably **Gideon**).¹⁰

Another milestone for the family was observed about a month later -- on the 24th of June -- when **A. G.**¹¹ was issued his naturalization decree and became a full-fledged U. S. citizen. Three years later, he married **Parmella C. Laird** in Memphis on 8 January 1861.¹²

When the Civil War began a few months later, the two unmarried **Oberst** brothers -- 24-year old **S. W.** and 21-year old **Christian** -- volunteered for Confederate service, both enlisting at Memphis on 27 May 1861 for one year.¹³ They were assigned initially as privates in Co. K of the First Heavy Artillery (**Col. Andrew Jackson, Jr.'s** Regiment).¹⁴ A year later, their brothers, **William** and **A. G.**, went to Vicksburg and enlisted 23 September 1862 for three years in the same regiment under **Lt. Col. Robert Sterling**.

In the second battle of Vicksburg, their regiment was among the upper batteries from Fort Hill to the upper bayou and was said to have borne the brunt of the labors and dangers of the siege. **S. W.**, **Christian**, and **William** were all three captured on 4 July 1863, and were among some 31,600 Confederates paroled and exchanged by **Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant**. It is not known what became of **A. G.**¹⁵

The 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery regiment moved to Fort Morgan, Ala., near Mobile on 3 April 1864. The three **Oberst** brothers, who had rejoined their regiment by this time, took part in the Battle of Mobile Bay, and were captured 23 August. They were taken to New Orleans for transfer to Fort Columbus at New York harbor, arriving there 28 September 1864. Shortly afterwards, they were sent to Camp Elmira, N.Y., which, with a mortality rate of almost 25 percent, was considered one of the worst of the Union prison camps. Confederate prisoners referred to it as "Camp Hellmira." **S. W.** and **William** were paroled 25 February 1865 at Elmira, and **Christian** was paroled there 10 March 1865. **Christian** had been hospitalized twice in November 1864 while a prisoner, once with the mumps and shortly after with variola, a mild form of smallpox.¹⁶ He had been discharged from the hospital in late December but was apparently still not well as his record shows he was on the register of the Receiving & Wayside Hospital in Richmond, Va., on 17 March 1865 while en route home. **Christian** later was elected as a member of "The Old Guards in Gray," an organization formed to recognize outstanding Confederate soldiers from Memphis and vicinity.¹⁷

The next decade would be a time of gladness and grief for the **Oberst** family.

On 28 October 1869, **Julia A.** -- the only one of **Jaque** and **Anna's** children born in Memphis -- married **Robert Garside** in a ceremony conducted by his brother-in-law, the **Rev. James J. Vaulx**, Episcopal minister.¹⁸ **S. W. Oberst** again was bondsman. **Garside**, who lived at Fourth and Greenlaw near the **Obersts**, had been born in England and was the son of **Samuel** and **Mary Garside**. He worked as a machinist with **Randle & Heath Foundry**.¹⁹

⁹ According to the census, **Catherine** was born in New York, her mother in Ireland, and **Thomas** in Ohio.

¹⁰ **Davis, Betty B.**: *Shelby County Marriage Records & Licenses, 1850-1865*, published Memphis, 1983.

¹¹ His name is given as **Ambrose G.** on his naturalization record and on his marriage license. The "G" may have stood for **Gideon**. He frequently went by the two initials, "A.G."

¹² **Davis**, op. cit.

¹³ Their service records also show them as enlisting 6 Aug 1861 in **Capt. William Miller's** Company (Pillow's Flying Artillery).

[National Archives Microcopy No. 268, Roll 88, 1st Heavy Artillery (Jackson's Reg), N-Z]

¹⁴ **Christian** was promoted to fourth sergeant the following year, and became a full sergeant while serving with Co. L. After their regiment was captured and paroled at Vicksburg 4 Jul 1863, the two were assigned to different companies over the course of consolidations. Records show them serving in Co. K, 2nd Co. C, 2nd Co. B, and Co. L. **S. W.** also served in 3rd Co. B; **William** in 2nd Co. C, 3rd Co. B, and Co. L, and **A. G.** only in 2nd Co. C. [Source: *Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865*, Vol. XII edited by **Janet B. Hewett**, Wilmington, N.C., 1996.]

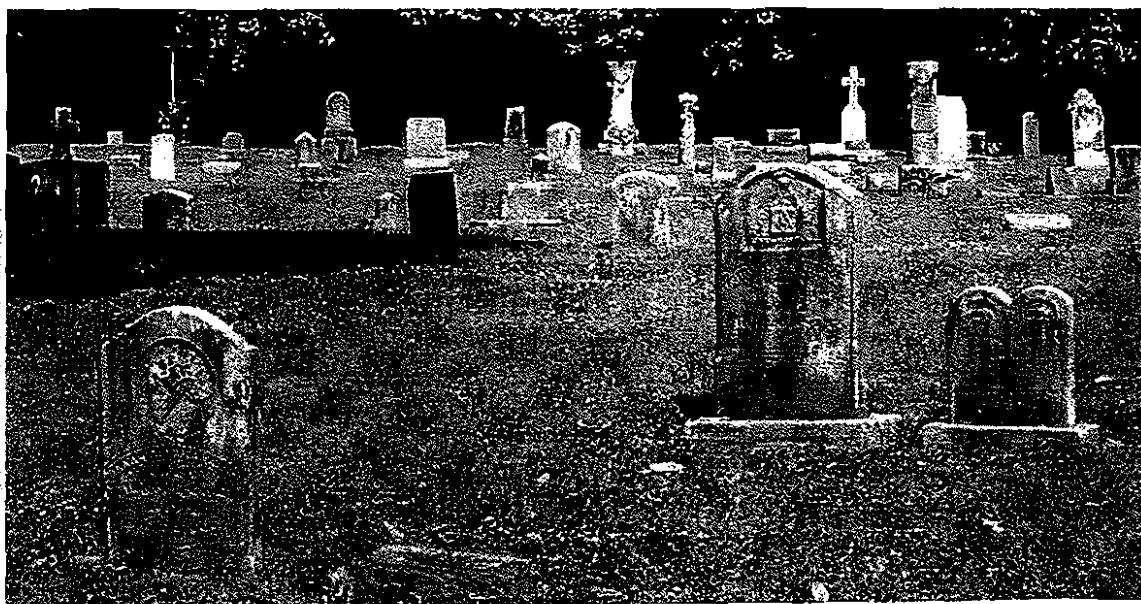
¹⁵ **A. G.'s** military records are incomplete, the last record showing him present for the Jan-Feb 1863 muster roll at Vicksburg. No further information has been found concerning him or his wife.

¹⁶ Smallpox was said to have been brought into the camp by a group of prisoners from Mobile Bay. [Source: "Elmira: A Prison Horror for Confederates," by **Martha Boltz**, *The Washington Times*, 4 Mar 2000.]

¹⁷ **Christian** was nominated and elected for the honor 12 May 1870. [Source: *Old Guard in Gray* by **J. Harvey Mathes**, Memphis, 1897, p. 174, Available in The Memphis Room, Memphis/Shelby County Central Library.]

¹⁸ *Shelby County Marriage Records*, Book D, Dec 1868-Feb 1871, p. 245 (Microfilm, Memphis/Shelby County Central Library.) **Vaulx** was married to **Robert's** sister, **Margaret**. In 1872 the **Vaulxs** left Memphis for Fayetteville, Ark., where he was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 1872 until 1888. **Rev. Vaulx** died 12 Dec 1913, and **Margaret** in 1928. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Tenn.

¹⁹ On 14 Aug 1870, **Julia** and **Robert** had a son, **Gideon Samuel**. He died 13 July 1871 at age 10 months and 29 days old. A notice in the *Memphis Appeal* (14 July 1871) invited friends to the funeral from the residence in Chelsea, at the corner of Fifth and Mills Street. Funeral



Tombstones of Anna Barbara Oberst, her son Christian Oberst, and his daughters, Anna M. and Martha W., at Elmwood Cemetery

Christian married **Sarah Rounds** on 16 February 1870 in Memphis. Born in England, she was the daughter of **James** and **Jane Rounds**, who had come to the United States in about 1854. Her father was a brickmason, and the **Rounds** family lived on west Fifth between Greenlaw and Saffrans.²⁰ On 2 November 1871, **Walter (S. W.)** was married to **Martha Beamish** in a ceremony performed by the **Rev. George White** of Calvary Episcopal Church.²¹ **Martha** died on 1 July 1872 of childbirth fever two days after their infant son was stillborn.²² Born 10 January 1851, she died in her 21st year. **S. W.** inserted a notice in the newspaper inviting friends and acquaintances to attend her funeral at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Chelsea.²³

As indicated in **Edwards'** 1873-74 Memphis directory, **William** and **Catherine** had eight children -- three sons and five daughters -- all apparently born in Memphis.²⁴ The family lived at 15 Main Street. **William** had formed a partnership with **John Rapp** in 1868 and the two operated the Memphis Cooper Works on Main Street at the corner of Sycamore. By 1873, **Christian** and **Stephen W.** had their own cooperage firm, operating under the name of **S. W. Oberst & Company** at **Anna's** home at the southwest corner of Greenlaw and Chelsea where they also resided.²⁵ During that same year, Memphis was hit by an outbreak of cholera followed by a yellow fever epidemic that would be the second worst in the city's history.²⁶ In early June, cholera claimed the lives of three members of the **Oberst** family. One-year old **Martha Washington Oberst**, daughter of **Christian** and **Sarah**, died 5 June 1873 and funeral services were held the following day from the Church of the Good Shepherd on Chelsea.²⁷ On 7 June their other daughter, two-year old **Anna May**, and **Christian's** sister, 26-year old **Julia A.** -- "beloved wife of **Robert Garside**"²⁸ -- both died. A joint funeral service was held for them at the Church of the Good Shepherd.²⁹

home records show he died of "summer complaint" (dianthea). Burial was in the Fowler Section of Elmwood Cemetery in a family plot purchased by **Rosina Oberst**, who was among Elmwood's first lot owners.

²⁰ *Shelby County Marriage Records*, Book D, p. 389, show **Christian's** bondsman was **R. Shipway**. Information on **Sarah's** parents from 1870 census and **Edwards'** 1871 city directory. **Sarah** was one of seven children. **Christian** and **Sarah** had three children: **Annie M.**, b. 19 Nov 1870; **Martha Washington**, b. 22 Feb 1872; and **Christian**, b. 1873. The 1880 U. S. census lists **Sarah Oberst**, 31-year old widow, b. England in 1849, with 7-year old son, **Christian Oberst**, b. Tenn. in 1873. The boy's father is listed as having been b. in Switzerland, and his mother in England. **Sarah** and son were living in Alameda, Calif., with **S. S. Parks** (female), a 31-year old widow whose father was b. in Maine and whose mother was b. in England. **Mrs. Parks** is identified as head of the household.

²¹ *Shelby County Marriage Records*, Book 8, Feb 1871- Mar 1873, p. 188 (Microfilm, Memphis/Shelby County Central Library.) She died in Jul 1872, according to her obituary in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

²² *Memphis Funeral Home Records, 1915-1966*, Vol. 6, M-Q, Memphis/Shelby County Central Library, History Department.

²³ *Memphis Avalanche*, 2 Jul 1872

²⁴ They were: **William, Jr.** (b. 1860), **Julia A.** (b. 1861), **Rosa** (b. 1866), **Mary Ellen "Mollie"** (b. 1868), **Catherine** (b. 1870), **Nellie** (b. 1872), **Walter G.** (b. 1875), and **Thomas Christian Oberst** (b. 1877).

²⁵ The 1870 **Edwards'** Memphis directory is the only one that identifies **Anna** as the widow of **J. F. Oberst**.

²⁶ The worst yellow fever epidemic to hit Memphis came five years later in 1878.

²⁷ *Memphis Appeal*, 7 Jun 1871. **Martha W.**, b. 23 Jan 1871, was one year, 4 months, and 13 days old.

²⁸ **Robert** d. in Memphis 22 Mar 1937 at age 90, and left two daughters, **Miss Rosa L. Garside**, Memphis (b. ca. 1872 and was apparently **Julia Oberst's** daughter) and **Mrs. L. C. Niedler**, St. Louis. The 1880 census shows him living in Dallas with wife, **Kate A.**, and three

In the late fall, yellow fever took three more members of the Oberst family – **Christian** on the 20th of October, his mother **Anna** two days later on 22 October, and **Stephen W.** on the 1st of November.³⁰

Five years later, yellow fever again reached epidemic proportions in Memphis, and three members of the Oberst family who had escaped the scourge in 1873 were victims this time. **William** was the first claimed, dying 17 September at age 45. His wife, **Catherine**, then 41, died 11 October, and a week later on the 18th, their daughter **Julia A.**, 17, passed away. All three died at the family residence on Thomas Avenue.³¹

In reporting **Julia's** death, *The Memphis Appeal* commented: "Mr. **William Oberst, Jr.**, the last well member of that family, was stricken with the fever yesterday morning. For the past five weeks, he has been in constant attendance on the afflicted of his household, and it is to be hoped he may only be affected with nervous prostration." That apparently was the case. **William, Jr.**, did recover and, like his father before him, helped support the remaining family members. As a teen-ager, he went to work as a clerk first at **J. Monogue's** and later at **Woodruff & Oliver**, carriage and wagon dealers at 175-179 Main Street. [He is listed in the city directory as **William T.** rather than **William, Jr.**] He and his brothers and sisters lived with their aunt, **Rosina**, in Shelby County's 15th District.

The 1880 census³² shows **Rosina**, by then 41 and still single, as head of the household with nephews and nieces **William T.**, 20; **Rosa**, 14; **Mollie**, 12; **Katie**, 8; **Walter G.**, 6; and **Thomas**, 3.

A decade later, on 15 January 1890, **William T.** married **Miss Carrie Illingworth**³³ in a ceremony conducted by the **Rev. Dr. Spruill Burford**, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church.³⁴ The following year, he was employed as a shipping clerk for Cousins, Matthews & Ramsay and lived at 63 Polk. **Carrie** died 30 May 1894 at Clarksdale, Miss., and is buried in the Oberst plot at Elmwood.³⁵ Meanwhile, **Rosina Oberst** continued to reside in the home on Thomas Avenue, and **Walter G.** lived with her while working as a messenger for the Livermore Foundry & Machinery Company. He served in World War I, and after the war became a successful real estate dealer. He was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, and a Shriner. For 17 years, he lived at 1292 Linden. In 1937, while on a business trip to Henderson, Tex., he suffered a heart attack and died 20 January at age 62.³⁶

In the years that followed, several members of the Oberst family relocated to Mississippi, Arkansas, and other points. **Mollie** and **Rose** settled in Rosedale, Miss., and **Catherine "Kate" Oberst** married **Sam Stitt** and moved to Temple, Texas. **Thomas Christian "Tom" Oberst** settled at Jonestown in Coahoma Co., Miss., where he became a prominent and influential planter. On 13 May 1900, he married **Hortense Mullens**, daughter of **Brant Suggs Mullens** and **Martha A. (Lawler) Mullens** of Clarksdale.³⁷ They had two children: **Walter Mullens Oberst**, born in 1901, and **Annie Mae Oberst** [later **Mrs. Frank George Ralston**], born in 1902. **Walter** married **Dorothy May White**, daughter of **John Winters White** of Brookhaven, Miss., in 1920, and they had three children: **W. M., Jr.**; **Robert White**, and **Betty Suzanne**. **Betty** and **Robert M. Echols** were married in 1942.■

children, **Rosa L.**, 8 (b. Tenn.); **Mary L.**, 2 (b. Tex.) and **Furdie N.**, 3 mo. (b. Tex.)

²⁹ Born 18 Nov 1870, **Annie M.** was two years 8 months and 19 days old.

³⁰ *The Masonic Jewel* (op. cit.), pp. 197, 222. In naming yellow fever victims, the publication identified **Anna** as "the mother of Brothers **Christian** and **S. W. Oberst**. *The Memphis Appeal* gave **Christian's** age as 33, **Stephen W.'s** as 36, and **Anna's** as 70. The cause of **Stephen's** death was given as "bilious fever," a term local doctors and sometimes newspapers preferred to use instead of the dreaded yellow fever. Funeral home records list yellow fever as the cause of **S. W.'s** death. **Christian** and **S. W.** were buried in the Turley Section of Elmwood Cemetery in 1873, and moved to the Oberst plot in the Fowler Section in 1874.

³¹ Thomas Avenue, at that time outside the city limits, ran from New Raleigh Rd. north to Brinkley Ave. and was the 5th street east of Second.

³² Transcription of 1880 U. S. Census Records by Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints, <http://www.familysearch.org>

³³ **Carrie** was born 20 Dec 1862 at Polo, Ill. [Tombstone, Elmwood Cemetery, Evergreen Section 470, Memphis.]

The 1880 census shows she was one of six children born to **William** and **Prudence J. Illingworth** of Polo, both natives of New York.

Carrie's paternal grandparents were born in England.

³⁴ His bondsman was **D. J. Waddell**. [Source: *Shelby County Marriage Records*, Book N, Dec 10, 1888 - Jan 20, 1890, p. 457. Microfilm, Memphis/Shelby County Central Library.]

³⁵ **William T.** was living in Blytheville, Ark., when their son, **William G.**, 33, died 24 June 1924 in Tennessee.

³⁶ Obituary, *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 21 Jan 1937.

³⁷ **Hortense** died in a Memphis hospital on 15 Apr 1923 at age 40.

Which Oberst Died at Camp Morton?

In the early part of the Civil War, all four of the Swiss-born Oberst brothers of Memphis — Christian, S. W., William, and A. G. — volunteered for the Confederacy's 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery. At the war's end, three of the brothers returned home. No evidence has been found that A. G. Oberst came back to Memphis after the war.

Virtually every publication and every web site that list the 1,616 Confederates who died in prison at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Ind., include the name of "C. Oberst" or "Christian Oberst" of Co. B, 1st Tenn. Regiment. But if you believe (1) Confederate military records, (2) Shelby County marriage records, (3) newspaper death notices, (4) Memphis funeral home records, (5) Elmwood Cemetery records, (6) tombstone inscriptions, (7) Memphis city directories, and (8) U. S. census records for Tennessee in 1870 and for California in 1880 then you would have to agree that the lists contain the wrong Oberst brother.

Christian Oberst's military records — cited in the preceding family story — show he was never at Camp Morton, but instead was captured and paroled at Vicksburg, then returned to his regiment, and was assigned as a full sergeant to Co. L. He and his brothers, S. W. and William, were sent to Fort Morgan, Ala., where they took part in the battle of Mobile Bay. The three were captured 23 Aug 1864 and sent to New York where they were incarcerated at Camp Elmira until the war's end.

After surviving the horrors of war and one of the Union's worst prison camps, Christian resumed his trade as a cooper in Memphis only to meet with an ironic twist of fate eight years after his return. The 1870 census shows him, living with his wife, Sarah, and his mother, Anna Barbara, in Memphis. In the spring of '73, newspaper accounts and funeral home records reveal his two little daughters died of cholera ... and in the fall of that same year, Christian, his brother S. W., and his mother Anna all died of yellow fever.¹ In the 1880 census, Christian's widow, Sarah Oberst, is found living in California with a 7-year old son, Christian, who was born in Memphis and whose father was born in Switzerland.

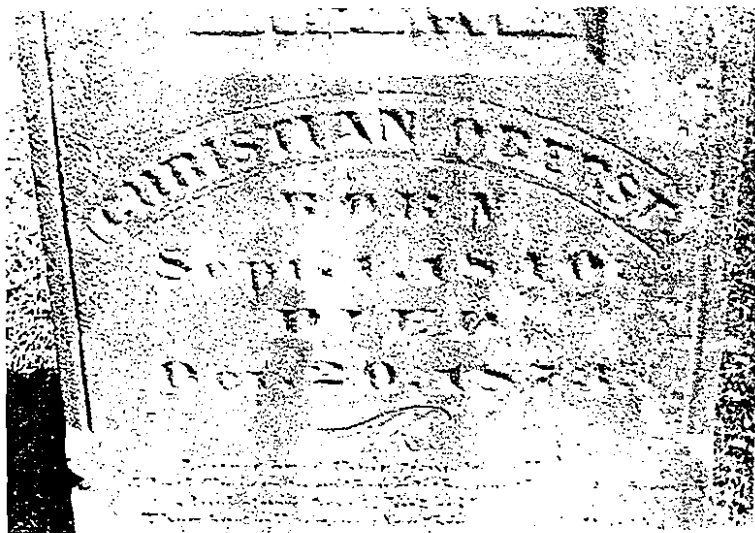
A. G. — Ambrose Gideon Oberst — the only brother not accounted for after the war — was frequently called "Gideon" and sometimes "G. Oberst." You have to wonder: Was the initial "G" in Camp Morton records misread as "C"? Was Gideon one of the Confederates captured 3 Jul 1863 at Vicksburg and not paroled but sent off to Camp Morton? And could it be that the Oberst who died there 24 Feb 1864 was not C. Oberst but G. Oberst?

It may never be known for sure. But one thing IS certain — Christian Oberst of Memphis did not die at Camp Morton, Indiana. It's a matter of records — and numerous ones at that.

-D.M.R.



A Masonic emblem marks Christian Oberst's tombstone at Elmwood Cemetery.



Close-up of inscription on Christian's tombstone.

¹ Christian's brother William, died in another yellow fever epidemic in 1878.

Madison County Justices Approve Sale of Lands For Unpaid 1833 Taxes

During the February 1834 term of the Madison County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, a majority of the county's chief justices gave Sheriff **Mathias Deberry**¹ permission to sell various tracts of land and town lots to collect unpaid 1833 taxes and costs. The land was to be sold on the first Monday in November.

Justices approving the sale were identified² as: **John M. Johnson, John Tidwell, William C. Dew, William E. Butler, James S. Lyon, Wyatt Mooring, James H. Rogers, John B. Cross, Burwell Butler, Martin Wiggs, Jacob Perkins, James Freeman, James M. Love, Herbert Newsom, Thomas Haley, and Robert Fenner.**

<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Solomon West	150	John Philips ³	605	David Jones ⁴	250
Douglas & Crutcher	1 town lot	Bills & Alexander	350	Widow Epps	646
Edney Ewing	29	Enoch Murphy	10	Giles B. Bullock	100
Paul W. Kelly	100	James Alcorn	180	Thos. R. Guardner	200
Jonathan Betts	60	James Branch ⁵	320	Sarah Padget	100
William McFarland	92	Geo. D. Cummings	675	Wm. Bowman	35
Alex. Lewis & Jas. Vaulx	48	John C. M'Lemore	350	Robert Huston	50
" "	45¾	Same ⁶	27	Richard Mitchell	300
" "	674½	Same	50	Jacob C. Wycott	66
" "	633.4	S. Dickins' heirs	640	John Womble	307
" "	654½	N. Brown	274	Charles Boyles	25

Property owners subject to double taxes because their 1833 taxes were still unpaid in 1834:

<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Sam'l Spraggins	40	John Owens	100	Nicholas Long	640
Jacob Douge	726	Thomas Johnson	274	Joshua Knowlton	640
Wm. Woods' heirs	24	Francis Eddleman	274	Samuel Clenney ⁷	521■

Some East Tennessee Candidates Vying for Public Office in 1827

Three East Tennesseans were vying to represent their district in the state senate in 1827, according to a story in *The Hiwasseean* of Athens, Tenn. The district they sought to represent was composed of Blount, Monroe, and McMinn counties. Candidates were **J. R. Henderson** and **John Lowry**, both of Monroe County, and **Samuel M'Connell** of McMinn County.

Running for the office of representative from McMinn County were: **Elihu S. Barclay, Elijah Hurst, Jacob Moore, Banner Shields, Richard Tankerley, and Isaac M'Pherson.**

For McMinn County court clerk: **Samuel Colville, William Lowry, John K. Farmer, James F. Bradford, Archibald R. Turk, James Thomas, James G. Williams, Robert M. Swan, and Aaron Haynes.**

For McMinn County trustee: **Horace Hickox, George Bowman, and Matthias M. Wagner.**

For 2nd major, 66th Regiment, Tennessee Militia: **Benjamin D. Armstrong, George W. Thompson, Garrett F. Langford, and William Firestine.■**

¹ The sheriff at that time also was the county tax collector.

² *The Truth Teller & Sentinel*, Jackson, Tenn., 27 June 1834

³ Part of Joseph Philips' 2500-acre tract

⁴ Part of Hugh's 1000-acre tract

⁵ Heir of Daniel Wheaton, land involved was part of 640-acre tract

⁶ In name of S. McLemore

⁷ Samuel Clenney's land was in Madison County District 10. All other land in the double taxation column was located in District 9.

TURNER

The funeral of Mr. Felix Turner, who died early Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis after an illness of two weeks, took place Thursday [1 Mar 1894] from Stanley & Company's undertaking establishment. The obsequies were attended by a large number of the deceased's friends. Interment was in Elmwood, with services by Rev. Dr. Taylor of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Turner was a printer in his early days and was always a friend of the distressed and needy.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 2 Mar 1894

CONNOR

George Cooper Connor died at his home in Chattanooga Friday, 9 Mar 1894. He was one of the most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity in Tennessee and was well-known among Masons throughout the entire world. Born in Ireland 9 Oct 1834, he was the author of some important Masonic manuscripts and of the Shibolet, a ritual for Knights Templar.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 10 Mar 1894

HOLDEN

Mr. John Holden, old and highly respected citizen of Collierville [Shelby Co., Tenn.], died at his residence at noon Thursday, 15 Mar 1894. He had been ill for some weeks, and his life had been despaired of for days. His death was attended by his wife and family and numerous friends. Mr. Holden came from Fayette County ten or more years ago, settling in Collierville where he has since resided. He entered the Confederate army at an early age and served gallantly throughout the war, being often complimented by his superior officers for gallantry displayed in action. His remains were interred Friday in Magnolia Cemetery at Collierville.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 18 Mar 1894

IRVINE

Died in this county [Gibson] on 27 Dec 1860, Mrs. L. W. Irvine.

-*Southern Statesman*, Trenton, 12 Jan 1861

OBITUARIES from across TENNESSEE

ROBERTS

Mr. John Roberts, Sr., proprietor of the *Nashville Republican Banner*, died last Monday evening, 21 Aug 1871, at 4 o'clock at his residence near Edgefield Junction. Born 30 June 1809, in London, England, he came to the United States in 1834 and made Nashville his home. He soon became connected with *The Banner* and, being an accomplished practical printer, it has steadily grown under his hands to be one of the best newspapers in the South.

-*Trenton News*, 30 Aug 1871

GOODLOE

Died of flux Sunday evening [27 Aug 1871] at 7 o'clock, Mr. William H. Goodloe, one of the proprietors of the Hicks House, in his 50th year. Our town has been peculiarly unfortunate of late. We have scarcely gotten over the shock caused by the death of our Mayor and now mourn the loss of another of our most worthy and respected citizens. Mr. Goodloe leaves a stricken wife and a large circle of relatives and friends to lament his death.

-*Trenton News*, 30 Aug 1871

BLAIR

Mrs. Eva Blair, wife of Will A. Blair of Asheville, N.C., and daughter of the late Col. F. M. Fulkerson of this place, died of chronic pneumonia at her home 3 Jan [1895]. She was in the 31st year of her age. She and Mr. Blair were married in Rogersville on 27 June 1894 and went immediately to their home at Asheville where she was soon taken seriously ill with pneumonia. Her remains were brought to Rogersville and interred last Saturday. While here, Mr. Blair received a telegram from Knoxville announcing the death of his 89-year old grandmother, Mrs. Gammon, mother of Col. George A. Gammon.

-*Rogersville Herald*, 9 Jan 1895

ROWAN

Charles K. Rowan, aged 40, died of pneumonia at his home here Monday morning [11 Feb 1895] after one week's illness. He returned home from federal court at Knoxville Monday evening, 28 Jan, and was taken seriously ill that same night with a congestive chill which soon developed into pleuro-pneumonia involving the right lung. On Saturday evening, it was apparent to his physicians that he could not recover. He leaves a wife and three children. He was the son of Mrs. Lucinda Rowan of the south side of the Holston River, and the brother of John M. and James W. Rowan. His remains were interred in the Methodist Episcopal Church South Cemetery on Tuesday with services by the Rev. W. M. Cline.

WINSTEAD

Jacob H. Winstead died at his home near New Salem Church on 8 Jan [1895] in the 73rd year of his age. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for some 40 years. He leaves four sons and three daughters.

-*Rogersville Herald*, 16 Jan 1895

THOMPSON

Another good man has gone to his reward. Gilbert R. Thompson died 21 May 1888, aged 76 years 4 months 9 days. Born in North Carolina 21 Jan 1812, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1824 and became a Master Mason in 1835. Mr. Thompson married Miss Cathrine Wimberly in 1839. He was a devoted Christian, kind husband, affectionate father, and good neighbor. His wife died a short time ago. They left six children and several grandchildren.

-*Paris Post-Intelligencer*, 8 June 1888

HANKS

Rev. Elijah Hanks, a great Baptist revivalist, died in Maury County on 12 Sep 1871. He had been preaching since 1827 and hundreds have been brought into the church through his influence.

-*Jackson Whig & Tribune*, 23 Sep 1871

JACKSON

Justice Howell Edmunds Jackson of the U. S. Supreme Court died Thursday afternoon [8 Aug 1895] at 3:45. He had been critically ill at his home at West Meade, Tenn., near Nashville for several days. Since his return from Washington, his health had been slowly declining.

Born 8 Apr 1832 in Paris, Tenn., he removed with his parents to Jackson in 1840. He graduated in 1848 at West Tennessee College, then spent two years at the University of Virginia. In 1856 he received a diploma at Lebanon law school and began his practice at Jackson. In 1859 he removed to Memphis and was twice appointed state Supreme Court judge.

On returning to Jackson in 1878, he was elected representative to the state legislature in 1880. He was elected to the U. S. Senate for a term beginning 4 Mar 1881 but resigned in 1886. In March of this year, President Cleveland appointed him U. S. district judge for the Western District of Tennessee and afterwards associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

-Rogersville Herald, 13 Feb 1895

COFFIN

James A. Coffin, Esq., who was a member of the late Constitutional Convention of this state from Monroe County, died at his residence in Madisonville on 27 Sep [1871], aged 65 years.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 14 Oct 1871

WORSHAM

Col. J. J. Worsham, one of the pioneers of Memphis and founder of Worsham House, died at DuVall's Bluff, Ark., a few days ago.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 5 Aug 1871

DONELSON

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Donelson, widow of the late Major Andrew J. Donelson of this state, died at her farm in Bolivar Co., Miss., 30 Aug [1871].

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 9 Sep 1871

OBITUARIES

from across

TENNESSEE

RICE

The numerous friends of Col. Horace Rice will be pained to learn of this estimable gentleman's death yesterday morning [10 Sep 1871] after a short but severe illness at his home in Lexington, Henderson County. He served with distinction in the late war as a colonel of the 29th Regiment of the Cheatham Division and was severely wounded at the battle of Franklin. After the war, he entered law school at Lebanon and, having finished the prescribed course, settled in West Tennessee and engaged in the practice of his profession. At the time of his death, he was senator-elect to the state legislature.

-Nashville Banner, 16 Sep 1871

GREER

Died at the house of his brother in Collin Co., Tex., 8 Oct [1871], John C. Greer, Esq., formerly a citizen of Madison County, aged about 42 years. Readers to nearly all of whom Mr. Greer was well known will regret to hear of his death. At one time, he represented Madison County in the state legislature with faithfulness and ability which secured for him the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. Two years ago with the view of bettering his fortune and settling his children in comfortable homes, he left our midst with high hopes of a happy and prosperous future. He was a pious and exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church and was Ruling Elder of Pleasant Hill Church in this county when he removed from here.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 4 Nov 1871

HAWKINS

Died in Nashville on Friday night last [15 Dec 1865], Robert Hawkins, age 62, an old resident of this city. His funeral will be from his late residence on S. Market Street this morning.

-Nashville Gazette, 17 Dec 1865

NICHOLSON

Mrs. Nicholson, venerable widow of Cordy Nicholson¹ and aunt of Chief Justice Nicholson,² died at her residence in Williamson County last week as the result of a fall from a horse a few days before. She was over 80 years of age.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 9 Sep 1871

HALL

COVINGTON, Oct. 13, 1902 -Dr. William M. Hall, one of the eldest and best known citizens of Covington, died at 2:20 this afternoon at his residence on Main Street in his 78th year. He had been in declining health for some months.

Dr. Hall was born in Iredell Co., N.C., but when a youth removed with his father, Dickie Hall, to Hardeman County near Whiteville in the 1830s and shortly after to Tipton County near Mount Carmel. He had a liberal education and graduated in medicine, practicing in Covington and vicinity for some years prior to the war. Dr. Hall had several successful business enterprises and was postmaster of Covington for four years under Cleveland's first administration. In 1850 he was one of the organizers of the Covington Presbyterian Church and was a ruling elder for many years. He was united in marriage to Miss Holmes, daughter of the late Dr. Holmes who was one of the pioneer settlers and educators of West Tennessee.

Surviving are his wife and three children, Mrs. J. C. Boals and Albert Hall, both of Covington, and Everett Hall who is connected with Lemmon-Gale Company of Memphis.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 14 Oct 1902

¹ Mrs. Nicholson was the former Polly Caperton. She and Cordy were married in Williamson County on 22 Dec 1813. [Source: Whitley, Edith R.: *Marriages in Williamson Co., Tenn., 1804-1850*.]

² Chief Justice Nicholson's full name was Alfred Osborne Pope Nicholson, more frequently referred to as A. O. P. Nicholson.

TYSON

Died at the residence of Mr. A. A. McKay in this vicinity Saturday evening last [19 Feb 1848], Mr. William Tyson of Madison County.

-*Memphis Daily Eagle*, 22 Feb 1848

CRUMLEY

Rev. H. J. Crumley died at the residence of H. C. Beasley in Elizabethton last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He came here from Alum Wells, Va., on 20th Apr to visit relatives, took sick the next day with pneumonia fever, and peacefully breathed his last on the 28th. He was 72 years old. Rev. Crumley was well-known in this vicinity, having lived here many years before going to Virginia. Burial at Buckles' graveyard on Stoney Creek was conducted by Dashiell Lodge of this place. He had been a member of the order since 1866. [Abstracted].

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 3 May 1894

HYDER

Mrs. Martha Hyder, widow of the late J. L. Hyder, died at Gap Creek last Friday [5 Jul 1895]. She was 56.

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 11 Jul 1895

GILES

Died in Jackson on 3rd Sep [1838], Lewis L. Giles, aged 31 years, 10 months. -*District Telegraph & State Sentinel*,

Jackson, 14 Sep 1838

TAYLOR

James R. Taylor, one of the oldest and best citizens of Jackson, died at 1 p.m. Sunday [19 Nov 1871]. Born near Clarksville, Tenn., in 1809, he was the son of Manoah Taylor, an old Welsh Baptist minister. Mr. Taylor was converted in this place in 1831 and was baptized in the Baptist church in 1836. He was the first deacon ever ordained in the Baptist Church at Jackson. During his stay of 38 years in Jackson, he was absent from home only twice. The funeral will be conducted at the residence today by the Rev. M. May.

-Abstracted from *West Tennessee Plain-Dealer*,
Jackson, 21 Nov 1871

OBITUARIES from across TENNESSEE

SMITH

Dan Hugh Smith, one of the oldest citizens of Madison County, died at his home at Malesus five miles south of Jackson Wednesday, 16 June 1901, after an illness of only a few days. He was born 2 Mar 1824 at Averysborough, N.C., and came to Tennessee in early childhood with his parents. They settled in McNairy County where he grew to manhood. When the gold fever broke out in California in 1849, in company with his brother, John G. Smith, who now resides in Texas but was with him at his death, he engaged in mining until 1851. Dan Hugh returned to Tennessee and located at Denmark and then Medon. On 25 Jul 1861 he married Martha Van Buren of Haywood County. During the war, he was a member of Henderson's Scouts under Gen. Forrest. In 1867 he moved to Brownsville where he engaged in merchandising and cotton dealing. In 1887 he moved back to his home of Malesus. He is survived by his wife. They had no children. -*Jackson Dispatch*, 18 Jan 1901

COLLIER

Died in Madison County on 5 Nov [1838], Mrs. Sarah Collier, consort of William R. Collier, Esq., of this county. She was about 30 years of age.

-*District Telegraph & State Sentinel*,
Jackson, 7 Dec 1838

MATHEWSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Mathewson will take place at Cherry Street Baptist Church this morning at 10 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. Services by Rev. Mr. McKee.

-*Nashville Gazette*, 18 Nov 1865

POLLOCK

Mrs. Jane Pollock died at the residence of her son, A. J. Pollock, No. 122 Elliott St., in the 78th year of her age. -*Memphis Appeal*, 28 June 1873

HAWKINS

With sorrow we record the death of Col. William S. Hawkins in the prime of his manhood. He died after a short illness Tuesday morning, 7 Nov [1865] at his residence at 71 Broad Street in Nashville. He was aged 28 years, one month, and five days. The deceased was a gentleman of rare gifts. Readers of Southern papers are familiar with his name as that of a true and finished poet. In 1861 he entered the Confederate Army as major of Gordon's battalion, was for a while on the staff of Gen. Wheeler with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and was afterwards promoted to colonel. He served in the van of the Army in Middle Tennessee until taken prisoner and sent North where he remained in prison until released on the return of peace. After passing unscathed the dangers of many fields of blood, he is thus untimely cut off by the rude scythe of death. The funeral will be at 7 o'clock this morning. His remains will be forwarded to Winchester today and be interred in the old family graveyard in the suburbs.

-Abstracted from *Nashville Gazette*, 9 Nov 1865

MARSHALL

Mrs. Hannah Marshall, wife of William Marshall, died of a liver complaint in the 47th year of her age. Her funeral will take place from her late residence at 102 Cherry Street Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

[Chicago Times, please copy.]

-*Nashville Gazette*, 16 Dec 1865

HOUSE

Mr. John House, who was shot by an assassin Friday night, died at 11 o'clock Saturday night [23 Nov 1865].

-*Nashville Gazette*, 26 Nov 1865

ACKLEN

Died Friday, 27 June [1873] at 4½ o'clock in the afternoon at the residence of her brother, W. D. Bethell, near Columbia, Mrs. Hattie Acklen, wife of J. H. Acklen and only daughter of P. C. and Harriet E. Bethell.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 28 June 1873

HEFFERNAN

This morning the melancholy duty devolves upon us of announcing the death of one of our most worthy and useful citizens, William Heffernan, who expired Sunday [24 Nov 1865]. He was one of the victims³ of the assassins who infest Nashville and, thanks to the vigilance of civil and military authorities, the spirit of the good man had scarcely left a world of sorrow for one of bliss when his murderers had been tried and convicted of the heinous crime of murder.

His funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the Cathedral where a large number of friends had assembled, among them many citizens from a distance in the country. An eloquent discourse was delivered by the Very Rev. J. A. Kelly...Carriages carrying the friends of the deceased stretched out fully a mile and a half and still a hundred or more were left behind at the church. Mr. Heffernan will be long remembered and lamented not alone by his intimate friends and associates but by many a poor family whom he has relieved. -Nashville Gazette, 26 Nov 1865

CROCKETT

Died at Raleigh (Shelby County) Friday evening [27 June 1873], William H. Crockett, aged 40 years, 16 days. His funeral will be this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. E. A. Belcher, No. 35 Old Raleigh Road. -Memphis Appeal, 28 June 1873

NILES

Funeral services will be this afternoon for Elizabeth Niles, aged 26, daughter of Sallie E. and the late Gen. W. Y. C. Humes.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 20 Jan 1892

³ Late Wednesday night, 22 Nov, Heffernan, his wife, his daughter, and her husband, Judge Michael N. Tracy, had left St. Cecilia Academy in a baroque for the family residence on Harding Pike. They were on Jefferson Street Pike when six highwaymen stepped out in the road. The men stopped the carriage, pulled Mr. Heffernan out of the front seat, and shot him under the left eye. He died four days later. [Nashville Gazette, 27 Nov 1865]

OBITUARIES from across TENNESSEE

ROYCE

The Rev. M. S. Royce, rector of Trinity Church, Nashville, died in that city on Monday last [9 June 1873] of cholera. He was born, says *The Banner*, in Vermont and belonged to a family of high standing. He was educated at Burlington, Vt., under the bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont. In 185_ he settled in Greenville, Tenn., where he married and then removed to take charge of St. Paul's Church, the oldest parish in the state. He enlisted and served as a captain of the Confederate cavalry until the war's close when he resumed connection with the church as rector of Trinity. -Memphis Daily Appeal, 12 June 1873

RANKIN

Mrs. Nancy Rankin died at Rutherford Station, Gibson County, on 21 Apr in the 98th year of her age.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 3 May 1873

MISENHEIMER

COVINGTON, Jan. 13 (Special)-Mrs. Misenheimer (nee Cain), wife of M. A. Misenheimer, a leading merchant and ex-county register, died 12 Jan and will be buried at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Rev. Mr. Sullivan of the Methodist Church will officiate. She was a most estimable lady, a native of Chester, Ill., where she was married to Mr. Misenheimer a little more than a year ago. She leaves a babe hardly a month old. Capt. Frank Cain of Cairo, a brother of the deceased, arrived today to attend the funeral.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 13 Jan 1892

PEYTON

Died at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning [13 Jan 1892] near Lucy, Tenn., Mrs. Martha C. Peyton, wife of the late Dr. Thomas F. Peyton. Burial will be at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the family burying grounds.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 14 Jan 1892

PROUDFIT

The death of Mr. W. P. Proudfit, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Memphis, occurred at his residence on Madison yesterday [19 Jan 1892] at 4 o'clock in the morning. He was 63 years of age. Born in Haywood County, he came to Memphis when young and entered on a mercantile career. He was engaged in the cotton business for many years and was the junior member of the firm of Day & Proudfit, one of the best known on the riverfront. He then entered development of the cottonseed oil business and the organization of the DeSoto Oil Company was largely due to him. He managed the company from its beginning until a few months ago when he was compelled to relinquish his responsibilities because of advanced age and declining health. He retired to the post of secretary-treasurer which he held until his death. Mr. Proudfit was one of the principal promoters of the First National Bank of which he was vice president for many years. He suffered a paralytic stroke a year ago, and last Friday became a victim of the gripe which rapidly developed into pneumonia. He leaves four sons and four daughters. His funeral will be to-day from Calvary Church. [Abstracted]

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 20 Jan 1892

ALDEN

Mrs. Eliza A. Alden, aged 73 years, died Tuesday morning, 12 Jan [1872], at the residence of her son-in-law, J. C. F. Percival, corner of Monroe St. Extended and Draper Avenue. Her funeral will be from the residence this morning. Services by Rev. F. D. Davenport.

[Decatur, Ala., and St. Louis, Mo., papers, please copy.]

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 13 Jan 1892

WELCH

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., Jan 6 - Mrs. Riley Welch, aged 25, died today of consumption. She was the daughter of Thomas Trigg, a prominent man in this section.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 6 Jan 1892

Coffee County Deeds, Volume A

(Continued from Summer 2003 issue)

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Pages 32-33

Deed dated 26 Feb 1834: For consideration of \$200, **John W. Norton** of Rutherford Co., Tenn., conveys to **William Norton** of Bedford County 11 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances. Tract, located on waters of Garrison Fork of Duck River adjoining lands of **Joseph Carney** on the south and west and those of **Charles Ferrell** on the north and east, begins at original corner of **Carney's** and **Benjamin Belt's**. Witnesses **W. R. M'Daniel**, **Joseph Carney**, and **Smith Carney** appeared before Coffee County Court Clerk **Daniel M'Lean** on 26 Sep 1836 and swore that **Norton** acknowledged deed in their presence. Deed was registered 3 Oct 1836.

Pages 33-34

Deed dated 4 Feb 1836: For consideration of \$400, **William Norton** of Bedford County conveys to **Smith Carney** of the part of Bedford County now called Coffey County an 11-acre parcel located on waters of Garrison Fork of Duck River with hereditaments and appurtenances. Property, adjoining land of **Joseph Carney** on the south and west and that of **Charles Ferrell** on the north and east, begins at original corner between **Joseph Carney** and **Benjamin Belt**. Foregoing deed is made in lieu of deed to same land made by **William Norton** to **Smith Carney** and acknowledged by **Norton** in open court in Shelbyville. On examination by clerk's office, deed as acknowledged appears to be lost or mislaid and cannot be found. **Norton** signed new deed in presence of **Joel Webster**, **William Chastain**, and **John G. Walker**. **Norton** acknowledged executing deed in appearance before Court Clerk **Daniel McLean** 25 Sep 1836. New deed was registered 3 Oct 1836.

Pages 34-36

Deed dated 2 Jul 1834: For consideration of \$100, **Jeremiah Hooker** of Rutherford Co., Tenn., conveys to **William Norton** of Bedford County 38 acres in Rutherford County on east fork of west fork of Stones River, adjoining lands of **William Keeler** and **T. L. D. W. Shaw**, and 30-acre tract of **William Fowler**. Witnesses **James Gibson** and **Alexander Downing** appeared before Coffee County Clerk **Daniel McLean** 25 Sep 1836 and swore that **Hooker** acknowledged deed in their presence. Deed was registered 3 Oct 1836 in Coffee County.

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Deed dated 26 May 1834: For consideration of \$72.50, **James Gibson** of Rutherford Co., Tenn., conveys to **William Norton** of Bedford County 25 acres of land in Rutherford County on east fork of west fork of Stones River, adjoining lands of **William Keeler** and **William Fowler**. Witnesses **James M. Carlisle**, **William Norton**, and **James Gibson** personally appeared before Coffee County Clerk **Daniel McLean** and acknowledged deed 25 Sep 1836. Deed was recorded 3 Oct 1836 in Coffee County.

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Indenture dated 5 Aug 1836: Commissioners appointed by Coffee County Court at May 1836 term to lay off town of Manchester and make sale of lots, proceeded on 5-6 Jul 1836 to lay out lots and have sold them as follows:

- Lot No. 1 - Sold to **Isaac L. Miller** for \$260
- Lots No. 2, 21, & 78 - Sold to **B. Harris & Co.** for \$565
- Lot No. 3 - Sold to **John Bell** for \$241
- Lot No. 4 - Sold to **Levi Donnell** for \$245
- Lot No. 5 - Sold to **William B. Gibson** for \$300
- Lots No. 6 & 45 - Sold to **Harwood Morgan** for \$518
- Lots No. 7 & 8 - Sold to **William M. Douglass** for \$606
- Lot No. 9 - Sold to **Oran Stroud** for \$207
- Lot No. 10 - Sold to **Thomas Allison** for \$161
- Lot No. 11 - Sold to **D. V. Davidson** for \$226
- Lot No. 12 - Sold to **William Norton** for \$205
- Lots No. 13, 66 & 75 - Sold to **Joseph Hickerson** for \$320

Lot No. 14 - Sold to **Hiram McCoy** for \$167
 Lot No. 15 - Sold to **Martin J. Gray** for \$167
 Lots 16, 60, 61, 67 & 68 - Sold to **John Hickerson** for \$510
 Lots No. 17 & 16 - Sold to **Joel H. Webster** for \$605
 Lot No. 18 - Sold to **William H. Murray** for \$352
 Lots No. 19 & 74 - Sold to **Robert Miller** for \$412.50
 Lots No. 20 & 77 - Sold to **James Fowler** for \$323
 Lots 23, 24, 28, 29, 31 - Sold to **Lecil Bobo** for \$831
 Lot No. 25 - Sold to **James Puryear** for \$200
 Lots No. 26 & 27 - Sold to **Thomas Wright** for \$194
 Lot No. 30 - Sold to **Claburn Starns** for \$35
 Lot No. 32 - Sold to **Travis Bradon** for \$90
 Lot No. 33 - Sold to **John Lemmons** for \$78.25
 Lot No. 34 - Sold to **Nathan S. Johnson** for \$175.59
 Lot No. 35 - Sold to **Michael Stevens** for \$130
 Lots 37 & 50 - Sold to **John Patton** for \$322
 Lot No. 38 - Sold to **A. B. Cummins** for \$167.50
 Lots 41 & 49 - Sold to **John G. Walker** for \$149
 Lot No. 44 - Sold to **Josiah Brown** for \$249
 Lot No. 46 - Sold to **Moses F. White** for \$96
 Lot No. 53 - Sold to **John B. Page** for \$75
 Lots No. 54 & 76 - Sold to **Josiah Berry** for \$142.50
 Lot No. 55 - Sold to **Charles Oldfield** for \$40.50
 Lot No. 57 - Sold to **James L. Keeling** for \$40.50
 Lot No. 58 - Sold to **John Robinson** for \$25
 Lot No. 59 - Sold to **Hiram C. Childress** for \$21
 Lot No. 62 - Sold to **James T. Patterson** for \$45
 Lot No. 63 - Sold to **John D. Robinson** for \$32
 Lot No. 64 - Sold to **Martin J. Gray** for \$66
 Lot No. 65 - Sold to **John R. Harpole** for \$82
 Lots 67 & 70 - Sold to **James Richardson** for \$167
 Lots 71, 72, & 73 - Sold to **Claburn Harp** for \$133
 Lot No. 79 - Sold to **Alfred Braley** for \$50.50
 Lot No. 80 - Sold to **John D. Robinson** for \$53
 Lot No. 22 - Sold to **George W. Richardson** for \$208
 Lot No. 39 - To chairman of the county court for the jail
 Lot No. 42 - To trustees of Separate Baptist Church
 Lot No. 47 - To trustees of Protestant Methodist Church
 Lot No. 48 - To trustees of Cumberland Presbyterian Church
 Lot No. 51 - To trustees of Episcopal Methodist Church
 Lot No. 53 - To trustees of Old Presbyterian Church
 Lot No. 56 - To trustees of Regular Baptist Church

Commissioners of town of Winchester - namely, **William S. Watterson, John D. Johnson, Jesse Wooton, Joseph Hickerson, and John G. Walker** - are to issue purchasers titles in fee simple with clause of general warranty to lot or lots they individually purchased. Deeds were signed 5 Aug 1836 by above named commissioners, and witnessed by **George W. Richardson, John Hickerson, and Hiram C. Childress**. Commissioners acknowledged bond 6 Sep 1836 before county clerk, and it was registered 15 Oct 1836.

Pages 39-40

Deed dated 4 Jan 1833: For consideration of \$192, **Hiram McCoy** of Bedford County conveys to **James McCoy** of same county 50 acres adjoining lands of **James Oakes, McBride, and Elisha Ennison**. Deed was witnessed by **William McDaniel, Thomas Lee, and Roderick McDonald**. **Hiram McCoy** acknowledged 21 Oct 1836 before county clerk that he executed deed, and it was registered same date. Some time later, **Hiram and James McCoy** deeded 100 acres to **William Watterson** to secure a debt owed him. **James** settled his part, and **Watterson** relinquished his claim and interest in part claimed by him. Witnessed by **James M. Carlisle, William P. Harris, and Hiram McCoy** 17 June 1836, and proved 21 Oct 1836 before county clerk. Registered 21 Oct 1836.

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Quit-Claim Deed dated 20 Sep 1836: For consideration of \$123, **Norris Kuykendall** of Marrian [Marion] Co., Ala., conveys his part of his father's land in Coffee Co., Tenn., to **John Tarwater** of Coffee County. Deed witnessed by **Abram Kuykendall** and **John Herriford** who personally appeared before Coffee County Clerk **Daniel McLean** 5 Oct 1836 and swore that **Norris Kuykendall** acknowledged to them he executed deed. Registered 7 Nov 1836.

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Deed dated 30 Sep 1835: For consideration of 200 three-year old steers, **David Byrd** of Clarke Co., Ala., conveys to **Moses Mathews** of Warren Co., Tenn., 320 acres in Warren County on waters of Hickory Creek, a branch of Collin River. Acreage, conveyed to Byrd by **James Sheppard** in deed dated 28 Jan 1817(? - written over), begins at west boundary line of 5,000-acre tract granted to **David Ross** and conveyed by him to **Sheppard**. The 320-acre tract runs south to main road leading from where **A. and G. Hart** formerly kept a store to **Dial's Mill**, and adjoins property of **Langston** and **John Cunningham**, and **Enoch Dial**. Deed was witnessed by **Alexander Harp** and **Kincheon Matthews** who personally appeared before Coffee County clerk 26 Sep 1836 to attest that **Byrd** acknowledged deed in their presence. Registered 7 Nov 1836.

Pages 42-43

Quit-Claim Deed dated 9 Oct 1835: For consideration of \$8, **John A. Rutherford** of Franklin Co., Tenn., quit-claims to **William Bicknell** of same county 70-acre tract with appurtenances on waters of Bank Camp fork of Duck River, beginning south of **Bicknell's** house. **William P. Cash** and **James Sandlin**, who witnessed deed, appeared before Coffee County clerk 3 Oct 1836 and attested that **Rutherford** acknowledged deed in their presence. Deed was recorded 7 Nov 1836 in Coffee County.

Pages 43-45

Power of Attorney dated 12 Oct 1836: Marion Co., Ala.: **Eleanor Kuykendall**, widow of **John Kuykendall**, deceased, and **Barnett Moss**, **Martin Jackson**, **Norris Kuykendall**, **J. M. Kuykendall**, **Mary Moore**, **William Nichols**, and **James Kuykendall**, children and heirs of **Simon Kuykendall**, deceased, appoint **Simon Kuykendall, Jr.**, and **Barnett Moss** their attorneys in fact to dispose of and transfer all land coming to them from their father's estate in Franklin Co., Tenn. Instrument is signed by **Elel. [Eleanor?] Kuykendall**, **Mary Moore**, **John Kuykendall**, **Norris Kuykendall**, **Martin Jackson**, and **William Nichols**, and was witnessed by Justices of the Peace **John Aston** and **Moses Harris** of Marion Co., Ala., on 12 Oct 1836. Their commissions as justices were certified 2 Nov 1836 by **Edwin G. Moseby**, Marion Co., Ala., court clerk, at his office in Pikeville, Ala. On same date, Judge **John D. Terrell** of Marion Co., Ala., court, certified **Moseby** was court clerk. On 21 Nov 1836, **Moses Jones**, Jackson Co., Ala., court clerk, attested that **William Nichols**, in appearance at his office in Bellfonte, Ala., acknowledged signing power of attorney. On same date, Judge **Thompson M. Rector** of Jackson Co., Ala., verified **Jones** was county court clerk. On 24 Nov 1836 in Coffee Co., Tenn., **Abram Kuykendall**, an heir and legatee of **Simon Kuykendall**, deceased, signed statement naming **Simon Kuykendall, Jr.**, and **Barnett Moss** his lawful attorneys. Statement was witnessed by **Thomas Hill**, **James Sandlin**, and **G. W. Richardson**. On 25 Nov 1836, **Abram Kuykendall** acknowledged before Coffee County clerk that he executed power of attorney as described above. Acknowledgement was recorded same date.

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Power of Attorney dated 28 Nov 1836: **James Rice**, one of heirs at law by regular descent from **Moses Rice**, deceased, appoints **William Rice** of Coffee Co., Tenn., as his attorney to execute all of his legal acts and deeds. Instrument was witnessed by **John Gilless** and **William M. Douglas**. **James Rice** appeared before Coffee County clerk on 1 Dec 1836 and acknowledged making power of attorney. Recorded same date.

Pages 46-47

Deed dated 4 Jul 1836: For consideration of \$120, **George W. Richardson** conveys to **James Richardson** Lots 41, 42, and 48 in town of Hillsboro, Coffee Co., containing estimated 14¼ acres. Deed was witnessed by **Daniel McLean** and **William A. Hickerson**, and acknowledged by **George W. Richardson** before Coffee County clerk on 3 Dec 1836. Recorded same date.

Pages 47-49

Deed dated 6 Feb 1836: For consideration of \$350, **James Erwin** of Fayette Co., Ky., by his attorney in fact, **Andrew Erwin** of Nashville, Tenn., conveys to **John Gregory** of Coffee Co., Tenn., 120 acres on Norton's Branch of Garrison Fork of Duck River with hereditaments and appurtenances. Tract is part of 5,000-acre grant [number left blank] from state of North Carolina to **John Gray** and **Thomas Blount**. It begins on south bank of Norton Branch opposite mouth of **William Norton's** lane and adjoins **John Arnold's** old line, **Gregory's** line, **McBride's** corner, and **James Oakes'** line. Deed was signed by Attorney **Erwin** in presence of **John Hickerson** and **Lecil Bobo**, and proved by them before Coffee County court clerk 7 Nov 1836. Recorded 5 Dec 1836.

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Deed dated 9 Jan 1835: For consideration of \$176, **Lewis Hunt** of Franklin County conveys to **Walton Bixey** of same county 88 acres with all appurtenances on waters of Bradley Creek of Elk River. Parcel adjoins southeast corner of **Hunt's** 20-acre tract. Witnesses: **William M. Douglass**, **Joseph Gentry**. **Hunt** acknowledged deed before Coffee County court clerk 5 Dec 1836, and it was registered same date.

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Power of Attorney dated 27 Aug 1835: **Winney Warren** of Franklin County appoints her worthy friend, **Alexander Grant**, her lawful attorney to draw her pension and take care of her money and land. Power of attorney was witnessed by **J. W. Lusk** and **John Butler**, and proved by them before Coffee County court clerk 6 May 1836. It was registered 7 Dec 1836.

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Deed dated 5 Dec 1836: For consideration of \$200, **William Harwood** of Coffee County conveys to **Peter Wright** of Rutherford County 35 acres in Coffee County on waters of Noah's Fork of Duck River. Tract adjoins lands of **Rice Hughes** and **Doub Wiser**. Deed was witnessed by **William Hodge** and **Wade Stroud**. **Harwood** acknowledged deed before Coffee County court clerk 5 Dec 1836, and it was registered 2 Jan 1837.

Pages 51-53

Deed dated 4 Jan 1836: For consideration of \$75, **Berry King** and **Jordan King** of Franklin County convey to **David W. Pea** and **William Pea** two 50-acre tracts consisting of 100 acres (by two surveys). One tract is on Pond Spring road and the other adjoins **Thomas Bixey's** line, **Hartz'** 88 acres, and **King's** 50 acres on which he lives. Deed was witnessed by **Joseph Pea** and **John L. Taylor** who proved it before Coffee County court clerk 24 Dec 1836. Deed was registered 2 Jan 1837.

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Deed dated 25 Oct 1836: For consideration of \$1,200, **Kinchen Matthews** conveys to **Clabran [Claburn] Harp** 190 acres in Coffee County consisting of (1) a 150-acre tract on head waters of Hickory Creek, beginning at **William Douglass'** northeast corner and being land granted by state of Tennessee to **Matthews**; (2) 20-acre tract adjoining **William Douglass'** north boundary; and (3) a 20-acre tract at corner of entry in **Matthew's** name. Deed witnessed by **William M. Douglass** and **Alexander Harp**, and proved by them 5 Dec 1836. Registered 2 Jan 1837.

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Deed of Trust dated 31 Dec 1836: **George W. Richardson** conveys certain personal property to **Daniel McLean** to secure \$130 debt owed by **Richardson** to **John Tarwater**. Debt was incurred 15 Jan 1836. **Tarwater** has indicated he is willing to wait 12 months longer with **Richardson** having secured his debt and interest and giving **Tarwater** assurance that the debt will be paid at the end of 12 months. **Richardson** transfers and assigns to **McLean** following property: ten cows and calves, ten head of hogs, four feather beds, four bedsteads and furniture, one cupboard, two tables, one brasier, one desk, one parlor clock, eight chairs, three pots, two ovens and a skillet, two pairs of fire dogs, one man's saddle, and one side saddle. If debt is not paid off by **Richardson** before 12 months from date of trust, **McLean** is to advertise sale of property for 20 days at four public places in county, including the county courthouse door, and sell to highest bidder for ready cash. **Richardson** acknowledged deed of trust before Coffey County court clerk 11 Jan 1837, and it was registered same date. ■

Eddins-Holt

MILAN, Tenn., June 27 - Rites of matrimony were solemnized at the Baptist Church here Tuesday night between Miss Alyce Holt of this city and Ben Eddins of Jonesboro, Ark. Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of the Rev. J. H. Holt. The bridal party left on the morning L&N train for Memphis, thence to Byhalia, Miss., for a reception. After a tour of the Southern states, the couple will be at home in Jonesboro, Ark., where Mr. Eddins is a prominent young businessman.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 28 June 1895

Fox-Kennedy

Thomas Fox and Miss Lizzie Kennedy were married yesterday morning [26 June 1895] at 10 o'clock at St. Peter's Church. A large circle of friends assembled to witness the ceremony of the popular young couple. From the church they left by train for Washington and other points where they will spend the summer.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 27 June 1895

Allison-Porter

In Nashville on the 12th of June [1872], Mr. John W. Allison of Memphis was married to Miss Nannie Porter of the former city by the Rev. Mr. Graham. The groom is a member of Allison Brothers Hardware Dealers, and a young gentleman who, during his residency here of a few years, has acquired no little popularity among all classes of people. His bride is one of the loveliest of many fair flowers of our sister city.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 18 June 1872

Huston-Finley

Married in Holly Springs, Miss., on 31st May [1872] by the Rev. Mr. Maley, Thomas Huston of Memphis to Miss Miriam Finley of the former place.

-Memphis Avalanche, 5 June 1872

Wilkinson - Crawford

Married on the morning of 19th Nov [1868] at the residence of D. F. Elam by the Rev. Joseph Alexander, Mr. James H. P. Wilkinson of Coffee County and Miss Anna E. Crawford.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 21 Nov 1868

Tennessee Marriages

Turner - Maney

Married at the residence of the bride's father, Maj. L. M. Maney, on 18 Nov [1868] by the Rev. J. W. Neil, Mr. E. L. Turner and Miss Fannie Maney.

Tally - Henderson

Married on the night of the 16th Dec [1868] by Elder A. Van Hoose at the house of the bride's father, Mr. D. H. Tally of Murfreesboro and Miss F. E. Henderson of Rutherford.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 19 Dec 1868

Jordan - McLendon

Married in LaGrange, Ga., on 15th Dec [1868] by the Rev. Dr. Hornaday, Mr. M. F. Jordan of Murfreesboro and Miss Sallie McLendon, daughter of Judge Jesse McLendon of LaGrange.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 19 Dec 1868

Guffin - Lillard

Married on the morning of 1st Jul [1869] by the Rev. Mr. Neil, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. James Guffin to Miss Virginia E. Lillard.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 3 Jul 1869

Morrison - Haley

Married on 25th Jul [1881], Mr. Robert Morrison and Mrs. Mary A. Haley.

-Murfreesboro Free Press, 29 Jul 1881

Mosely - Allen

Married on 18th Jul [1881], Mr. J. M. Mosely and Miss Mary J. Allen.

-Murfreesboro Free Press, 29 Jul 1881

Holmes - Woods

Married at the residence of Major John Woods near this city yesterday evening [29 Apr 1880] by the Rev. J. R. Thomas, president of Soule Female College, Mr. Charles R. Holmes and Miss M. F. Woods, all of this county.

-Murfreesboro Free Press, 30 Apr 1880

Hill-Clemmons

Married at Kuttawa, Ky., on Monday, 26 Apr [1880], by the Rev. Mr. Richam, Mr. Eldridge Hill of this city and Miss Ida Clemmons of Sumner Co., Tenn. The groom arrived in this city Tuesday with his handsome bride and received congratulations from his friends on the happy event.

-Murfreesboro Free Press, 30 Apr 1880

Moseley - Ransom

Married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. M. King, in Rutherford County on 27th Apr [1880] by the Rev. J. M. Jordan, the Hon. Thomas G. Moseley of Bedford County and Mrs. Bettie K. Ransom of this county. After the ceremony, the groom left with his family and lovely bride for his home at Bell Buckle where they will reside in the future.

-Murfreesboro Free Press, 30 Apr 1880

Bonner - Burton

Married at the residence of the bride's father in Murfreesboro on the morning of Jul 28th [1881] by the Rev. J. S. Arbuthnot, Mr. Moses Horton Bonner of Fayetteville and Miss Annie Harrison Burton, daughter of Judge John W. Burton. The couple left on the morning train soon after the ceremony, carrying with them the best wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness.

-Murfreesboro Free Press, 29 Jul 1881

Molloy - Harris

Married at the residence of the bride's father six miles west of Trenton on 7th Jan 1877 by the Rev. W. C. Grace, Mr. Thomas Molloy and Miss Columbia Harris. Attendants were Mr. Jessie Moore, Miss Mary Wright, Mr. J. M. Waggoner, and Miss Subaina Moore.

-Gibson County Mirror, 20 Jan 1877

Wallace - Thurston

Married at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Humboldt on Tuesday morning, 5th Dec [1876] by the Rev. I. B. Day, Mr. William T. Wallace and Miss Mollie F. Thurston.

-Gibson County Mirror, 16 Dec 1876

Williams - Dyer

LASCASSAS,¹ Nov. 18 - Last Wednesday evening many friends met at the residence of Mr. J. S. Williams, one of our most esteemed citizens, to celebrate his marriage with Mrs. Louise Dyer of Shelbyville. Congratulations were endless and the groom returned his compliments and thanks in a happy manner. A magnificent supper was served and after all had had a delightful time, they departed at a late hour, wishing both a happy and joyous life.

-Murfreesboro Free Press, Friday, 21 Nov 1890

Stout - Elkins

George W. Stout of War Gap and Miss Lucy Elkins were married at the residence of the bride's brother, J. M. Elkins, in Rogersville Monday evening [21 Jan 1895], Esq. H. C. Armstrong officiating.

-Rogersville Herald, 23 Jan 1895

Bray - Harlan

Nat T. Bray, son of F. L. Bray, Esq., and Maggie B. Harlan, daughter of C. M. Harlan, were married in Rogersville Monday by the Rev. E. S. Cassidy. We understand it was a runaway affair, their parents being opposed owing to their youth.

-Rogersville Herald, 9 Jan 1895

Buchanan - Ferress

Married at the residence of the bride's father on 4th Jan [1877], Mr. John S. Buchanan to Miss Minnie Ferress, both of the 4th District [Gibson County], the Rev. R. W. Horton officiating.

-Gibson County Mirror, 20 Jan 1877

Glass - Pybass

Married on Wednesday, 13 Jan [1877] at the residence of the bride's father in Tusculum, Ala., by the Rev. John S. Davis, Miss Emma Pybass to Mr. John H. Glass, senior editor of the *Gibson County Mirror*

-Gibson County Mirror, 20 Jan 1877

Tennessee Marriages

Voorhies - Jones

Married on 11th Aug [1871] near Union City Mr. Strong Voorhies and Miss Annie W. Jones, all of Obion County. Elder Burgess performed the ceremony. Attendants were Mr. William Bentley with Miss Lockie J. Goodrich, Dr. Miles with Miss Emma J. Goodrich, and Dr. Edwards with Miss Bettie Goodrich.

-Trenton News, 30 Aug 1871

Transou - Saunders

Married at the residence of the bride on Saturday, 2nd Dec [1876] by the Rev. B. M. Farris, Mr. E. T. Transou and Mrs. Laura Saunders.

-Gibson County Mirror, 16 Dec 1876

McClure - Berryhill

Married in Carroll County on 5th Dec [1876] at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. B. M. Farris, Mr. W. P. McClure and Miss Maggie Berryhill.

-Gibson County Mirror, 16 Dec 1876

Martin - McDaniel

Married at the residence of the bride's mother in Carroll County on 5th Dec [1876] by the Rev. J. P. Weaver, Mr. George W. Martin of Milan and Miss Lou McDaniel of Trezevant. The groom and bride arrived in Trenton Wednesday and are receiving congratulations from their many friends.

-Gibson County Mirror, 16 Dec 1876

Stainback - Blakely

Married at the residence of Mr. A. Dickinson, the bride's stepfather, on Wednesday, 29 Nov 1876, by the Rev. W. D. F. Hafford, Charles A. Stainback, Esq., and Miss Laura Blakely, all of Somerville.

-Gibson County Mirror, 16 Dec 1876

Howard - Johnson

Married at Grand Junction, Tenn., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. M. D. T. Johnson, on 19 Nov 1876, by the Rev. D. R. Bryant, Mr. H. Howard and Miss Willie M. Johnson, all of Grand Junction.

-Gibson County Mirror, 16 Dec 1876

Williams - Fields

Married on the evening of Thursday, 23rd Nov 1876, at the residence of the bride, Mr. Sam Williams to Miss Linnie Fields of Dyer County. The ceremony was performed by Parson Hill. The bride and groom were escorted by Miss Mollie Harris, Miss Lubie Drane, and Messrs. Marshall and Brackin.

-Gibson County Mirror, 16 Dec 1876

Hale - Prichard

Married on 14th Feb [1861], Mr. W. R. Hale and Miss Mollie Prichard, all of Gibson County.

-Southern Standard, Trenton, 16 Feb 1861

Wilkins - Blackwell

Married on Tuesday, 29th Nov [1859] at McLemoresville by the Rev. Mr. McDonald, Mr. S. D. Wilkins of Trenton to Miss A. J. Blackwell of McLemoresville.

-Southern Standard, Trenton, 3 Dec 1859

Morton - Dawson

On Tuesday evening last [17 Apr 1888] at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Mr. A. L. E. Morton led to the hymeneal altar beautiful and charming Miss Darling Dawson, daughter of Gen'l. Johnathan S. Dawson. The beautiful ceremony was performed by the Rev. Bruce G. Mitchell.

Miss Jerrie Sutherlin, Paris' nightingale, presided at the organ. Attendants were: J. R. Hill and Miss Beulah Freeman, J. N. Cooper and Miss Dule Caldwell, S. P. Moore and Miss Sallie Tharpe. Ushers were W. C. Johnson and Marlon Vancleave. [Abstracted]

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 20 Apr 1888

¹ Lascassas is located in Rutherford County. A postoffice was established there in 1881.

Nesbitt - Robertson

Married in Gibson County on Wednesday, 13 Feb [1861] by the Rev. J. W. Hurt, Mr. W. L. Nesbitt of Arkansas and Miss Mallissa Robertson of this county.

-Southern Standard, Trenton, 16 Feb 1861

Thatcher - Hill

Married Wednesday, 4 Aug [1847] by the Rev. Dr. Hanks, Mr. William Thatcher, merchant of Shreveport, La., to Miss Elizabeth P. Hill, daughter of Col. Allen Hill of Memphis.

-Memphis Daily Eagle, 9 Aug 1847

Allen - Harrington

Married at St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday, 2 Nov [1865], W. H. Allen of Nashville to Miss Mary Harrington of St. Louis. We congratulate our young friend "Smut" upon the important capture he has made in Mound City of the West. Long life and happiness attend him and his bride. So say all his intimate friends.

-Nashville Gazette, 8 Nov 1865

Ewin - House

Married the evening of 23 Nov [1865] at the residence of John Thompson, Esq., of Davidson County by the Rev. Dr. Bardwell, Mr. William G. Ewin and Miss Sallie M. House, all of Davidson County.

-Nashville Gazette, 26 Nov 1865

Owens - Griffith

Married Thursday evening, 14 Dec [1865] at the residence of the bride's mother by the Rev. C. C. Mathes, Mr. James F. Owens to Miss Mary Griffith, all of Nashville.

-Nashville Gazette, 17 Dec 1865

Spencer - Likins

Married 10 Apr 1835 by the Rev. John L. Likins, Mr. John Spencer of McMinn County to Miss Martha A. Likins of Monroe County.

-Hiwassee Journal, 22 Apr 1835

Love - Ashly

Married 16 Apr 1835 at the house of Dr. L. W. Jordan in Kingston, Mr. Joseph N. Love, formerly of Washington, Rhea County, to Miss Amanda Ashly of Kingston.

-Hiwassee Journal, 22 Apr 1835

Tennessee Marriages

Gibson County Marriages For Month of November 1859

As reported by the *Southern Standard* of Trenton on 3 Dec 1859, the following marriages took place in Gibson County during November:

- J. B. Johnson & Miss S. A. Jones
- Charles Chaney & Miss Maubia Stewart
- J. P. King & Miss N. G. Peoples
- G. A. Foster & Miss M. F. Cannada
- R. A. McAddo & Miss S. F. Stone
- G. B. Ridley & Miss V. Harvey
- N. C. Oakley & Miss A. L. Sanders
- T. G. Hatley & Miss M. A. Walton
- N. W. Rain & Miss S. A. Williams
- G. E. Benson & Miss A. Peble
- A. R. Wilson & Miss S. C. Cole
- W. C. Nowell & Miss H. M. Jackson



Person - Redditt

Married on Wednesday evening, 25th Dec [1847] by the Rev. Allen Wynne, Mr. Amos Person to Miss Matilda Redditt, daughter of Mr. Sharke Redditt, all of Shelby County.

-Memphis Daily Eagle, 28 Dec 1847

Stephens - Baker

Married Thursday, 14 Mar [1844] by the Rev. D. R. Carter, Maj. Henry H. Stephens, attorney at law, to Miss Martha E. Baker, daughter of Jacob Baker, Esq., all of Monroe County.

-Athens Courier, 22 Mar 1844

Rutland - Hathaway

Married on the evening of the 15th Dec [1847], Mr. Harrison Rutland to Miss Penina Hathaway, both of Shelby County.

-Memphis Daily Eagle, 28 Dec 1847

Crump - Acree

Married at First Baptist Church on Thursday, 1st Mar 1866, by the Rev. Mr. Miller, Mr. G. F. Crump to Miss M. E. Acree, all of Memphis.

[Nashville and Franklin papers, please copy.]

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 3 Mar 1866

Holmes - Munford

Married 18 Jan 1866 at Covington by the Rev. David Cummins, Prof. George Holmes of Covington Female College to Miss Sallie E. Munford, daughter of Richard H. Munford, Esq.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 13 Feb 1866

Hewlett - Mitchell

Married 8th Feb [1866] at the residence of Mr. Shackelford in Fayette County by the Rev. Thomas Boswell, Dr. J. C. Hewlett to Miss Sallie A. Mitchell.

[Richmond and Fredericksburg, Va., papers, please copy.]

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 13 Feb 1866

Reynolds - Hughes

Married 29 Feb 1844 by the Rev. S. B. Say, Mr. William B. Reynolds, Esq., Benton merchant, to Mrs. Catharine Hughes, all of Polk County.

-Athens Courier, 22 Mar 1844

Heiskell - Montgomery

Married Thursday, 14 Mar [1844] by the Rev. John Tate, Daniel Heiskell, Esq., to Miss Mary Montgomery, daughter of James Montgomery, Esq., all of Monroe County.

-Athens Courier, 22 Mar 1844

Stewart - Bond

Married Monday evening, 14 Aug [1847] by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, Mr. John Stewart to Miss Elizabeth Bond, both of Shelby County.

-Memphis Daily Eagle, 28 Dec 1847

Payne - Atkinson

Married Wednesday, 17 Jul [1844] by C. R. Hoyl, Esq., Mr. Uriah Payne to Miss Nancy Atkinson, all of McMinn County.

-Athens Courier, 3 Aug 1844

Gambol - Denton

Married 12 Jan 1868 at the residence of the bride's father near White Clift Springs, Monroe County, by the Rev. J. Albert Hyden, Maj. William Gambol of Polk County to Miss Maggie Denton.

-Athens Republican, 16 Jun 1868

Howell - Hooper

Married by Esq. Jasper Shelton at his residence 15 Jan 1882, Mr. R. F. Howell and Miss C. F. Hooper, all of Hardeman County.

-Bolivar Bulletin, 28 Jan 1882

Cooper - Goodyear

The marriage of Mr. Carroll P. Cooper to Miss Pearl Goodyear is announced to take place at the Central Methodist Church on Union Street at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, 12 Jan [1892]. The happy event is not likely to surprise many for the devotion of each has been an open secret for the past six or eight months. Mr. Cooper is a highly prized and respectable attache of the Memphis & Charleston local office and Miss Goodyear is considered one of the prettiest of Memphis' young society girls. [Abstracted]

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 7 Jan 1892

Overton - Baxter

Mr. Robert Overton, a son of John Overton of Nashville and brother of John Overton, Jr., of Memphis, was quietly married this evening in Nashville to Miss Mamie Baxter, daughter of the Hon. Ed Baxter, attorney of the L&N Railroad. The couple left for an Eastern tour.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 6 Jan 1892

Robertson - Hill

WINONA, Miss., Jan. 14 - W. B. Robertson, leading Jackson, Tenn., merchant, and Miss Annie Lou Hill of Winona were married here last night.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 14 Jan 1892

Miller - Grehan

The marriage of Mr. John S. Miller and Miss Lizzie Grehan has been announced to take place at the Alabama Street Presbyterian Church at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Jan. 14. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grehan, and is a charming young lady greatly admired by all who know her. The groom is a well known commission merchant of Greenville, Mississippi.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 10 Jan 1892

Brassfield - Elder

TRENTON - Mr. George Brassfield of Dresden and Miss Virgie Elder of Trenton were united in marriage here Wednesday evening, 13 Jan [1892], at the Presbyterian Church. After the ceremony, they left on a bridal tour to New Orleans.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 14 Jan 1892

Tennessee Marriages

Nebhut - Warr

Cards announcing the marriage of Mr. Robert B. Nebhut to Miss Geraldine Warr are out. The ceremony will be held at the Methodist Church in Rossville, Tenn., on 4 Jan [1892]. The groom is agent for the Memphis-Charleston Railway at Rossville, and is the son of J. B. Nebhut of LaGrange and the brother of F. C. Nebhut of Memphis. The bride is the only daughter of Dr. A. V. Warr, prominent citizen of Fayette County.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 8 Jan 1892

Lannigan - Doner

Mr. Daniel Lannigan and Miss Eda Doner were married last evening at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Father Hyson. Attendants were Mr. William Quinn and Miss Charlotte Wilson. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the groom's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Hurley, followed by music, dancing, and refreshments.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 14 Jan 1892

Jones - Woodward

Dr. G. M. Jones of Napoleonville, La., and Miss Rosa D. Woodward were married at the residence of Mr. S. H. Wilson in Jackson, Tenn., on the morning of 6th June [1892].

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 10 Jan 1892

Cook - Dickie & Boyd-Caldwell

MILAN, Jan. 13 - Miss Dovie Dickie of Lavinia was married here tonight to Mr. Burt Cook, and Miss Kate Caldwell was married this afternoon to Dr. Boyd of Starkeville. Miss.

-*Appeal-Avalanche*, 14 Jan 1892

Hudson - Parham

Married 28 Dec 1881 at the residence of the bride's mother in Bolivar, Prof. C. P. Hudson and Miss Effie Parham. The Rev. Charles M. Gray officiated.

-*Bolivar Bulletin*, 5 Jan 1882

Shelby County Marriages Proliferate After War Ends

As reported by the *Memphis Daily Commercial* on 7 June 1866, Shelby County Court Clerk G. P. Ware issued licenses to the following parties to "commit" matrimony:

- Miss Nannie R. Woodson and Mr. W. H. Sawyer
- Mrs. Mary Haft and Mr. Robert Mosby
- Miss Binn Rembert and Mr. Edward Holmes
- Miss Caroline Garner and Mr. Henry Harmon
- Miss Mary E. Lewis and Mr. T. H. McGee
- Miss Matilda Boyd and Mr. Lewis Cooper
- Miss Kate S. Linden and Mr. Edward Byron Cunnion
- Miss Elizabeth Aiken and Mr. W. Johnson
- Miss Martha Hill and Mr. Benjamin Parker
- Miss Kisiah York and Mr. Washington Thomas
- Miss Amanda Mullins and Mr. George Washington
- Miss Jobanna Power and Mr. Hugh Clarke
- Miss Mary Gross and Jacob Loeb
- Mrs. Mary Megmeum and Mr. August Belle
- Miss Victoria Sticks and Mr. L. E. Blackman
- Miss Elizabeth Bronson and Mr. I. B. Scott
- Miss Sarah Noon and Mr. John Conner
- Miss Mattie Bridges and Mr. George Hatherly
- Miss Mary E. Ward and Mr. W. D. Lewis
- Miss Mary E. Carroll and Mr. John F. Smith
- Miss Imogen Hill and Mr. R. Shephard
- Miss Matilda C. Hein and Mr. John Gerber
- Miss Rosena Seockurger and Mr. Charles Sloffner
- Mrs. Susan Armstrong and Mr. W. G. Olive
- Miss Enfield Sale and Mr. U. W. Miller
- Miss Minerva Shelton and Mr. Horace Paine
- Miss Ellen Donnelly and Mr. Michael Connors
- Miss Sarah C. Allen and Mr. James H. Brooks. ■

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Pages 277-278, Deed dated 14 Mar 1866: For consideration of \$1,866, **Martha G. Poston**, Haywood Co., Tenn., conveys to **Williams Sims** 82¼ acres in Haywood County. **Sims** paid \$650 in cash, and **Poston** retains lien on land until balance of purchase money is paid. Land begins at southeast corner of **R. D. Cooke's** property at Gibson County line. **Martha Poston** acknowledged deed 15 Mar 1866 before **John L. Poston**, Haywood County court clerk. Deed was certified 17 Mar 1866 by **Calvin Stephens**, Haywood County register, and recorded in Book Y, page 37. On 23 Nov 1872 at Cairo, Tenn., **W. T. Poston**, administrator of estate of **Martha G. Poston**, deceased, certified receipt of \$82.55 from **William Sims** representing full payment of a judgment he (**Poston**) had obtained against **Sims** on note payable to deceased for land. **Poston** acknowledged receipt and deed before Crockett County court clerk on 7 Apr 1873, and both were recorded on same date.

Page 279, Deed dated 19 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$675, **W. B. H. Mason** conveys to **J. H. E. Boykin** 25 acres beginning at **Boykin's** northeast corner and running to **C. W. McMurry's** line. Witnesses **F. M. Thompson**, **R. W. Mason**, and **E. Hamilton** proved deed before county court clerk. 7 Apr 1873 and it was recorded same date.

Pages 280-281, Deed dated 11 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,200, **Newton Harris** and wife, **Nancy**, convey to **Samuel S. Watkins** 90 acres in Crockett County Civil District No. 3, Range 3, Section 11. Land adjoins 50-acre entry in name of **Robert Lowry**, and north boundary of 1,126-acre entry in names of **Hugh C.** and **Stephen Armstrong**. The **Harris**es acknowledged deed separately 11 Jan 1873 before **J. W. Roseman**, Crockett County notary public, and it was certified and recorded in county 7 Apr 1873.

Page 281, Deed dated 10 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$562.50, **M. J. Tucker** conveys to **W. W. Biggs** 25 acres in Crockett County Civil District No. 11, adjoining land of **L. Lasater**. Deed proved 7 Apr 1873 by subscribing witnesses, **W. M. Walker** and **W. P. Rice**, before county court clerk, and recorded same date.

Pages 282-284, Deed dated 10 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$761.25, **T. W. Wells** and wife, **J. S. E. Wells**, both of White County, Ark., convey to **Elisha Kail/Kale** of Crockett Co., Tenn., 105-acre tract known as Lot No. 1 in division of lands of **William Edwards**, deceased. Tract adjoins lands of **Hugh Mathews**, **William Mitchell**, **Patterson**, and **Phillips**, and was set apart to **Edwards'** widow as dower. It was sold subject to dower by order of Haywood Co., Tenn., court, and **Wells** purchased it at the sale with all hereditaments and appurtenances. **Albert P. Sanders**, White Co., Ark., clerk, certified 10 Mar 1873 that the **Wells**es' signatures on deed were genuine and that **Mrs. Wells** separately acknowledged she signed deed voluntarily. Deed was registered 7 Apr 1873 in Crockett County. [Related conveyance on Deed Book Pages 302-303.]

Page 284-285, Deed dated 24 Sep 1872: For consideration of \$650, **Joel Jones** and wife, **Elizabeth**, convey to **J. M. Farmer** 43 acres in Crockett Civil District 13. Land adjoins that of **Humphrey Reddick, Sr.**, **H. S. Swain**, and **H. C. Jones**, and runs to center of Quincy Road, it being part of **Job Swain** land. Witnesses: **W. H. Beasley**, **I. A. Nunn**, and **R. A. Cherry**. On 3 Mar 1873, **W. H. Beasley**, justice of the peace, was authorized to take **Elizabeth Jones'** acknowledgement separately from that of her husband, and **Beasley** did so on 7 Mar 1873. Taxes were paid 7 Apr 1873 and deed was registered same date.

Pages 286-287, Deed dated 18 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$35, **W. H. Coker** and wife, **Ella V.**, convey to **D. Richardson** 1¾ acres adjoining property of **T. H. Shelton** in Crockett Civil District 13. Deed separately acknowledged 7 Mar 1873 by **Mrs. Coker** before **W. H. Beasley**, justice of the peace, and registered 7 Apr 1873.

Pages 288-289, Deed dated 28 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$635, **W. H. Coker** and wife, **Ella V.**, convey to **Charles Acklin** 33 acres in Crockett Civil District 13 beginning in center of Dyersburg-Cherryville Rd., adjoining **D. Richardson's** northeast corner and running to old Haywood-Dyer county line. Acknowledged separately by **Ella Coker** before **W. H. Beasley**, justice of the peace, on 7 Mar 1873, and registered 7 Apr 1873.

Pages 290-291, Deed dated 31 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$700, **James M. McDurmit** and wife, **Charity McDurmit**, convey to **Sarah C. Butts** 74-acre tract in Crockett County District 3, Range 3, Section 11. Tract begins at southwest corner of 50-acre occupant entry in name of **Robert Lowrey** and adjoins lands of **J. L. Todd**, **Jesse Cassels**, and **Joseph Bailey**. Deed was witnessed by **S. S. Watkins**, Crockett County justice of peace who also was certified to take **Charity McDurmit's** separate acknowledgement which he did 8 Apr 1873. **James McDurmit** acknowledged deed before county court clerk, and it was recorded same date.

Pages 292-293, Deed dated 13 Oct 1870: For consideration of \$1,200,¹ **Anderson P. Selph** and wife, **S. A. Selph**,² of Madison Co., Tenn., convey to **John W. Williams** 61 acres in Civil District No. 18. Land adjoins corner of **Nathan Arnold's** original tract which was sold to **John B. Arnold** by Gibson County court decree made in August term 1860. Property is bounded by that of **William Tinsley**, **John W. Hopper**, dowry of **Widow Arnold** (now deceased), **H. W. Hefley**, and **William Tinsley** (deceased). Deed acknowledged separately by the **Selphs** before Crockett County court clerk 31 Mar 1873 and recorded 8 Apr 1873. [Note: Deed with same page numbers is duplicated on next two pages.]

Pages 294-295, Deed dated 21 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$400 (\$200 of which is paid in hand and remainder secured by note due 25 Dec 1873), **E. L. Butts** and wife, **Sarah "Sallie" C. Butts**, of Crockett County convey to **John W. Williams** of same county 2¼-acre lot in town of Gadsden on which **Butts'** gin house stands. Lot adjoins **J. W. Taylor's** southeast corner, and **Thomas Hudgings'** east boundary line. **E. L.** and **Sarah Butts** acknowledged deed separately 27 Mar 1873 before **J. W. Rosemon**, notary public. Deed certified and recorded 8 Apr 1873.

Pages 295-296, Deed dated 1 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$1,000, **John T. Stamps** and wife, **Sintha/Cinthy Stamps**, convey to **Alexander Warren** 50-acre tract in Crockett County, District 11. Tract adjoins **Asa Griffin's**, **W. B. Ferguson's**, and **Pond Creek**. Witnesses: **J. F. Robertson**, **J. L. Epperson**. **Sintha Stamps** attested before Justice of Peace **J. F. Robertson** on 6 Mar 1873 that she signed deed voluntarily, and **John Stamps** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 9 Apr 1873. Deed was recorded same date.

Pages 297-298, Deed dated 13 Mar 1873: **Mary Cunningham** and others convey three acres of land to **Allen F. Cunningham**. Under agreement entered into 9 Dec 1869 by **Allen**, **Mary**, **Sarah A. E.**, **Louvina J.**, **Ellen**, and **Joseph K. Cunningham** in Gibson County, 18.57 acres were allotted to **Allen** as his share of 111.42 acres that descended to them from **Ann Cunn [Conn?] Cunningham**, deceased, leaving 92.85 acres to be divided among other five heirs. **Sarah A. E. Cunningham** has since died, and surviving heirs agreed to allot to **Allen** the part bounded by northwest corner of his 18.57 acres on south boundary of **Jeremiah Hays'** 56-acre tract. **Mary**, **Louvina**, **Ellen**, and **Joseph** convey all their interest in three acres to **Allen** and he in turn transfers to them all of his interest in remainder of **Sarah's** share. All of land is in Crockett County's 9th Civil District. Deed was witnessed by **Dennis Tatum** and **Sydney Avery**, proved by them 9 Apr 1873 before county court clerk, and recorded same date.

Pages 298-299, Deed dated 13 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$49, **Ellen Cunningham** conveys to **Allen F. Cunningham** one acre in Crockett County, Civil District No. 9. Land is part of her undivided interest in tract that **Ann Cunningham** died possessed of, and **Ellen's** sale of one acre is agreed to by **Mary**, **Louvina J.**, and **Joseph K. Cunningham**, other heirs to property. Acreage conveyed begins at northwest corner of three-acre parcel allotted to **Allen F. Cunningham** as his part of share belonging to **Sarah A. E. Cunningham**, deceased. **Ellen's** signing of deed was witnessed by **Dennis Tatum** and **Sydney Avery**, proved by them 9 Apr 1873 before county court clerk, and recorded same date.

¹ To be paid in three separate installments of \$400 each, with first being due 25 Dec 1870, second 25 Dec 1871, and third 25 Dec 1872.

² Her first name is signed on deed as "Sarahan."

Pages 300-301, Deed dated 28 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$750, **A. W. King** and wife, **M. M. King**, convey to **S. P. Green** tract of land in Crockett County, Civil District No. 9. Tract begins at southeast corner of 50-acre tract known as **McGavie** tract and adjoins **Frank Boyd's** line and **Green's Hall** tract. **M. M. King** acknowledged before **A. Buck**, Crockett justice of the peace, on 9 Apr 1873 that she voluntarily signed deed, and **A. W. King** acknowledged before county court clerk on same date that he executed deed. Conveyance was certified and recorded 11 Apr 1873.

Pages 302-303, Deed dated 10 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$1,600, **T. W. Wells** and wife, **J. S. E. Wells**, of White Co., Ark., convey to **J. J. Edwards** of Crockett Co., Tenn., 50-acre tract in Crockett with all improvements. Tract, adjoining **Edwards'** land and that of **Gabriel Robertson** and others, was designated as Lot No. 4 in division of lands of late **William Edwards** which were sold by Haywood County court decree. The 50-acre tract begins at southeast corner of **William Edwards'** original tract and runs north to **Ivey Kail's** west boundary and **J. J. Edwards'** north boundary. **T. W. Wells** acknowledged deed before **Albert P. Sanders**, White Co., Ark., circuit court clerk, on 10 Mar 1873 and his wife separately acknowledged on same date before **Sanders** that she voluntarily signed deed and relinquished her dower. Deed recorded 14 Apr 1873 in Crockett County.

Page 304, Deed dated 4 Apr 1873: For consideration of \$500, **I. H. Turpin** conveys to **W. J. Stalcup** two-acre lot in Crockett County, Civil District 13. Lot begins at northwest corner of 2½ -acre lot sold by **J. S. Curtis** to **F. Albritten** and runs to **H. H. Jackson's** line. **Turpin** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 4 Apr 1873 and it was recorded 14 Apr 1873.

Page 305, Deed dated 30 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$1,700, **J. F. Sinclair** and **W. P. Rice** convey to **Robert J. Davis** 80-acre tract in Crockett County, Civil District 12. Property adjoins **H. W. Cochran's** land, starting at southeast corner of **Scales and Perkins'** land. Deed was witnessed by **W. W. Briggs** and **W. M. Walker**. **Sinclair** and **Rice** acknowledged deed before Crockett County court clerk 9 Apr 1873, and it was recorded 15 Apr 1873.

Page 306, Deed dated 8 Nov 1867: **R. J. Davis** of Dyer County donates land on which Missionary Baptist Church in Crockett County is situated to church deacons **John L. Hardin**, **Henry Robertson**, **Samuel J. Moore**, and their successors. Deed is made in trust for church's use and benefit, and **Davis** relinquishes his right, title, and interest. **J. F. Sinclair** and **L. Williams** witnessed deed, and **Davis** acknowledged it before Crockett County court clerk 15 Apr 1873. Deed recorded same date.

Pages 307-308, Deed dated 5 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$1,200, **Thomas R. Short** and wife, **Tennessee C. Short**, of Haywood County convey to **S. B. Boykin** of Crockett County 47 acres in Madison County (now Crockett). Acreage, known as Bank Tract, is their distributive share of lands of **J. B. Boykin**, deceased. It begins at northwest corner of Lot 7 in division and runs to northwest corner of Lot 4. **Mrs. Short** acknowledged making deed voluntarily in appearance before **Richard Hill**, Haywood County justice of the peace, on 6 Feb 1873, and **Mr. Short** acknowledged deed before **Hill** on 7 Feb. Deed was recorded in Crockett County 15 Apr 1873.

Pages 309-310, Deed dated 8 Apr 1873: For consideration of \$2,500, **P. W. Moore** and wife **Sallie** convey to **B. G. H. Coop** 81¼ acres with all appurtenances in Gibson County, District 20. Acreage is part of Grant No. 1151 issued to **Thomas Henderson**, and begins at southwest corner of tract surveyed in name of **James Howard**, and runs north then west to **Overton Goodman's** property. **Moore** acknowledged deed before Crockett County court clerk 16 Apr 1873, and it was recorded same date.

Pages 310-311, Deed dated 22 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$60, **John W. Layman** and **Daniel Layman** of Crockett County and **Ann Parker**, **G. W. Layman**, and **J. H. Layman** of Yell County, Ark., convey to **J. F. M. Mckewin** their undivided interest in four-acre parcel of land in Crockett County. Parcel is bounded on north by **Jason Thompson's** land, on south and east by **B. W. Flemming's** land, and on west by **Hosea Ragan's**. Deed, witnessed by **Dennis Tatum** and **J. G. Robertson**, was proved by them 9 Apr 1873 before Crockett County court clerk, and recorded 26 Apr 1873.

Page 312, Deed dated 4 Sep 1872: For consideration of \$300, **John W. Mathews** conveys to **Sidney Harris** Lots No. 85 and 87 on the Memphis & Ohio railroad in town of Gadsden, containing two-thirds of five acres. Lots are bounded on northeast by Vine St., on southeast by Main St. and Lot No. 86, on west by Clay St. and land of **Thomas Hudgings**. Deed was acknowledged by **Mathews** 20 Mar 1873 before **J. W. Roseman**, justice of the peace; certified by Crockett County court clerk and recorded by register 29 Apr 1873.

Pages 313-315, Deed dated 24 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$2,500, **Samuel B. Boykin** and wife, **Mattie V. Boykin**, convey to **W. P. Williams** 72-acre tract in Crockett County. Tract is their distributive share of **J. B. Boykins'** land and is part of Bank Tract, beginning at its southwest corner and adjoining Lots No. 4 and No. 2. Deed was witnessed by **J. W. Mathews** and **M. H. Jackson**. **Mattie Boykin** appeared before **J. W. Roseman**, justice of the peace, on 11 Jan 1873 and acknowledged signing deed voluntarily, and **Samuel Boykin** acknowledged executing it. Deed was certified by county court clerk 15 Apr 1873, and recorded 5 May 1873.

Pages 315-316, Deed dated 11 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$1,200, **Samuel B. Boykin** and wife, **Mattie V. Boykin**, convey to **W. P. Williams** 47-acre tract beginning at northwest corner of **J. B. Boykins'** Bank Tract, running east to Lot No. 1, then south to Lot No. 4. Deed was witnessed by **J. W. Mathews** and **M. H. Jackson**. **Samuel** and **Mattie** acknowledged deed separately before **J. W. Roseman**, justice of the peace, on 6 Mar 1873. Deed was certified by county court clerk 5 Apr 1873, and recorded 5 May 1873.

Pages 317-318, Deed dated 22 Jan 1873: In compliance with bond executed by **T. T. Reddick**, deceased, in his lifetime on 25 Aug 1869, **J. H. Farmer**, his administrator, and **Mary J. Reddick**, his widow, transfer and convey to **W. M. Walker** 108½ acres in Crockett County for consideration of \$2,000, the balance of \$436 having been paid to administrator. Tract is bound on east by **H. C. Jones'** land, on north by **Humphrey Reddick, Sr.'s**, on west by **R. Johnson's**, and on south by **C. Acklin's**. **Mary J. Reddick** appeared before **W. N. Beasley**, justice of the peace, on 6 Feb 1873 and acknowledged signing deed voluntarily. **Farmer** acknowledged deed before Crockett County court clerk 5 May 1873, and it was recorded same date.

Pages 319-320, Deed dated 28 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$100 and for purpose of erecting a jail and prison house, **Isaac M. Johnson** and wife, **M. M. Johnson**, convey Lot No. 42 in Alamo to Crockett County. The one-acre lot begins at east corner of Mill and Gin street crossing, runs to north boundary of Gin St., then to southwest corner of Lot No. 43, and to south boundary of White's Alley. **Johnsons** acknowledged executing deed (**M. M.** separately) before Crockett County court clerk 4 Apr 1873, and it was recorded 7 May 1873.

Pages 321-322, Deed dated 19 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$200, **J. C. Bell** conveys Lots No. 18 and 19 in Bell's Station to **A. W. Brooks**. **Bell** acknowledged executing deed in appearance before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, on 19 Feb 1873, and it was certified and recorded 7 May 1873.

Pages 322-323, Deed dated 27 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$300, **J. C. Bell** conveys a lot in town of Bell's Depot to **Z. Wainwright**. Lot, containing 142 poles, begins at southwest corner of Lot 28 west of the depot, runs north to southeast corner of Lot 36. Witnesses: **Robert Webb**, **W. H. Montigue**. **Bell** acknowledged deed 3 May 1873 before **J. J. Farrow**, justice of the peace. Deed was certified by county court clerk 9 May 1873 and recorded same date.

Pages 324-325, Deed dated 17 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,068.75, **Madison Cozzart** and wife, **Emaline Cozzart**, convey to **Joseph A. Marlow** 42¼ acres with all heraditaments and appurtenances in Crockett County, District 3. Acreage is taken from east end of tract on which **Cozzart** now resides, and adjoins land of **Norvel Spraggins**. Witnesses: **W. A. Johnson**, **James Emison**. **Mrs. Cozzart** appeared separately from her husband before **S. S. Watkins**, justice of the peace, on 7 Jan 1873 and attested that she signed deed voluntarily. **Madison Cozzart** acknowledged before county court clerk on 22 Jan 1873 that he executed deed, and it was registered 10 May 1873.■

Reminiscences of Other Days in Rhea County

This article by 76-year old William Raleigh "Rollie" Clack appeared in the Rhea County News in 1915 after the paper requested older residents of the county to write up some of the details they recalled from their early days. Clack died 25 Apr 1919, four years after writing the article. Our thanks to his great-granddaughter, Edna Clack for passing it on to us for publication. Edna can be contacted via e-mail at woodchippy@aol.com

"I was born in Rhea County, Tenn., 4 Feb 1839 and have resided continuously in the county for 76 years. I first saw light in Leuty Bend below Pinhook Ferry on the Tennessee River.¹

"My father, Micajah Clack,² lived on a farm in the Leuty Bend for about four years, and then rented the Farley Brady farm and ferry (now McElwee's) for a term of four years and took charge of it 1 Jan 1842.

"The ferry was well equipped for service for that day, and was on the main stock road leading from Middle Tennessee and Kentucky to the cotton fields in the state of Georgia, where thousands of head of stock – consisting chiefly of horses, mules, fat hogs, and sheep – were driven annually. Stands were established all along the route about a day's journey apart, where they could lot and feed their animals and spend the night. The drovers were royally cared for at those stands.

"W. S. Greer kept a stand in Grassy Cove, Cumberland County. John and James Robinson kept one near Lorraine in this county, and Jerry Chapman one in Meigs County, a half-mile south of the ferry. Those men were full-handed, owning large tracts of fertile lands and in every way well prepared to take care of, in royal style, all who chanced to come their way.

"Occasionally, the droves arrived too late to cross the river to the Chapman stand before night, and my father always took them in. One time it fell his lot to care for a few hundred head of hogs and a dozen or more of very hungry men, who had formerly entered into a conspiracy to eat out every tavern on the route. Mother was a good cook and always believed in having a plenty and some to spare. So she had considered the sharp appetite of those sturdy hog drivers and had an abundance cooked. After the men were filled to the neck, the foreman said, 'Boys, you'd better quit – we can't eat out the Clack tavern.' But said he, 'This is the *first* time we have failed to clean up the table since we left old Kentucky.'

"Those days were blessed with peace and plenty, and everybody appeared contented. The river and its tributaries contained an abundance of the finny tribes, and the forests were well stocked with wild game – deer, turkey, quail, squirrels, etc. The black bear and wildcat could be found on Walden's Ridge. Occasionally old Bruin would stealthily descend from the mountain into the valleys in search of prey and carry off a sheep or pig. This county also was infested by the wolf and the red fox to the detriment of the sheep and chicken industry.

"In the 1840s, wild pigeons were here in great numbers. In the fall season, they flew in flocks by the thousands. They had a roosting place near the mouth of Piney River where they all gathered at night. They crowded in such great numbers that their weight broke off many branches of the trees, and many people visited the roost at night and killed all the pigeons they needed with a brush or stick. (If any one doubts this fact, I would refer him to my old friend, Hon. C. Fugate.) The pigeons have long since ceased to make their annual visits to Rhea County, and the last survivor of the species died recently in the Cincinnati Zoo.

"Father bought the Colonel Preston farm on White's Creek and moved to it 1st Jan 1847. Eagle Furnace, located one mile north of us in Roane County, was then on a big boom. The furnace was owned and operated by Robert Cravens & Company. They made cast iron – mostly pig iron – and shipped it via the Tennessee River to Chattanooga in big barges. They had not yet learned the art of coking and had to use charcoal in their business which required much timber and labor. The 'stack' in which the ore was melted was a huge structure about 50 feet tall and about 30 feet in diameter at the base. It was built of limestone and lined inside with fireproof brick and sandstone. The plant at first was run by water power, and later steam power was put into use. The timber being exhausted and the iron ore very inconvenient, the works shut down in 1856. Much of the old 'stack' stands intact

¹ W. R. was married to the former Sabria Carolina Newport, who died 15 May 1934.

² Micajah, born 21 May 1799 in Wayne Co., Ky., came to Rhea County in about 1839 with his wife, the former Margaret Kerr, daughter of Robert and Amy Kerr of Sevier County, and children. Before coming to Rhea, he resided for a time in Bradley County. Micajah died 16 Aug 1886 at his home in Rhea County in his 87th year.

today³ as a monument to bygone days, but nearly all the men who helped operate the Eagle Furnace Works have passed beyond our mortal touch and vision.

"In the 1850s in Rhea County's old Second Civil District, much land with heavy timber was cleared and put in cultivation. Every spring season, 'log-rolling' was in order and, when invited, neighbors would lay down their work at home and freely go to help a friend all day to pile his logs without any thought of reward saved a bon-ton dinner and their friend's lasting gratitude. It was amusing to see the young bloods -- and the older ones, too -- meet and vie with each other over their physical prowess at the end of a spike.

"Back before the Civil War, it was an invariable custom among farmers to husk their corn before cribbing it. These often were night huskings, and it was expected that the proprietor would have a small quantity of 'snake medicine' within reach as snakes were numerous.

"The darkies liked to sing their corn-husking songs after nightfall, and old 'Unk Ralph' always led the choir. When he turned up for the occasion with a gill (more or less) of the exhilarating 'mountain dew,' the music would begin to roll and the corn husks would fly while ears of corn dropped rapidly into the granary and cheering strains of music floated out upon the soft night air in the mellow moonlight to the delight of the entire neighborhood."■

IN 1847 --

Two Men Drown In High Waters Near Nashville; A Third Is Rescued

On Thursday last [23 Dec 1847], **Austin Johnson** and **Thomas Martin**, two worthy and respectable citizens of Sumner County, having crossed the bridge on their return home from this place, attempted to pass over the turnpike which was overflowed to considerable depth but was fordable. Unfortunately, however, they did not keep [to] the turnpike but inclining too much to the left got over into very deep water and were drowned.

A **Mr. McCutchen** of Williamson County, who followed in at a short distance behind, also got off the turnpike and was in imminent danger of being drowned but was fortunately rescued.

-Nashville Whig, 29 Dec 1847■

Robber Makes Off With Sumner Countian's Clothes at Memphis Hotel



Col. Lycurgus E. Stewart of Sumner County was described by the *Memphis Avalanche* as having been "almost left in the fig-leaf condition of Adam" when a thief or thieves invaded his room at the Delmonico Hotel⁴ in Memphis some time during the night of 13 Apr 1866.

Gone was the suit of clothes he had taken off before retiring for the night. Also missing were \$180 in greenbacks and a highly prized pair of gold-framed spectacles which were in his suit pockets. **Stewart's** valise was entered and its contents abstracted, among which was a bundle of notes of hand payable to himself to the amount of nearly \$80,000. **Stewart** had been a guest at the hotel for some weeks.

The room of a **Mr. Lineberger** on another floor also was plundered and he, too, lost some wearing apparel though not as much as **Stewart**. Undiscovered by the thief were **Lineberger's** watch and \$7,000 which he had placed under his pillow as a precaution.

"Both suffered their misfortune most bravely," the paper reported.■

³ The old stack was removed when the land was being cleared to back up the water behind Watts Bar Dam. [Source: Edna Clack]

⁴ The hotel was located at the corner of Madison and Third sts. [Source: *Memphis Avalanche*, 15 Apr 1866]

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L. M. KING of Morristown, Hamblen County

Will dated 4 Dec 1884. Witnesses: W. D. Gammon, E. S. McCrary. Appoints son, O.C. King, executor.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Penelope L. King

Son - O. C. King

Daughters - Mrs. Nannie E. Gill of Jefferson County, Lou R. Donaldson

Granddaughter - Mamie A. Gill

Grandson - Hugh O. Donaldson

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D. A. MORELOCK

Will dated 27 Oct 1876. Witnesses: S. W. Shields, C. J. Burnett. Names wife executrix without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Nancy E. Morelock

[Refers to real and personal property he owns in Georgia]

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BENJAMIN F. CLUCK, HANNAH J. CLUCK, and MARGARET A. CLUCK

Will dated 24 Dec 1884. Witnesses: J. Kidwell, W. H. Anderson. Appoint W. S. Howell their executor.

In this unusual will, these three unmarried siblings bequeath all of their property to each other, with Benjamin to control the property during his lifetime. Hannah specifies that her wearing apparel, her half interest in one Grover & Baker sowing machine, and her side saddle are to go to Margaret individually.

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C. E. CARRIGER of Hamblin County, Civil District 2

Will dated 17 Apr 1885. Witnesses: James P. Carriger, Benjie Sunderland. Appoints son-in-law Hiram C. King executor.

Mentioned in will:

Daughters - Martha A. Larkin, wife of George T. Larkin

M. J. C. King, wife of Hiram C. King

H. Allie Ritchie (deceased)

Mary J. Graves (deceased)

Grandchildren - Maggie Bell Ritchie and Jo. Harrison Ritchie, daughter and son of H. Allie Ritchie;

Will E. Graves, son of Mary J. Graves

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NANCY MATHES

Will dated 31 Jul 1885. Witnesses: W. G. Read, H. M. Peek. Appoints brother executor.

Mentioned in will:

Brother - James P. Legg

[Refers to land she inherited from her father in Knox Co., Tenn.]

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MARY A. PRYDE

Will dated 13 Feb 1874. Witnesses: James G. Rose, C. J. Burnett. Codicil dated 9 Oct 1882. Witnesses: Wylie P. Noe, John W. Medlin. Names husband executor without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Husband - John Pryde

Ten children - Alice M. Tucker (then living apart from husband, Joseph S. Tucker), Addie S. Pryde, Florence R. Pryde, Anna C. Pryde, Ellen E. Johnson, Victoria M. Bibb, Corrine A. Reece, John C. Pryde, Albert K. Pryde

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SALLIE A. NOE

Will dated 25 Jul 1883. Witnesses: J. F. Noe, Isaac Cox, J. M. Bewley

Mentioned in will:

Husband - J. C. Noe

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W. P. CARRIGER

Will dated 1 Mar 1886. Witnesses: J. A. Carriger, Mrs. Julia A. Thomas. Appoints wife executor without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Mollie R. Carriger

Two sons - Wesley C. Carriger, Herbert M. Carriger

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MISS ELIZABETH B. CROWELL

Will dated 21 Mar 1885. Witnesses: J. A. Carriger, Jay C. Brown. Codicil same date, same witnesses.¹ Appoints sister executrix without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Four nieces - Sara J. Crowell, daughter of Stephen B. Crowell

Laura M. Williams, wife of H. Williams

Jennie L. Brown

Louise J. Crowell, daughter of Cyrus Crowell

Brothers - John D., David B., and Cyrus Crowell [Stephen B. not listed]

Sister - Mary P. Brown, wife of Joseph Brown

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DANIEL HAYNES, JR.

Will dated 10 Feb 1886. Witnesses: Jno. W. Hall, S. J. Hall. Appoints wife executrix with his cousin, J. P. Haynes, to assist her.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Harriet C. Haynes

Nephew - William Powell

Nieces - Sarah (Powell) Hill, Sinder Powell, Mary Powell

Sister-in-law - Jane E. Peck

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JAMES P. CARRIGER

Will dated 14 Nov 1885.² Witnesses: J. A. Carriger, W. P. Carriger. Appoints wife guardian of their minor child or children without bond, and also executrix without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Hester A. Carriger

Daughters - Nancy J., Sarah A., and Ella Bell Carriger

Son - William C. Carriger

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ALICE M. KYLE

Will dated 9 May 1885. Witnesses: G. B. Bishop, S. S. Massengill.

¹ Leaves to sister Mary "all my spoons, wearing apparel, bedding, bed furniture, books, etc."

² The will is 15 pages long and contains names of numerous owners of land adjoining the many pieces of property he bequeaths.

Mentioned in will:

Son - William S. Kyle
Daughter - Mary Eliza Jack

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WILLIAM R. BUCHANAN

Will dated 14 Sep 1886. Witnesses: Wm. K. Blair, Wm. McFarland. Names wife executrix without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Adelle A. Buchanan

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ELIZA ANN HAUN

Will dated 12 Feb 1887. Witnesses: I. N. Beckner, T. A. Beckner, J. P. Haun.

Mentioned in will:

Father - James Haun

Others [relationship not stated] - J. W. Haun and wife Mary "for the kindnesses they have shown me,"
J. P. Haun

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JAMES SMITH

Will dated 26 Nov 1872. Witnesses: Enoch Ward, W. P. Nichols. Codicil dated 7 Sep 1875; same witnesses as will.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Elizabeth Smith

Daughter - Elizabeth Smith

Sons - Huston Smith, L. D. Smith

Others (relationship not stated) - Danell and his heir, July Addison Danell

Mentioned in codicil (relationship not stated):

-Two daughters of Rachel Cline's oldest children, Martha E. Smith and Sary Jane Smith

-John Mason

-Sary Marget Mason and her heirs

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MRS. JENNY B. MCFARLAND

Will dated 6 Mar 1865. Witnesses: Tom A. Baker, C. P. Baker. Appoints oldest daughter, Anna E., executrix of her estate and guardian of son Henry, a minor. Codicil dated 8 Apr 1887. Witnesses: W. H. Smith, R. M. Barton, Jr. Names daughter, Emma, executrix along with Anna. States that her will and codicil consist of 19 pages (5 sheets of paper).

Mentioned in will:

Daughters - Anna E. McFarland, Emma McFarland

Son - Henry B. McFarland, a minor under 21 years of age

Attorney - R. M. Barton, Jr.

Persons she owes notes to - D. Woodworth, J. W. Adams (for property she purchased in Chattanooga)³

Mentioned in codicil:

Brothers - Thomas A. Baker, Charlie Baker, Horace Baker

Niece - Jennie May Baker, daughter of her brother Horace

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HULDAH LANE

Will dated 5 Sep 1875. Witnesses: Tarlton Lane, Sarah A. Lane, S. C. Davis, Garrett Lane. Appoints her cousin, Garrett Lane, executor.

Mentioned in will:

Niece - Lucy Horner

Brother-in-law - William Horner

³ In codicil, she states that notes have been paid, and most of her property now in city and suburban lots in Chattanooga.

Sister - Elizabeth, wife of William Horner and mother of his children
Brother - Morgan Lane

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JAMES ESTES

Will dated 27 Dec 1886. Witnesses: Henry R. Miller, Lee Lingren, J. J. Wilkinson

Mentioned in will:

Friend - James L. Bull, who resides with him
Neighbors (owners of adjoining property) - W. S. Hoyt, Robert Toney, W. M. Welworth(?), Wilice Williams, heirs of M. Carriger and Mrs. M. Carriger, T. C. Cain, and D. N. Sanders

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E. C. RIGGS

Will dated 4 Nov 1887. Witnesses: J. M. Haynes, W. D. Gammon. Appoints wife executrix without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Mary B. Riggs
Two nephews - the son of Jesse Riggs, and the son of Thomas W. Riggs
Neighbors - Thomas Baker, M. H. Allen

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W. B. DOGGETT

Will dated 4 Feb 1888. Witnesses: Henry T. Jones, William M. McGee. Appoints C. H. McGee executor.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Malissa Doggett
Oldest son - William N. Doggett
Youngest son - Jessee Doggett
Daughters - Nancy (Doggett) Harris, Martha Doggett

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MAHALA J. MAYS

Will dated 9 Dec 1886. Witnesses: J. C. Mays, J. W. Stubblefield. Appoints son-in-law executor.

Mentioned in will:

Daughter - Scythia C. Sloan
Son-in-law - John P. Sloan
Refers to \$300 due her on note from James P. Mays for land she conveyed to him 2 Jan 1883

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GEORGE W. PURKEY

Will dated 17 Feb 1888. Witnesses: A. J. Morelock, Charles Inman. Appoints mother executrix without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Mother - Elenor E. Purkey
Adjoining property owners - Robert Dobson Miller, Daniel Purkey, Joseph Purkey, Samuel Bracken, A. J. Morelock, James Purkey

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HUGHES W. TAYLOR of Grainger Co., Tenn.

Will dated 11 Jul 1882. Witnesses: W. P. Long, B. F. Long. Appoints son executor without bond.

Mentioned in will:

Wife - Alis G. Taylor
Son - N. G. Taylor
Daughter - Nancy C. Gray
Granddaughters - Cornelia Dodson, Alice M. Johnson

[Expresses desire to be buried with similar tombstone at the old graveyard where his children are buried. If N. G. and Nancy die within reach of the old graveyard and wish to be buried there, cost of their tombstones can be paid out of his estate.] ■

Tennessee COMINGS & GOINGS

MR. J. M. MARKHAM, better known as Jacob, a citizen of Henry County almost 20 years ago and now residing in Wayne Co., Mo., is in our midst canvassing for sale of county rights for a patent cow driver and device for managing cows. He is known to many of our people and is a very reliable gentleman.

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 3 June 1887

MR. J. T. W. COLE has sold his stock of drugs to **Mr. W. B. Jones**.

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 3 June 1887

MRS. RACHEL RHODES and **Mrs. Mattie Rhodes** of Columbus, Ky., have moved to Paris and are living at **Mrs. Jane McVay's** new residence on Market St.

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 3 June 1887

BORN to **Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Paschal** near Crossland on Sunday last [20 Nov 1887] a daughter.

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 25 Nov 1887

COL. J. P. EAGLE, prominent candidate for nomination for governor of Arkansas, is a native Tennessean, having been born in Maury County in 1837.

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 20 Apr 1888

PEYTON R. BOOTHE, son of Judge **John L. Boothe**, left last Sunday for the West on a prospecting tour.

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 8 June 1888

MR. L. M. CALDWELL has gone to San Antonio, Tex., in search of a more salubrious and congenial climate.

-Gibson County Mirror, 20 Jan 1877

MR. T. W. COLEY, mail carrier on the Paris and Como route, has been granted a pension for services in the Mexican War. A few days ago he received an \$80 check and will receive during his life the sum of \$8 per month.

-Paris Post-Intelligencer, 13 Jan 1888

HORSE STEALING is still of frequent occurrence in Middle Tennessee.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 5 Aug 1871

MAJOR J. R. Hubbard and **Dr. J. M. Smoot**, both of Huntingdon, had a little private shooting match the other day. Neither could hit the size of a man.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 5 Aug 1871

J. T. COWAN was unanimously elected mayor of Trenton by the board of alderman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of **J. K. Pearce**, and **W. E. Torrence** was elected recorder in place of **R. R. Caldwell** who resigned.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 23 Sep 1871

W. C. SUGG of Lincoln County took the \$500 premium at the Cincinnati Exposition for the best bale of cotton, and **Miss Mollie Thornton** of the same county took a \$250 premium for the second best.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 14 Oct 1871

TWO GIBSON COUNTY Masonic lodges passed tributes of respect in honor of **Wilkins Tannahill**, the oldest past Grand Master of Tennessee, who died in Nashville on 2 June 1859. A tribute by **Eaton Lodge**, dated 23 June 1859, was signed by **B. T. Dodd**, **J. M. Dodd**, and **W. C. Oliphant**. **Trenton Lodge's** tribute, dated 10 Jul, was signed by **A. S. Currey**, **P. D. McCulloch**, and **Z. Biggs**. The tributes were published in the *Southern Standard*, Trenton, on 14 Jul 1859.

THE SENATE on Monday elected **John Coke**, Esq., clerk, and **J. E. T. Harris**, Esq., assistant clerk. In the House on Tuesday, **John P. Hogg** was finally elected assistant clerk. He received 40 votes and **Mr. Tipton** 32. Fifteen candidates were nominated for second assistant clerk and after eight ineffectual balloting, the House adjourned.

-Memphis Daily Eagle, 9 Oct 1847

MRS. LUCY S. TEMPLE is now occupying one of the new and commodious buildings recently erected by **H. L. Guion** on Second St. in the rear of Court Square where she is prepared and would be pleased to accommodate a few day boarders.

-Memphis Daily Eagle, 9 Dec 1847

SHELBY COUNTIANS announcing themselves as candidates for offices in the ensuing March elections include: For sheriff - **William B. Davis**, **Benjamin Cash**, **J. B. Moseley** (incumbent), **J. C. Lundy**, **Col. C. D. McLean**; For trustee - **A. Allen** (incumbent), **Joseph H. Mosby**, **James Jamison**; For circuit court clerk - **Col. H. H. McMahon**, **Henry Van Pelt**, **Littleton Henderson**, **William T. Avery**; For county clerk - **W. L. DeWoody**, **James Brooks**, **Rufus S. Joiner**, **John P. Trezevant**, **John R. King**; For register - **Joseph L. Smith**, **R. M. Anderson**, **William P. Reeves** (incumbent); For constable - **Tobias Wolf** (for town constable), **William T. Clifton** (for beat constable of 14th Civil District), **John W. Hawthorn** (for 13th Civil District), and **John W. Taylor** (incumbent for 5th Civil District).

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 6 Jan 1848

WE SEE from a letter in *The Enquirer* of yesterday that the body of **Capt. Holmes**, late commanding officer of the steamer *Clarksville*, has been found. He was recognized from a small book in his pocket, some money, and a watch. The body of a white man and a Negro also were found.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 2 June 1848

J. P. SADLER, formerly a veterinarian surgeon in **Forrest's** command, has opened an office on Madison St. near the depot where he proposes to cure all diseases horse flesh is heir to.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 9 Mar 1866

OMNIBUSES leave the county clerk's office from 10 to 10½ o'clock this morning to accommodate those who wish to attend the large sale of city lots to be held 7 March by a decree of the County Court in the case of **Elijah Brooks** and **L. B. Suggs vs. J. W. Ledbetter** and wife.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 3 Mar 1866

Tennessee COMINGS & GOINGS

MRS. L. D. CAMP, whose romantic career as a lieutenant in the late Confederate Army under the name of **H. T. Buford** attracted so much attention during the war, is now in our city and is stopping at the Commercial Hotel. In male attire, full Confederate uniform, she went into a number of battles with a heroism equal to that of Joan of Arc. She was twice wounded during the war but nothing daunted, fought to the end. **Mrs. Camp** is on her way to St. Louis to purchase a stock of dry goods and plantation supplies with the view of opening a business house at Mulberry Grove, Jefferson County, Ark.

-*Memphis Daily Avalanche*, 1 Mar 1866

MRS. JOHN W. MORTON is in Jackson organizing a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

-*Jackson Dispatch*, 18 Jan 1901

MRS. J. T. HAYLEY and daughter, **Miss Kate Hayley**, returned home Wednesday from Philadelphia where they have been attending the great Centennial.

-*Jackson Dispatch*, 28 Jul 1876

OUR YOUNG FRIEND Haskins Ford, who has been absent two or three years in Colorado, returned home a few days ago. He expects to remain here until fall and then return to Colorado.

-*Jackson Dispatch*, 28 Jul 1876

THE LATE Dr. Joseph E. Martin bequeathed his valuable library of over 2,000 volumes to St. Katherine's School for young ladies located at Bolivar, Tenn. For years, this splendid school was the special charge of **Dr. Martin**.

-*Jackson Dispatch*, 18 Jan 1901

GEORGE SNODGRASS and family of Watauga are among the lot of emigrants expected to leave next Monday for Walla Walla, Washington.

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 7 Mar 1902

MRS. NANCY JONES of Jonesboro, Tenn., has petitioned the government for an increase of her pension as the widow of a soldier of the Revolutionary War. When 16 years old, she became the wife of **Darling Jones** who had served under Washington and was then under 70 years old. **Mrs. Jones** is about 90 years of age. She wants \$25 a month instead of \$12.

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 7 Mar 1902

THE SILVER WEDDING reception given Tuesday evening [29 Sep 1896] by **Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Hunter** to celebrate their anniversary was attended by a large crowd. Their lovely home on the Doe [River] was thrown open to the public at 3 o'clock that afternoon and from that time on till 10 in the evening, numerous friends called to pay their respects and wish the doctor and his good wife a bright future.

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 2 Oct 1896

MISS EVA EMMERT, after a most agreeable sojourn of several months in Texas, returned to her home in Elizabethton Monday. She was accompanied by **Mrs. Maud Wilmore** (formerly Tipton) who will spend the balance of the summer here.

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 11 Jul 1895

MRS. MARY STOVER of Union Depot, East Tennessee, ran an ad in *The Mountaineer* of Elizabethton, Tenn., on 25 May 1883 seeking to sell her farm which she described as "the best grain or stock farm in East Tennessee." As further inducement to prospective buyers, she noted that there was a white frame dwelling house with a well of splendid drinking water at the kitchen door. The house was said to be large and very convenient with plenty of cool porches and outhouses that were "all first-class." The barn — a Pennsylvania Bank Barn — was one of the best and finest in the state. It was 50x103 feet and had ample accommodations for all grain raised and stock and machinery wanted on the place. She planned to sell all the machinery on hand with the farm.

MR. J. M. CHRISTIAN of Hampton, Tenn., announced to the traveling public on 25 May 1883 that his hotel, The Christian House, was ready to accommodate all visitors. "It is a healthful Summer Resort," **Christian** stated in an ad in the Jonesboro paper, "and transient visitors from the cities who desire a pleasant and salubrious situation during the heated season will find it to their interest to address me."

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 25 May 1883

DAYTON HUNTER has sold his farm on Stoney Creek to **Mr. Murray** of South Watauga, it was announced 23 Apr 1891 in the *Elizabethton Mountaineer*.

W. H. HARRISON of Union County has been transferred to Fish Springs in Carter County to take charge of the special bonded warehouse there. He will fill the vacancy caused by the death of **R. L. Maupin**, U. S. storekeeper, who died of typhoid fever 7 Apr 1896 at the home of **W. O. Phillips** near Fish Springs. **Maupin's** home was near Jacksboro in Campbell County. He was 28 years old and unmarried. His remains were taken away on a special train accompanied by his father and **Chief Ralder**, **Charley Taylor**, and others from Johnson City.

-*The Mountaineer, Elizabethton*, 10 & 17 Apr 1896

W. R. BELL of the steamer *Tyrone*, having linked his fortune with Edgefield, recently purchased the magnificent residence presently occupied by **Dr. Mathews** on Woodland Street.

-*Nashville Daily Gazette*, 19 June 1866

W. A. MATHEWS, Esq., held an inquest yesterday on the body of **John Martin Hindes** who was drowned Monday last [14 June 1866] while bathing in the river near the railroad bridge. A verdict of accidental drowning was rendered.

-*Nashville Daily Gazette*, 16 June 1866

EVERY ARRANGEMENT has now been made to make the Fourth of July celebration in aid of the orphans a complete success. **Mrs. Maria Dougherty** and **Miss Maria Dougherty** are the two leading spirits (and they are indeed angels of charity) in the refreshment department and will be assisted by a host of charming young ladies. **Father Abram J. Ryan** [formerly of Nashville, now of Kentucky] has accepted an invitation to deliver the day's oration. The picnic will be on the grounds of **F. R. Rains** adjoining **St. Mary's Orphan Asylum** property. *-Nashville Gazette, 17 & 19 June 1866*

OUR GENIAL fellow townsman, **Ed. S. Hawkins**, has returned from his trip to the dark and bloody grounds in Virginia and reports everything working smoothly. He has become one of the fixtures of **Rose's clothing emporium**, No. 11 South side of Public Square, at which place he will be pleased to see his friends. *-Nashville Daily Gazette, 19 June 1866*

DR FRED W. SPARLING of the city of Limerick, Ireland, and late Medical Director of this Post, has the honor to inform the public he has opened an office for the practice of medicine and surgery in the building lately occupied by **Capt. Mills**, Post Quartermaster, a few doors from the post-office, N. Cherry St., where he will be happy to meet all his old friends of the Army of the Cumberland and such others as may need his professional attention.

-Nashville Gazette, 17 June 1866

PRIZES AWARDED at Soule Female College exam last week went to: **Miss Mary Rankin** for best original composition; **Miss Sallie Ridley** for music; **Miss Lou Plummer** for drawing; **Miss Bettie Ransom** for perfect recitation; **Miss Nannie Henry** for deportment; and **Miss Della Clark** for neatness. The vocal and instrumental concert and dialogue at the college on the 16th was an occasion of which patrons of the school may be justly proud.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 23 June 1866

THE FORMER personal and political friends of the late **Gen. William T. Haskell** are requested to forward to his widow (**Mrs. Paralee Haskell**), care of **Dr. Collins**, State Female College, Shelby Co., Tenn., any documents, letters, and other papers of his composition now in their possession, with a view to their embodiment in a memoir of the eminent statesman, shortly to be published. *-Nashville Gazette, 29 June 1866*

WE NOTICED in town on Thursday evening **Gen. George W. Gordon** of the late Confederate Army. He entered the war as a lieutenant and was in command of a brigade when the war closed. He was wounded twice and taken prisoner on the breastworks during the battle at this place [Franklin]. We understand the General is now preparing himself for the profession of law at Lebanon.

*-From the Franklin Review (Williamson Co.),
reprinted in the Nashville Daily Gazette, 17 June 1866*

WE LEARN that **Oliver A. Patton, Esq.**, formerly of Kentucky but now a resident of Nashville, has from a sense of justice, volunteered his services in prosecution of the case of **Moore, Allen, and Antony**, murderers of **Mr. John Kennelly**. **Mr. Patton** is a young lawyer of ability and will doubtless make his mark. *-Nashville Daily Gazette, 16 June 1866*

MR. A. A. CAMPBELL has recently been on a visit to his copper mines in Polk County and returned with a sack full of fine specimens — green carburet, yellow sulphuret, and black cyanide. The vein from which the yellow sulphuret was taken is from 40 to 60 feet in breadth, and a series of diggings have so far failed to discover how far it reaches in depth. He also has some specimens of silver ore. *-Nashville Gazette, 15 June 1866*

J. SHELBY WILLIAMS has returned from New York and intends settling down at his old home.

-Nashville Gazette, 15 June 1866

DR. A. A. HATCHER has been elected by the Board as Councilman from the Eighth Ward to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **R. M. Scott**. *-Nashville Gazette, 15 June 1866*

W. J. ELLIS, pastor of Christ Church in Nashville but resident of Edgefield, was yesterday the recipient of a fine horse and saddle presented to him at his home by members of the congregation. He was most greatly surprised and it is safe to say was highly pleased. *-Nashville Daily Gazette, 13 June 1866*

THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY COURT has elected **Albert Jones** sheriff to fill the unexpired term of **George Ganaway**, resigned. *-Nashville Daily Gazette, 13 June 1866*

FOUR ORPHAN CHILDREN desire information concerning their father (**Mr. Sullivan**) who died in or near Nashville probably two years ago, leaving his effects with his son, **Dennis Sullivan**, who is supposed to have died from smallpox in or near Nashville in February 1865. As the children are destitute and it being supposed that both the father and the brother left sufficient means to make them comfortable, it would be an act of charity for any person possessing information to make it known to the **Right Rev. P. A. Feehan**, Bishop of Nashville, or to **E. E. Jones** at this office. *-Nashville Daily Gazette, 14 June 1866*

GEN. GUSTAVUS W. SMITH was reported in Atlanta on 12th June. He is now connected, we believe, with the large rolling mill at Chattanooga. *-Nashville Daily Gazette, 16 June 1866*

MRS. JAMES R. BRUCE has lately reopened Rock City Inn near the Suspension Bridge, Nashville. The popular hotel was hitherto known as the Jones House.

-Nashville Gazette, 9 Nov 1865

Tennessee COMINGS & GOINGS

THE WELL-KNOWN homestead of Joseph L. Ewing, deceased, on White's Creek 10 miles north of Nashville, containing 448½ acres, is being advertised for sale by Nelson & Murfree. Possession will be given Jan 1866.

-Nashville Gazette, 9 Nov 1865

THE MEMPHIS APPEAL is revived and is being printed on the same press that accompanied that establishment throughout its peregrinations in Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama.

-Nashville Gazette, 17 Nov 1865

DR. B. W. HALL has returned to Nashville and resumed the practice of medicine. His office is in the Square two doors below Hendershott's Drug Store at the corner of Cedar Street.

-Nashville Gazette, 6 Jan 1866

NATHANIEL BAXTER, administrator, under a Chancery Court decree in keeping with the will of Samuel Seay, will expose to public sale on 16 Dec 1865 the beautiful and splendid residence on Summer Street in the city of Nashville where Seay resided for many years previous to his death. The lot fronts 115 feet 7 inches on Summer, 53 feet 8 inches of which is vacant. The residence is splendidly improved with a large and superb mansion house and outbuildings. The lot is 170 feet deep with an alley at the rear and to the side. It is 120 yards north of Cedar Street. Baxter said he would sell on the same day another lot fronting 30 feet on Jackson and running back 50 feet. It is known as the Magazine Lot.

-Nashville Gazette, 26 Nov 1865

ALL THE FEDERAL TROOPS have been withdrawn from Jackson, Tenn., to the very great gratification of the citizens.

-Nashville Gazette, 27 Nov 1865

THE EAST TENNESSEAN of Kingston in its issue of 25 Nov says scarcely a day passes but what its streets are filled with wagons moving through that place to the Far West. The exodus of the population from all parts of East Tennessee is said to be very great.

-Nashville Gazette, 10 Dec 1865

OUR SANCTUM was yesterday honored with a visit from our old time friend and fellow citizen, **W. H. Morrow**, now a resident of our flourishing sister city of Atlanta.

-Nashville Gazette, 19 Dec 1865

MEMBERS of the bar for the 14th Judicial District at the September term of Henry County circuit court adopted a tribute of respect saying that in the death of **William Fitzgerald** "the bar of Tennessee has lost one of its most valuable jewels, the bench one of its soundest and ablest jurors, and the county one of its most patriotic and talented statesmen." The September term was the circuit court's first session since Fitzgerald's death.

-Nashville Gazette, 9 Dec 1865

WE LEARN that **M. H. McCrae** sold yesterday one-half interest in 8,000 acres of oil land in Cheatham County for the sum of \$12,000 with the proviso that two wells are to be started within the next 30 days. The purchase was made by Messrs. **Hough and Henderson** through **A. P. McDonald & Company**. This is an earnest that oil fever is beginning to bring forth tangible results.

-Nashville Gazette, 2 Dec 1865

J. W. WATSON, a faithful soldier and formerly well-known citizen of Memphis, has begun a business in Jackson, Tenn.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 12 June 1873

THE TROY TIMES says Obion County was a territory 50 years ago with less than one hundred men in it. Five of the men who were then old enough and were married still live there and have never lived out of the county. **Elisha Parker** was perhaps the first man who built a permanent residence in the territory. He lived there for 50 years and moved to Arkansas to start a graveyard but still lives.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 3 May 1873

A. R. TURK announced in the *Hiwassee & Athens Gazette* on 26 Dec 1826 that he had purchased the Athens House, formerly occupied by **Young Colville**, deceased, and would commence business on the 25 Feb 1827.

THE MARYVILLE REPORTER says: "Mr. Thomas T. McWhirter of Athens has started a new paper at Calhoun - the *Hiwassee Reporter*. It is a spicy little paper."

-Hiwassee Reporter, 11 Mar 1876

TWO DIVORCE PETITIONS were filed in Rhea County Circuit Court during the Sep 1827 term. In one, **Henry Mainyard** was seeking a parting of the ways from **Nancy Mainyard**, a non-resident of the state. In the other, **Nancy Greenwood** was suing by her next friend for a divorce from **John Greenwood**, another non-Tennessee resident. Notice of the petitions' filings was published in the *Hiwassee & Athens Gazette* of 20 Feb 1828.

A \$50 **REWARD** was offered by McMinn County jailer **John Austin** in the 8 Apr 1835 issue of the *Hiwassee Journal* for **James Foreman** and **Isaac Springsten** who broke jail on the night of 31 Mar 1835. The two, both natives of the Cherokee Nation, were confined on a charge of murder committed on the body of **John Walker, Jr.** They were described as "large, dark half-breeds." Foreman was said to be very tall and of rather slender make, while Springsten was shorter, heavy, and of stout build. Austin said he would pay a \$100 reward if both men were delivered to him in Athens within three weeks, or half of that sum for either. ■

Sam Hall: *One of Morgan County's Unique Characters*

[Taken from *The Mountaineer*, Elizabethton, Tenn., 31 Jan 1902]⁸

"In the edge of Morgan County, Tenn., where the waters of Clear Creek empty into the Obia⁹ will be found a curious monument which is no less a curiosity than the man who sleeps under it. A shaft of hard stone about five feet high bears this inscription:

Here lies
SAM HALL
who killed 1500 deer,
1800 turkeys, and
small game too numerous
to mention.

"Hall was a unique character and lived his 80 years in Clear Creek, having died about 15 years ago. Near by his grave — which is in a barnyard (he having been buried there at his own request for he claimed the guinea's 'potrack' would scare the fiends away) — is a large rock. Carved on the rock by an amateur hand is a rude outline of the faithful mule he always used. The mule was so well trained it would kneel to receive its load. Hall could ride the mule without a bridle (in those days, hickory bark bridles were used in this section) and kill deer from its back.

"Outlines of an old flintlock gun also were carved in the stone. The houses are torn down. No guinea's quack, no barn is there. Only the narrow walls of a cavern verify the reading of the tombstone."

The "character" referred to in this story apparently was **Samuel Hall**, a Virginian who first settled on Beaver Creek in Knox County and in 1807 moved his family to Morgan County about seven miles northeast of Wartburg. He and his brother **Martin** were among the first settlers of the area.

Sam is said to have had a large family of sons and daughters — none of whom were under six feet tall. His sons were **David, Elijah, Elisha, Luke, and Garrett Hall**. A great-grandson, **John Hall** (b. 17 Apr 1842) was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Additional Sources:

- *Goodspeed's History of Morgan County, Tenn.*
- <http://www.tngenweb.org/morgan/history.html>

1865 Middle Tennessee Grand Jury Has Words of Praise For Judge C. F. Trigg

About to be discharged from their duties and return to their respective homes, members of the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Middle District of Tennessee — convened in Nashville — had some kind words to say about the presiding judge, the Hon. **C. F. Trigg**.

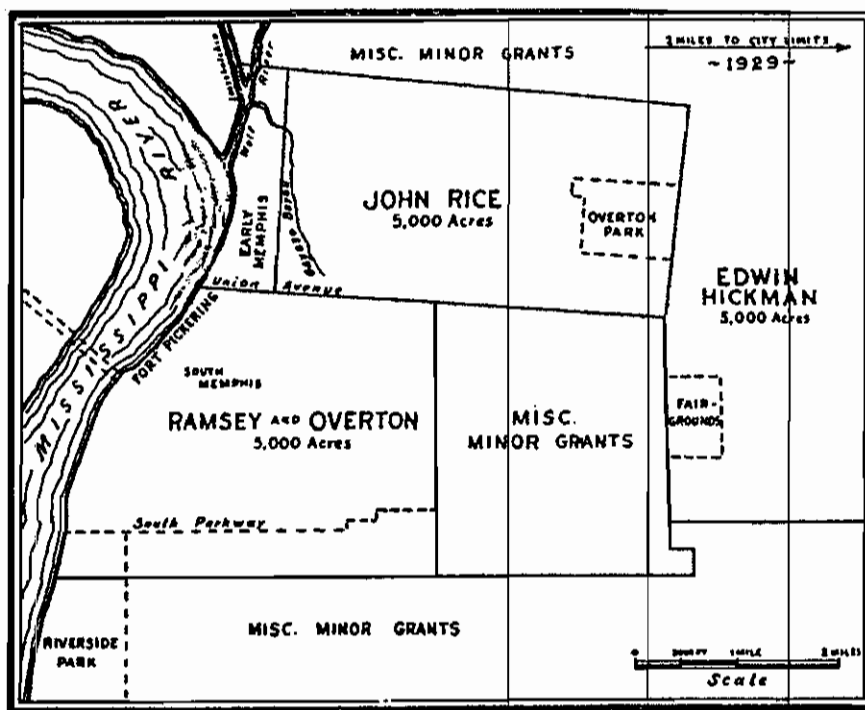
Their comments, as published in the *Nashville Gazette* of 17 Nov 1865, were these:

"Before departing we desire to unite in a brief testimonial to the eminent dignity, mildness, and courtesy which have characterized your Honor during our connection. With a lively satisfaction, we have noticed that at a time when relations of many of our citizens to the General Government are as yet somewhat confused and inharmonious and are thus brought in contact with the laws of the United States, they can safely rely upon a full and impartial hearing and of justice tempered with mercy."

The statement was signed by Foreman **John Wilson**, and Jurors **B. R. Cutter, S. R. Spurlock, M. S. Claiborne, Paschal Rouser, S. H. Singleton, G. W. Owen, W. A. Wherry, Daniel McKennon, Wm. M. Goggin, M. Thompson III, W. M. Parmele, L. D. Aiken, C. B. Hall, Charles Walker, and Wm. W. Stockard.** ■

⁸ The article bears the headline, "Grave of a Mighty Hunter."

⁹ Clear Creek is a tributary of the Obid River.



Early Land Grants in the Memphis Area in Relation to Modern Landmarks

-From *The Biography of a River Town* by Gerald Capers, Jr.

Would-Be Rivals to City of Memphis End Up As Suburbs Instead

Fort Pickering, envisioned by **John Christian McLemore** as a rival town to Memphis, was destined to become a suburb of the city instead. Situated on the highest point of the Chickasaw bluff, it occupied a portion of the 5,000-acre Ramsay tract and was about two miles to the south of Memphis. To assure a connection with the LaGrange & Memphis Railroad, which had been chartered in 1834, **McLemore** sold the company 208 acres company on 19 June 1840 so it could build a lateral line to intersect with its main line a short distance from the river.¹ Under the agreement, the tract would be laid off in blocks and lots which would then be sold with the proceeds to be divided equally between the two parties. The town initially flourished with stores, factories, a boat-building yard, a girls' boarding school, a post office, a newspaper (*The American Eagle*), and a railroad terminal. But in the late 1840's, financial problems overtook both **McLemore** and the LaGrange-Memphis railroad. In an attempt to recoup his fortune, **McLemore** migrated to California during the Gold Rush, and the railroad was bought out by the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company in January 1851.

On the same bluff as Fort Pickering was another Memphis rival destined to become a suburb. Known as South Memphis, it was developed by **Robertson Topp** and incorporated in March 1846 with **Sylvester Bailey** its first mayor. The town started south of Union Street (where Memphis then ended), running along the river to Jackson (now Crump Boulevard), and extending east of the Bayou Gayoso. Promoted by its developers as an elite town of fine homes, South Memphis was laid off in blocks numbered 1 through 67 and 400 lots were advertised for sale by trustees **Topp**, **Nathaniel Anderson**, and **W. L. Vance** in August 1846. Like Fort Pickering, South Memphis flourished for a while with its luxurious Gayoso House, Howard's Row of cotton offices, the Beale Street residential section, and Shelby Street (later South Front) which was lined with fine homes. But like Fort Pickering, South Memphis' life as a separate entity was short-lived. On 3 Dec 1849, the state legislature passed an act incorporating South Memphis and Memphis into a single town.

With this issue, the *Tennessee Genealogical Magazine* begins a series of abstracts by **Jean Alexander West** of deeds and other records relating largely to Fort Pickering and South Memphis in the early 1840s. The series starts on the adjoining page.

¹ The transaction, involving a \$25,000 consideration, was recorded 19 June 1840 in Deed Book 1, page 349, Shelby County register's office.

SHELBY COUNTY DEEDS OF THE 1840'S

Transcribed by Jean Alexander West from Microfilm of Book O

Most of the deeds in this book relate to Fort Pickering and South Memphis. John W. Fuller was Shelby County court clerk at the time, with William L. Dewoody and James Rose, deputy clerks. William P. Reeves was county register. Like many early deed books, this volume also contains powers of attorney, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, and other documents of interest.

Page 1:

Power of Attorney dated 1st Apr 1843: **Frances Corbitt Taylor** of Chattooga Co., Ga., executrix of the estate of **David Taylor, Jr.**, late of Chattooga Co., empowers **Andrew Rembert** of Shelby Co., Tenn., to act as her attorney in selling land on north side of Loosehatchie River on branch of river adjoining **Thomas Polk** (Land Grant No. 1055), **Robert Goodloe** (No. 572), and **Abner Sharp**. Parcel consisting of 2,000 acres was granted to **Sharp** by State of North Carolina on 10 Jul 1788, conveyed by him to **William Sharp**, thence to **Robert H. Burton**, and then to **David Taylor, Jr.** Witnesses **Robert Howard** and **William M. Wilson** attested 5 Apr 1843 they witnessed signing of this power of attorney, and it was recorded 12 Apr 1843.

Page 2:

Bill of Sale dated 5 Apr 1840: For consideration of \$400, **Pullum & Blackwell** of Fayette Co., Ky., convey to **C. A. Jones** of Shelby Co., Tenn., two Negro girls, **Manah**, about 16, and **Ellen**, about 18. **W. A. Pullum** of above firm acknowledged bill of sale 6 Apr 1843, and it was recorded 12 Apr 1843.

Deed dated 3 Apr 1843: For \$1,065 note on **John B. Person** due 1st Jan 1846, **John D. Martin** of Marshall Co., Miss., conveys to **Daniel Coleman** of Shelby County 70 acres east of Raleigh, Tenn., in Shelby County. Land is part of 1,000-acre grant to **James Freeman** that was allotted to **Samuel Dickins** in a division among **Dickins** heirs and **Alexander Dowell**. Witnesses: **John Only**, **S. R. Brown**. **Thomas Dickins**, certified by county court clerk, verified validity of deed and **John D. Martin** on 5 Apr 1843 acknowledged signing it. Conveyance was recorded 12 Apr 1843.

Pages 3-5:

Deed and Power of Attorney dated 30 Mar 1843: For consideration of \$2,800, **Jeptha Fowlks** and **Miles White** convey to **Jesse J. Finley** part of 8.6 acres with dwelling house wherein **Fowlks** now resides and all hereditaments and appurtenances. Property, fronting on Main Stage Rd., was formerly owned by **James P. Hardaway**. **Fowlks** executed deed for himself 30 Mar 1843, and, through a power of attorney, for **Miles White** 1 Apr 1843. Deed was recorded 13 Apr 1843. **Jesse J. Finley** filed a deed of trust for \$2,800 to be paid in series of eight notes between Apr 1844-1849. Registered 13 Apr 1843.

Page 6:

Deed dated 27 June 1842: For consideration of \$415, **LaGrange & Memphis Railroad Company** conveys to heirs of **John Larkin**, deceased, Lot #27 in Fort Pickering, Square #6 with all hereditaments and appurtenances. Deed is signed by **Eastin Morris**, railroad company president. Witnesses: **John C. McLemore**, **William H. Edwards**. County clerk certified that **Morris** executed deed 12 Apr 1843. Registered 13 Apr 1843.

Page 7:

Deed of Trust dated 3 Sep 1843: For consideration of \$4,140, **John C. McLemore** conveys to **Jeptha Fowlks** 414 acres on Mississippi River adjoining southwest corner of **A. B. Carr's** 125 acres, running east to **Carr's** 88-acre tract, northwest to his 69-acre tract, and to east corner of 5,000-acre tract. This is same land as Entry 25, dated 7 Feb 1837, and founded on part Certificate #3541 issued by commissioners of West Tennessee to **John D. Graham** [Grant #4826, dated 31 Jul 1841]. Witnesses: **I. S. Lamplier**, **C. D. McLean**. Deed was certified and tax paid 7 Apr 1843. Recorded 13 Apr 1843.

Pages 8-9:

Mortgage dated 8 Apr 1843: **Eastin Morris** of Shelby County makes a \$5,100 note to **Kleber Miller** and **Joseph Miller**, executors of **W. S. Miller**, deceased, of Sumner Co., Tenn., with second note dated 24 Nov 1842, and a lien upon goods purchased by **Morris**. County clerk certifies mortgage was executed 8 Apr 1843, and it was

registered 13 Apr 1843.

Page 9:

Deed dated 7 Mar 1843: For consideration of \$400, **Thomas Dixon** and **James Kennedy (McKennedy)** convey to **William I. Rawlings** part of Lot No. 195 on plan of Memphis. Lot is 74' 3" by 24 feet, and adjoins **Col. John Brown's** lot. County clerk certifies deed was executed 7 Apr 1843. Registered 13 Apr 1843.

Pages 10-11

Deed of trust dated Nov 1839: **John R. James** signed deed of trust, with **James T. Leath** as trustee, for 8.75 acres adjoining Lot No. 512 at line of Alabama Road,¹ Lot No. 513, and graveyard lot No. 40. Land is part of original county lot No. 512. Deed of trust is made to **Mrs. M. Hollaway** for payment of \$248, **Larkin F. Wood** for \$____ [left blank], **Samuel Massey** for \$300, and **Wiley Kimbrough** for \$170. **Mrs. Hollaway** is empowered to sell land within six months in event of payment default. Witnesses: **J. W. Hunt**, **W. C. Nixon**. Land was sold for \$1,000 on 19 June 1841 to **Samuel Massey**, highest bidder. County clerk certified deed of trust was verified by witnesses, and state tax received. Deed recorded 10 Apr 1843; registered 14 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 26 Oct 1841: For consideration of \$1,500, **L. G. Hobson** conveys to **D. Andrew Moss** of Shelby County 320 acres with all hereditaments and appurtenances in 11th District, Range 9, Section 4. Land is on Island 40 in Mississippi River, and adjoins property of **J. W. Royster** and **John Branford**, the chute, and **Bone Spurlock**. County clerk certifies **Hobson** acknowledged deed 27 Oct 1841 and paid tax. Registered 14 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 24 Oct 1842: For consideration of \$650, **Wilks Brooks** conveys to **John S. Dennis** of Shelby County Lots No. 15, 16, and 17 in Germantown. Lots adjoin northwest corner of Lot 18 on Bridge Street and run with bridge to Lot 14. Witnesses: **Joseph Brooks**, **E. K. Burrows**. County clerk certifies **Wilks Brooks** acknowledged deed 10 Apr 1843. Registered same date.

Deed dated 5 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$600, **W. A. Pullam** of Fayette Co., Ky., conveys slave **Fanny**, aged about 21 and of yellow complexion, to **Lemuel P. Hardaway** of Shelby County. **Pullam** certified sale 5 Apr 1843. Recorded 14 Apr 1843.

Deed dated 14 Feb 1843: For consideration of \$200, **Green B. Black** of Catahoula(?) Parish, La., conveys to **Francis McWilliams** and her heirs part of Lot #149 north of Commerce St. in Memphis, adjoining lot known as **Runkles** and **James P. Hardaway's** property. Witnesses: **James Rose**, **J. W. Taylor**. Deed signed by **Charles Black**, attorney for **Green Black**, and acknowledged by him 3 Mar 1843. Recorded 11 Apr 1843.

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Lease dated 21 Apr 1842: For \$100 annually (including taxes), **Benjamin Pearce** of Shelby County grants five-year lease on lot on Poplar Street in Memphis to **Dudley Dunn** beginning 21 Apr 1842. At end of lease, **Dunn** will purchase lot and any structural improvements on it from **Pearce**. Under agreement, **Pearce** is to build two-story brick house with walls 13" thick on lower story and 9" thick on upper story except where wall unites with **S. Watson's**. **Pearce** also is to leave 4' alley on east side and allow old warehouse to remain on lot. Lease certified by county clerk and recorded 17 Apr 1843.

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Deed of Trust dated 10 Apr 1843: Whereas **William Specknagle** and **John P. Trezevant** have jointly made with **Benjamin Pearce** a promissory note to **Charles A. Leath** for \$219.67 due in 12 months to Farmer & Merchants' Bank in Memphis, and **Specknagle** has stayed a \$79 judgment rendered by **James Rose, J.P.**, against **Pearce** in favor of **Sidney Rassman**, **Pearce** -- desirous of securing **Specknagle** and **Trezevant** from any loss -- makes deed of trust to **James Rose** conveying his interest in 20'x74' lot and dwelling on Poplar in Memphis. If **Pearce** pays

¹ Alabama Road was what is now called Stateline Road.

off note to **Leath**, deed is to be null and void. Witnesses: **I. Delafield, Jr., P. C. Gallaher, L. P. Hardaway, R. A. Anderson**. County clerk certifies **Hardway** and **Anderson** as witnesses. Recorded 19 Apr 1843.

Agreement dated 10 Mar 1843: For \$100, **Abner Teague** of Madison Co., Tenn., agrees to sell right to **S. M. Allen** to make and use for himself improvement in **Teague's** patent plow for 14 years from 10th Mar 1843. Witnesses: **F. C. Atkinson, W. L. Flowers**. **Teague** acknowledged agreement 12 Apr 1843. Recorded 17 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 4 Jul 1842: For \$175 consideration, **John C. McLemore** of Shelby County conveys to **Charles Lofland** parcel of land in town of Fort Pickering adjoining northwest corner of **Lofland's** property, Fort Pickering railroad, and Jackson Street. Witnesses: **I. M. Walker, James P. Davis, R. Taliaferro**. **McLemore** acknowledged deed 7 Apr 1843, and it was recorded same date.

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Deed dated 3 Nov 1842: For \$400 consideration, **Alfred W. G. Davis** conveys to **Rachel Ballinger** of Hamilton Co., Ohio, parcel of land in town of Fort Pickering fronting 50' on Second Street and running back 125'. **Davis** acknowledged deed 5 Nov 1842. Recorded 18 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 1 Dec 1842: For \$450 consideration, **John B. Acree** conveys to **Rachel Ballinger**, Hamilton Co., Ohio, Lots No. 8, 9, and 10 adjoining **Henry G. Roberson's** northeast corner on south line of Jackson St., and seven feet off Lot 10 in Block 52 in Fort Pickering as extended by **John C. McLemore**. Witnesses: **William B. Sorrels, N. Williams**. Deed acknowledged by **Acree** 3 Dec 1842. Recorded 18 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 1 Sep 1842: For \$5.00 consideration, **John C. McLemore** conveys to **Ruth Caroline Ballinger**, wife of **William Ballinger**, for her separate use, Lot No. 7, Block 52 fronting on Jackson Street in Fort Pickering as extended by **McLemore**. Transaction acknowledged by **McLemore** 9 Mar 1843; recorded 9 Mar 1843.

Quit-claim Deed dated 12 Jan 1843: For \$200 discharged for work on Gayoso House, **Wm. L. Vance, R. Topp**, and **J. T. Trezevant**, sell and quit-claim to **John L. Sims**, lot in southwest corner of South Memphis adjoining **Butler's** east line, **Wellington** street, and **J. E. Holden's** corner. Witnesses: **W. G. McIlvane, J. W. Sims**. Deed proved by witnesses 11 Apr 1843, and recorded 18 Apr 1843.

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Deed of Trust dated 12 Jan 1843: **John L. Sims** and **Allen & Smithwick**, Shelby County creditors, make deed of trust to **Josiah D. Williams** and **T. W. Wilkinson**, trustees, for lot in South Memphis and \$5. Deed is to secure \$128 debt made 1 Jan 1843 to **Allen & Smithwick** and due 1 Sep 1843. If debt not paid, property is to be advertised for sale in local newspaper for 20 days. If property not sold and debt not paid, lot to be auctioned to highest bidder. Witnesses: **R. A. Blount, J. M. Howard**. Acknowledged by **Sims** 17 Apr 1843; recorded same date.

Bill of Sale Dated 10 Sep 1842: Received in Memphis of **W. F. Allen**, \$400 as payment in full for Negro boy **John**, 12 years of age. (Signed) **A. A. Smithwick**. Witnesses: **Samuel Gilbert, R. A. Blount**. Sale acknowledged by **Smithwick** 17 Apr 1843. Recorded 20 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 12 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$400, **Robertson Topp** and **Joshua Lunday** convey to **Barnett Graham** lot in South Memphis beginning on west side of Main Street at intersection with Beal, adjoining **Trezevant** property. Deed acknowledged by **Topp** 12 Apr 1843; recorded 20 Apr 1843.

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Deed of Trust dated 17 Apr 1843: For \$1 and other considerations, **Dennis John Doyle** of Memphis conveys and assigns to **David Park** two saddle horses, his library and surgical instruments, plates, linens, and household and kitchen furniture (inventory furnished trustee), and all other personal effects and property. **Doyle** is indebted to **William W. Berry** of Nashville for \$375; to **Alexander McIntosh**, Nashville, for \$114; and to **Robert A. Burton**,

Nashville, for \$320. If **Doyle** fails to settle debts by dates they are due, he authorizes his trustee to sell described property at public or private sale at best price and pay debts from proceeds. If **Doyle** pays debts before eight calendar months, trust is to be null and void. Witnesses: **George A. Smith, L. Lea Smith**. Deed proved by witnesses 17 Apr 1843. Recorded 21 Apr 1843.

Deed of Trust dated 6 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$1.00, **William S. Wesson** of Shelby County makes deed of trust to **Payton Fletcher** conveying two horses, one colt, three yearlings, one feather bed and furniture, 35 barrels of corn, two stacks of fodder, 4500 pounds of cotton, one wagon and harness. **Wesson** is indebted to **G. Falls** of Macon, Tenn., in amount of \$24 due last November; to **David W. Sims** for \$50 due last December, to **Samuel Mosby** of Memphis for \$50, and to **Benjamin Wesson** for \$25. If certain payments on debts not made by 1st Jan 1844, **Fletcher** is to advertise and sell described property to highest bidder and pay debts from proceeds. Witnesses: **James Snell, G. Rideout**. **Wesson** acknowledged deed of trust 19 Apr 1843. Recorded 21 Apr 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 30 Mar 1843: For \$332.50, **Thomas Morgan** of Shelby County sells to **J. S. Edwards** a boy named **Albert**, about 12 years of age. Witnesses: **Mogillord Rogers, S. W. Ledbetter**. Deed proved by witnesses 20 Apr 1843; recorded 21 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 8 Jul 1841: For consideration of \$420, **Robertson Topp** — as attorney in fact for **George A. McCall** — conveys Town Lot No. 8, Block 17 to **T. Muston Qualls**. Land is part of original county lot No. 489, and fronts 20' on Hotel Street. Deed acknowledged 14 Jul 1841 by **Topp**; recorded 24 Apr 1843.

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Deed dated 3 Feb 1843: For consideration of \$570, **Elam F. Thomas**, Shelby County, conveys to **Johnathan Folk** of Fayette County 74 acres on waters of Crooked Creek in Shelby County's 11th District, Range 5, Section 5. Land adjoins **J. G. and T. B. Blount; McNary Butler & Philips'** entry, and **E. M. McGehee**. Witnesses **John M. Thomas** and **James C. Griffith** proved deed 24 Apr 1843, and it was recorded same date.

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Deed dated 20 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$1,800 (secured to be paid), **Thomas Webb** of Memphis conveys to **John Andrews**, lot east of town adjoining bayou at its intersection with Memphis-LaGrange Railroad (it being parcel purchased by **Cook & Webb** from **Jacob L. Thompson**). Included in sale is his undivided interest in tanning yard on lot with all buildings, vats, implements, stock of leather, etc. **Webb** acknowledged deed before county clerk 24 Apr 1843. Recorded 25 Apr 1843.

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Deed of Trust dated 13 Dec 1842: **Marcus Cook** owes \$1,200 note to **Thomas Webb** due in three years for purchase of his interest in building improvements, fixtures, apparatus, implements, leather, etc., in tanning yard. To secure first payment on note, **Cook** makes deed of trust to **P. C. Gallaher**, conveying lot immediately adjoining bayou at its intersection with railroad and containing tanyard and purchased by **Cook and Webb** from **Jacob L. Thompson**. If **Cook** fails to make payment, **Gallaher** is to auction property and make payment from proceeds. **Cook** acknowledged deed of trust 18 Jan 1843 before county court clerk. Recorded 24 Apr 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 21 Apr 1843: Received from **William S. Wells** \$500 for Negro boy **Sam**, aged 12 years. (Signed) **Thomas A. Oliver**. Witnesses: **T. B. McDowell, Samuel McDowell**. Sale attested to 21 Apr 1843 by **Samuel McDowell**, Hardeman County resident. Registered 26 Apr 1843.

(To be continued)

ABRAHAM WILLIAMS of Greene Co., Tenn., sold two parcels of land in North Carolina in 1799, according to deed records published in the *Randolph Co., N.C., Genealogical Journal*, Vol. XXVII, No. 1. On 8 Jan 1799 he sold 150 acres on Millstone Creek in Randolph County to Samuel Nelson for 100 pounds, and another 150 acres on the creek to Thomas Hart for 30 pounds. Another Tennessean, William Millikan, conveyed a nine-acre plot on the Uwharrie River in Randolph County to Enos Blair for 10 pounds on 25 Dec 1797.

THE DEATH of Elizabeth F. Tatum in Summerville, Tenn., printed in the *Tennessee Baptist* of 20 June 1848, is reproduced in *The Guilford Genealogist*, Vol. 30, No. 1. Mrs. Tatum, the wife of E. W. Tatum and a native North Carolinian, died 4 June 1848. Born 1st Feb 1817, she was aged 31 years, 4 months, and 3 days.

AN 1823 DIVORCE BILL for Tennesseans James and Elizabeth (Waggoner) Nall appears in the Central Alabama Genealogical Society's annual quarterly, Vol. 28, No. 1-4 published in Selma. The suit was filed 24 Mar 1823 by James Nall in Dallas Co., Ala., where he was then residing. They married 25 Sep 1810 in Grainger Co., Tenn., and immediately moved to Bedford Co., Tenn. where they separated in 1819.

NAMES of Tennesseans crop up in a pedigree chart published in *Northeast Alabama Settlers*, Vol. 42, No. 1. Taylor McNabb, born 4 Mar 1805 in Carter Co., Tenn., married Margaret Deannah Whaley on 30 Jul 1840 in Washington Co., Tenn. A native North Carolinian, Margaret was born 28 Jul 1819. They both died in McMinn Co., Tenn., Taylor on his 71st birthday on 4 Mar 1876 and Margaret at age 70 on 21 Dec 1889. Their daughter, Louisa M., born 7 Jul 1841 in Union Co., Ga., married Enoch Jephtha Nicholson who is believed to have been born 3 May 1837 in Bradley Co., Tenn. Louisa and Enoch married in Fannin Co., Ga., and were living in Cherokee Co., Ala., when they died.

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THE DEATH of Gen. Thomas Washington in Rutherford Co., Tenn., as reported in the *Alexandria, Va., Herald* of 15 Jul 1818, is reprinted in *The Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 47, No. 1. The actual date of his death was not stated, but was referred to as having occurred "lately." The general, aged 55 years, was described as "a soldier in the war of the revolution, a brave, active and skillful partizan [who] in every grade, from a private to a brigadier, knew his duty and did it." Washington also was said to have been an affectionate husband, a kind father, and obliging friend.

HARVEY RICHARD SPARGER, Marion Co., Tenn., native, was one of three original trustees of Oak Grove Methodist Church in Tarrant Co., Tex. A history of the church and some of its members appears in *Footprints*, Vol. 46, No. 1, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. Sparger, born 16 Oct 1833 in Marion County, was married to Mary Ann Hamilton, also of Marion, on 21 Dec 1854. They moved to Walker Co., Ga., about 1858 and he served in the Confederate Army with the 8th Georgia Volunteer Cavalry. In late 1879, the Spargers and their unmarried children moved to Texas. Their married daughters, Margaret Jane Rogers (Mrs. Layton T.) and Mary Alice Couch (Mrs. George W.) lived near the church and appear with their families in a photo of the congregation taken about 1890.

Another Tennessean mentioned in the same issue of *Footprints* is A. J. Hodges who, according to the *Fort Worth Daily Democrat*, was murdered 11th Jul 1880.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES in *Somerville (Tex.) Settlers*, Vol. 9 - March 2003 mention Andrew Jackson Kennemer of Giles Co., Tenn., whose daughter Ona was vice president of the First National Bank of Glen Rose, Tex. Her husband, Charles A. Bridges, was bank president.

FOUR FORMER Tennesseans - two of them women - were members of "The Old Men's Club" in Lexington, Mo., in 1887. The club was formed in 1868, and only persons 70 years of age were admitted to its membership. Biographical sketches of members appear in the *Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal*, Vol. XXIII, No. 1. Former Tennesseans who belonged to the club in 1887 were:

- Major A. G. Young - b. in Hawkins Co., Tenn., 26 Sep 1794; moved to Lafayette Co., Mo., in 1833. Had wife about 80 years old; four children; 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In 1887, was only original member of Old Men's Club still living. Said he had been Democrat 92 years, and cast his first vote for president either for Madison's last term or Monroe's first.
- Rev. A. A. Moore - b. in Rutherford Co., Tenn., 31 Mar 1811; moved to Lafayette Co., in 1837; his wife died in 1881 at age 63; had three children and three grandchildren. Voted for Jackson the second term.
- Mrs. Caroline Carter - b. Hawkins Co., Tenn., 13 June 1813; always enjoyed good health; still does her own cooking and knows how to prepare a good meal.
- Mrs. Nelson [first name not given] - b. Hawkins Co., Tenn., 20 Nov 1797; a widow 12 years. Able to read large print, sew, and knit a little despite crippling her hands in a recent fall. Feeds the chickens; picks up chips; and does other light chores.

Source for the article was the *Kansas City (Mo.) Times*, 30 May 1887.

JOHN RAYBURN O'NEAL, former Tennessean, is listed in the Youts family chart published in *Ward County Heritage*, Monahans, Tex., Vol. XVII, No. 1.

O'Neal, born 12 Apr 1828 in Nashville, Tenn., later migrated to Texas where he died in 1890 at Stephenville in Erath County. His wife was Nancy Adeline Bibb.

A STORY ON the ancestors and family of Dillion Asher in *Kentucky Ancestors*, Vol. 37, No. 4, contains the names of several Tennesseans. Dillion, born in Washington Co., N.C., in 1777, was a son of William Asher, Jr., who died ca. 1792 at Bean Station (now Grainger Co., Tenn.), and Margaret "Peggy" Blevins. A two-story log cabin Dillion built about 1779 in Clay Co., Ky., still stands today and is open for tours. He is believed to have fathered 22 children, and was father-in-law to Rebecca Begley, b. 1800, Tenn.; Andrew Cope, b. 1800, Tenn.; John James "Captain" Farmer, b. 1799, Hawkins Co., Tenn., and others. Surnames of his other relatives with Tennessee connections include Bean, Amis, Sizemore, and Johnson.

THE FAMILY BIBLE of a Putnam Co., Tenn., couple is reproduced in *The Treeshaker*, Vol. 41, No. 1, published in Odessa, Tex. J. W. Huddleston (b. 4 Apr 1858) and Mary Ann Vick (b. 12 Jan 1855) were married 3 Nov 1878 at the home of the bride's mother in Putnam County. John died 23 Dec 1888, and Mary Ann died 13 Jul 1896. Their children were: Ethel (died in infancy), Pearl Lee (m. C. S. Aldrich, Ada, Okla.), Zora Ella (m. Bob Davis, Cookeville, Tenn.) Susanah A. (m. Thomas T. Millard, Monterey, Tenn.), Maggie Dana (m. Charles Ray, Ada, Okla.), Haskell Jordan (m. Ethel Pendleton, Ada) and Mollie W. Huddleston (m. Ben Borling, Ada). The records are in the genealogy files of Ector County (Tex.) Library.

THE GILLIAM FAMILY of Sevier Co., Ark., had Tennessee ancestors, according to a pedigree chart in *The Melting Pot*, Vol. XXVI, No. 1, of Hot Springs, Ark. Among them: Robert M. Grady, b. 10 Nov 1813 in Sumner Co., Tenn., and wife, Harriet Pickens, b. 1815 in Giles Co., Tenn. Other ancestors included James Russey, Sr., who died at Winchester in Franklin Co., Tenn., 20 Mar 1835. His son John married Lucinda Willis, daughter of Peter Willis, II, who died in Coffee Co., Tenn., in 1840.

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R. G. MURRAY, Tennessee native, died in Richmond, Mo., 16 June 1889 at age 78. His obituary from the *Richmond Conservator* of 27 June 1889 is reprinted in *Ray County Reflections*, Vol. 12, No. 1. Murray, known as "Uncle Bob," moved from Tennessee to Ray County in 1832 and ten years later removed to Caldwell where he spent the rest of his life. He was said to have been a well known character among the old settlers of that vicinity and was greatly respected for his many noble qualities. He was paralyzed and confined to his bed for two years before his death. He left several grown children.

A listing of burials in New Garden Primitive Church cemetery in Wood Heights, Mo., published in the same issue of *Ray County Reflections*, includes the name of John Odle, who was born in Coke [Cock?] Co., Tenn. Born 25 June 1798, he was killed 9 Aug 1866 by a fall from his wagon.

DEATH NOTICES of two Tennessee ministers from *The Christian Neighbor* are published in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. XXXI, No. 2. Rev. John T. Baskerville, M. D., of the Memphis Conference, died 1 May 1873 in Fayette Co., Tenn., and Rev. Mark W. Gray, pastor of the Middleton Circuit, Tennessee Conference, died 28 May 1873.

TENNESSEE LAWYER Newton A. Mitchell was issued a license 8 Oct 1852 to practice law in the state of Texas, according to district court minutes published in *Plum Creek Almanac*, Luling, Caldwell Co., Tex., Vol. 21, No. 1. A listing of family history files in the same issue shows a folder containing Graham-related information from "Hardeman Co., Tenn., Sketches, 1979," along with ancestor charts of Edward Price Graham, Janice Marie Graham Nowotny, and Peggy Jane Burton Rich.

THE JAMES FAMILY of Clarendon, Ark., had Tennessee beginnings, according to a story in *The Backtraker*, Vol. 32, No. 2, published by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society. Clarendon James, born ca. 1816 in Blount Co., Tenn., married South Carolina-born August Octavia "Jane" Evans in Monroe Co., Tenn., 25 Aug 1841. They had six children in Tennessee: Dick, a son whose name is unknown, Pauline, Eugenia, Lucina B., and Alice. Both sons were in the Civil War. Dick never came home or communicated with his family after the war, and his brother died of smallpox. A seventh child, Robert B., was born in 1859 in Georgia where the Jameses lived in Whitfield County before moving to the Maysville, Ark., area.

MARY JANE "Polly" BRADLEY at age 9 moved with her family from Lebanon, Tenn., to Arkansas where eight years later she became the state's first "First Lady." A fascinating account of the Bradley family of Wilson Co., Tenn., can be found in *The Genie*, Vol. 37, No. 2, published by the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association of Shreveport. Polly's grandfather, Irish-born John Bradley, and his wife, Martha, migrated from Raleigh, N.C., to Middle Tennessee where they were among the first settlers. Polly's parents were James and Jane (Davidson) Bradley who, with many of their neighbors, migrated via flatboat to Long Prairie, Ark. The article also includes information on the Crahtree, Dooley, Duty, Woodward, Herndon, and Wooldridge families who made the move. Polly at age 17 married James Sevier Conway, who later became Arkansas' first governor. Conway was a relative of John Sevier, Tennessee's first governor.

DEATH NOTICES from the 1890-81 *Jonesboro (Ill.) Gazette*, reprinted in *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Vol. XXX, No. 2, mention several former Tennesseans. Among them:

-Gabriel Williams, who moved to Jonesboro from Tennessee in 1842, built the Williams Hotel in Jonesboro, and died in 1852. His wife Mary died

13 May 1890 in Jonesboro, aged 82.

-Mary Bessie McCoubrey, 14-month old daughter of William McCoubrey, Memphis, Tenn., died 30 Jul 1890 at the home of her grand-father, A. McCoubrey, at Jessen's Mill.

-James R. Smith, born 8 Aug 1824 in Rome [Roane] Co., Tenn., died 20 Nov 1890 of la grippe and bronchitis at his home in Alton Pass. Went to Illinois in 1852. Left eight children.

-Yilpah Jones, who returned to Union Co., Ill., on 1 Dec 1890 after living 30 years in Tennessee, died 31 Dec 1890 at the home of her mother, Mrs. Betsy Ferrill, near Cobden. She was aged 64.

-A. L. Ong, wife of P. A. Ong, died 7 Feb 1891 at her residence in Trenton, Tenn. She was buried in Dongola, Ill.

-William P. Barr, formerly of Jonesboro, Ill., died 11 Sep 1891 in Nashville, Tenn., at an advanced age.

Tennesseeans also are mentioned in an article about William Glasco of Union County, Ill. The 1850 census lists a William Glassgow, 78, farmer, and his wife Elizabeth, 58, both from Tennessee. Living with them were Henrietta (no last name given), 26; John, (no last name given) 18; and William Yates, 3. The article sorts out the complicated relationships in the household.

In the same issue numerous Tennesseeans and the dates of their arrival in Washington Co., Ill., are extracted from an 1879 history. They are: Mary Martha Goodner (dec.), late wife of J. T., who came to the county in 1850; G. W. Jones, Irvington farmer, 1858; Mrs. D. McCarrey (wife of John), 1834; Louisa Reed (wife of C. M.), 1861; Elizabeth White (wife of D. A.) who came from East Tenn. in 1838; Mrs. A. S. Carter (widow of Joel D.), 1868; Mrs. Levina Spencer (wife of D. R.), 1834; and T. M. Seawell, an 1838 arrival from Wilson Co., Tenn., who d. 8 Mar 1876 leaving a widow, M. H. Seawell.

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BEVERLY WHITTINGTON and family of Tennessee and Illinois are the subjects of an article in *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 2. Beverly, a native of Ashe Co., N.C., was in Montgomery Co., Tenn., by 23 Jan 1812 and in McDonough Co., Ill., by 1840. He fathered seven children in Tennessee by his first wife (unidentified): Lorraine, Robert, Sarah A., Archada/Arcateo (f.), Nancy, William Bartley, and Penelope Whittington, and two others, James A. and Amanda M., in Illinois. After the death of his first wife, he had two other wives and two more children. Beverly died of complications from a thigh fracture in April 1870 in McDonough County.

NASHVILLE native George Washington Jacobs is listed in a four-generation pedigree chart in the *Texarkana USA Quarterly*, Vol. XXX, Nos. 1 & 2. Born 15 Feb 1857, he married Melvina Timothine Ashford in Mena (Polk Co.), Ark., on 18 Mar 1885. She was born in Polk County 22 Mar 1864. George died 15 Mar 1927 in Wickes (also in Polk Co., Ark.) and his wife died there 21 May 1938. Their daughter, Ida Belle Jacobs, married Arkansan Leroy S. Smith.

THE DEATH of Mrs. Mary McElwee on 30 Jul 1891 at her home near Athens, Tenn., is noted in *Origins*, Vol. 13, No. 2, published by the Thomasville, Ga., Genealogical, History & Fine Arts Library. Mrs. McElwee was the youngest daughter of the late Gen. John C. Vaughn by his first wife. The death notice was reprinted from *The Thomasville Times* of 2 Aug 1891.

DR. GEORGE D. BOND, native Tennessean, was among medical pioneers in Tarrant Co., Tex., according to an article in *Footprints*, Vol. 46, No. 2, quarterly of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. Bond, born in Obion Co., Tenn., in 1860, graduated from Vanderbilt University at age 19. Since he could not legally practice medicine until he was 21, he ran a drug store owned by his older brother in Hillsboro, Tex., in the intervening years. After going to Chicago and taking a course in X-rays, he moved to Fort Worth in 1907 and limited his practice to X-ray diagnosis and therapy. He was one of the organizers of the Texas Roentgen Society. Dr. Bond died 5 Dec 1924.

Another Tennessean featured in the same article, Dr. William Paxton Burts, was born in Washington Co., Tenn., 7 Dec 1827. At one time a presiding elder in a Presbyterian Church in Tazewell Co., Va., he moved to Fort Worth in 1858 and spent his life in the service of the community. His funeral on 6 Sep 1895 drew throngs of citizens from all classes, including a few who had been with him in the first year of his career and had seen the little frontier village grow into a town and city. The Rev. J. H. Morrison, a well-known Memphis, Tenn., evangelist who had recently conducted a series of meetings at the Broadway Presbyterian Church, delivered a brief but eloquent talk at the funeral. Relatives present included Dr. Burts' daughter, Mrs. C. H. Reynolds of Atlanta, Ga.

THE DEATH of Guilford Co., N.C., resident, Gen. John Hamilton, in Tennessee on 25 Jan 1819, as reported by the *Alexandria, Va., Herald*, is reprinted in *The Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 47, No. 2. The general was visiting his son-in-law and daughter in Pulaski, Tenn., at the time of his death. He had been an aide to Gen. Green in the battle at Guilford Court House on 15 Mar 1781.

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THE OBITUARY of 73-year old Mrs. C. H. Frost, former East Tennessean, is reprinted in *MoSGA Journal*, Vol. XXIII, No. 2. The notice, from the *Rolla, Mo., Weekly Herald* of 13 Apr 1893, reports that Mrs. Frost died there the previous Monday from la grippe. Born in East Tennessee in 1820, she was Hannah Leek before her marriage to Mr. Frost in Aug 1845. They had six children, only one of whom - Mrs. A. A. Flett of Salem, Mo. - was still living.

In the same issue of the *MoSGA Journal*, the names of William Irwin Hyde and wife, Margaret Malissa (Allen) Hyde appear in the Hyde Family Register. William, born 6 Jul 1816 in Tennessee, died in Webster Co., Mo., 16 Oct 1875. Margaret was born 26 Mar 1826 in Tennessee or Mississippi, and died in Webster County 3 Jul 1900. They were the great-grandparents of John Robert Hyde. John's wife, the former Mattie Lou Day, was the great-granddaughter of Sarah Ann Hollis who was born 16 Mar 1841 in Tennessee.

THE FIRST of a three-part article seeking to distinguish between five men named John Watson begins in *Virginia Tidewater Genealogy*, Vol. 34, No. 2. The first John, born about 1745 in Virginia, migrated to Tennessee and died in Wilson County about 1814. In about 1762, he married his first cousin, Elizabeth "Ann" Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones and Lucy Watson. The article grew out of a 17-year effort by the author, Robert Stephen Watson of Brooklyn, N.Y., to identify the ancestry of John Watson of Todd Co., Ky. An additional challenge was sorting out the several Thomas Watsons found in historical records. One of the Thomases was a business partner of Andrew Jackson and John Hutchings in Davidson County.

NAMES OF SEVERAL Tennesseans who enlisted in the U. S. Army in Georgia and served in the Mexican War (1847-48) can be found in the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 39, No. 2. The soldiers, their ages, and places of birth and enlistment:

Leonard W. Boren, 31, born in Robertson Co., Tenn., enlisted at Villa Rica, Ga.;

John Davis, 34, b. Hawkins Co., Tenn., enlisted at Dahlonega, Ga.;

Amos L. Denton, 25, b. Monroe, Co., Tenn., enlisted at Dahlonega;

John Donaldson, 20, b. Blount Co., Tenn., enlisted at Atlanta;

William Gale, 23, b. Tennessee, enlisted at Gainesville, Ga.;

William B. Moore, b. Grainger Co., Tenn., enlisted at Villa Rica;

John F. McGuire, 20, b. Polk Co., Tenn., enlisted at Villa Rica;

David Pate, 21, b. Leorn(?), Tenn., enlisted at Dahlonega; and

James R. Stone, 23, b. Tenn., enlisted at Villa Rica.

A FOUR-GENERATION family chart showing descendants of former Tennessean Jacob Wright appears in the *Yalobusha (Miss.) Pioneer*, Vol. XXIX, Issue 2. Wright died in Lincoln Co., Tenn., 2 Aug 1867 and his wife, the former, Nancy McMillen, died there in 1840. They had migrated to Tennessee from Virginia, and at least two of their eight children later moved to Hatton, Yalobusha Co., Miss.

Other Tennessee surnames appearing in the generational chart include Benson, Foster, Graves, James, and Owings.

We Aim To Please

If we fail to carry information about the Tennessee county you're interested in, drop us a note and let us know. We promise to try to remedy the situation to the best of our ability.

26 Volunteer Soldiers Die In Memphis Hospital

Names of 26 Tennessee volunteer soldiers who died in a Memphis hospital during the 1848 Mexican War were released by Dr. M. B. Sappington, attending physician. He said the hospital had received 152 patients and buried 26.

The list of the dead as published in the *Memphis Daily Enquirer* of 9 Aug 1848:

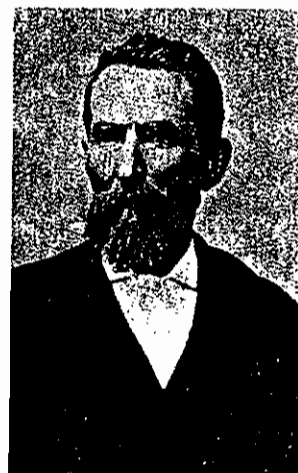
Name	Reg.	Co.
Helton, William	5 th	A
Pollard, Jos.	4 th	A
Swanson, H.	4 th	I
Horton, R.	5 th	L
Coxe, J.	3 rd	—
Jones, —	3 rd	B
Lines, William	4 th	I
Caldwell, J. B.	4 th	D
Pickrin, —	5 th	—
McCoull, —	3 rd	D
Hutchins, M.	3 rd	—
Beck, E.	5 th	H
Williams, R.	5 th	A
Ghant, J.	3 rd	G
Carpenter, T.	4 th	C
Glass, M. B.	5 th	L
Matthews, Wm.	4 th	C
Leddy, Thomas	3 rd	I
Kelly, Charles	3 rd	A
Nelson, N.	5 th	I
James, G. W.	4 th	—
Turner, John	3 rd	I
Davis, L.	5 th	H
Cooper, D.	4 th	—
Temple, A.	4 th	—
Name unknown	4 th	—

Dr. Sappington said eight other soldiers were sick and in the hospital at that time, adding "I am sorry to say that three or four of them will die." Listed as ill were:

Name	Regiment
Simmons, —	3 rd
Riddel, —	3 rd
Garner, John	3 rd
Johnson, John	5 th
Parks, —	5 th
Spoons, William	4 th
Hickman, John	4 th
Satterfield, —	4 th

John C. Tarbutton

Like many other Texans, **John C. Tarbutton** was a native Tennessean who harkened to **Horace Greeley** and went west as a young man. Born 22 Dec 1833 in Henderson County, Tenn., **John** was the son of **James Henry** and **Mary D.¹ Tarbutton**. His father, born in Richmond County, N.C., had migrated to Tennessee in the 1820's and married Tennessee-born **Mary** about 1829. **James Henry** is listed in the 1830 census of Madison County, Tenn., as is **Joseph Tarbutton** who may have been his father.² **James Henry** and **Mary** had six children, with **John** being the third child. His siblings were:



JOHN TARBUTTON

- [1] **Susan Rebecca Tarbutton** - b. 27 Feb 1830 in Madison Co., Tenn.; m. 7 Nov 1850 in Henderson Co., Tenn., to **Marcus D. L. Hodges** (b. 14 May 1828 in Henderson Co.). Moved with Tarbutton family to Texas in 1854. Children listed in 1870 census: **Robert** (b. ca. 1855), **Ophelia** (b. ca. 1859), **Minta** (b. ca. 1866), **Hettie** (b. ca. 1869), and **Harvey** (b. ca. 1869). **Marcus** d. 12 Apr 1915, and **Susan** d. 7 Aug 1918. Both buried in Bradford Cemetery, Section 4, in Troup.
- [2] **Mary Tarbutton** - b. 1831 in Tennessee.
- [3] **Nancy Jane Tarbutton** - b. 1836 in Tenn.; m. in Smith Co., Tex., on 12 Dec 1855 to **Cyrus Galen Ballew** who died in the Civil War (he and **John** served in the same regiment). They had a daughter, **Tennie C.**, b. ca. 1863. In 1867 **Nancy Jane** married **James Arnold**, a widower with two children, **Harriet** (b. ca. 1861) and **Mattie** (b. ca. 1863). **James** was b. 3 Aug 1819 in Tennessee. Based on the 1880 Smith County census, **Nancy Jane** and **James** had three children, **Susan** (b. 3 Aug 1868), **Jodie** (b. ca. 1870), and **Mollie** (b. ca. 1872). **Nancy Jane** d. 3 Mar 1903 in Troup, and **James** died 17 Nov 1904.
- [4] **Elisha Tarbutton** - b. 1838 in Tennessee. At age 22 he was working in Smith County as a farm laborer.
- [5] **James Henry Tarbutton** - b. 1839 in Tennessee, d. 1898 in Smith Co., Tex. He m. **Mary H. Salmon** (b. 9 Aug 1840, d. 12 Apr 1878). They lived in Troup. Their children: **Urana** (b. ca. 1867), **Albert B.** (b. 22 Apr 1871, d. 27 Jan 1952), **Charles** (b. 7 Dec 1871, d. 27 Aug 1877), **Nora** (b. ca. 1872, m. **P. W. Cross** 30 Nov 1891), **Henry** (b. 1875, d. 1941), **Clara** (b. 1877, d. 1963), and **Mittie J.** (b. 21 Nov 1884, d. 18 June 1966). **J. H.** and most of his family are buried in Bradford Cemetery, Section 4.

In 1840, when **John** was only seven years old, his father died. Over the next 15 years, **Mary** and the children continued living in Henderson County. In November 1854 -- a month before **John's** 21st birthday -- they moved to Texas. They are said to have traveled with the **Rucker** and **Arnold** families, and settled on a farm in Smith County near Troup(e) some 20 miles or so from Tyler. Still a relatively new county, Smith had been created 11 Apr 1846 from Nacogdoches County.

Six years after going to Texas, **John** married 19-year old **Mary E. Rucker**,³ daughter of Tennesseans **James Erwin Rucker** and wife, **Elizabeth (Gregory) Rucker**.⁴ **John** and **Mary** were married on the 4th of July, 1860.

When the Civil War began, **John** enlisted as a private in Company K of Col. **Oran M. Roberts'** 11th Texas

¹ A query in *Family Findings*, Vol. II, No. 2, Apr 1970, p. 76 states that **Mary Collins**, a daughter of **Peter** and **Susan (Dillon) Collins**, married **James Tarbutton** who was b. ca. 1804 and d. 3 May 1840. [Editor's Note: This has not been confirmed, but does provide a clue.] **Mary's** first name was given as **Ann** in the 1860 census of Smith Co., Tex. Aged 56, she was living at the time with son, **John C.**, 26, and his bride, **Mary E.**, 19. Also living with them were **John's** brothers, **Elisha**, 22, and **James Henry**, 20.

² The 1850 Madison Co., Tenn., census lists a **Joseph S. Tarbutton**, 77, who was b. in N. C. [ca. 1773] and his wife, **Mary**, 74, b. in Maryland. The 1860 Madison County mortality schedule shows that **Joseph Tarbutton**, then 86, died in Sep 1860 of consumption.

³ **Mary E.** was born 3 Aug 1840 in Knox Co., Tenn. She died 5 July 1911. [Dates from her tombstone.]

⁴ **James E.** was born 22 Apr 1818 in Maury Co., Tenn., and d. 25 Jan 1870 in Smith Co., Tex. His wife **Elizabeth**, the daughter of **Tapley** and **Sarah (Piper) Gregory**, was b. 10 Jul 1822 in Maury County. At the time of the 1880 census, she was living with her 19-year old son, **E. E. Rucker** in Smith County. **Elizabeth** d. there 7 Aug 1895. Both **James** and **Elizabeth** are buried in Rucker Cemetery near Troup. **E. E. Rucker** died in 1939 and is buried in Bradford Cemetery, Section 7.

Infantry Regiment which was formed in May 1862, and served with distinction.⁵ Tarbutton advanced to second lieutenant and then first lieutenant before being discharged in 1865. His regiment was credited with halting the Union's two attempts at invading Texas, participating in the Red River Campaign and the Camden Expedition.

Later, when the loss of his arm made it impractical to continue farming, Tarbutton ran for public office, being elected to the position of Smith County treasurer. His standing in the community was reflected in the fact that he did not lose a single vote in his home box in the primary.

John was a respected Mason, a member of the Knights of Honor and an honorary member of the Mystic Circle, and was active in the Baptist Church for more than 42 years.

John and Mary had nine children, four boys and five girls.

1. **Georgia A. Tarbutton** - born 6 June 1861, died 9 Oct 1865. Buried in Rucker Cemetery near Troup.
2. **Theopolis S. Tarbutton** - b. 5 Oct 1865; d. 6 Feb 1915; was a trustee of the International & Great Northern Railroad (I&GN). Married **Paralee Solomon** (b. 16 Nov 1867, d. 8 Nov 1921).⁶ Both are buried in Bradford Cemetery, Section 7.
3. **Lemuel H. Tarbutton** - b. in Oct 1866;⁷ as a teen-ager began clerking in local store; later works for I&GN Railroad. In ca. 1884 he married **Elizabeth Solomon**, b. 2 Jul 1866. The 1900 Smith County census shows they had one son, **Wilfred**, b. Aug 1885, and six daughters - **Lora, Alma, Aggie, Helen, Lurline, and Lillian**.
4. **Sophia Elizabeth Tarbutton** - b. 31 May 1867; d. 3 Sep 1899; m. 9 Oct 1887 to Smith County businessman **John J. Mock** (b. 19 Jan 1868, d. 31 May 1924); both buried in Troup City Cemetery.
5. **Era F. Tarbutton** (female) - b. 26 Mar 1872, d. 24 Aug 1873. Buried in Rucker Cemetery.
6. **John Frank Tarbutton** - b. 29 Dec 1875; d. 15 Aug 1907; m. 1 Jan 1896 to **Emma Shaw** (b. ca. 1878); became a leading fruit and truck farmer in Smith County. **J. Frank** buried in Bradford Cemetery, Section 8.
7. **Mary Emma Tarbutton** - b. 3 Dec 1873; m. 19 May 1897 to **Peter Scheu** (b. in Dec 1868 in Louisiana; the son of German immigrants) **Peter** was a railroad telegraph linesman. **Emma** died 30 Sep 1922 in Pine Bluff, (Jefferson Co.), Ark.
8. **Edward Oren Tarbutton** - b. 26 Jul 1877; d. 16 Oct 1933. Was dry goods merchant in Troup. Married **Dora Henry** (b. 31 Mar 1883, d. 27 Nov 1965). Both buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Section E, Smith Co.
9. **Susan Lee Tarbutton** - b. 29 Mar 1883; d. 3 Oct 1883; buried in Rucker Cemetery.

John's mother, **Mary D.**, died 29 Mar 1879 in Troup and was buried in Bradford Cemetery there. Only 11 days earlier, she had celebrated her 75th birthday.

John died 14 June 1905, and his wife **Mary** passed away six years later on 5 Jul 1911. They are both buried in the Rucker Cemetery near Troup.

In the words of biographer **Sid Johnson**, "No man stands better in Smith County than **John C. Tarbutton**, with an honorable record of over 45 years with not a single stain upon his character as a man, an official, or Christian. **John C. Tarbutton** left behind him a good name for honesty and fair dealing, and as a brave Confederate soldier."

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First Federal Census of North Carolina, 1790, Richmond County

1830, 1850 Henderson Co., Tenn., censuses

1830 Madison Co., Tenn., and Carroll Co., Tenn., censuses

1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 Smith Co., Tex., censuses

Marriage Records of Smith County, Texas 1846-1899 by East Texas Genealogical Society, Tyler■

⁵ John's company was known as "Engledow's Texas Rebels."

⁶ Birth and death dates from "Cemetery Records of Smith Co., Tex.," *East Texas Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. IV, p. 27, Tyler, Tex.

⁷ Birth and marriage dates based on 1900 Smith Co., Tex., census.

TENNESSEANS INVOLVED

Some Early Steamboat Disasters on Western Waters

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Numerous disasters occurred and many lives were lost from the time of the first steamboat on the Western Waters in 1812 until 1855. Almost half of the 2,000 or so steamboats built during this period experienced problems of collisions, fires, explosions, running into sandbars, and other difficulties. Passenger lists were not always available, but in James T. Lloyd's Steamboat Directory & Disasters on the Western Waters, published in 1856, he gives the names of some passengers and crew members, including their residences in some instances. The following short excerpts from the book are those in which Tennesseans could be identified. Only parts of each article have been copied, and they are as written in the book. -T.J.



Sinking of the steamer *Tennessee*: "About 10 o'clock on a dark night, in the midst of a tremendous snow storm, on 8 Feb 1823, when the steamer *Tennessee*, under a full press of steam, was plugging her way up the turbulent Mississippi river near Natchez, she struck a snag and immediately commenced filling with water ..." Among cabin passengers lost - Mr. Caruthers, Tennessee..

Explosion of the *Helen McGregor* at Memphis: "The steamboat *Helen McGregor*, Capt. Tyson, on her way from New Orleans to Louisville, stopped at Memphis on Wednesday morning, 24 Feb 1830. She had been lying at the wharf about 30 minutes when one or more of her boilers exploded ... The loss of life by this accident was at that time unprecedented in the records of steam navigation.. Killed - A. Van Meeter, Hardin Co., Tenn.; J. Dunn, Tenn.; Badly wounded - George Trey, Tipton Co., Tenn.; R. Baily, firm of Bell, Hardin & Co., Tennessee; Thomas Drenard, Wilson Co., Tenn....Slightly wounded - J. Monaco, Tipton Co., Tenn.; John Dougherty, Overton Co., Tenn. ...

Explosion of the steamboat *Rob Roy* on the Mississippi: "The *Rob Roy* was on her route from New Orleans to Louisville, and was under way at 8 o'clock p.m. on 9 June 1836 near the town of Columbia, Ark., when the fatal catastrophe occurred .." Scalded - R. A. Braden, Lawrence Co., Tenn.; Mrs. Braden and two children of ditto; Tilden Hogg, Randolph (Tenn.?) ...

Burning of the *Ben Sherrod*: "On 8 May, 1837, the large Louisville and New Orleans packet, the *Ben Sherrod*, caught fire on her upward trip, while she was engaged in an exciting race with the steamer *Prairie* .. about 14 miles above Fort Adams ..." Among those saved - Hugh Simpson, Constantine Mahan, J. S. Love, all of Tennessee...

Burning of the *Brandywine*: "The steamboat *Brandywine*, Capt. Hamilton, left New Orleans on the evening of 3 Apr 1832 .. destination Louisville, Ky. ... about 30 miles above Memphis, she was discovered to be on fire..." Killed - Cabin Passengers H. Hilyard, H. H. Davenport, ___ Fowler, and Robert Stothart of Nashville, and Deck Passenger B. Colt, Memphis.

Explosion of the *Enterprise* on the Rio Grande: "On 21 Aug 1846, the *Enterprise* was about casting off from a landing place on the river, 45 miles above Renoza ... the boiler exploded, making a fearful havoc among the passengers [U. S. volunteers] and crew .." Killed - A. Boswell [Roswell?], Tennessee ... Badly Wounded - William A. Crook and C. B. Crook of Tennessee ... Slightly Wounded - Milton Cunningham and James Wilson, Tennessee.

Explosion of the *Walker*: "This explosion took place on Lake Pontchartrain [La.] on 2 Dec 1840 .." Badly scalded - J. H. White of Tennessee

Collision of the *Belle of Clarksville* and the *Louisiana*: "On the night of 14 Dec 1844, a disastrous collision took place on the Mississippi river between the steamers *Belle of Clarksville* and the *Louisiana*, the former from New Orleans bound to Nashville; the latter from Memphis to New Orleans..." [Residences of passengers and crew not given. Since both boats had Tennessee connections, all names are listed here.] Drowned - Deck Passengers W. Tabb, P. Linn, W. Linn, J. Ryan, A. Malisle, N. Sills, Wm. Jones, T. Whitley, N. T. Allen, A. Kirland, J.

Askew, G. Hyer, a son of **J. W. Hall, J. Peay** .. Boat's crew - **John Holliday**, assistant engineer ... [**J. H. French** was referred to as a passenger, but apparently did not drown.]

Sinking of *The Shepherdess*: "On 3 Jan 1844, the whole city of St. Louis was thrown into consternation and feverish excitement by the intelligence that the steamboat *Shepherdess* had been wrecked in Cahokia Bend, only three miles from the centre of the city .. on her way from Cincinnati to St. Louis. **Levi Craddock** from Davidson Co., Tenn., lost three children; himself, his wife, and two other children were saved. **Mr. Green** of the same county and state lost his wife and three children, and was left with two helpless infants, the youngest only three months old ..."

Explosion of *The Marquette*: "Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of 1 Jul 1845, the steamer *Marquette*, **Capt. Turpin**, was leaving the wharf at New Orleans ...[when] all boilers exploded simultaneously ...**Mr. Martin**, Tennessee, was badly scalded ... [Someone from Franklin, Tenn., was killed, but name not given.]

Explosion of *The Persian*: "On the night of 9 Nov 1840, the steamboat *Persian* collapsed her flues on the Mississippi river three miles below Napoleon, Ark. ..." **Killed** - **Mr. Fields** of Tennessee ...

Burning of *The Clarksville*: "This popular and beautiful steamer, a regular packet boat between New Orleans and Memphis, Tenn., was destroyed by fire near Ozark Island on 27 May 1848. Thirty deck passengers, nearly all of the crew, and the commander, **Capt. Holmes**, lost their lives.... **Gov. Poindexter** of Tennessee, who was one of the passengers, and his lady were both injured, the former slightly and the latter severely." Residences of the following not given, but they possibly were from Tennessee: **Killed** - **Capt. Holmes**, master of the *Clarksville*; **Charles Quinn**, deck hand; **___ Humphrey**; **Sam Johnson**; **___ Lewis**; **Peter Spicer**; **Sam Wilson**; **Prince and Giles**, colored firemen; **Sam**, a slave of **Gov. Poindexter**. **Wounded**: **Gov. Poindexter** and lady; **Mr. Barrow** and **Mr. Lofton** of Memphis.

Burning of *The Creole*: "She was on her way from Natchitoches on the Red River to New Orleans .. at an early hour on Monday morning, 22 Feb 1841... on reaching the mouth of the Red River, she was discovered to be in flames .." **Killed**: **A. Barker** and wife, Tennessee ...

Explosion of *The Louisiana*: "A few minutes after 5 o'clock on the evening of 15 Nov 1849, the steamboat *Louisiana*, **Capt. Cannon**, lying at the foot of Gravier street, New Orleans ... began to back out into the river. All the boilers exploded ... the steamer *Storm*, which lay in close proximity to the *Louisiana*, was almost completely wrecked..." **Killed** - **Sylvester Prescott** and **Aeneas Craft**, both of Memphis. [It appears they were on the *Louisiana*. **Prescott** apparently was a river pilot, returning to Memphis.]

Burning of *The Caroline*: "[This] Memphis packet employed on the White river .. ascended that river about 20 miles on Sunday, 5 Mar 1854, when at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the wood pile near the boilers was discovered to be on fire"... **Killed** - **Pilots John R. Price** and **James Creighton**; Assistant Barkeeper **Lewis Pollock**; wife and child of **J. Haskins**, Marshall Co., Tenn.; four children of **S. McMullen** of Madison Co., Tenn.; **John Horton**, his wife, and two children; **Mr. Karrell**, **Mr. Martin**, **Miss Susanna E. Pool**; a son of **Mr. Henshaw**; **Mr. Shelby** of Madison Co., Tenn.; **Mr. Wortham's** son-in-law, widowed sister with her 13 children, and another sister; **George Jones**, clerk of the house of **Poole & Co.**, Jacksonport, Tenn. [Since this was a Memphis boat, the names of those for whom no residence was given are included.]

Explosion of *The Glencoe*: "On 3 Apr 1852, the *Glencoe*, **Capt. Lee**, from New Orleans, arrived at St. Louis and had just moored at the levee, foot of Chestnut street, when three boilers exploded .." **Killed** - **Mrs. Schenil**, passenger, Memphis [every bone in her body was broken]; **John Grey**, aged 12, a peddler boy, from Memphis ..

Burning of *The Bulletin, No. 2*: "This steamboat, **Capt. C. B. Church**, was burned on the Mississippi river near Islands No. 96 and 97 on 24 Mar 1855." **Killed** - **Orville Hill**, Nashville; **B. Handwerkt**, Memphis.

Explosion of *The Lexington*: "This disaster occurred at 6 o'clock a.m. on the first day of Jul 1855 about 90 miles below Louisville on the Ohio river .. Three boilers exploded at the same moment .." **Killed** - **James Miller**, second clerk, Nashville; **Wounded** - **Pilot Sneed Strang**; **J. B. Johnson** and **M. Twigg**, Nashville ..

Minor Steamboat Disasters

The Massilon: This boat, by some accident, burst her connection pipe on 5 June 1839. Killed - Geo. Hite, Nashville.

The Belle of Hatchie: This Memphis packet struck a snag about eight miles above Helena, Ark., on 30 Jul 1848 and sank in less than two minutes. As the boat was going down, Mrs. Joyce, wife of Capt. Joyce of Memphis, gave her infant child to a man named Nathaniel Harbert. Mrs. Joyce and her baby survived.

The James Robb: This boat caught fire on the Mississippi river some time in Jan 1852. A gentleman from Memphis named Moore, who had about \$6,000 in a belt fastened around his waist, seized his trunk and made for the forecandle, but after running a few yards, fell down dead. ■

How Jackson Acquired the Nickname of 'Old Hickory'

Ever wonder how Andrew Jackson got the nickname of 'Old Hickory'?

Capt. William Allen, formerly of Davidson County, Tenn., said he was with Jackson when he acquired the nickname, and described the incident to the editor of the *Jackson, Miss., News* who later published the account. The editor wrote that Allen, who died in Pontotoc, Miss., in 1837, was "distinguished for his courage, integrity, and strict veracity" and that his account could be regarded as true.

In 1836 William was a merchant in Pontotoc and his brother, Col. John Allen, who also lived there, was the U.S. agent of the Chickasaw Indians. The Allens had been near neighbors of Jackson in Davidson County, served as soldiers in his escort in all of his campaigns, and camped at the same fires with him during the Creek War. They were great favorites with Jackson, and he rewarded them for their friendship by giving them lucrative appointments in the Chickasaw Nation while he was president.

In an interview with William Allen shortly before his death, the editor asked him how Jackson acquired the nickname of 'Old Hickory.' This was Allen's reply, as printed in the *Nashville Gazette*, 11 Nov 1865:

"During the campaign which included the battle of Emuckfau Creek, our army was moving rapidly to surprise the Indians and we were without tents. In the month of March, cold equinoctial rain fell on us, mingled with sleet, which lasted several days. Jackson, exposed to the weather, was suffering severely with a bad cold and sore throat. At night we bivouacked in a muddy bottom while it was pouring down rain which froze as it fell. My brother John and I, finding that he was unwell, became uneasy about him although he didn't complain and laid down upon the blanket by the campfire with the soldiers.

"Seeing him wet to the skin, situated in mud and water in his suffering condition, we determined to try to make him more comfortable. We cut down a stout hickory tree in which sap was rising .. peeled bark from it in large flakes .. cut two forks and a pole, and laid down a floor of bark and dead leaves .. we roofed it and closed one end of the structure against the wind with bark and left the other end open. We then dried out blankets and made him a pallet in the tent we had constructed. We woke up the old gentleman and with some difficulty persuaded him to crawl in. With his saddle and his feet to the fire, he slept snugly and soundly all night, well cased in hickory bark.

"The next morning an old man from the neighborhood came into camp with a jug of whiskey with which, after imbibing quite freely himself, he gave us all 'a treat' as far as the liquor we got. He seemed to be a kind-hearted, jovial, patriotic old fellow -- a sort of 'privileged character' in his county. While staggering about among the camp trees, full of fun and whiskey, he blundered upon our little hickory bark tent which immediately arrested his attention.

"After eying it for a moment, he exclaimed, 'What sort of an outlandish Indian fixin' is this?' He gave it a kick which tumbled the structure down and completely buried the old hero in bark. As Jackson struggled out of the ruins and looked fiercely around for the author of mischief, the old toper recognized him and called out, 'Hello. Old Hickory! Come out of your bark and join us in a drink.'

"There was something so ludicrous in the whole scene that respect for his presence and rank could not restrain our merriment. Jackson very good humouredly joined us in laughing at the mishap. As he rose up and shook the bark from him, all gave him a viva 'Hurray for Old Hickory!'

"This was the first time Jackson ever heard those words which were afterwards shouted by millions of his countrymen whenever he appeared among them." ■

POCAHONTAS' DESCENDANTS (Third Revision) by Stuart E. Brown, Jr., Lorraine F. Myers, & Eileen M. Chappel. (1985, 1992, 1994) Reissued 2003. Cloth, 716 pp., indexed, with illustrations.. \$50 plus \$3.50 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Phone orders: 1(800)296-6687.

The recent finding of artifacts believed to be associated with Pocahontas' father, Powhattan, makes the reissue of this book especially timely. This third volume of corrections and additions to Wyndham Robertson's 1887 book is combined with two earlier versions. The result is a 700+-page volume with more than 30,000 names in its indexes. Pocahontas and John Rolfe, who married in Jamestown, Va., on 5 Apr 1614, had a son, Thomas, who fathered Jane and possibly Anne Rolfe by different wives. Jane married a Bolling and Anne an Elwyn, and their descendants now are in the tens of thousands. Manuscripts and printed sources were used in compiling the list of descendants in these books, along with dates of their births, marriages, deaths, spouses, and children, if known. This newest work is published under the auspices of the Pocahontas Foundation.

OBION CO., TENN., DEED BOOKS A & B, 1824-1834 by Barbara Crumpton. 2003. Softcover, spiral-bound 8½" x 11", 78 pp. including full-name index. \$20.00. Postage & handling free. Order from author at 1455 Chisholm Trail Parkway, Duncan, OK 73533.

Book A's first four records -- all dated 18 May 1789 -- are grants from the state of North Carolina to Landon Carter. Three of them convey a total of 800 acres on the north fork of the Obion River and the fourth conveys 300 acres on the east side of the river's Harris Fork. The fifth record made exactly three years later shows that Andrew Jackson of Davidson County sold this acreage to James Jackson of Alabama, along with an additional 547½ acres he had obtained from Carter. The former general and U. S. president is doubtless the most famous person whose name appears in early Obion County deeds, but many other prominent Tennesseans were involved in land transactions in Obion.

Among the largest land conveyances recorded in the county were (1) the sale of 30,646 acres by David Allison of Philadelphia, Pa., to Samuel Minick of Bordertown, N. J.; (2) the sale of 32,000 acres by James Sanderson of Alexandria, D.C., to John McIver of Alexandria; and (3) the sale of 35,000 acres by Martin Armstrong of North Carolina to Hugh Dunlap of Knoxville. Besides the county's earliest deeds, the Obion deed book contains several wills that provide interesting reading. One in particular is that of Gen. Thomas Blount of Edgecombe, N.C., who names his brothers, John Gray and Willie Blount, and his nephews, Thomas H. and William G. Blount, executors of his estate. Gen. Blount instructs his executors to sell his Tennessee lands to pay his debts. Besides his Obion County lands, the general owned acreage in Shelby, Tipton, Henry, Weakley, and other Tennessee counties.

THE INDIAN TRIBES OF NORTH AMERICA by John R. Swanton. Reprinted 2003 (originally published 1952). Cloth, 726 pp., with four fold-out maps, index, and 40-page bibliography. \$75 plus \$3.50 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Phone orders: 1(800)296-6687.

This one-volume guide to North America's Indian tribes is mind-boggling, to say the least. Set in the style of a dictionary or gazetteer, it allows the researcher quick and easy access to the names of tribal groups within a state or village. Fourteen pages, for instance, are devoted to those who lived in Tennessee in various subdivisions and villages. All groupings in the continental U.S. -- whether nations, confederations, tribes, subtribes, clans, or bands -- can be found in this impressive digest. Included in the text are the origin of the tribal name, a brief sketch of the tribe's history, its population at different periods, and other interesting information.

WEAKLEY CO., TENN., DEED BOOKS A & B, 1822 - 1833 by Barbara Crumpton. 2003. Softcover, spiral-bound 8½" x 11", 102 pp. including full-name index. \$27.50. postage & handling free. Order from author at 1455 Chisholm Trail Pky, Duncan, OK 73533.

Weakley County was created from Indian lands in 1823 and Tennessee's beginnings -- along with the early history of many of its pioneer families -- are reflected in these first deeds recorded in the county. A deed by Frederick Nash of Orange Co., N.C., for instance, reveals that his deceased brother, Abner, before his death had sold his one-half interest in 25 tracts of 1,000 acres each "on the West side of Appalachian Mountains in that part of North Carolina lately ceded to the U. S. and called Tennessee" to one Daniel Carthey, then of Craven, N.C. Another deed shows that James Fentress, Benjamin Reynolds, William Martin, and Robert Jeton -- appointed by the Assembly as commissioners to establish a county "cite" at Dresden -- acquired 39 acres for that purpose from Adam R. Alexander and John Murray in 1824. The property was their share as locators of a 640-acre grant to John Terrell.

While the land deeds frequently reveal a lot of information about family relationships and military service, deeds of trust often contain details about an individual that might not be found elsewhere. For instance, an 1832 deed of trust by Terrell C. White of Dresden reveals that he was a hatter. To buy some time to pay off his debts, White put in trust all of the implements and furniture in his hatter's shop, all finished and unfinished hats, and all of his stock of furs. It can be learned from another deed of trust that John B. Fonville of Weakley apparently was a doctor. Among items he put in trust to his debtor were his library of medical books and his stock of medicine and furniture. As proved by Ms. Crumpton's continuing valuable series of Tennessee records, early deeds are deliciously rich sources of genealogical information.

SHELBY CO., TN., NEWSPAPER ABSTRACTS THROUGH 1859 by Helen Rowland. 2002. 8 1/2 x 10 1/2 "p paperback, 395 pages, full-name index. \$55 plus \$3.50 postage & handling. Mountain Press, P.O. Box 400, 4503 Anderson Pike, Signal Mountain, TN 37377, phone orders 1-800-856-4713.

With this extremely useful and highly readable book, TGS member **Helen Rowland** of Memphis has saved untold hours of time -- not to mention eyestrain -- for researchers looking for news of their Shelby County ancestors. She has tediously gone through roll after roll of microfilm of some nine or more Memphis papers plus several others in the vicinity and ferreted out marriages, deaths, and numerous other items of interest ranging from crimes and misdemeanors to letters written back home. The items are arranged alphabetically by surnames. Following the "Z" surnames, is information from the 1851 Memphis City Directory listing municipal officers, ministers, medical school faculties, some businesses, etc. Especially helpful is a 20-page section beginning on Page 322 that lists burials in the city from 1851 through 1859. Obituaries for only a small percentage of these appeared in the local papers. The lists give each person's age, cause of death, and date of burial. We heartily recommend this book to any genealogist researching Shelby and nearby counties.

THE MISSISSIPPI BASIN: The Struggle in America between England and France 1697-1763 by Justin Winsor. Facsimile reprint 2003. Originally published 1895. Paperback, 5" x 8", 484 pages with maps & illustrations, original full-name and subject index. \$37 plus \$5 shipping. Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716, phone orders 1-800-398-7709.

Imagine what North America must have been like at the end of the 17th Century. France was ready to profit from its 160 years of exploration in the North America interior ... England had begun a settlement on the North Carolina coast ... and Spain, while guarding its rights from Florida northward, had just suffered its first serious setback in the defeat of its Great Armada. There you have the setting for this account of the struggle that followed between rival countries for domination of North America. It had long been supposed that a great ocean lay somewhere beyond the Alleghenies and finding passage to it was the big challenge that lay ahead. Unless you're a genuine history buff, plowing through this tome may be an even greater challenge.

ANNALS OF TENNESSEE TO THE END OF THE 18TH CENTURY by J. G. M. Ramsey. Reprint 2003. Originally printed 1853. Paperback, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2", 743 pp., \$59.95 plus \$3.50 s & h. Clearfield Co., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

A century and a half after this history first appeared, it still remains of interest. In compiling his account of Tennessee first as a territory and then as a fledgling state [1769 to 1800], **Ramsay** scrutinized archival collections in this state as well as in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia. He also was able to interview such founding fathers as **James White**, **Charles**

McClung, and his own maternal grandfather, **John McKnitt Alexander**, who was secretary of the 1775 Mecklenburg Convention, and pioneer **John Pillow** and his sons **Gideon** and **William**. Unfortunately for researchers, the publishers of this reprint did not see fit to index this voluminous history.

TENNESSEE RECORDS, BIBLE RECORDS, AND MARRIAGE BONDS compiled by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen et al. Facsimile reprint 2002 (originally printed Nashville 1933) 5x8" paperback, 521 pages, surname index. \$39.50 plus \$5 shipping. Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716.

Marriages performed over four decades by the **Rev. R. B. C. Howell**, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church, open this book that has long been a favorite for many researchers. The records start with data on marriages solemnized by **Howell** in Virginia from 1827 through 1834, and then take up those at which he officiated in Nashville from 1835 to 1867. Other marriage records in the book include some from Knox, Dickson, and Wilson counties. Of primary interest are the family Bible records from throughout the state which provide information on marriages, births, and deaths. The book also contains numerous wills, family records, and some biographical information.

Mrs. Acklen, who was vice president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution when she compiled this volume, was assisted in this work by **Elizabeth Carriger Vaught**, **Mildred Vaughn Bouton**, **Rebekah Jetton**, and **Louise Allen Ogden**, who also were active in the D.A.R. and other historic societies.

BLACK GENESIS, A Resource Book for African-American Genealogy, 2nd Edition, by Dr. James M. Rose and Dr. Alice Eichholz. 2003. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2" paperback, 438 pages, indexed. \$24.95 plus \$3.50 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, phone orders 1-800-296-6687

This is an updated and expanded version of the 1978 book that was the first to provide methodology and information on resources for African-American genealogy. With 100 more pages than the original version, the second edition adds a substantial amount of new material to the basic sources presented earlier. The first part of the book gives an overview of general research principles and methodology, and the second gives a state-by-state listing of resources in all 50 states, plus those in Canada and the West Indies. Each location covers important dates, state archives, census records, state and county records, cemetery and church records, military records, newspapers, manuscript sources (personal papers, slave records, and diaries), internet resources, research contacts, and bibliography.

In Chapter 6 of the book, it is noted that **Bolton** and **Dickens** were the largest slave traders in Memphis. Their lists of more than 1,500 slaves and their purchasers are, according to this book, now in possession of the New York Historical Society and the New Hampshire Historical Society. ■

HOODENPYL: Are there any Hooden-pyls listed in Tennessee? If so, where? when?

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HOW ABOUT IT? Would like to exchange info with anyone working on the Lea, Butler, Sinclair, Gaines, or Booth families of Dyer, Gibson, or Lauderdale counties. Time period about 1850 to present.

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DAVIS, JENKINS: Looking for Davis and Jenkins families pre-1880 in Smith Co., Tenn., by way of Granville Co., N.C. Also researching all Mother-head/ Mothershed families.

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CHECK THESE OUT: Seeking families of the following:

(1) Sarah Golden, b. abt. 1818, m. Marshall Starnes 1838 Lauderdale Co., d. 1849, Tipton Co.;

(2) Elizabeth A. Lacey, b. 1828 Henderson Co., m. John R. Starnes 1861 Lauderdale Co., d. 1901 Green Co., Ark.;

(3) Sarah Elizabeth Gilmore, b. abt. 1827, m. John W. Ramer abt. 1847 probably in McNairy Co., Tenn., d. after 1880 in Green Co., Ark.

Elizabeth A. Simmons

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ROBERTSON, BYRD: Wish to exchange info on Richard Robertson (b. abt. 1806 Va., d. near Pine Bluff, Ark.) and wife, Clara (Clairey) Byrd (b. abt. 1807 N.C., d. near Pine Bluff 1871). They are in 1830, 1840, and 1850 Hardin Co., Tenn., censuses. Children: Mansel M., Nelson M., Elizabeth, William Garrett, Thomas Mathias, Samuel Monroe, and John Pleasant Robertson.

Robert E. Robertson

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QUERIES

Please type or print query submitted. All will be edited for length and clarity, and used in order received. Counties and towns referred to in queries are in Tennessee unless otherwise indicated. TGS members are entitled to one free query each year and may run additional queries for \$3 each. Fee for non-members, \$5.

Please acknowledge all responses to your query.

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SWALLOWS, COPELAND: Looking for documentation or proof of marriage of Jacob Swallows (b. 2/11/1786 Va., d. 1845 Overton Co., Tenn.) to Sarah Copeland (b. 1786, d. 1845 Overton Co.). Her father was Col. Stephen Copeland, veteran of both Revolutionary War and War of 1812.

William Nash

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LONG, MILLER: Who were parents, siblings of Minos Milas Long, b. 9 Aug 1824? Birthplace shown in 1850 Texas census as Tenn. but county unknown. Moved to Texas ca. 1848, where m. Amanda Miller in Bastrop Co. on 8 Jan 1856. Children: Sarah Fannie, Anna Belle, Lillie Adele, Josephine Ewing, Howard Hugh, Milas, John T., and Frank Louis. Where was M. M. before 1850?

Howard Long

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ARKANSAS METHODISTS: Memphis paper June 16 had article on unification of Little Rock Conference and North Arkansas Conference. Am searching for William T. Sinclair who was ordained deacon in 1856 by Arkadelphia Conference. Disappeared from 1858 Drew Co. tax list. Hendrix College in Conway gave me address for bishop's office in Little Rock; have nothing further. Where are other records?

Margaret Norvell Sinclair

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LOVELL, MILES, JACKSON: Seeking info on Sarah "Sally" Lovell, daughter of James Lovell (b. 1772 N.C.). She was residing in Davidson Co. in 1813; m. Elisha Miles there 10 Dec 1818. When and where was Sally b.? Who was her mother? Sally and Elisha's son, Samuel H. Miles, b. 1822, m. Nancy Catherine Jackson. Also interested in her family.

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VICKERY: Am researching family of Adam Vickery, War of 1812 veteran, who migrated from Wayne Co., Ky., to Morgan Co., Tenn. (later Cumberland Co.). Adam was father of Goldsborough and Charles P. Vickery. He procured thousands of acres of land which he lost before his death. If you are researching this family, please contact me.

Charlotte Martin

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ROBERTS, POTHLET, MURPHY: Am seeking info on my paternal great-great grandparents, William Roberts and Margaret Pothlet/Poteet Roberts. Also researching Murphy/Murphree families descended from Daniel of N.C. and David of East Tenn.

Mrs. Gerald W. Bradley

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CARAWAY: Looking for info on William "Buck" Caraway, b. in Smith County 14 May 1836. Moved to Big Sandy in Benton County in 1842. Married Almeda Alsup 13 Aug 1861. Died in Big Sandy 10 Jan 1916. Who were his parents? Siblings?

Knox Martin

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EOFF [OFF, AOFF]: If you have an Eoff in your family tree, let's exchange info. He/she is almost certainly descended from same German immigrant who landed in New York harbor in 1710 and changed surname spelling from Off to Eoff.

Joan Vickers

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DEPEW: Seeking info on Maria Clark Willard Depew (b. 1846, d. 1914) and Elbert Sevier Depew (b. 1834, d. 1891) in Rock Springs, Tenn., area. Also researching surnames of Willard and Gillenwaters.

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ROBBINS: Where in N.C. was William Robbins born? His wife, Elizabeth Rose, b. in East Tenn. When did he come to Tenn.? What was his occupation? Where did they live before locating on New Castle Rd., Whiteville, Tenn.?

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WILSON: Zaccheus Wilson and wife Louisa ELiza Wilson were parents of Robert H. Wilson, b. ca. 1824. What were names of their three other children? Louisa was daughter of Robert Wilson, Jr., and Jane McDowell Wilson of Williamson County. Louisa's second husband was Tilmon D. Hinson.

Kathryn S. Schultz
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TAYLOR, HERRING: Zachary Taylor (b.9 May 1849, d. 19 Feb 1921) who is buried in Pisgah Cemetery in Ellendale, Shelby Co., came from Brownsville, Tenn. He m. Mary Ophelia Herring, who lived in Mason, Tipton Co. She was daughter of Marshall Herring and wife, Elizabeth Ann (Emily) Griffin. Will exchange info on both her parents.

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DUNAGAN: John C. Dunagan was b. in North Carolina. in 1812, married in Williamson Co., Tenn., in 1836, and d. in Crockett Co., Tenn., after 1881. Need any info on his brothers, sisters, or parents.

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## QUERIES

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BAKER: Seeking info on family of John Baker (b. 1794 Ga.) and wife Mildred (b. 1811 Tenn.). By 1850 census they were living in Fayette Co. Children: Tennessee J. (b. 1827) and Thomas J. (b. 1830), both b. Tenn.; Rutha J. (b. 1834 Ky.); Leda F. (b. 1837), Josephine B. (b. 1839), Ann M. (b. 1842), all three b. Miss.; and Louiza G. (b. 1848 Tenn.). Josephine B. m. William T. Richie on 10 Oct 1855.

Jerri Walker
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FORRESTER, BREEDEN: Seeking information on family of my g-g grandmother, Mary Forrester (probably daughter of John Forrester). She m. John J. Breeden in Roane Co. 10 May 1822 (his second marriage). They were parents of 9 children, all b. in Roane Co. Family relocated to Osage Co. (now Maries Co.), Mo., ca. 1843. Mary d. either before departure, during travel, or soon after arriving in Mo. John remarried in Mo. in 1846.

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CABE: Need info on Cabe family who lived in central Tenn. in early 1800s. John Cabe (b. 1750) was in Carroll Co. in 1830, in Weakley Co. in 1840, and in Henry Co. in 1850. Any info on Cabe in Tenn. will be greatly appreciated.

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JONES, GWYN: Am trying to find any info on O. F. (Oswell) Jones and his wife, Julie A. Gwyn. I know they m. in Fayette Co., Tenn., moved to Miss., and on to Ark. Especially interested in learning names of Oswell's parents and siblings.

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AMONETT, HUBBARD, BRAMLEY: Looking for link between Jacob Amonett of Virginia (1700) and Charles Amonett of Powhattan Co., Va., who had sons Charles, Jr., James, and Benjamin. Son Benjamin married Nancy Hubbard in Powhattan Co. and had a daughter, Sarah, who married John Bramley in Sevier Co., Tenn., in 1812. Would also like to exchange information on Thomas Bramley (Brumley) of Va. and Tenn., who probably was John's father.

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WYNNE: Would appreciate any information on Allen W. S. Wynne, son of William Wynne and Rebecca Davis. Allen b. 4 Nov 1800, m. Elizabeth B. Thompson 9 Oct 1820. Listed in 1860 census for Shelby County.

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QUESTION:



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Surname Searching

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would like to contact others researching these Tennesseans:

- Phillip O'Haver
- Joseph Soloman Fowler
- David Hodges
- John Ward
- Benjamin Tarver
- Samuel Patterson
- William Isaac Choate
- Thomas Hamilton
- Robert Shaw

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is seeking information on these surnames:

In Williamson & Marshall counties:

Wilson & Hinson

In Obion County:

Wilson & Baucom

In Davidson County:

Alford & Hollingsworth

In Gibson County:

Alford, Richardson, Jennings,
Turner & Jones

BONITA (BRATCHER) MANGRUM

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is researching these surnames:
in White, Warren, and Van Buren Cos.

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| -Passons | -Newby |
| -Owen | -Paris |
| -Blanton | -Hicks |
| -Austin | -Grissom |
| -Rhodes | -Wilson |
| -Kirby | -Jones |
| -Odom | -Anderson |
| -Witt | |

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will appreciate any info you can provide on these surnames in Tennessee:

- Petty
 - Patterson
 - Scott
- Spain■

In Fall of 1845

Numerous Illnesses, Deaths Hit West, Middle Tennessee

More sickness than in any previous autumn was reported in Middle and West Tennessee counties in the autumn of 1845, according to the *Memphis Tri-Weekly Appeal*. Prevailing diseases were described as chills and fever, and bilious and congestive fever.

Some 50 persons were said to have taken sick at a recent camp-meeting near Wesley in Haywood County, and a gentlemen of DeSoto Co., Miss., informed the paper that at least 1,000 people there were either sick or convalescing. The residents of Fayette Co., Tenn., also had been unusually affected, and the following deaths had been announced in the *Sommerville* paper:

In Sommerville: Mr. Alsey Woods of Memphis, aged ca. 47 [no date given]

In LaGrange:

Sep 9 - Mrs. Jane C. Slade

Sep 12 - Mr. ___ Falls, native of Ireland

In Fayette County:

Sep 12 - Mrs. Martha Ann Winston, abt. 33, wife of Maj. E. Winston

Sep 14 - Mr. Abram Walker, abt. 72

Sep 15 - William Benjamin Dickinson aged 2 years, son of Shadrack and Mary E. Dickinson

Sep 16 - Mrs. Stedman, wife of William S. Stedman; Mary Angeline Lindley, aged ca. 10 mos., daughter of Thomas Lindley

Sep 17 - Mrs. Celia Malone, wife of Stephen Malone

In Columbia

Sep 6 - Mrs. Cordelia Watt, wife of Dr. William Watt, Fayette Co.

In Hardeman County

Sep 15 - Wallace S. Shaw, aged ca. 25, formerly of Fayette County

Memphis and Shelby County generally had suffered little during the past summer and autumn, *The Appeal* stated.■

Some Cate Genealogy Found in Court Suits Filed in Cleveland, Tenn.

Two legal notices filed in Chancery Court at Cleveland, Tenn., in Jan 1844 and published in the *Tennessee Journal*, Athens, contain genealogical information of interest to persons researching the Cate surname.

Sarah Cate is identified as the widow of William Cate, deceased. At the time of his death, William owned a lot in the town of Charleston in Bradley County, and a Negro boy, Pleasant.

Named as Cates' "personal representatives, heirs, and distributees" living out of state were: Elizabeth Burkholder, wife of John B. Burkholder; Mary Witt, wife of Nathaniel Witt; Nancy Bryant, wife of Thomas Bryant; Miranda Porter, wife of Robert Porter; John E. Cate, Rebecca Cate, and Charles Cate.

His heirs living in state were Catherine Newman, Rachel Carter, Sarah Mount, William Cate, Lucinda Bryant, and Letty Benton. Another son, Robert Cate, died before the first suit was heard, and his widow, Matilda, then filed suit listing his minor children as John, Robert, Maranda, Penelope, Benjamin, and Martha.

So There!

Georgiana McCoy sent this comment to the *Cincinnati Commercial* and the *Clarksville (Tenn.) Chronicle* reprinted it 13 Jan 1866:

"I observed in your issue of yesterday a card signed Corneal S. McCoy, warning all persons from trusting me on his account as I had left his bed and board without just cause or provocation. I therefore take this method of informing the public that he never had a bed; the board was always furnished by myself; and as to anyone trusting me on his account, I know of none who would trust him. His credit has always been below par and so much so that he could not get trusted for his own shirting and now wears some of my underclothing on his back, slightly altered."■

A Storybook Ending Not in the Cards For Civil War Heroine Betsy Sullivan

When **John Sullivan** went marching off to war in the spring of 1862, his wife **Betsy** was not far behind.

Whether she actually went with him from Giles County or joined his regiment when it first came under fire at Cheat Mountain, W. Va., in September of 1862 is not known ... but she quickly became a valuable asset to the Tennesseans who made up the First Regiment's Company K. She tended the sick and wounded, cooked for them, mended and washed their clothes, and consoled and comforted them. Her presence boosted the morale of the entire company of Middle Tennesseans. To them she represented their homes and 'the girls they left behind' – their sweethearts, wives, and mothers. They called her "**Mother Sullivan**" and treated her with the same respect and courtesy they gave their own. It was said that no rude speech or improper words were ever uttered in her presence by her devoted "boys." One of them later recalled, "No man in the entire regiment would have hesitated to spill his last drop of blood for **Mother Sullivan**."¹

Before the war, **Betsy** and her Irish-born husband **John** lived in the Prospect community in the southern part of Giles County where he worked as a stone mason. They had married 25 Oct 1854 in Franklin County,² and resided there for four years before moving to Robertson County for a short time and then settling in Giles in about 1859. The 1860 Giles County census³ showed **John**, aged 29, and his wife **Elizabeth**, 33, with six boarders – all day laborers and all born in Ireland.⁴ Also living with them was her 15-year old son **Richard**, who had been born in Tennessee.⁵

When the war broke out, **John**⁶ enlisted for a year in the Martin Guards, the first military company raised in the county. It was headed by 27-year old **Capt. Hume R. Feild**. The ladies of Pulaski gathered at the courthouse and made uniforms for the soldiers, and the unit was among 10 companies mustered into service in Nashville on 2 May 1861 as the First Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers under **Col. George Maney**. The Martin Guards were assigned to Company K, and went into camp at Allisonia in Franklin County. From there, they moved to Camp Cheatham in Robertson County for military training, and on 10 Jul 1861 were ordered to Virginia.

After a train trip of several weeks, they joined **Gen. Robert E. Lee**'s forces in western Virginia. A roster dated 31 Aug 1861 at Valley Mountain, Va., lists **Sullivan** among the 93 privates in Company K. On 10 Sep, the men were sent to the front to take part in **Lee**'s first operation of the Civil War at Cheat Mountain. **Betsy** somehow managed to go with them. As they marched into the rugged mountainous area, they were drenched by heavy seasonal rains that persisted through the next few days and hampered operations. But **Betsy** persevered – march-

¹ **Mary Elizabeth Massey**, in her book, *Women in the Civil War*, 1994, p. 78 [originally published as *Bonnet Brigades*, 1966], reports the common soldier often was devoted to the older, more motherly souls who looked upon them as they would their sons, adding "This was later borne out when these kindly women were honored guests at army reunions."

² **Sistler, Byron & Barbara**: *Early Middle Tennessee Marriages*, Vol. I, Grooms, Nashville, 1988. **Burks, Billie & Hall**: *Marriage Records of Franklin Co., Tenn., 1838-1875*, Franklin County Historical Society, 1979, p. 178. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. **John M. Jacquet**.

³ Taken 22 Aug 1860.

⁴ Their names and ages, as listed in the census: **William Havey**, 27; **Philip Farley**, 60; **Eugemis Sullivan**, 25; **Jeremiah Sullivan**, 33; **Michael Cuslick**, 30; and **John Halihey**, 34. Court records show that **Jeremiah** was **John Sullivan**'s brother.

⁵ It is possible that **Elizabeth** was the daughter of **James Seargeant**, 55 (b. Va.), and wife **Margaret**, 5 (b. Ga.), who are listed in the 1850 Grundy Co., Tenn., census. Among children living with them is **Richard Seargeant**, aged 4. Others are identified as **William D. Seargeant**, 18, **Nathanlel Seargeant**, 16, **William Seargeant**, 6; and **Nancy A. Swan**, 5.

⁶ **John** is described in his military records as 5 feet 8 inches tall, with light hair, light complexion, and grey eyes.

ing by day through the mountains with her knapsack on her back, and sleeping at night on the wet ground with the same knapsack as her pillow. She considered no trial too severe nor any sacrifice too great if made on behalf of her "boys." When one of them was killed in a slight skirmish at Cheat Mountain, Betsy took the dead soldier in a rude wagon to the nearest railway station where his body was prepared for burial, and then accompanied him back to Pulaski and delivered him into the hands of his grieving family.⁷ Friends urged Betsy to remain at home and let them give her the care she so badly needed, but she declined, saying "No, my boys need me. I must go to them."

On 15 Sep, General Lee withdrew the Confederate troops, and soon after the fall of Fort Donelson in mid-February, Company K was ordered to Mississippi. The unit left Winchester, Va., for Corinth, and reached there in time to participate in the battle of Shiloh 6-7 April and in the Corinth campaign that followed. Betsy again was with her "boys" on the battlefields, carrying bandages, binding up wounds, moistening the lips of the dying, and closing the eyes of the dead. Later, the soldiers of Company K would make up a purse of some \$1,200 to \$1,300 which they contribute to Betsy as a token of their appreciation for the nursing care and attention she had given the sick and wounded of their unit.

When the company was reorganized at Corinth, John signed up for two more years, being reenlisted by Capt. W. C. Flournoy. On the 8th of October, he took part in the battle at Perryville, Ky., one of the bloodiest of the war. In contrast to the outfit's experiences in the rain-drenched mountains of western Virginia, the Perryville battle came during one of the worst droughts to hit the area in years. During the day-long battle, John Sullivan sustained a severe head wound and another Giles County soldier, Lt. John H. Wooldridge of Pulaski, suffered the loss of both eyes. When Gen. Braxton Bragg retreated from Kentucky, Sullivan and Wooldridge were among the wounded left at Harrodsburg and were captured by Union soldiers. Betsy went with them to prison where she continued to serve her husband and other members of the company as long as she could.

John's name is found on the Prisoner of War Register at Louisville, Ky., and his military records show he was exchanged on board the steamer *Metropolitan* near Vicksburg, Miss., on 4 Dec 1862. A Confederate surgeon certified John for discharge because of his disability, and on 18 Feb 1863 he was discharged at Shelbyville and given a \$4.50 traveling allowance back to Pulaski.⁸ He also received back pay of \$111.52

All did not go smoothly for the Sullivans once they returned to civilian life. The first recorded indication of marital and other problems appears in 1865 chancery court records in Giles County.⁹ Betsy filed a bill for divorce, charging John had become a drunkard, and was abusive and threatening when drunk. The divorce was granted, and Betsy received part of the couple's property. They apparently reconciled, however. The 1870 census shows them living together in Pulaski, with John, then 40 and working as a stone mason, and Elizabeth (Betsy), 44, keeping house and taking care of four of John's cousins who were boarding with them at the time.¹⁰

On 4 Dec 1871, during the time of his apparent reconciliation with Betsy, he filed a petition with the Commissioners of Claims in Washington seeking \$363 as reimbursement for 350 bushels of corn and 350 bundles of fodder he said he furnished the U. S. Army in the fall of 1864.¹¹ In his claim, John stated he was originally a

⁷ The national U. D. C. historian, Mrs. Grace Meredith Newbill of Pulaski, who reported this incident in 1917, did not give the soldier's name. However, Bob Wamble, who prepared the Martin Guards Memorial Roll, reports these four members of the Guards died at Cheat Mountain: William James Westmoreland, 12 Sep 1861; George E. Budd, 12 Sep 1861; John Coleman (date unknown); and John S. Abernathy, 20 Sep 1861.

⁸ On 30 Apr 1863, John received \$111.52 in back pay from Capt. George Dashiell. Records show he was due \$11 a day for 9 months and 17 days' military service.

⁹ White, Elizabeth: *Giles County Chancery Court Records*, Vol. 5, Woodruff Files, File Box S-28, Case 2194 (divorce bill)

¹⁰ The four are listed in the census as Mary Sheehan, 17, born in England; Johanna Sheehan, 11, born at sea; Johnnie Sheehan (m.), 9, born in England; and Bridget Sullivan, 22, born in Ireland. Mary, Johanna, and Johnnie were children of John's deceased uncle, Patrick Sheehan, a brother of John's mother. By 1874 the Sheehans were living in Davidson County, and were among defendants named in a petition filed by John 15 Jan 1874 in Giles County to sell a store house and one-acre lot south of Pulaski that had belonged to his nephew, Michael Grady, son of his half-sister. Grady had come to the U.S. from Ireland about 1867 and lived with John's brother Owen, working as a clerk in his saloon. Michael died intestate in Aug 1873. [File Box XXXV, John Sullivan's petition filed 15 Jan 1874.] The lot was sold 12 Nov 1875. John also filed suit regarding settlement of his brother Owen's estate. [File Box 5-9, Case 4088].

¹¹ Petition No. 10547, filed on Sullivan's behalf by Washington, D.C., law firm of Chipman, Hosmer & Co.

Union man, but the Commissioners of Claims office obtained records showing he voted for secession in June 1861, volunteered and served in the Rebel Army until his discharge in Apr 1863, and hired his wagon, team, and driver to the Confederate states on 13 May 1863. His claim was rejected in Dec 1873.

Eight years after the first divorce suit, **Betsy** filed a second divorce bill in Giles chancery court.¹² In her complaint, she stated that she was forced to leave **John** on 6 Feb 1873 because of "cruel and inhuman treatment" including physical violence, threats, and abusive language "too indelicate to repeat." She left his house and took with her livestock, a wagon, and other items. In one of the numerous papers filed in the case, **Betsy** said that immediately after leaving **John** she rented 50 acres of land from **W. B. Roberts** and planted 27 acres of cotton, 20 acre of corn, and four acres of oats, and hired three young men to assist her in cultivating the crops. At age 47, she said she worked as a farmer herself, plowing, hoeing, and scraping cotton.

In his answer to the suit, **John** denied treating **Betsy** cruelly and made countercharges against her, saying her son **Richard** was born out of wedlock and presenting depositions from his **Sheehan** relatives alleging that she was having affairs with several young men. **Betsy** denied the allegations of infidelity, and called 22 witnesses in her behalf.¹³ **John** subpoenaed 16.¹⁴

The suit dragged on for almost three years, until **Chancellor W. S. Fleming** issued a decree in the spring of 1875 granting **Betsy** a divorce from **John**, restoring her maiden name of **Elizabeth Sargant** and certain personal property, and ordering **John** to pay a \$300 judgment¹⁵ and court costs.

After the bitter contest ended, **Betsy** appears to have left the county, but where she went remains a mystery. It is possible she either died or remarried because no Tennessee-born **Elizabeth Seargent/Sargent** of her approximate age appears in the 1880 U.S. census.

John continued to reside in Giles County and his name is found in a number of court records. His testimony in an 1881 suit involving **Josh Caruthers** gives some clues to his activities over the years. He said he had known **Caruthers** since 1856, worked for him at the tunnel, served with him in the Army, was a partner with him in a grocery business on the north side of the Pulaski square, and worked with him on streets, on building the turnpike, and grading the race track. **John** brought two court suits, one regarding the sale and division of property belonging to his nephew, **Michael Grady**, and the other concerning property belonging to his brother, **Owen Sullivan**, both of whom died intestate.

On 22 Jul 1882, **John** died of consumption.¹⁶ He was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski. In his will, written the same year he died, **John** left \$200 to his brother, **Jeremiah Sullivan** of London, England, along with his interest in the estate of their deceased brother **Owen**. Other legacies included \$50 to the Rev. **T. C. Abbott**, \$100 to **John Franklin Witherow**, \$25 to **Mary E. Sheehan**; his watch (when redeemed) to **Mrs. J. J. Sullivan**; his bed and bureau to **Mary E. Sullivan**; a clock to **Joseph Flippen**; and his trunk, books, and other articles to **J. J. Sullivan** whom he also named executor. **John** stipulated that any remaining money should go to St. Augustine Church of Pulaski.¹⁷ **John's** estate included two lots in Pulaski and part of a third lot in the Simonton addition.

¹² Original documents, File Box S-18, Case 3229 (attachment and divorce bill), filed 9 June 1873 in Giles County Chancery Court Records.

¹³ Witnesses subpoenaed in **Betsy's** behalf were **Mary Sullivan**, **Mary Sheehan**, **Sally Conly**, **Owen Sullivan**, **Joshua Carruthers**, **Patrick Dinkins**, **Alex Kidwell**, **Joe Anthony**, **James Anthony**, **Margaret Sargent**, **Laura Sullivan**, **Tempe Batte** (col.), **Mares Allen**, **Frank Reed**, **Annie Simonton**, **Celestial Curtis**, **R. S. Kimbrough**, **Pleasant Smith**, **Alonzo Carter** (col.), and **John Daley**.

¹⁴ Witnesses subpoenaed by **John** were **Adam Howard**, **Emily Bledsoe**, **William Kenney**, **Low Kenney**, **Henry Barnes**, **Bettie Barnes**, **Mrs. W. B. Roberts**, **Mary Fitzgerald**, **Richard Sullivan**, **Mary Conalty**, **Thomas Conalty**, **James Sargeant**, **Miss Jennie Bowlin**, **Dr. John Roberts**, **Dr. R. R. Roberts**, and **Sam Dickson**.

¹⁵ Only \$100 of the judgment was ever paid.

¹⁶ *The Pulaski Herald*, 28 Jul 1882. [Reprinted in Giles County Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. XXVIII, p. 25, Jan 2003.]

¹⁷ **Parker, Clara M.**: *Giles County Will Abstracts, 1815-1900*, published 1988, p. 131.

The court ordered the sale of the lots to pay his debts.¹⁸

Meanwhile, Betsy's whereabouts remain a mystery. The name **Elizabeth Sargeant** crops up in various records in Franklin Co., Tenn., in Lauderdale and Madison counties in Alabama, and other places, suggesting the possibility that there was more than one person by that name.

In 1880, Betsy's son **Richard**, who retained the **Sullivan** surname, was living in Giles County, District 3, and working as a farm laborer. He and his wife, the former **Laura Pittman**, had six children:

1. **Thomas E. Sullivan**, age 14, apprenticed to a printer. Born 6 Dec 1865, he died 20 Nov 1912 and is buried in the old white section of Maplewood Cemetery.
2. **John E. Sullivan**, age 12, working as a farm laborer
3. **Lillie Sullivan**, age 10
4. **William R. Sullivan**, age 5
5. **David E. A. Sullivan**, age 4
6. **Mamie L. Sullivan**, age 5 months

Laura's mother, **Margaret Pittman**, lived with them. A native of North Carolina, she was born 24 May 1822. She died 11 Jan 1887 and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. **Laura** died 8 Nov 1916 and was interred in the same cemetery.

It is not known what became of **Richard** and other members of the family.

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Letters to the Editor

I just want to thank you for publishing the article about my **Dalby** family in the TGS book for the winter issue. I cannot tell you how much pleasure it has brought to me, and how many different contacts have been made through it.

I have just met a second cousin, three times removed. **Mrs. Tyrell Bond** is a lovely person with whom I've been in touch with ever since the issue came out. Now she tells me there are still more people connected with our **Dalby** family line that she has been in touch with. She is going to be in England this summer and thinks that she might be able to find Castle Donnington which was or is our family's.

Thanks again so very much, and I'll be looking forward to the next issue of TGS' magazine.

-Norma Austin, 10973 Point Harbor Drive, West Point, MS 39773■

¹⁸ These same lots figured in several lawsuits in which John was involved, and were ordered by the court to be sold to settle a debt in the divorce suit.

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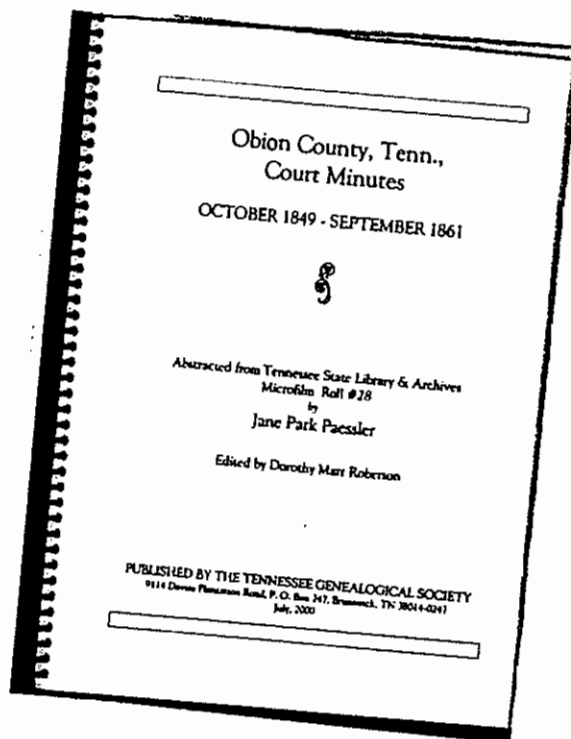
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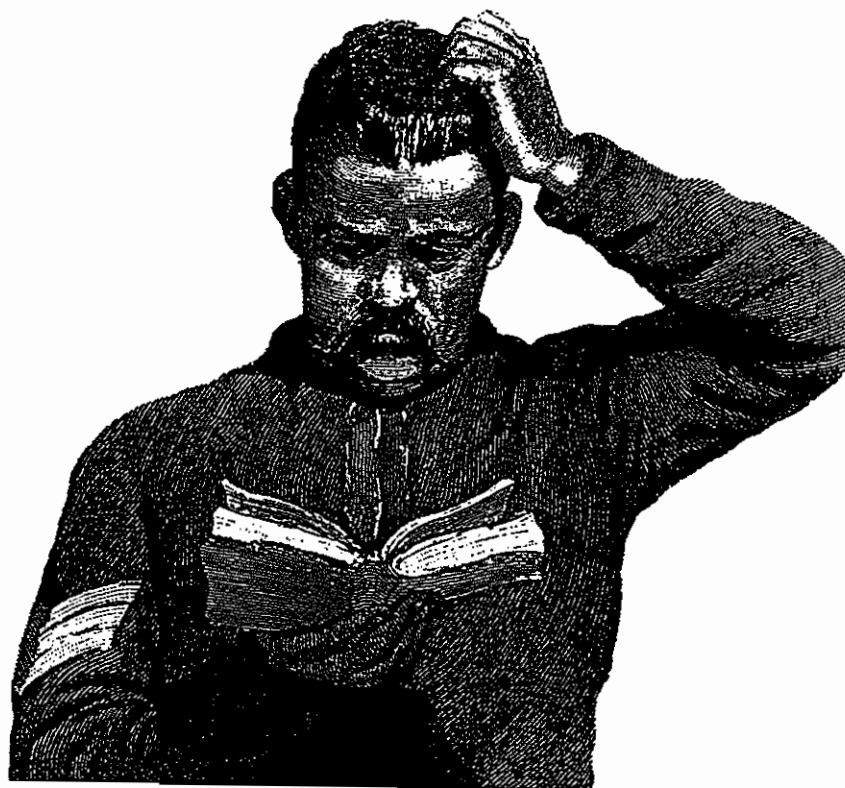
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