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WITH THIS ISSUE, *The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine* — a.k.a. *Ansearchin' News* — completes 50 years of publication. That's quite a milestone ... and something of which all TGS members can be proud. It was the first genealogical magazine in the state, and was begun in 1954 following the Society's founding on 17 Apr 1952 and its receipt of a charter from the state of Tennessee on 5 Nov 1952.

The magazine's first editor was Lillian Gardiner. She and her husband, Laurence, were guiding forces in the success of both the magazine and the organization itself.

For years, the magazine was known simply as *Ansearchin' News* ... and Lillian explained in one of the early issues how the name came about. It seems that the name was coined by member Ruth Duncan's cook Fanny.

When Lillian called one day to talk with Ruth, Fanny said, "No'm, Miss Lillian, she ain't here .. she's gone ansearchin'."

And thus a title was born. In recent years, the moniker *Tennessee Genealogical Magazine* has been prefixed to the title in an attempt to reflect the magazine's subject matter more accurately.

But you know what? Most of us still refer to it as *Ansearchin' News* ... it's easier to say and perhaps this is one case where a rose by some other name wouldn't smell as sweet.

Our thanks and deep appreciation to Lillian and the many others who have followed her in dispersing Tennessee genealogy across the United States and even into some instances overseas.

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A NEW SLATE of officers was elected at the October membership meeting to head TGS for the next two years.

Byron Crain, vice president for the past year, will be the new president. A native of Little Rock, he graduated from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, with a B.A. in political science. He worked for The Kroger Company for 36 years, and was president of the Grocery Manufacturing Division when he retired. Byron served in the U. S. Navy from 1957 to 1959. He does

volunteer work in the History/Genealogy Department of the Memphis/Shelby County Central Library, and heads operations for the disaster relief program of the United Methodist Church's Memphis Conference.

Byron's wife, Virginia, will be the new recording secretary. She, too, is a Little Rock native and received a B.A. in English from the U of A at Little Rock where she was yearbook editor. The Crains have been married more than 43 years, have three children, and four grandchildren. As the spouse of a corporate executive, Virginia has been a successful homemaker in six states.

TGS' new vice president will be Mrs. Terry Nelson, a retired school teacher and currently night office manager for Dobbs Ford. Terry taught the sixth grade at Goodlett School in Memphis for 30 years, and is putting her teaching skills to work by conducting classes in genealogy for TGS. She also does a regular stint on the TGS library desk.

George Partin, retired CPA, will be business manager. Born in Richmond, Va., he grew up in Parsons, Tenn. and served with the Navy in World War II and in the Korean conflict. He is a graduate of Athens [Ala.] College and the Southern Law University in Memphis.

Mrs. Jennye Miller Scott of Germantown, Tenn., will be the new editor of *The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine*. Born and educated in Germantown, she is an enthusiastic genealogist and has been researching her family's history for about four years. Her hobbies include interior decorating, with special interest in faux painting.

Reelected librarian was Mrs. Loretta Bailey, a native Nebraskan and former auditor for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Loretta has been TGS librarian since the summer of 1999, and has done -- and will continue to do -- an excellent job.

Col. Lucius Wright, West Point graduate, 25-year veteran of the U. S. Army, and area director of General Business Services for 17 years, was reelected treasurer. Born in Denver,

Lucius says he was an "Army brat" and there are few places he hasn't resided. He and his wife have three children.

Delbert Curlin is the new corresponding secretary and researcher. A native of Benton Co., Miss., he is a retired computer specialist who spent most of his career in the U. S. Department of Defense. Mrs. Lorraine "Lori" Trenk returns as director of sales. A native of Syracuse, N.Y., she is a retired nurse and formerly worked with the Baptist Health Care System in Memphis. The new certificate program director is Phyllis Rothhammer of Collierville. A native of Arkansas, she descends from the Looney family [later changed to Luna] who were among Tennessee's earliest families and settlers of Nashboro. Semi-retired, Phyllis now works part-time as credit manager for Southern Leather Company.

Reelected as a director on the TGS board was Doug Gordon, retired purchasing agent for the Tennessee Air National Guard who lives at Fishersville and does all sorts of chores for TGS. Also serving on the board as a director will be outgoing president, Jim Bobo, native Mississippian who has ably headed the Society's operations for the past five years and is a retired sales manager for the health care product firm of Johnson & Johnson. Jim and his wife Dorothy recently moved to Olive Branch, Miss., adding only a couple of miles to their commute to TGS headquarters.

From this, you can readily see why I retired as editor. Plain old case of being out-classed!

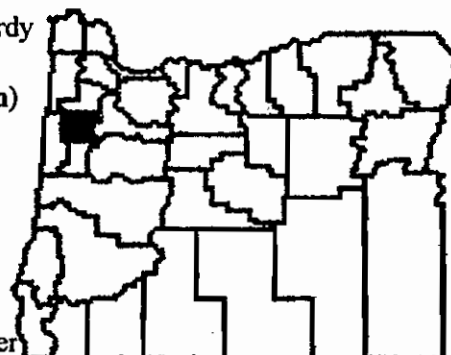
A lot is said about volunteerism. Some of it positive; some negative. But what is most often overlooked is not what the person volunteering gives to a genealogical society or a library or whatever group in the form of time, energy, and thought ... but what that volunteer gets in return. And that's the satisfaction of having filled a need, shared a "find," and enjoyed the company of others on like missions. Looking back over my eight years as your editor, I feel compelled to express my thanks for having had the privilege to serve. I got far more than I gave! ■

## Tennessean John Lyle Writes of 1845 Oregon Migration

In the year 1845, **John Eakin Lyle** was among the estimated 5,000 hardy souls who took to the Oregon Trail in quest of land and opportunity. Born in Blount County, Tenn., in 1815, he was the son of **William G. and Jane (Eakin) Lyle**.<sup>1</sup>

**John's** siblings, as named in his father's will of 28 Jul 1834,<sup>2</sup> were: **Margaret Ann** (b. ca. 1824),<sup>3</sup> **Alfred M.** (b. in 1827), and **William M. Lyle**. **John** apparently left from Illinois with a company of other residents, and headed for Independence, Mo., where they joined one of the numerous wagon trains bound for Oregon Territory.

When their wagon train stopped at Laramie, Wyo., **John** penned a letter to the editor of the *Lacon (Ill.) Gazette* describing the trip to that point. His letter, which was reproduced in the *Memphis Appeal Avalanche* in its issue of 23 Sep 1845, provides an interesting perspective:



Polk Co., Ore. (indicated in black)  
was where John E. Lyle settled.

"We arrived here last evening, about one-third of the way to the place of our destination. There have been several companies passed this way in advance of us. There are also some in our rear. No person knows the exact number emigrating to Oregon this season on account of their starting at so many different times and from so many different places. Some wise men say there are 600 wagons on the way and they will average four souls to each wagon. I think 500 high enough with four persons each.

"The health of all emigrants I have seen or heard from is good except such as were laboring under disease before leaving the States, and some of them have recovered rapidly. Only two deaths have occurred on the road, so far as I can learn, this year -- none in this company. Emigrants from Putnam and Marshall counties<sup>4</sup> are well -- some of them in much better health and spirits than at the commencement of the journey. Our company has 42 wagons and about 750 head of horned cattle including work oxen as also horses and mules. We are about 90 males over 16 years; the number of women and children I do not know, but there is a very fair proportion of them. We have lawyers 3, preachers 2, physicians 0. There are several physicians in other companies to whom we can apply in case of need. We have mechanics of most descriptions, but the great majority of our company are sturdy farmers and stock growers.

"Traders keep some articles to trade to Indians, hunters, and trappers who frequent posts. Everything sold here is at exorbitant prices; coffee at 50 cents per cup, nearly 75 cents per pound; caps, such as cost 2\$ at Lacon, are 8 or 10\$ here. Some of our company have bought well dressed Buffalo robes for 4 and some for 6 cups of coffee each. Trade is confined principally to licensed traders, but the emigrant is not prohibited from trading as much as is necessary for his own accommodation.

"We have had excellent roads thus far -- better, I think, than could be found the same distance in the States. The weather has been fine except that it has been rather dry most of the time; nights are generally very cool.

Yours respectfully, J. E. Lyle."

<sup>1</sup> She was the daughter of **William and Jane (Paxton) Eakin** of Blount Co., Tenn. **William Eakin's** will, dated 22 Aug 1838(?), left his plantation in Blount County and his interest in a quarter section of land in Illinois to his wife **Jane**.

<sup>2</sup> *Blount Co., Tenn., Will Book No. 1, 1788-1858*, copied in 1937 under WPA Historical Records Project, published by Mountain Press, Signal Mountain, Tenn. **John** inherited his father's plantation, livestock, farming tools and utensils, and the obligation to support his mother during her natural life. He also inherited all of his father's books. When his siblings came of age, **John** was to give his brother **William M.** \$100, his brother **Alfred M.** \$200, and his sister, **Margaret Ann**, a horse and saddle valued at \$75. In 1849, **Alfred** and **Margaret Ann** filed a petition in Monroe County court to sell their parents' land. **John** and **William** are described in the suit (No. 439) as both being "of parts unknown." [Decker, Jr., *Albert W.: Blount Co., Tenn., Chancery Court Records, 1866-1865 & Monroe Co., Tenn., Chancery Court Records 1832-1852 Mentioning Blount County*, Heritage Press, Bowie, Md., 1994.]

<sup>3</sup> **Margaret Ann** married **Francis M. Roberts**, son of **John C. and Elizabeth (Blackwell) Roberts** of Roane Co., Tenn., on 31 May 1849. They had five children. **Francis** died in the Civil War.

<sup>4</sup> **Lacon** is the county seat of **Marshall Co., Ill.**, and **Putnam** is an adjoining county. The first schoolhouse was built at **Lacon** in 1837 and it is possible that **John** taught there. The 1840 census lists **John Lyle** as a resident of **Stark Co., Ill.**, which was formed 2 Mar 1839 from **Putnam** and **Knox** counties in Illinois.

**John** found his 'Land of Eden' at the end of the Oregon Trail, settling in Polk County, Ore., which was created 22 Dec 1845 from the Yamhill District and, fittingly, was named for another Tennessean, **President James K. Polk**.

On 19 Mar 1846, **John** inserted an ad in the *Oregon Spectator*, the area's first newspaper, announcing that he would open the Jefferson Institute for boys and girls in the Rickreall Valley in April. It would be the first school in the county, and its tuition would be \$8 per scholar for the 24-week session. When the school opened, **John** had a total of 15 students. The school was held in a log cabin which on Sundays served as a meeting place for a non-denominational church and also doubled as a site for county court sessions.<sup>5</sup>

On 3 Nov 1846, **John** took a wife – 21-year old **Ellen Scott**, a native of St. Charles, Mo., who the year before had migrated to California with her parents, 58-year old **Felix Scott** and wife, **Nancy Ellen (Castilio) Scott**,<sup>6</sup> and eight of her siblings. After a year in California, the Scotts had come to Oregon. In common with **John**, **Ellen** had Tennessee roots. Her mother, the former **Nancy Ellen Castilio**, had been born in Tennessee 13 Sep 1805 and was the daughter of **John Castilio** and **Eleanor Harrison Lowe** who married in Nashville on 3 Aug 1795.<sup>7</sup>

In 1848, **John** with his father-in-law, **Felix**, and two of his brothers-in-law, **Felix, Jr.**, and **Marion Scott**, joined in the Gold Rush to California. They are said to have mined there successfully for a year before returning to Oregon. **John** was postmaster of the Dallas post office in 1852.

**John** and **Ellen** had seven children, all born in Polk County:

1. **Harriet J. Lyle** - born in 1847. Taught school. In 1867 married **Edmund Fuller Veazie** (1833-1877), a native of Maine. Had four children: **Arthur L.**, **Clarence J.**, **Julia G.**, and **Edith F. Veazie**. **Harriet** died in 1927 and is buried in Dallas Cemetery, Polk County.
2. **Joanna Lyle** - b. 15 May 1849. Taught school. Died 18 Jan 1886. Buried in Dallas Cemetery.
3. **Alonzo S. Lyle** - b. 39 Jan 1851. Died 30 Sep 1855 at age 4. Buried in Dallas Cemetery.
4. **Alfred R. Lyle** - b. 23 Sep 1852. Farmer. Died 1 Sep 1905. Buried in Dallas Cemetery.
5. **Felix S. Lyle** - b. 13 Feb 1855. Died 2 Oct 1862 at age 7. Buried in Dallas Cemetery.
6. **William M. Lyle** - b. 21 Dec 1856. Was listed in 1880 census as law student. Died 7 Nov 1914. Buried in Dallas Cemetery.
7. **Julia Lyle** - b. 2 Feb 1859. Died 20 Oct 1862 at age 3. Buried in Dallas Cemetery.

**John** died at the age of 47 on 9 Sep 1862 – a month before the deaths of seven-year old **Felix** and three-year old **Julia**. **Ellen** – with the help of her children – continued to keep up the family farm. The 1880 census lists her as living in Dallas, Polk County, with three of her grown children (**Harriet**, **Joanna**, and **William**) and four grandchildren.<sup>8</sup> **Ellen** died 28 June 1890 in her 64th year, and is buried with her children in Dallas Cemetery just south of town. **John's** grave site is unknown. ■

#### ADDITIONAL SOURCES:

- Oregon Territorial Census, Polk Co., March 1849; 1850 census of Polk Co., Oregon Territory; 1880 U. S. census
- Polk County History, Oregon State Archives [<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/county/cppolkhome.html>]
- <http://www.censusfinder.com/oregon2.htm>
- Polk County, Ore., cemeteries [<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/or/polk/cemeteries/dallas2.txt>]
- Pioneer History of Churches in Polk Co., Ore. - <http://www.ncbile.org/nwh/ormistbc.html>
- **Sheffield & Lucas: 35,000 Tennessee Marriages & Bonds, 1783-1870**
- **Flora, Stephanie**, compiler: "Emigrants to Oregon in 1845," <http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1845.htm> ■

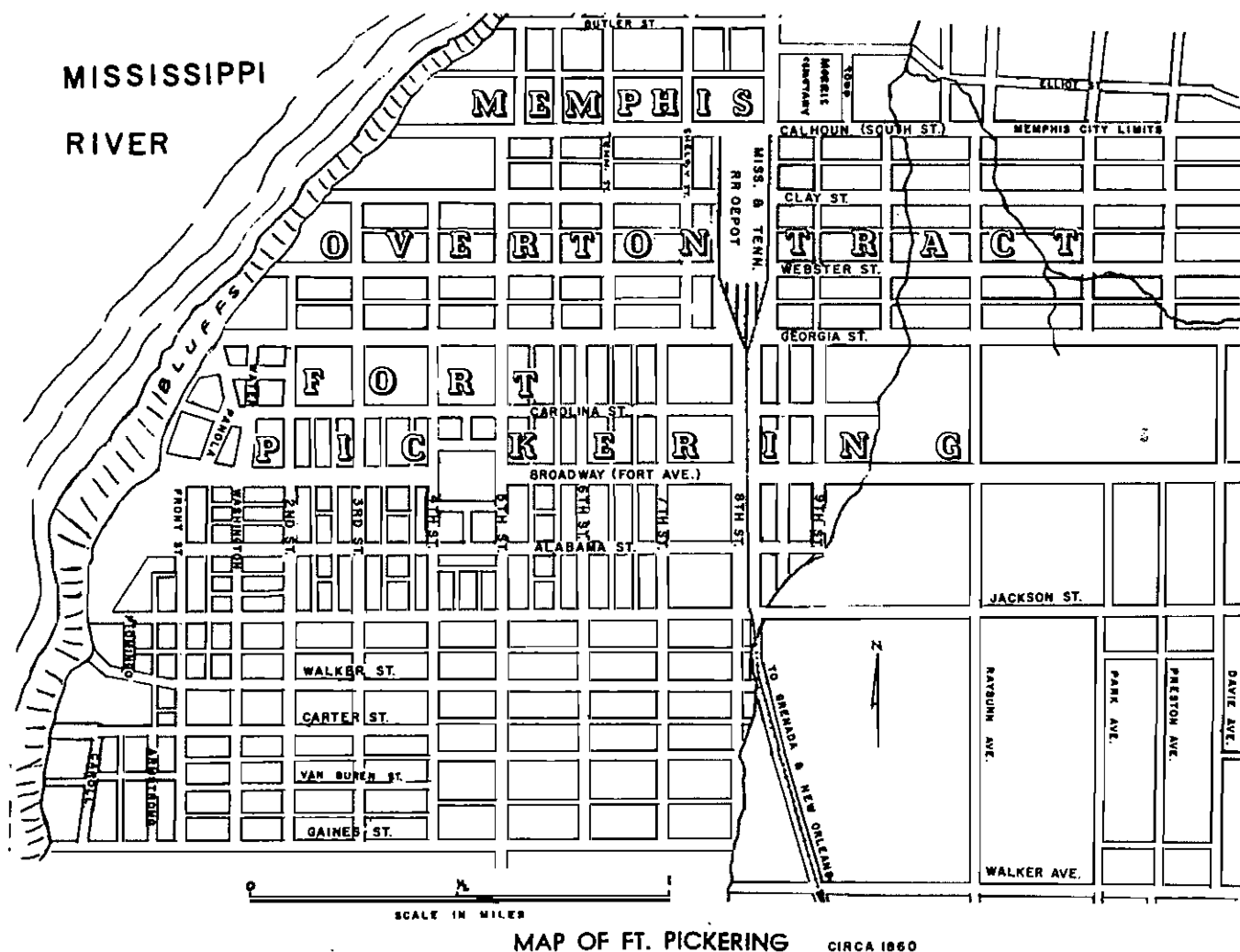
<sup>5</sup> **John** and several other men obtained a charter for LaCreole Academy in 1856, selling lots in the original town plat to fund the project.

<sup>6</sup> **Felix** was born in Monongalia, Va., 13 Dec 1786. He was a lawyer and member of the legislature in Virginia before migrating to Missouri. **Nancy** and **Felix** were married 5 Apr 1821 in St. Charles, Mo. She was his second wife, and they had 9 children. **Felix** was killed by Indians in Oregon in 1858. **Nancy** died 9 Dec 1882 in Dallas, Ore. [Source: [http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~comegys/felix\\_scott/webscott.htm](http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~comegys/felix_scott/webscott.htm)]

<sup>7</sup> **Whitley, Edythe Rucker: Marriages of Davidson Co., Tenn., 1789-1847**, p. 8. Baltimore, 1981.

<sup>8</sup> Living two doors from **Ellen** and her family were former Tennesseans **James** and **J. Mary Grigsby** and their five children. Two of the Grigsby children – **Milbond (m.)**, 9, and **B. Adria (f.)**, 6 – had been born in Tennessee. The other three – **C. Robert**, 4; **C. Lula**, 2, and an unnamed two-month old infant daughter – were born in Oregon.





## SHELBY COUNTY DEEDS OF THE 1840'S

*Transcribed by Jean Alexander West from Microfilm of Book O, Installment 2*

Page 32, Apprenticeship Agreement: At Tipton County Court term March 1840, **Nick, 18; Milly, 16; Peggy, 12; Charity, 11; Jim, 7; Kitty, 4; Addison, 3; and Sally Ann, 1** – free children of color of **Ann Swann**, free woman of color – are bound to **Nelly C. Newman** until each comes of age (21 years). **Nelly Newman** came to court with **Erasmus T. Rose, Frederick R. Smith, and Miles M. Temple**, her securities, and entered into indenture 1 Mar 1840 with **Irvin R. Sherrod**, county court chairman. Children are to live with her and serve her. She agrees to teach them a trade, farming, and spinning; provide them with wearing apparel, washing, lodging; and treat them humanely. At end of indenture, she is to provide them with \$7, and a good suit of wearing apparel. Agreement attested to 4 Apr 1843 by **Richard H. Munford**, Tipton County court clerk. Recorded in Shelby County 26 Apr 1843.

Pages 33-34, Deed of Trust dated 1 Apr 1843: **Edward S. Giles**, Shelby County, assigns certain described property in trust to **John Kirkpatrick** to secure payment of following debts: \$87.88 for which he is justly indebted to **Joseph Faulk**; \$42.75 owed **William P. Darden**; and **Stephen Tradewell**, his security on \$65 note payable to **John Ralston** and due 25 Dec 1843. If debts not paid by 1 Apr 1844, property is to be sold. Indenture witnessed by **S. R. Brown** and **W. L. Dewoody**. Acknowledged by **Giles** 29 Apr 1843. Recorded same date.

Pages 34-35, Deed dated 27 Apr 1843: For \$2,800 consideration, **Angus Gillis**, Shelby County, conveys to **Seth Wheatley** part of Lot 59 in Memphis adjoining alley, exchanges, Mississippi Row, etc. Witnesses: **Sylvester Bailey, Joseph Williams**. **Gillis** acknowledged deed same date. Recorded 29 Apr 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 25 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$525, **Temple G. Jennings**, Shelby County, sells Negro man **Alfred**, aged 22, to **Wade H. Bolton**. Witnesses: **Wesley Blakemore, Charles Stewart**. Bill of sale acknowledged by **Jennings** 1 May 1843 before county court clerk. Recorded 2 May 1843.

Page 36, Deed dated 8 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$324, **John C. McLemore** conveys Lot No. 352 on original plat of Memphis to **Frederic P. Stanton** and **John Lamphier**. Lot fronts 37½ feet on Court Square and runs back 148 feet. **McLemore** acknowledged deed 8 Apr 1843. Recorded 2 May 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 14 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$300, **William Farrell** sells Negro boy **Simon**, aged 10, to **Nathan Snowden**. Witnesses: **Samuel Strain**, **H. Williams**. Bill of sale proved 1 May 1843 by **John Strain** and **H. Williams**. Recorded 2 May 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 3 Apr 1843: To satisfy judgment and costs that Farmers & Merchants Bank of Memphis has against **William P. Reaves** and **T. N. Caruthers**, Shelby County Sheriff **L. P. Hardaway** has sold **Reaves'** slave man, **Thompson**, 75, to **Henry Williams** for \$340. Judgment issued in February circuit court term. Sheriff attested to sale 1 May 1843. Recorded 2 May 1843.

Deed dated 29 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$200, **Lemuel P. Hardaway**, Shelby County sheriff, conveys to **John K. Chester** 4-acre lot adjoining Memphis city limits<sup>1</sup> and two lots on north side of Adams street which **Harvey** also conveyed to **Hart & Gholson**. **Chester** and **John Trigg** had recovered \$4,947 judgment in Shelby County Circuit Court 11 Feb 1842 against heirs of **William T. Gholson**, deceased - namely, **James B.**, **Thomas**, **Robert**, **May**, and **Jane Gholson**. Under court order, sheriff advertised and sold parcels at public auction at courthouse 6 Feb 1843 to **John K. Chester**, highest bidder. Witnesses to deed: **Jabez Beharrell**, **James Tharp**. Sheriff **Hardaway** acknowledged sale 1 May 1843. Recorded 2 May 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 6 Jan 1843: For consideration of \$500, **B. H. Hawkins** conveys Negro girl, **Matilda**, to **Thomas Dickens**. Sale acknowledged by **Hawkins** before Deputy Clerk **W. P. Reeves** 1 May 1843. Recorded 4 May 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 11 May 1841: For consideration of \$800, **S. R. Brown** conveys to **Thomas Dickens** mulatto girl **Lonisa**, aged 17 or 18, and her child, **Charles**, aged 3 years. Witnesses: **Jesse M. Tate**, **S. W. Daniel**. **Brown** acknowledged bill of sale 2 May 1843. Recorded same date.

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Deed dated 14 Feb 1842: For consideration of \$815, LaGrange & Memphis Railroad Company conveys to **J. P. W. Brown** of Davidson Co., Tenn., Lots No. 1, 2, and 10 in Square 6 of town of Fort Pickering. Deed, signed by **Eastin Morris**, company president, was acknowledged by him 20 June 1842. Recorded 4 May 1853.

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Deed dated 14 Feb 1842: For consideration of \$675, LaGrange & Memphis Railroad Company conveys to **J. P. W. Brown**, Davidson Co., Tenn., Lots No. 25 and 26 in Square 11 of town of Fort Pickering. Deed, signed by **Eastin Morris**, company president, was acknowledged by him 28 June 1842. Recorded 4 May 1853.

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Deed dated 14 Feb 1842: For consideration of \$430, LaGrange & Memphis Railroad Company conveys to **J. P. W. Brown**, Davidson Co., Tenn., Lot No. 25 in Square 3 of town of Fort Pickering. Deed, signed by **Eastin Morris**, company president, was acknowledged by him 28 June 1842. Recorded 3 May 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 29 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$2,000, **George G. Allen** conveys to **William A. Irwin** eight Negroes: **Cyrus**, aged 28; **Joshua**, 18; **Henderson**, 11; **Dick**, 9; **Rachel**, 29; and her three youngest children. Witnesses: **B. Barker**, **Stephen Brooks**, **H. Barker**. Bill of sale attested to by **B. Barker** and **Stephen Brooks** 2 May 1843. Recorded 5 May 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 10 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$300, **George G. Allen** conveys Negro girl **Phillis** to **William A. Irwin**. Witnesses **Martin Walton** and **Jesse Walton** proved bill of sale 11 Apr 1843. Recorded 5 May 1843.

<sup>1</sup> Described in deed dated 22 Mar 1837 from **William Harvey** to **Hart & Gholson** and recorded in Shelby County Deed Book F, p. 107.



Bill of Sale dated 2 May 1843: For consideration of \$500, **James R. Maltbie** conveys to **Thomas D. Farrabee** Negro girl **Lizzy**, aged 5, and boy **Alfred**, 9. Sale acknowledged by **Maltbie** 2 May 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 29 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$2,977, **Seth Wheatley**, president of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Memphis, conveys to **Wade H. Bolton** following slaves: **Lewis, George, Andrew, Jim, Dinah, and D. John**. Bill of sale signed by **Wheatley**; witnessed by **Thomas Pittman, Jr., B. Taliaferro**. **Wheatley** acknowledged sale 29 Apr 1843. Recorded 6 May 1843.

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Deed dated 29 Nov 1842: For consideration of \$346 payable by note due 1 Jan 1844, **John W. Stout** conveys to **D. G. James** 129 acres in Township 1, Range 5 west of basis meridian of Chickasaw Session on waters of Nonconnah (west part of east part of Section 3). Witnesses: **S.W. Ledbetter, A. Allen**. **Stout** acknowledged deed 13 Dec 1842. Recorded 6 May 1843.

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Deed of trust dated 6 Feb 1842: For consideration of \$1, **Arthur Rose**, Stewart Co., Tenn., makes revocable deed of trust to **Frederic P. Stanton**, Shelby County, conveying two Negroes, **Alexander**, age 22, and **Molly**, age 22. Deed of trust is to secure \$136.59 note made 6 Feb 1843 to **S. Z. J. Fowlks** and due 1 Jan 1844, and \$77.88 note made 1 Jan 1842 and due day after date, subject to \$25 credit paid 16 Nov 1842. Trust is revocable if debt paid by 1 Jul 1844. Otherwise, **Stanton** is to advertise and sell slaves 10 days later to highest bidder for cash, and apply proceeds to **Rose's** debt. Witnesses: **A. C. Odell, W. Trader, H. B. James**. **Odell** and **Trader** attested to deed of trust 5 May 1843. Recorded 8 May 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 3 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$475, **William H. Wood** conveys Negro man **Ellick**, aged 28, to **William Trader**. Witnesses **Henry B. James** and **Andrew C. Odell** proved bill of sale 7 Apr 1843. Recorded May 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 7 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$500, **William Connell** conveys Negro man **John**, 33, to **John H. Arnold**. Sale proved by Witnesses **Wm. Trader** and **Henry B. James** 7 Apr 1843; recorded 8 May 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 19 Oct 1842: Negro man **Lewis** is sold as property of **Wesley Bennett** to **W. S. Wills** for \$141, highest bid at sale held at courthouse in Raleigh 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1842. Bill of sale signed by **George G. Holloway**, Shelby County clerk. Witnesses **W. L. Dewoody** and **Z. C. Alexander** proved deed 6 May 1843. Recorded 8 May 1843.

Deed of trust dated 8 May 1843: For \$5, **Able B. Shaw** and **James Junkins** convey to **Henry C. Dollis** 24 acres on Bayou Gayoso that are part of Lot 493 in division among proprietors of **John Rice** grant, and 1½-acre portion in southwest corner adjoining Monroe Street, Bayou Gayoso, and Madison Street. [Division of lot made by **J. P. Hardaway**.] Deed is made to secure \$200 note owed by **Shaw** and **Junkins** to **Len Lorange** and due in six months with interest. If not paid by then, **Dollis** is to advertise and sell property. Deed of trust witnessed by **P. G. Gaines** and **Wesley Blakemore**. Deed acknowledged 9 May 1843. Recorded 11 May 1843.

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Deed dated 12 Mar 1838: For consideration of \$225, **James P. Hardaway** conveys to **Len Lorange** of Shelby County, three acres where **Lorange** now lives. Land is part of **Hardaway's** 24 acres adjoining Lots 496 and 497 on Pigeon Roost Road with hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: **W. M. Hart, W. B. Anderson**. Deed acknowledged by **Hardaway** 9 May 1843. Recorded 10 May 1843.

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Deed dated 1 Feb 1843: For consideration of \$250, **James P. Hardaway** conveys to **Silas W. Jefferson** part of 24-acre lot adjoining town of Memphis. Land was purchased from heirs of **James Winchester** and is known as Lot 6. It adjoins Lot 5 at southeast and southwest corners on east side of Bayou Gayoso. Witnesses: **William Stockton, William S. Echols, James Rose**. Deed acknowledged by **Hardaway** 21 Feb 1843. Recorded 10 May 1843.

Deed dated 20 Jan 1842: For consideration of \$637, **John W. Moreland** conveys to **Silas W. Jefferson** 1¼ acres situated 10 feet south of southern edge of LaGrange & Memphis Railroad on east boundary line of **Job Bledsoe**

(from **James Kimble**) adjoining Union Street. Deed witnessed by **S. A. Horlow, J. T. Jefferson**. Deed acknowledged by **Moreland** 6 Apr 1843. Recorded 10 May 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 25 Apr 1843: For consideration of \$150, **Thomas Webb** conveys slave woman named **Mary** to **J. B. Rogers**. **Webb** acknowledged sale 11 May 1843. Recorded same date.

Deed dated 10 May 1843: For consideration of \$4,000, **James T. Leath** conveys to **Charles A. Leath** his one-fourth interest in Town Lot 68. Lot was sold in common and undivided between **W. L. Bickford, Joseph P. Davis, Charles A. Leath, and James T. Leath**, and was conveyed to them by **W. L. B. Vance** in deed registered 21 Jan 1841 in Book K, p. 225. Lot is on promenade between Lots 67 and 68 south. Deed witnessed by **Sylvester Bailey** and **John T. Mason**, and proved by them 10 May 1843. Recorded 12 May 1843.

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Deed of trust dated 9 May 1843: For consideration of \$5 and for purpose of securing note, **Archibald Walker** conveys to **Pendleton G. Gaines**: (1) Lot 6, Block 19 on promenade in South Memphis; (2) Negroes **John**, 42; **Simpson**, 38; **Mike**, 29; **Rebecca**, 27; and **Gredorus**, 3; (3) his one-half interest in slaves **Pompia**, 45; **Ann**, 34; and **Betsy**, 4; and (4) one wagon and gear, four horses, four drags, and two pair of gear to each, nine horses, and four mules. Deed of trust made to secure \$3,225 note to **Tillman Bettis**, due in part on second day of this month and in full in two years and six months. If not paid by due date, above items are to be advertised and sold to satisfy debt and expenses. **William Stockton** and **P. G. Gaines** witnessed deed. Acknowledged by **Walker** 9 May 1843. Recorded 12 May 1843.

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Deed dated 1 Mar 1843: For consideration of six and twenty-five dollars, **Peter W. Lucas** of Marshall Co., Miss., conveys to **John W. Fuller** of Shelby Co., Tenn., a parcel of land in Range 3, Section 7 adjoining town of Raleigh. Parcel is part of 1,000-acre grant to **James Freeman**, and adjoins northeast corner of Academy lot, **Humes** line, **John K. Balch** property, and north boundary line of town of Raleigh. Witnesses: **C. C. McMahan, B. F. Dowell**. Deed proved by witnesses 5 May 1843. Recorded 13 May 1843.

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Deed of trust dated 18 Nov 1837: **David Park** of Davidson Co., Tenn., to secure payment of \$8,750 in notes owed to **Wyatt Christian**, Shelby County, conveys to him three lots (No. 133, 134, and 135) in town of Memphis. First note in amount of \$2,915 is due 1 Mar 1839, second for \$2,917 is due 1 Mar 1840, and third for \$2,927 is due 1 Mar 1841. Lots begin at intersection of first alley south of Exchange Street on east side of Exchange Square, adjoining Lot No. 137. If notes not paid by due date, property will become **Christian's**. Witnesses **Seth Wheatley** and **John T. Trezevant**, proved deed of trust 1 Mar 1838, and it was recorded 3 Mar 1838 in Book F, pp. 459-460. On 12 May 1843, **Wyatt Christian** signed quit-claim deed releasing and relinquishing lots to **David Park** for full satisfaction of three notes.

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Deed dated 6 May 1843: For consideration of \$150, **John C. McLemore** conveys to **William M. Irwin** Lot No. 35 in Block 12 of town of Fort Pickering, according to lot plan, with hereditaments and appurtenances. Deed signed by **C. D. McLean** as **McLemore's** attorney in fact. Witnesses: **William Thomas, W. M. Corwell(?)**. **McLean** attested to deed 6 May 1843. Recorded 15 May 1843.

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Deed dated 13 May 1843: By virtue of a deed of trust executed to him by **A. A. McKay** of Shelby County, **John Ingram**, trustee, conveys to **M. M. McKay** of Madison Co., Tenn., the following Negro slaves: **Phillis**, abt 47 years of age; **James**, abt. 19; **Ben**, abt. 11; **Willis**, abt 10; **Giles**, abt. 9; **Hampton**, abt. 11; **Charity**, abt, 9; and **Caledonia**, abt. 20. Slaves publicly sold for cash at **A. A. McKay's** residence on 13 May 1843. Witnesses: **H. G. Buckingham, J. C. Mills**. Deed acknowledged by **Ingram** 15 May 1843; recorded same day.

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Deed of trust dated 16 May 1843: For consideration of \$1.00, **John D. Hargis** of Shelby County conveys following items in trust to **Daniel Coleman** of Shelby: one bureau, one table, one bedstead, six Windsor chairs, one pair of

brass and irons, and one dressing table. **Coleman** has stayed two executions of judgments obtained against **Hargis** before **T. L. Smith, Esq.**, one for \$38 and one for \$5. If **Hargis** pays debts with costs and interest by 1 Jan 1844, this deed null and void. If not, property to be advertised and sold to highest bidder. Witnesses: **N. W. Copeland, W. L. DeWoody**. Acknowledged by **Hargis** 16 May 1843. Recorded same date.

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Deed dated 30 Mar 1843: For consideration of \$1,794, **Jeptha Fowlkes** and **Miles White** convey to **Everett K. Dodge** lot in Shelby County with dwelling house and appurtenances. Lot, formerly owned by **James A. Hardaway**, adjoins city of Memphis, fronting on Main Stage Rd. from Memphis to Raleigh Rd. and adjoining north-west corner of lot **Jesse J. Finley** conveyed 30 Mar 1843 to **Fowlkes** and **White**. Acknowledged by **Fowlkes** 11 Apr 1843 for himself and as **White's** attorney. Recorded 16 May 1843.

Deed dated 30 Mar 1843: For \$1,794, **Jeptha Fowlkes** and **Miles White** convey to **Everett K. Dodge** part of 8.6-acre lot adjoining city of Memphis and fronting on Main Stage Road leading from city to town of Raleigh. Lot, formerly owned by **James A. Hardaway**, is all of 4-acre parcel east of an alley immediately east of lot **Fowlkes** and **White** conveyed this same day to **Jesse J. Finley**. Acknowledged by **Fowlkes** 11 Apr 1843 for himself and as **White's** attorney. Recorded 16 May 1843.

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Deed dated 31 Mar 1843: For consideration of \$1,190, **Jeptha Fowlkes** and **Miles White** convey lot with dwelling house to **Joseph Bohannon**. Land is part of 8.6 - acre lot adjoining city of Memphis on east and fronting on Stage Road. It is bounded on east by lot **Fowlkes** and **White** conveyed this same day to **Everett Dodge**, on west by lot occupied by **G. R. Redford's** public tavern, and on north by Bayou. It was stipulated several years ago that portion of lot was conveyed to **J. D. Goslee** some 60-80 feet near **Redford's** lot by title bond for which he has not paid. If he should make payment, this contract is cancelled by paying back and surrendering as much of purchase money as surrendered by contractor. Acknowledged 10 Apr 1843; recorded 16 May 1843.

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Deed of trust dated 31 Mar 1843: **Joseph Bohannon** is indebted to **Jeptha Fowlkes** for \$1,190 due in five notes -- (1) for \$260 due 1 Apr 1844; (2) for \$248 due 1 Apr 1845; (3) for \$236 due 1 Apr 1846; (4) for \$224 due 1 Apr 1847; and (5) for \$212 due 1 Apr 1848. For \$5 and further considerations, **Bohannon** conveys to **Fowlkes** one lot and dwelling house with appurtenances in Shelby County. Lot, formerly owned by **James P. Hardaway**, is part of 8.6 acres adjoining Memphis on east. It fronts on Main Stage Road to Raleigh and on east adjoins lot that **Fowlkes** and **Miles White** conveyed to **Everett K. Dodge**, on west by lot occupied by **G. R. Redford's** tavern, and on north by Bayou. If **Bohannon** pays notes in full by due dates, deed will be void. Otherwise, trustee is to advertise property for 30 days and then sell to highest bidder at public sale, with expenses for sale to be paid. **Bohannon** acknowledged deed 10 Apr 1843. Recorded 16 May 1843.

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Deed of trust dated 30 Mar 1843: For \$5 and other considerations, **Everett K. Dodge** conveys to **Jeptha Fowlkes** 4-acre portion of 8.6 acres adjoining city of Memphis and fronting on Stage Road to Raleigh. Lot was formerly owned by **James P. Hardaway**. Acreage was conveyed by **Fowlkes** and **Miles White** to **Jesse Finley** 30 Mar 1843. This deed of trust is made to secure \$1,794 loan that is payable in five notes, each due 1<sup>st</sup> May for years 1845 through 1848. If **Dodge** pays notes as each falls due, this deed to be void. If not paid, **Fowlkes** as trustee is to advertise property for sale in newspaper with 30 days' notice and sell for cash to highest bidder at public sale, with costs being paid. Acknowledged by **Dodge** 11 Apr 1843; recorded 17 May 1843. [Editor's Note: Same deed with slight rewording of lot description is recorded on Pages 69 -70.]

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Deed dated 27 Apr 1842: For consideration of \$5,500, **John C. McLemore** conveys to **Anderson B. Carr** these several lots and parcels of land in town of Fort Pickering: (1) Lot No. 1 in Square 44, fronting on Front and Walker sts.; (2) Lot No. 2 in Square 44 fronting on Walker and adjoining Lot No. 1; (3) Lot No. 1 in Square 47 fronting on Washington and Walker sts. and adjoining Lots No. 2, 3, and 4; (4) Lot 13 in Square 55 fronting on Jackson and Third sts. and adjoining Lots No. 12 and 11 which each front on Jackson; (5) all of Square 59 which fronts on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, Walker, and Gholson sts. containing 3½ acres and 5,950 square feet. Witnesses: **C. Baumgartner, Jno. C. McLemore, Jr.** Deed acknowledged 27 Apr 1842 by **John McLemore, Sr.** Recorded 18 May 1843. ■

## HARRISON

NASHVILLE, Jan 5 - A telegram was received here today announcing that **Carter B. Harrison, Jr.**, son of **Carter Harrison**, U.S. marshal for Middle Tennessee and a nephew of **President Harrison**, died today near Palestine, Texas. Only 22 years of age, he had broken down his constitution by too close application to study. He had recently gone to San Antonio for his health and was with his father in a train coming home when he died. His remains will be brought to Murfreesboro.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 6 Jan 1892

## BROWN

KNOXVILLE, Jan 5 - Judge **George Brown**, one of the oldest citizens of Knoxville, died this afternoon after a short illness. He was taken sick a few days ago with la grippe which developed into pneumonia. His death will be profoundly regretted.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 6 Jan 1892

## COLTON

KNOXVILLE, Jan. 9 - Prof. **Henry E. Colton**, well known geologist, died in his room at Hattie House last night about midnight. His death was very sudden and was due to congestion of the lungs. He was state geologist for Tennessee under the **Hawkins** administration, and was about 50 years old.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 10 Jan 1892

## FALKENBURG

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, [9 Jan 1892] **Mr. Louis Falkenburg**, well known solicitor for insurance companies, died suddenly in **Mr. Albert Seessel's** meat market. The deceased had just purchased a beef-steak and was in the act of leaving when he staggered, clutched at his throat, and, gasping for breath, fell to the floor. Medical aid at once was summoned, but he died a few moments later. He was 74 years of age and leaves five daughters and two sons. He was in the employ of **Carrington Mason & Sons**, and had a large patronage. His funeral will be Friday from the residence at No. 94 Exchange street.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 10 Jan 1892

# OBITUARIES from across TENNESSEE

## HOGUE

CLARKSVILLE, Jan 6 - **Nathaniel Hogue** died today at his residence on the Cumberland River. He was 65 years of age.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 6 Jan 1892

## TOONS

**James Toons, Sr.**, died at his late residence near Toons 26 Dec [1881]. Thus passed away a venerable and highly respected citizen.

-*Bolivar Bulletin*, 5 Jan 1882

## NEELY

We are called on this week to chronicle the sad intelligence of the death of **Mr. W. T. Neely** which occurred at his residence on the **Apperson** place four miles west of town [Somerville] at 7 o'clock Sunday morning [15 Jan 1882] in the 38th year of his age. He died of pneumonia after an illness of eight days. He was generally esteemed to be one of the best farmers in the county, and was a man of great energy and business capacity. His remains were interred at the family burying ground near Whiteville Monday with Masonic honors. He leaves a wife and five children.

-*Reprinted from the Somerville Falcon in the Bolivar Bulletin of 26 Jan 1882*

## TOMPKINS

**Robert Tompkins** died at his residence in Clarksville 28 Dec 1881, aged 73. He was born in Virginia in 1808. He has left behind many warm friends who deeply sympathize with his afflicted family.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 7 Jan 1882

## WISE

Died 19 Apr 1866 at his residence in Memphis, **John A. Wise**, member of the Hamilton Lodge of A. F. & A.M. On 21 Apr, Lodge members accompanied his remains to Winchester Cemetery where he was buried with all the honors of the Lodge.

-*Memphis Avalanche*, 29 Apr 1866

## OBERST

Died at the National Sanitarium, Tennessee, Monday evening 23 June [1924], **William G. Oberst**, 33, husband of **Isabel Fife Oberst** and son of **William T. Oberst** of Blytheville, Ark. Funeral services will be at Elmwood Cemetery here on Wednesday, 25 June. The body will arrive by Southern Railway on Wednesday morning.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 24 June 1924

## LIGON

A large number of friends and relatives gathered yesterday at Elmwood to see the remains of **Mrs. Nellie Campbell Ligon**, wife of **George W. Ligon**, laid in their last resting place. Funeral services were held at Central Methodist Church on Union street. **Mrs. Ligon**, only 21, had been married only one year. Her husband, a well known traveling man of this city, feels his loss very keenly. The deceased leaves an infant only a few days old.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 14 May 1894

## HAMMOND

Died at Chattanooga 26 May, 1894, **Pharmelia Hammond**, aged 72 years, wife of the late **Dr. J. C. P. Hammond**. Funeral services will be conducted here by the **Rev. G. A. Nunnally** at the residence of her son, **Judge E. S. Hammond**, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

-*Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, 27 May 1894

## BURROWS

**SEARCY, Ark.**, 23 June 1924 - **N. C. Burrows**, 90 years old, died Saturday [21 June] at the home of his son, **T. J. Burrows**, his death resulting from a fall two weeks ago in which he sustained a broken hip. Born in Gibson County, West Tennessee, on 7 Jul 1834, he moved to Craighead County, Ark., as a young man and lived there until nine years ago when he came to Searcy to live with his son following the death of his wife. In addition to his son, he is survived by a daughter, **Mrs. Dora Bryant** of Jonesboro, and several grandchildren. He was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 24 June 1924

## BOLSTON

Mr. John Bolston, old and respected citizen of Shelby County, died at his residence near Memphis on last Wednesday [22 Nov 1865] at the advanced age of near 70 years. He came to this county in 1819 from Wilson County and was assistant surveyor under Gen. Tipton. He has surveyed nearly every tract of land in the county. He was appointed postmaster of the second post office established in this county. Everybody in this section knew and loved honest Uncle Johnny Bolston. Peace to his ashes.

*-Memphis Daily Commercial, 28 Nov 1865*

## FREEMAN

Died in Memphis of pneumonia yesterday [16 Apr 1866] at 6 a.m., Mrs. Catharine P. Freeman, aged 40. She leaves her husband and an infant daughter. Funeral services will be at the Catholic Church at 10 o'clock this morning. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. Carriages at Owen Smith's, Second street.

*-Memphis Avalanche, 17 and 29 Apr 1866*

## TOWNSEND

Died 16 Feb 1870 after a painful and protracted illness, David Townsend at his residence near Collierville, Shelby County. Born in Anson Co., N. C., on 27 Dec 1797, he was consequently verging upon the 73d year of his age. He was one of those pioneer spirits who emigrated in 1818 to the fertile but then almost unknown valley of the Black Warrior at the time when the infant state of Alabama had barely attained her political majority and been admitted to the family of States. ... He removed to Mississippi about 1834 and remained there until 1837 when he moved to Collierville. A member of the Primitive Baptist Church, he was scrupulously honest and just, a devoted husband, and affectionate parent and grandparent.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 20 Feb 1870*

## SOWARD

Died on the 16th day of May 1872, Charles M. Soward at the residence of George W. Soward near the mouth of the Obion river in Dyer County. *-Memphis Avalanche, 1st June 1872*

# OBITUARIES from across TENNESSEE

## CUNNINGHAM

Died in Memphis on the evening of 13 Jan 1870 in the 28th year of her age, Mrs. Emma C. Cunningham, wife of Dickson Cunningham. Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral service at the Cunningham residence on Bass east of Dunlap street this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The remains will be conveyed to Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Carriages at J. C. Holst & Company.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 15 Jan 1870*

## LEWIS

We regret to learn of the death of the venerable Maj. William B. Lewis of Davidson County which occurred at his residence near Nashville Monday evening [12 Nov 1866] from a severe attack of catarrh fever. He was 82 years of age. He was an intimate personal friend of Gen. Jackson and served on his staff in the battle of New Orleans. Maj. Lewis was one of the commissioners who adjusted the existing boundary line between Tennessee and Kentucky. He served at Washington as Second Auditor of the Treasury during the administrations of Jackson, Van Buren, and Tyler. Retiring to private life, he indulged its quiet until 1865 when he left as a member of the legislature from Davidson. He was one of the members who opposed the odious Franchise law and we believe resigned to prevent its being passed by a quorum. *-Memphis Avalanche, 16 Nov 1866*

## TRENT

Died near LaGrange on 4 Sep [1845], Mrs. Margaret Trent, wife of Dr. William H. Trent, in the 38th year of her age. Sad as is the bereavement to her friends, so much more so is to him the loss of her, that like a jewel, had hung near 20 years about his neck, yet never lost her luster. Exemplary as a wife, mother, friend, and mistress ... those who knew her, loved and esteemed her whilst living, now lament her when dead.

*-Memphis Appeal, 13 Sep 1845*

## WYATT<sup>1</sup>

John Wyatt and his wife, Elizabeth, the subjects of this notice, were born in Lunenburg Co., Va., the former on 10 Sep 1781, the latter on 30 June 1785. They were married 27 Dec 1803. They moved to Montgomery County, Middle Tenn., in 1816 and settled on the Cumberland River at the mouth of Barton's Creek and moved to Haywood County, West Tennessee, in 1837 where they resided until they were removed by death to their home above. John was quite infirm for two years before his death and became entirely helpless, not recognizing even his most intimate friends for some time before his death which occurred 28 Nov 1866. After his death, his wife, who had been severely afflicted for 18 months, was moved to her son-in-law's where she died 24 Dec 1866. They professed religion soon after their marriage and joined the Methodist church in which they continued accepted members until their death. Their separation was short.

*[Nashville Advocate, please copy]*

*-Clarksville Chronicle, 11 Jan 1866*

## BOATMAN

Thomas M. Boatman, born 18 May 1837 in McNairy County, died 23 Mar 1908. He was in the Confederate Army in 1861, fought in the battle of Atlanta, and lost his right leg because of wounds. Buried in Sulphur Springs Cemetery, 25 Mar 1908.

*-Selmer (Tenn.) Sentinel, 16 Jan 1908*

## WOOTEN

E. Wooten, born 6 Aug 1821, died 10 Aug 1902. He lived a great many years in the extreme southwest corner of the county.

*-McNairy Independent, 17 Oct 1902*

## GARRETT

Died Thursday evening [13 June 1872], at 180 Beal Street of consumption, Capt. Ben. G. Garrett, aged about 52 years.

*-Memphis Avalanche, 14 June 1872*

<sup>1</sup> This obituary written for *The Clarksville Chronicle* by R. A. Neeley near Dancysville, Tenn., 28 Dec 1866



## ARMSTRONG

Died of a painful and protracted illness in Memphis on 11 Sep [1844], **Andrew Armstrong** of Lawrence Co., Ala., aged 53. A native of Botetourt Co., Va., he was principally brought up in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, from whence he emigrated to Alabama in about 1812. He was one of the earliest settlers in Lawrence County, which was his permanent home until his death. He was an exemplary man and sought no higher distinction in this world than to win and merit an honest name. He leaves a small family.

-North Alabamian, 1 Nov 1844

## WINSTON

We are informed that **Mr. Thomas Winston** of LaGrange, Tenn., was instantly killed on Saturday, 4th Nov [1865] by being thrown from his horse while returning from a party given at the residence of **Mr. Fletcher Lane** in the vicinity of that place.

The deceased was a young man highly esteemed for his many noble and generous qualities.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 12 Nov 1865

## ERWIN

**Col. Andrew Erwin** of Wartrace died the other day at Lafayette (Chambers Co.), Ala. He was born in 1800 and reared and educated in Tennessee. *The Nashville Banner* says he was a brother of **Mrs. Bell**, relict of the Hon. **John Bell**. His family connection was extensive in this state and throughout the South ... Though never having occupied official positions of prominence, being a retiring man of business, engaging in farming, he was nevertheless widely known -- and wherever known, was esteemed for his sterling worth as one of the finest specimens of old school gentlemen of the better and purer days of the Republic.

-Memphis Avalanche, 4 June 1872

## SWEENEY

Died in this city at 5 o'clock on 28th Feb 1866, **Mr. John L. Sweeney** in the 58th year of his age. Friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend the funeral from his residence on Linden Street at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 1 Mar 1866

# OBITUARIES from across TENNESSEE

## LEFTWICH

**Dr. Joel Leftwich** died Sunday, 12th Nov 1865, at the residence of his son-in-law, **William J. Stovall**, in the 65th year of his age. He was a native of Bedford Co., Va., but passed the years of his active and useful life as a physician in Maury County, Tenn., where his remains will be carried for interment.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 15 Nov 1865

## RIDDICK

**OAKLAND, Tenn., June 24 - Dr. E. G. Riddick** died at his home at Macon, Tenn., this morning at one o'clock and was buried in Macon Cemetery at 5 o'clock this afternoon. He was 84 years old. He leaves a wife and a large family of children, among whom are the Hon **T. K. Riddick** of Somerville, Tenn., and Judge **J. E. Riddick** of Little Rock, Ark.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 25 June 1895

## WEHRUM

Died yesterday [31 May 1872], aged 43 years, after a short illness, **Louis Wehrum**, for 25 years a resident of this city. The funeral will be Sunday morning, June 2, at 9 o'clock from his late residence on Hernando road between South & Clay streets.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 1 June 1872

## MICHAELS

**NEWBERN, Tenn., June 24 - A. Michaels**, late of LaGrange, Tenn., died in Louisville, Ky., 22 June [1895] of paralysis. He was for years a prominent merchant and cotton buyer of LaGrange.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 25 June 1895

## PETERS

Departed this life on 15th Feb [1827], **Mrs. Rachel Peters**, wife of **Christian Peters**, aged 82. She professed having faith in Christ a few days before her death. Though she came in at the eleventh hour, we trust she also will have her penny a day.

-Hiwasseean, Athens, Tenn., 24 Feb 1827

## BROOKS

**JACKSON, Tenn., June 21 - Mrs. S. S. Brooks**, mother of **Col. L. J. Brooks** of *The Jackson Daily Whig*, died at her home here about 9:30 this morning of heart failure and other complications. She was aged 78. **Mrs. Brooks** was a faithful member of the Methodist Church for many years and a good woman. A Virginian by birth, she came to West Tennessee in early life and lived at Lexington and Jackson ever since. She leaves three sons: **L. J.** and **R. W. Brooks** of Jackson, and the **Rev. Warren Brooks** of Mayfield Ky.; and one daughter, **Mrs. N. V. Alston** of Jackson.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 22 June 1895

## SHELBY

**John Milton Shelby**, one of the oldest citizens of Shelby County, died yesterday [22 Jan 1872] of pneumonia near Bartlett Station. Aged 66 years, he was a member of the Old Folks At Home organization and belonged to the old stock.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 23 Jan 1872

## WILKINS

Died at 11:45 Saturday night [16 May 1874] of congestion of the lungs, **Capt. Steve W. Wilkins** in the 43d year of his age. Funeral from his late residence on 2nd Street by the **Rev. Dr. White**.

(Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Pittsburgh papers, please copy.)

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 17 & 20 May 1874

## REMBERT

**Winnie L. Rembert** [nee Brown] died Nov. 4? 1885 in the 29th year of her age. She was the sweet wife of **Samuel R. Rembert, Jr.**, passing away as quietly as a gentle zephyr. She was a great and noble woman, as beautiful in spirit as in person. A most devoted wife, she was the idol of four young and affectionate children and the pride of her sorrowing mother.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 22 Nov 1885

## SERRATT

On the 3rd of July, **Mr. Thomas Serratt** of Jefferson County was found dead in the mill of **Dr. Henry Helen** on the Cedar Fork of Long Creek.

-Hiwasseean & Athens Gazette, 19 Jul 1832



## HIATT

Died in Athens on Saturday, 20 Oct 1832, of acute inflammation of the liver, Mrs. Rebecca Hiatt, aged 29, consort of Mr. Job Hiatt (silversmith). She had been for a number of years laboring under disease and expecting death which she said she was prepared to meet with Christian fortitude. She was an affectionate wife, a kind mother, and good neighbor. Her death is lamented by all her friends and acquaintances.

*-Hwasseean, Athens, 25 Oct 1832*

## MASON

Died at her residence in Pulaski this morning [14 June 1830], Mrs. E. E. Mason, wife of Maj. William F. Mason. She left her husband and three small children. She was universally beloved and esteemed by all who knew her. Mrs. Mason's death has thrown a gloom over our village.

*-Reprinted in the Tennessee Journal, Athens, 14 June 1830 from the Pulaski Trumpet of Liberty*

## ROBINSON

Died at Emory Ironworks, Roane County, on 16 Sep 1841 of bilious fever, Mrs. Margaret Robinson, consort of Maj. Joseph Robinson, in the 38th year of her age. During all the time of her last sickness, she rejoiced in the bright and certain prospect of Heaven.

*-Athens Courier, 14 Jan 1842*

## WELCKER

Died at the residence of Gen. J. H. Reagan in McMinn County on 15 Jan 1844, Sarah Elizabeth Welcker, aged 15 days.

*-Athens Courier, 19 Jan 1844*

## CONNERS

Jake Conners, well known in the city as an accomplished coach painter and carriage furnisher and member of Coachmakers' Association of Memphis, died suddenly last evening about 6 o'clock from apoplexy in Apollo Hall on Main Street. An inquest was held on the remains last evening by Coroner Erickson, which have been assigned to the care of Messrs. Holst & Company awaiting the order of his friends who reside in St. Louis.

*-Daily Commercial, Memphis, 1 Dec 1866*

# OBITUARIES from across TENNESSEE

## YANCEY

Died at her residence in Memphis Friday evening, 5 June 1866, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Martha W. Yancey in her 59th year. Her funeral will be today from Second Presbyterian Church at 2 o'clock precisely. Services by the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon.

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

*-Daily Commercial, Memphis, 7 June 1866*

## HILL

We regret to learn by special dispatch from McMinnville that Gen. Ben Hill, proprietor of the Warren House at that place and one of the most genial and popular men in Tennessee, died yesterday [5 Jan 1880] at noon. He is known personally to hundreds of our readers to whom the news will cause pain and regret. He was a colonel of the Fifth Tennessee Confederate Regiment during the war and was provost marshal of the Army of Tennessee under Bragg, Johnson, and Hood..... No man had more of the milk of human kindness and genuine warmth of soul than Gen. Hill ... For several years past, he has been proprietor of the Warren House and all Memphians who have been there will attest to his urbanity of manner and happy faculty of making himself agreeable.

*-Memphis Public Ledger, 6 Jan 1880*

## CRAWFORD

Died in Lincoln County on 21 Dec [1872] at her residence on Cane Creek, Mrs. Fanny Crawford, wife of George Crawford, aged 30 years, 7 months, and 5 days. She joined the Presbyterian Church two years ago. She leaves her husband and an aged mother.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 26 Dec 1872*

## GOODRICH

Died in Fayetteville on 8 Dec [1872], Mrs. Milly Goodrich, relict of John Goodrich, deceased, age 65.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 12 Dec 1872*

## GREER

The remains of Mr. John T. Greer were received at the depot on Tuesday last for interment. The deceased was a native of Fayetteville. He died in Havana, Cuba, over a year ago and the corpse was then taken to New Orleans and temporarily buried.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 19 Dec 1872*

## MOREHEAD

Died in this vicinity near Kelson on 24 Sep [1872] of old age, Mrs. Elizabeth Morehead, wife of John Morehead, aged 80 years.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 26 Sep 1872*

## ALEXANDER

Died in this county on Norris Creek on 24 Sep 1872, Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander, wife of William L. Alexander, Esq. She was about 40 years of age.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 31 Oct 1872*

## TURNER

Died in Lincoln County near Stateline on 8 Nov [1872], Mrs. Turner, wife of Harvey Turner, aged about 40 years.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 14 Nov 1872*

## HALL

Died in this county on Coldwater on 11 Oct 1872, Samuel Hall, Esq., aged 44 years. He was an excellent citizen.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 17 Oct 1872*

## MONKS

Died in Lincoln County near Stateline on 17 Oct [1872], Mrs. Margaret Monks, aged about 80 years.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 24 Oct 1872*

## BOONE

Died in Lynchburg on 25 Oct [1872], Mrs. Margaret Boone, aged 74 years 50 months.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 7 Nov 1872*

## SIMMONS

Died in this vicinity on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan [1873], Miss Margaret Simmons, aged 22 years.

*-Fayetteville, Tenn., Observer, 16 Jan 1873*

## Duplicate Land Warrant Sought For Robert Alexander on Duck River

Attorney Robert Henry filed a memorial with the Tennessee General Assembly in 1817 saying he had lost or misplaced a duplicate warrant issued his client for 2,000 acres of land on Duck River.<sup>1</sup> Acting as Robert Alexander's attorney, Henry had procured Grant No. 390 from the State of North Carolina dated 17 Dec 1784. At that time the Duck River property was in North Carolina, but after the area became part of Tennessee, the grant was dissolved by West Tennessee<sup>2</sup> commissioners who said the boundaries of the land could not be identified.

An affidavit filed with Henry's memorial shows Alexander swore in open court during the April 1804 term of the Court of Pleas and Quarterly Sessions, Lincoln Co., N.C., he had purchased the land.<sup>3</sup> Alexander said he had never been on Duck River or its waters and could not say anything of his own knowledge concerning its location. He entered his purchase with John Armstrong, then entry taker in North Carolina, and hired David Wilson to survey the land. A plat and certificate were then made and the grant was issued.

A duplicate warrant (No. 329) was then issued by the West Tennessee commissioners, but in 1810, Henry -- still acting as Alexander's attorney -- lost or mislaid the duplicate warrant. In Oct 1817 he petitioned the Tennessee legislature to issue another duplicate warrant so he could procure the land for the heirs of Robert Alexander, who had died in the meantime. Henry filed an affidavit 10 Oct 1817 in Haywood Co., N.C., stating he had never given the duplicate to Alexander or anyone else, and had not bartered, sold, or transferred the land.<sup>4</sup> ■

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

that 21-year old Melville M. Murrell of Morristown, Hamblen Co., Tenn., in 1876 made the first attempt at building an airplane? He received a patent for what he called 'The American Flying Machine' on 14 Aug 1877 -- some 22 years before the Wright brothers built their first plane. Pieces of Murrell's plane were donated by the family to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, O., and later were sent to the Smithsonian Institute. Murrell later became a circuit-riding Methodist minister. He died in 1933, leaving a son Mike and a daughter Rebecca.

[Source: Harkness, David J.: *Tennessee Heritage*, reprinted from the University of Tennessee Continuing Education Series, Vol. XLVI, No. 1, June 1971; Rose Center, Morristown, Tenn., [roseccent@usit.net](mailto:roseccent@usit.net)]

<sup>1</sup> Source: Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville: Microfilm Roll No. 5, 48-1817-1, 2, and 3: "Legislative Petitions, 1815-1817"

<sup>2</sup> Later Middle Tennessee

<sup>3</sup> Daniel M. Fornay, court clerk, certified Alexander's statement at his office in Lincolnton, N.C., 18 Apr 1808

<sup>4</sup> Henry's affidavit made before Thomas Love and John B. Love, justices of the peace for Haywood Co., N.C.

## Gallatin Citizens Seek Town Bank

Citizens of Gallatin in Sumner County called on the state legislature in 1817 to pass a law incorporating a bank for their town with a capital of \$200,000. In a petition<sup>5</sup> to the Tennessee General Assembly, residents said they had "long labored under the great inconvenience" of not having a local bank. They pointed out that the distance from Gallatin to Nashville was considerable and made it expensive to do business there.

The Gallatin residents also said the capital of Nashville's banks was barely sufficient for the wants of its own citizens and those in the immediate vicinity. This deficiency of bank capital was of concern, they noted, because at least two-thirds of the paper money then in circulation was either in North Carolina, Virginia, or Kentucky bills. Signers of the petition:

John Allen	A. B. Lackey	John Mitchel
Joel Parrish	V. H. Green	A. N. Douglass
William Shale	John Wright	A. Donnell
J. J. White	Jo. M. Bullard	Jos. P. Minnick
James Robb	M. Veale	N. Pine
R. M. Boyer	Thomas Scurry	Ashley Stanfield
Alfred Faulk	William Cantrell	Z. P. Cantrell
William Glover	B. Wright	Charly Lewis
James Davis	John H. Bower	David Crockett
Clement McDaniel	William House	W. J. Johnson
James Armour	John Bell	Amos Goynne
Henry W. Bugg	Daniel Pully	Melhi Green
Thos. B. J. Moss	Crodoe H. May	Hugh Huerthers
Champays Keian	Charles Morgan	James Trousdale
J. G. Marr	Robert Winheim	Joseph Hodge
Thomas Donnell	James Frazier ■	

## Knoxville Group Asks For Infantry Unit

An 1817 petition [26-1817-1] to the Tennessee General Assembly asked for enactment of a law to allow the raising of a volunteer light infantry company in the town of Knoxville. The petition, signed by 34 residents, proposed that the unit be known as the Knoxville Independent Light Infantry Company and be attached to the 10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment. Signers of the petition were:

Benjamin Thrasher	John McDaniel
Conrad Anlt	James McDaniel
Thomas H. Miller	James Proctor
Elbernack Cooper	Thomas Smith
Henry Lewis	James Davis
Jacob Wyrick	Ambrus Jones
George Morrow	Frederick Thomas
James Boyd	George Good
Joseph Larrence	James H. Hinman
John Morrow	Solloman Cain
M. Tallee	Isaac Holomon
David Hall	Thomas A. Murry
Eligh Mures	William Ewin
Thomas T. Rogers	Joseph Easters
Robert Miller	John McDaniel
Silvaes Evert	William North
Thomas Shipley	Samuel Swan ■

<sup>5</sup> Op. cit., Microfilm Roll 5, petition 43-1817-1



## Final Pension Payment Record Yields Unexpected Dividends

(Developed from information compiled by Jane P. Paessler, 4260 Long Creek Rd., Memphis, TN 38125)

In 1847 — ten years after the death of Revolutionary War veteran **Thomas Scott** of Williamson County, Tenn. — his son and administrator, **Arthur Scott**, decided to seek the \$14.38 the government owed his father for the 175 days that had expired between his last pension payment on 4 Mar 1837 and his death on 25 Aug 1837.<sup>1</sup>

While \$14.38 today might sound like a paltry sum, TGS member **Frank Paessler** — one of **Thomas'** present-day descendants — is glad **Arthur** decided to go for it. If he hadn't, the identity of **Thomas'** children might not ever have been turned up. The information — from a statement made 1 Feb 1847 by **Samuel B. McCowries**, clerk of the Court of Monthly Sessions in Williamson County — surfaced in Final Pension Payment #5674 stashed away in the National Archives & Records Administration in Washington.

In his statement, **McCowries** said **Thomas Scott** left no widow when he died, but did leave seven children: **William**,<sup>2</sup> **Thomas**, **John**, **Charles**, **James**, **Margaret**,<sup>3</sup> and **Arthur**. During the decade following the pensioner's death, his son **Charles Scott** had died. The clerk also noted that all of the surviving children were Tennessee residents except **Thomas, Jr.**, who was living in Missouri.

**Thomas, Sr.**, at age 70, had been granted a yearly pension<sup>4</sup> for his service in the Revolutionary Army under the pension law passed 7 June 1832. He was to receive \$30 a year beginning 4 Mar 1831 and was to be paid semi-annually with payments being made on 4 Mar and 4 Sep every year during his natural life.

The list of the children's names tallies with the list of five buyers at the sale of his private property. **Thomas** died intestate, and the inventory and sale of his property was recorded at the county courthouse in Franklin during the February 1838 term.<sup>5</sup> Items sold included two books, an oil stone and hone, a razor and strop, his spectacles and case, scales, a trunk and its contents, his watch, a rifle and pouch, his bed and furniture. As it turned out, three of the purchasers — **Arthur**, **Charles**, and **James Scott** — were his sons; a fourth, **John R. McKay**, was his son-in-law, and the fifth buyer, **William A. McKay**, was probably **John's** brother or other relative. A Negro woman named **Lucy**, aged 40, was not sold.

**Thomas**, born 12 Aug 1762 in County Antrim, Ireland, had come to America in 1768 with his parents **William**, 40, and **Mary**, 35, and four siblings<sup>6</sup> on board the *James & Mary* from Larne in Northern Ireland (Ulster). When the ship put in at Charleston, S.C., the clerk of Council was said to have boarded and administered the loyalty oath to the Protestant passengers.<sup>7</sup> **William Scott** was granted 450 acres in the area of Berkeley Co., S.C., which in 1785 became Laurens County.

Also arriving at Charleston from Ireland that same year was **Thomas'** future wife, five-year old **Margaret "Peggy" O'Neal**, who came with her parents, **John**, 40, and **Margaret**, 35, and siblings **Jane**, 15, **Alice**, 12, and

<sup>1</sup> That sum would have equaled \$471.86 in 2002 (the latest year figures are available). What **Arthur** didn't know — since he couldn't use **Milton Friedman's** inflation calculator as we did — was that the purchasing power of \$14.38 in 1837 had actually dropped to \$11.75 by 1847.

<sup>2</sup> He married **Eunice Reed** in Williamson County on 9 Dec 1819. [Source: **Whitley, Edythe Rucker**. *Williamson Co., Tenn., Marriages, 1804 - 1850*, p. 168.] According to their Family Bible, **William** was born 17 Nov 1786 and **Eunice/Unice** was born 10 Nov 1791 in North Carolina. They had nine children: **John T.** (b. 24 Oct 1820); **Margaret Lavinia** (b. 16 Sep 1822), **William S.** (b. 16 Dec 1823), **Elizabeth A.** (b. 14 Sep 1825), **James R.** (b. 16 Dec 1826), **Sarah J.** (b. 15 May 1828), **Charles A. J.** (b. 2 Dec 1829), **Mary E.** (b. 9 Nov 1831), and **Martha E.** (b. 11 Aug 1835). The family moved to Obion Co., Tenn., in Nov 1830 and settled near what is now Union City. [Goodspeed's *History of Tennessee: Obion County*, p. 974]. **William** died 8 Feb 1848 and **Eunice** died 11 Oct 1858, both in Obion County.

<sup>3</sup> Married **John P. McKay**

<sup>4</sup> Pension No. S-3862. [Note: His pension number differs from the Final Pension Payment which was numbered 5674.]

<sup>5</sup> *Williamson County Will Book*, p. 461.

<sup>6</sup> **Thomas'** siblings were identified on the ship's passenger list as **James**, 14; **William, Jr.**, 10; **Robert**, 7; and **Ann**, 8. [Thomas' name was given as **John** on the passenger list. He was four years old at the time.]

<sup>7</sup> **Warren, Mary Bondurant**: *Citizens and Immigrants: South Carolina, 1768*, pp. 17, 214.

Arthur, 3, on board the *Lord Dunagannon*.<sup>8</sup> They, too, settled in the area that became Laurens County. John was granted land in that area in Aug 1774. Peggy's mother Margaret apparently died before 5 Jan 1803 because John's will, written on that date and probated 25 June 1805, refers to his wife Annegan.<sup>9</sup>

On 1 June 1781 at the age of 19, Thomas Scott volunteered as a ranger to protect frontier settlements during the Revolutionary War. He entered the Army as a private under command of Capt. Robert Maxwell and Lt. John Adams, serving principally in Laurens and Abbeville counties but occasionally was marched into adjoining counties and into Georgia. In two instances, he and his company marched into the Cherokee Nation, once under Col. Robert Anderson and once under Gen. Andrew Pickens.<sup>10</sup> He also served 40 days in 1782 as a sergeant on horseback in the militia under Capt. Richard Green.<sup>11</sup> After serving some nine months or so, Thomas was discharged about 15 Mar 1882. He returned home and continued living in the Laurens and Abbeville area until about 1810 when he moved to Warren Co., Ky., for several years and then to Montgomery Co., Tenn., for a year. In about 1815 he located in Williamson County, removed to Christian Co., Ky., until 1826 when he returned to Williamson where he remained the rest of his life.

While the date of his marriage to Margaret O'Neal is not known, it apparently occurred some time before 1788. In witnessing a deed her father made to his son-in-law<sup>12</sup> in Laurens County at that time, she is listed as Margaret Scott. In another deed dated 15 Nov 1797, John O'Neal gives a Negro girl "to my loving daughter Margaret Scott, wife of Thomas Scott."<sup>13</sup>

When Thomas Scott died in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age, the *Western Weekly Review*<sup>14</sup> of 1 Sep 1837 said of him: "He was an esteemed and respected citizen of this county ... a man of strict integrity who was upright and honorable in all his intercourses with the world ... and beloved by all who knew him."

It was an obituary that would have made the old Irishman proud.■

### ***Where Frank Fits Into the Picture ...***

TGS member Frank Paessler descends from Thomas' son William who married Eunice Reed. [See Footnote 2 on previous page.] Their daughter, Margaret L., married George Foster Isbell (25 Feb 1816 - 7 Oct 1878) ca. 1846, and they were parents of: [1] William Daniel Isbell (b. 30 Jun 1847, m. Molly Kirby); [2] Mary Elizabeth Isbell (b. 11 Apr 1848); [3] George Washington Isbell (b. 17 Jul 1849, never m.); [4] Sarah Frances "Sallie" Isbell (b. 13 June 1851, Germantown, Shelby Co., Tenn.); [5] Rachael Eunice Isbell (b. 7 Jul 1853, m. Thomas Edward Gardner); [6] Margaret A. Isbell (b. 1 Apr 1855); [7] Henry Clay Isbell (b. 9 Dec 1857, m. Charlotte McConnel Murphy); [8] John Thomas Isbell (b. 20 May 1860, never m.); and [9] Charlie F. Isbell (b. 30 Oct 1862, never m.).

William and Eunice's daughter "Sallie" m. Calvin Clay Naylor (b. 4 Sep 1848, d. June 1883) in Obion County 27 Dec 1877. Their three children were: [1] Annie Laurie Naylor (b. 18 Nov 1878, d. 24 Jan 1963, never m.); [2] Mai Naylor (b. in 1881, d. 5 Apr 1917, m. in Dec 1898 to Luther Powell, who d. a year later); and [3] Georgia Ellen "Nell" Naylor (b. 19 May 1883, d. 25 Jul 1964) m. 7 Dec 1904 in Obion County to Carl Julius Paessler (b. 16 Sep 1869, d. in Jan 1931). Nell and Carl had two children: [1] Charles Herman Paessler (b. 9 June 1909, d. 27 Aug 1939) m. 22 Jul 1928 in Tupelo, Miss., to Gwen-dolyn Bryson; and [2] Frances Augusta Paessler (b. 7 Dec 1911, d. 25 Aug 2002). Frank was Charles and Gwen's only child. He was born in Tupelo.

[Sources: Scott Family Bible; Obion Co. Marriage Bk. 2, 1878, p. 83; death certificates, obits.]■

<sup>8</sup> Revill, Janie: *Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina, 1763-1773*, pp. 103-105. Bennett, Ester: *Some South Carolina County Records*, Vol. 2, pp. 105, 224. After the passengers presented a petition to the Governor saying they were Protestants who had arrived in Granville or Craven County province, the public treasurer was ordered to pay them a bounty of 4 lbs. or 2 lbs. sterling according to their ages.

<sup>9</sup> Ingmire, Frances T.: *Laurens Co., S.C., Will Books A & C, 1777-1809*, Vol. 1, pp. 114-115. John's second wife's name is given as Ann Jane O'Neal in Sara M. Nash's *Abstracts of Early Records of Laurens County, S.C., 1785-1829*, Will Book D-1, p. 451. Ann Jane's will, proved 1 Mar 1818, mentions her deceased husband, John O' Neal, and names her son, John Cook, her legatee and executor.

<sup>10</sup> Thomas Scott's pension application, sworn to on 3 Oct 1832 before Justices Isby Owen, Wright Stanley, and George Shannon of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Williamson Co., Tenn.

<sup>11</sup> Moss, Bobby G.: *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution*, p. 851 (Baltimore, Md., 1983)

<sup>12</sup> William Stanley.

<sup>13</sup> Nash, Sara M.: *Abstracts of Early Records of Laurens County, S.C., 1785-1829*. Deed Book F, p. 283.

<sup>14</sup> Published in Franklin, Williamson Co., Tenn. Obituary reproduced in Louise Lynch's *Our Valiant Men, Soldiers & Patriots of the Revolutionary War, Williamson Co., Tenn.*, p. 162

# FAMILY BIBLE OF LECIL & HESTER ANN BOBO

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This Bible is a New Testament, King James Version, printed and published in 1817 by M. Carey & Son, No. 124 (?) Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. My husband and I have in our possession a very poor photostatic copy of the cover page of the Bible and of the Family Record portion, but I did transcribe the entire Family Record portion some ten years ago while looking at the actual Bible. The ink was faded and the handwriting sometimes difficult to read, but the transcription was as close as I could get it. I have indicated in the footnotes where the handwriting changed from that of the original entries (probably made by **Hester Ann Putman Bobo**). Entries for the **McNeely** family were made in the Family Record portion when the Bible came into that family's possession in the late 1860s. These have been excluded.

## FAMILY RECORD

### MARRIAGES.

(Page 1, Column 1)

**Lecil Bobo & Hester Putman** intermarried July the fifteenth day 1813<sup>1</sup>

**Lecil Bobo** was Born July 24<sup>th</sup> 1787 and intermarried with **Hester Putman** July 15, 1813, who was Born Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1789

**Betsy Robuck Bobo** was Born Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1815

**Luiza Howard Bobo** was Born Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1816<sup>2</sup>

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**Betsy Robuck Bobo** was Married to **Travis Bowden** on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec 1830

**Rhoda Hobby Bobo** was Married to **Charles Hickerson** Nov the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1841 -- & Divorced FW term 1845<sup>3</sup>

**Francis Marion Bobo** was Married Dec the 29<sup>th</sup> 1842 to **Martha Boyd**

**Wm Carroll Bobo** was Married to **Nancy McGehee** Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1843

**Rhoda H. Bobo** was married to **Jacob Sutton** Apl 24, 1845<sup>4</sup>

**Wm. C. Bobo** Married to **Amanda Smith** on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1850

### BIRTHS.

(Page 2, Column 1)

**Betsy Robuck Bobo** Feb 12 1815

**Luiza Howard Bobo** Dec 28, 1816

**Mehbel (?) Munro Bobo** was born Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1819 - died (cannot read date) 1819

**Rhoda Hobby Bobo** was born Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1822

**Francis Marion Bobo** was born April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1824

**William Carroll Bobo** was born September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1825

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**Amanda Smith**, consort of **Wm. C. Bobo** was born in the State of Kentucky, Marshall County, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833<sup>5</sup>

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[No Bobo entries]

<sup>1</sup> This language is struck through with lines and also has an "x" drawn through it. The author started anew on the next line.

<sup>2</sup> All of the first four entries appear to have been in the same handwriting.

<sup>3</sup> There is an ink blot after this entry.

<sup>4</sup> All of these entries appear to have been in the same handwriting as that on Page 1 (except for the one entry that relates to the marriage of **Amanda Smith** and **William Carroll Bobo**).

<sup>5</sup> This entry appears to be in a different handwriting, possibly that of **Amanda Smith Bobo**.

## DEATHS.

(Page 3, Column 2)

**Luiza Howard Bobo** Sept. 29, 1829**Francis Marion Bobo** Dyed April 6<sup>th</sup> 1848 near Somerville Tenn. on his way home from Mexico as a Volunteer from Coffee Cty. Tenn at A. M. Boyd's farm when aged 24 years 3 mos & 18 days<sup>6</sup>**Lecil Bobo** departed this life May the 29<sup>th</sup> in the year 1849 aged 62 years and 27 days lacking only one month<sup>7</sup>**Hester Ann Bobo** departed this life Nov the 27 in 1849 aged 60 years lacking 2 months and 2 days<sup>8</sup>

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**Travis Bowdijn** departed this life on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1850 on his way from Texas in Mississippi Monroe County<sup>9</sup>

This is the last **Bobo** entry. The entries in the Bible for the **McNeely** family start in 1878 and run through the 1920s. My husband, **David L. Smith**, is a great-grandson of **T. G. McNeely**, who married **Rhoda Bobo**. After a good bit of research, we concluded that the Bible came into possession of **William Carroll Bobo** and his wife, **Amanda Smith Bobo**, after the death of his parents (**Lecil** and **Hester**). The last entries in the Bible prior to the first **McNeely** entries are those pertaining to **William** and **Amanda's** marriage, her birth, and the death of **Betsy Robuck Bobo's** husband, **Travis Bowden** – all in 1850. We believe the Bible remained in **William's** possession until his death at Fredericksburg in 1862. When **Amanda** married **John Campbell** in Henderson Co., Tex., in the late 1860s (or perhaps earlier), it is possible that she gave the Bible to her sister-in-law, **Rhoda Bobo Sutton** who was living in nearby Anderson County. [**Rhoda's** second husband, **Jacob Sutton**, died in Anderson in the early 1860s.]

After 1861 and prior to 1870, **Rhoda** married **T. G. (Thomas Grier) McNeely** [born in Alabama, 1820, the son of **Joseph (?)** and **Ellender McNeely**]. The marriage probably took place in Anderson County or possibly in Ellis Co., Tex. **Thomas** and **Rhoda McNeely** appear on the 1870 Ellis County census (although **T.G.'s** birth year is wrong, **Rhoda's** is correct and the birthplaces of both are correct). **Rhoda McNeely** died prior to September 1876 (when **T.G.** remarried). At her death, the Bible possibly was among her possessions and remained with **T.G.** He married **Margaret McDaniel Rawson** in Navarro Co., Tex., in 1876, and they had three children before he died in 1882. When he died, the **Bobo Bible** must have been among his possessions. After his widow remarried in the mid-1880s, she died in childbirth, and it appears to be at this point that someone (we do not know who as the **McNeely** children would appear to have been too young to have done this), made entries about the births, marriages and deaths of the **McNeely Family** (starting with **T.G.**). The **McNeely** entries continued into the 1920s. ■

**Editor's Note:** **Lecil** and **Hester Ann (Putman) Bobo** came to Tennessee from South Carolina about 1816 and settled in the area of Bedford County from which Coffee County was created in 1836. **Lecil** was among commissioners appointed to run the boundary line for Coffee and locate its county seat. He was one of the first magistrates in the county, served as county court clerk from 1840-1844, and was Coffee's first representative in the Tennessee General Assembly (1843-1845). In the early summer of 1848 **Lecil** and **Hester** migrated to Texas with their daughter, **Rhoda**, her husband **Jacob Sutton**, and their two small children, settling in Van Zandt County. **Lecil** was the son of **Burwell** and **Elizabeth (Roebuck) Bobo**, Spartanburg, and **Hester** was the daughter of the **Rev. John** and **Sarah (Howard) Putman**, Union Co., S.C.

[Sources: **Ewell, Leighton: History of Coffee Co., Tenn., 1936**; **McBride & Robinson: Biographical Directory of Tennessee General Assembly: Anderson Co., Tex., Genealogical Society: Pioneer Families of Anderson Co., Tex., Prior to 1900.**]

<sup>6</sup> The calculation of **Francis Marion Bobo's** age in this entry does not appear to be consistent with his birth date of April 24, 1824. This entry is in a different handwriting from the two previous ones.

<sup>7</sup> This entry is in the same handwriting as the original entries, including the one about the marriage of **Lecil Bobo** and **Hester Ann Putman** – hence our conclusion that **Hester Ann** made the majority of **Bobo** entries in the Bible.

<sup>8</sup> This entry is in a different handwriting from the others.

<sup>9</sup> The handwriting in this entry appears to be the same as the 1850 entries relating to **Amanda** and **William's** marriage and **Amanda's** birth.



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Abstracted from Microfilm Roll 26 produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives

Pages 326-327, Deed dated 15 Apr 1873: For consideration of \$1,550, **B. H. Harmon** and wife, **Lizzie C. Harmon**, convey to **W. H. Clark** 50-acre tract in Crockett County Civil District No. 11. Tract begins at Henderson Ferry road, adjoins east boundary of **F. M. Boling**, runs north to **C. Stallings'** southwest corner, and then east to **N. T. Perry's** west corner. Witnesses: **John T. Ray, F. M. Boling**. Deed acknowledged separately by the **Harmons** before county court clerk 13 May 1873; registered same date.

Pages 327-328, Deed dated 15 Apr 1873: For consideration of \$1,277.50, **B. H. Harmon** and wife, **Lizzie C. Harmon**, convey to **John T. Ray** 36½-acre tract in Crockett County Civil District No. 11. Tract begins at **W. H. Clark's** southeast corner and runs east to **N. T. Perry's** south line. Witnesses: **W. H. Clark, F. M. Boling**. Deed acknowledged separately by the **Harmons** before county court clerk 13 May 1873; registered same date.

Page 329, Deed dated 7 May 1873: For consideration of \$450, **John R. Boals** and wife, **Ann E. H. Boals**, convey to **James A. Nance** 21-acre tract in Crockett County beginning at their west boundary and running east of Rail Road line. Acknowledged separately 7 May 1873 before county court clerk; registered same date.

Pages 330-331, Deed dated 11 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$2,000, **Elisha Farrow** and wife, **Caroline M. Farrow**, convey to **James A. Carter** 80¼-acre parcel of land in Crockett County known as **Henly Webb** tract. Parcel is east end of **Webb** tract and includes premises. Adjoins **Noah Stallings'** northeast corner, **S. P. Greer's** south boundary, north line of original tract, and **William Burch's** northeast corner. Land and premises free of all encumbrances except for \$622.50 lien retained for payment of note on same date of this conveyance. [Note due 25 Dec 1873.] Deed acknowledged separately by **Elisha Farrow** and wife before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, on 3 May 1873. Certified by county court clerk 15 May 1873 and \$2 state tax paid. Registered same date.

Pages 332-333, Deed dated 10 May 1873: For consideration of eight and nine dollars, **T. T. Norville** and wife, **Sallie Norville**, convey to **J. J. Lambert** 23-1/8<sup>th</sup> acre tract in Crockett County Civil District No. 6. Tract was conveyed to **Norville** by **Spencer Payne** on 10 Apr 1866. It begins at **Norville's** northwest corner and runs west to northwest corner of **Kail** land. Acknowledged separately 10 May 1873 before county court clerk; registered 16 May 1873.

Pages 333-334, Deed not dated: **Thomas E. Noel** and wife, **Mary F. Noel**, convey to the Christian Church at Bellville, Tenn., parcel of land beginning at southeast corner of lot on which **Noels** now reside. Consideration is the church's two-thirds' interest in one-acre lot bought in Bellville from **John Bell** on 12 Jul 1866 for its use and benefit. Lot transferred by **Noels** to the church is situated in Bells Station, District 5, and is bounded by Main Street and **R. Bell**. It contains 31 poles, 14¼ square yards. **Noels** acknowledged deed separately before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, on 13 May 1873. Certified by county court clerk 17 May 1873; registered same date.

Pages 335-336, Deed dated 4 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$900, **J. H. Bell** and wife, **Jane S. Bell**, convey to **Amanda Wainwright** 25¼ acres that are part of homestead tract of **Bird S. Jones**, being designated as Lot No. 3 in division of the property and drawn by **Jane S. Bell** as her share. Adjoins west boundary of dower, and Lots 2 and 4. **Bells** acknowledged deed separately before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, on 15 May 1873. Certified by county court clerk 17 May 1873; registered same date.

Pages 337-338, Deed dated 4 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$1,800, **Thomas E. Noel** and wife, **Mary F. Noel**, convey to **Z. Wainwright** 60-acre tract and all hereditaments west of Memphis & Ohio Railroad and adjacent to town of Bellville. Tract begins at northeast corner of Survey No. 8 of land of **J. B. Blayd**, deceased, as divided between his heirs by commissioners. Adjoins property of **John Bell**, Lot No. 6 now owned by **F. B. Woodward**, and Cherryville-Jackson Road. Witnesses: **J. A. Pittman, J. T. Hassell**. Acknowledged separately by **Noels** 13 May 1873 before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public. Certified by county court clerk 17 May 1873; and state tax of \$1.80 paid. Registered same date.

Pages 339-340, Deed dated 22 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,000, **Henry Blurton** and wife, **Wealthy Blurton**, convey to **Ruffin G. Parmenter** 30-acre tract in Crockett County with hereditaments and appurtenances. Parcel is taken from northeast corner of tract on which **Blurtons** now reside. Witnesses: **W. A. Johnson**, **W. E. Blurton**. Deed acknowledged separately by **Blurtons** before county court clerk 21 May 1873; registered same date.

Pages 341-342, Deed dated 8 May 1872: For consideration of \$1200 -- paid in form of one lot valued at \$600 and three \$200 notes, one due 25 Dec 1872, one 25 Dec 1873, and one 25 Dec 1874, **William M. Tatum** conveys to **Emery Rooks** 62½-acre tract beginning at northeast corner of original 135-acre tract known as **John Manley** tract. Witnesses: **E. J. Paterson**, **J. B. Ward**, **J. B. Patterson**. Deed acknowledged by **Tatum** before county court clerk 30 Sep 1872 and \$1.20 state tax paid 30 Sep 1872. On same date, clerk empowered **Dennis Tatum**, Crockett County justice of peace, to take acknowledgement of **Jane Ann Tatum**, wife of **William M. Tatum**, that she signed deed voluntarily. Deed and certificates registered 28 May 1893.

Pages 343-344, Deed dated 15 May 1873: For consideration of \$800, **Z. Wainwright** and wife, **Amanda Wainwright**, convey to **Susan A. Jones** 30 acres in Crockett County that are part of homestead tract of **Bird S. Jones** and were designated as Lot No. 5 drawn by **Amanda Wainwright** as her share in division of tract. Parcel adjoins land of **Haywood Cozzart**, **Robert Mitchel**, and dower lot. Acknowledged separately 21 May 1873 by the **Wainwrights** before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public. Certified by county court clerk 29 May 1873 and 8 cent tax paid. Registered same date.

Pages 345-346, Deed dated 15 May 1873: For consideration of \$800, **Susan A. Jones** conveys to **Amanda Wainwright** 25¼ acres that are part of homestead tract of **Bird S. Jones**. Parcel was designated as Lot No. 4 in division of property and was drawn by **Susan** as her share. Adjoins dower line, **Robert Mitchel's** land, north side of railroad, and **Z. Wainwright's** property. Deed acknowledged by **Susan Jones** before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, on 21 May 1873. Certified by county court clerk 29 May 1873 and registered same date.

Pages 346-347, Deed dated 30 Apr 1873: For consideration of \$440.32, **Thomas L. Medlin** and wife, **Rebecca Medlin**, convey to **John W. Taylor** 24 and 74/100ths acres in Crockett County, Third Civil District. **J. P. Taylor** gave tract to his daughter, **Rebecca Medlin**, in 1868. Parcel adjoins 47 and 153/160<sup>th</sup> acre tract in name of **J. P. Taylor**. Deed acknowledged separately by the **Medlins** before **J. W. Rosemon**, notary public, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1873. Certified by county court clerk 2 June 1873 and state tax of 44 cents paid. Registered same date.

Page 348, Deed dated 8 May 1873: For consideration of \$2,200, **J. B. Powell** and **Venia Powell** of Madison Co., Tenn., convey to **H. S. Moody** 100-acre tract in Crockett County adjoining lands of **Joseph Lanier**, **Harris Mount**, and **D. Patton**. Witnesses: **J. L. Epperson**, **John R. Brewer**. Deed proved by witnesses before county court clerk 2 June 1873, and state tax of \$2.20 paid. Registered same date.

Page 349, Deed dated 19 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$4,000, **Travis B. Redman** and wife, **E. P. Redman**, convey to **I. H. Turpin** 200 acres in Crockett County, Range 3, Section 10. Property begins at southeast corner of **S. Green's** 2,000-acre tract [Entry No. 64] and adjoins west line of **W. Barnes' 640-acre** tract [Entry No. 50]. Deed acknowledged separately by **Redmans** before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, on 31 May 1873. Certified by county court clerk 2 June 1873 and registered same date.

Pages 350-351, Quit-Claim Deed dated 2 June 1873: For \$95 and further considerations, **T. H. Avery** quit-claims to **D. V. Avery** all of his title, interest, and estate in 190 acres in Crockett County Civil District No. 9 on condition that **D. V. Avery** assumes \$750 note that **T. H.** owes **J. R. Robertson**. Acreage conveyed adjoins **Mrs. E. Boswell's** dower, and lands of **A. A. Cunningham**, **Jerry Hays**, **P. B. Nance** and wife **Mollie**, **W. T. Cox**, and heirs of **C. H. Quinley**. Deed acknowledged by **T. H. Avery** 2 June 1873 before court clerk. Registered same date.

Pages 352-353, Deed dated 24 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$5,000, **J. G. Flemming** conveys to **I. A. Nunn** 200 acres in Crockett County Civil District No. 13. Acreage begins at northwest corner of tract formerly owned by **F. Nunn**, and adjoins lands of **William Stalcup** and **J. M. Parker**. Witnesses: **E. B. Lucas**, **D. A. Nunn**. **Flemming** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 2 June 1873 and paid \$5 state tax. Registered same date.

Page 354, Deed dated 2 June 1873: For consideration of \$1,046.25 -- \$348.75 paid in cash and remainder in two notes of same amount due 11 Jan 1874 and 11 Jan 1875 -- **B. F. Boyd** conveys to **J. L. Epperson** 41¼ acres in

Crockett County. Acreage adjoins that of **J. McClaren. Boyd** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 2 June 1873 and paid state tax of \$1.46. Registered same date.

Page 355, Deed dated 4 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$1,800, **Z. Wainwright** and wife, **Amanda**, convey to **Thomas E. Noel** a parcel of land in Bells Station, Crockett County, beginning in middle of Lot No. 29 (conveyed to Noel by **R. H. Bell** in two separate deeds) and running to southeast corner of Lot No. 30. All hereditaments and appurtenances are included. Witnesses: **J. A. Pittman, J. T. Hassell**. **Wainwrights** acknowledged deed separately before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, 18 Jan 1873. Certified by county court clerk 20 June 1873, and state tax of \$1.80 paid. Registered same date.

Pages 357-358, Deed dated 14 Apr 1873: For consideration of \$545, **W. B. Ward** and wife, **S. J. Ward**, convey to **Henry W. Taylor** a parcel of land in Crockett County beginning at south boundary of 22¼-acre tract belonging to **Elias Taylor**. Parcel adjoins northeast corner of **James A. Lasiter's** 22-acre tract and west boundary of **Henry W. Taylor's** 36¼ acres. Witnesses: **Dennis Tatum, Elias Taylor**. County court clerk on 17 Apr 1873 authorized **J. F. Robertson**, justice of the peace, to take separate acknowledgment of **S. J. Ward** and he did so 17 May 1873. **W. B. Ward** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 2 June 1873 and paid state tax of 54 cents. Deed registered 11 June 1873.

Page 359, Deed dated 31 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$450, **M. M. Smith** and wife, **Allie Smith**, convey to **J. D. Smith** of Friendship, Tenn., a 17 ¾-acre tract near town of Friendship (formerly in Dyer County but now in Crockett). Tract begins in center of Eaton and Chestnut Bluff road at **W. W. Biggs'** northwest corner, runs to **Mrs. Caruther's** northern line, and to H.S.B.O. Railroad. Deed acknowledged separately by **Smiths** before county court clerk 12 June 1873, and state tax of 45 cents was paid. Registered 13 June 1873.

Pages 360-361, Deed dated 3 Oct 1866: For consideration of \$1,450, **Columbus A. Yancey** of Gibson County conveys to **Green B. Cooke** of Haywood County 50 acres in Gibson. Tract, deeded to **Yancey** by **R. Shivers** on 6 Nov 1863, adjoins lands of **R. Shivers, W. F. Jones, and J. H. Yancey**. Witnesses: **William F. Cart, B. F. Cooke, W. A. Johnson**. **Yancey** acknowledged deed before **James E. Wood**, Gibson County clerk, on 1 Dec 1866. Recorded same date in Gibson County in Book Y, pp. 774-775. Deed certified and registered in Crockett County 14 June 1873 by **R. T. D. Fouche**, register.

Pages 362-363, Deed dated 7 May 1873: For consideration of \$500, **Noah Partee** and wife, **Minnie H. Partee**, of Shelby Co., Tenn., convey to **R. A. Cook** two lots in town of Bell's Depot, Crockett County. First lot, deeded to **Partee** by **William H. Jelks** on 4 Mar 1872, begins at northwest corner of hotel now occupied by **John Maxey** and runs parallel with M&O Railroad. Second lot, deeded to **Partee** by **L. H. Jarnigan** and wife and to them by **J. W. Locke**, begins near what is known as "Lock" house, runs parallel with railroad, and adjoins **Brit Turpin's** line. The **Partees** acknowledged deed separately before **J. E. Lewis**, Shelby County deputy clerk, on 3 June 1873. Certified and registered in Crockett County 18 June 1873.

Pages 363-364, Deed dated 25 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$900 -- \$400 of which is paid in hand with remainder in promissory note due and payable 25 Dec 1873 -- **Green L. Poplin** of Butler Co., Mo., conveys to **R. A. Cook** and **G. W. Moss** of Crockett County a lot in Bell's Depot including livery stable built by **Warren & Morten**. Lot adjoins **Saudlin's** north corner, **B. C. Bettis'** drug store lot, Depot Street, **D. Williams'** line, and **Thomas E. Noel's**. Witnesses: **H. C. Booth, Robert Webb**. Deed proved by witnesses 18 June 1873 in Crockett County. State tax of 90 cents paid. Deed registered 18 June 1873.

Pages 365-366, Deed dated 29 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$650, **John V. Curlin** of Lauderdale Co., Tenn., conveys to **William S. Norris** of Haywood County one lot in town of Bell's Depot, Crockett County. Lot, containing 290 square poles, begins at **John Bell's** west boundary line (the same being southeast corner of **Osborne** lot) and adjoins **Chapman's** line. **Curlin** acknowledged deed 29 Mar 1873 before **John L. Poston**, Haywood County clerk, and paid state tax of 65 cents. Registered in Crockett County 26 June 1873.

Pages 366-367, Deed dated 20 May 1873: For consideration of \$110, **W. W. Roberts** and wife, **Sibby A. Roberts**, convey to **H. H. Mahon** a one-half acre parcel of land in town of Alamo, Crockett County. Parcel begins at corner of Main and Burns streets, and runs west to **Klyce's** line. **W. W. and Sibby Roberts** acknowledged deed sepa-

rately before county court clerk 12 June 1873 and paid 10-cent state tax. Deed registered same date.

Pages 367-368, Deed dated 8 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$125, **Isaac M. Johnson** and wife, **M. M. Johnson**, convey Lot No. 10 in town of Alamo, Crockett County, to **L. B. Lewis**. Lot is 24 feet wide and 85 feet deep, and is corner lot in plan of Alamo. **Johnsons** acknowledged deed separately before county court clerk 6 May 1873, and it was registered 30 June 1873.

Page 369, Deed dated 19 Feb 1873: For consideration of \$110, **Frank W. Winburn** of Haywood County conveys to **W. N. Brown** of Crockett County one parcel of land in town of Bellville, Crockett County Civil District No. 5. Property, known as **Hope** lot, was deeded to **Hope** by **John Bell**. It begins at Dyersburg Road and runs south parallel with **Bell's** line (20 feet left on west side of lot for alley). Lot contains  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{25}$ <sup>th</sup> acre. **Winburn** acknowledged deed before **J. J. Farrow**, notary public, on 6 Mar 1873. Acknowledgement certified 1 Jul 1873 and 10-cent state tax paid. Registered in Crockett County 1 Jul 1873.

Pages 370-371, Deed dated 2 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$100, **Thomas Ward** and wife [name left blank] of town of Friendship convey to **Marion J. Clay** 65 acres beginning on **Murdah** tract at southwest corner of 86-acre tract sold earlier by **Wards** to **Clay**. Property adjoins that of **Anthony Swift**, and was dowry interest of the widow of **John Ward**, **Thomas' father**. [**John's** widow has remarried and is now **Mrs. Jones**.] Witnesses: **James H. Reddick**, **J. F. Sinclair**. Deed proved by witnesses 5 May 1873. Registered 3 Jul 1873.

Pages 372-373, Deed dated 6 Mar 1860: For consideration of \$2,830.50 -- to be paid in three equal installments on or before 1 Dec of 1860, 1861, and 1862 -- **John E. Pearson** and wife, **Mary D. Pearson**, of Madison Co., Tenn., convey to **J. W. Bond** 110-acre tract on waters of Forked Deer River. Property adjoins northwest corner of **Dr. Anderson's** 1,000-acre tract. Witnesses: **B. E. Sherman**, **J. E. Rainey**, **E. M. Pettee**. **Pearson** acknowledged deed 17 Mar 1860 before **P. C. McCowat**, Madison County court clerk. **Robert W. Sims**, acting justice of the peace for Madison County, was authorized to examine **Mrs. Mary M. Pearson** relative to her voluntary signing of deed, and he did so 19 Mar 1860. **Mrs. Pearson** also acknowledged before **McCowat** on 1 May 1873 that she voluntarily signed deed. Registered in Crockett County 5 Jul 1873.

Pages 374-375, Deed dated 11 Mar 1873: For consideration of \$900, **Noah Partee** and wife, **Minnie F. Partee**, of Shelby Co., Tenn., convey to **W. H. Montague** two lots in **Bell's Depot**, Crockett County. First lot is on west side of **Memphis & Ohio Railroad** between storehouse now occupied by **H. L. Winburn** and corner grocery owned and occupied by **Evans & Medlin**. Lot was deeded to **Partee** by **C. H. Medlin** on 17 Feb 1872. Second lot is on northwest side of railroad adjoining depot grounds, and **Harrell** and **Wood** lot. Deed acknowledged by **Partees** before **J. E. Lewis**, Shelby County deputy clerk, on behalf of Clerk **James Reilly**. Deed was registered in Crockett County 7 Jul 1873.

Page 375, Deed dated 7 Jul 1873: For consideration of \$2,142.50 to be paid in notes, **Noah Floyd** conveys to **James H. Parker** 125-acre tract in Crockett County adjoining **R. T. Manning**. Witnesses: **Ada Griffin**, **J. H. Reddick**. **Floyd** acknowledged deed 7 Jul 1873 before county court clerk and paid \$2.15 state tax. Recorded same date.

Pages 376-377, Quit-Claim Deed dated 24 May 1873: **H. A. Chambers**, wife of **W. S. Chambers**, conveys to **J. S. Thompson** all her right, title, and interest in tract of land in Crockett County Civil District 12 which her husband sold to **Thompson** in Jan 1873. Tract consists of 30-2/3rds acres and is bounded by land of **R. T. Chambers**. **Mrs. H. A. Chambers** attested before **B. H. Harmon**, notary public, on 24 May 1873 that she signed deed voluntarily. Certified by county court clerk 7 Jul 1873; registered same date.

Page 378, Quit-Claim Deed dated 7 July 1873: **Martha J. Lonan**, wife of **E. H. Lonan**, conveys to **S. F. Haley** all her right, title, and interest which the laws of Tennessee give her in 44½-acre tract her husband sold to **Haley** on 25 Jan 1873. Tract adjoins lands of **W. H. Powell**, **Rooks**, and **J. F. Robertson**. Deed witnessed by **B. H. Harmon**. **Mrs. Lonan** acknowledged deed before **Harmon**, justice of the peace, 7 Jul 1873. Certified by county court clerk 8 Jul 1873; registered same date. ■

### **Wettstein - Gaisser**

On Wednesday morning, 21 Dec 1881, Mr. Albert Wettstein, affable and popular tonsorial artist of our city, was happily united in marriage to Miss Caroline Gaisser, daughter of Mr. E. Gaisser. In the wedding at the new Catholic church, the Rev. P. J. Gleeson united them by the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of his church. In the evening, a sumptuous reception was given the newly married pair at the residence of the bride's father up on the Cumberland a few miles from the city. The steam *Gracey* was chartered for the purpose of carrying the numerous invited guests.

[Abstracted]

-Clarksville Chronicle, 7 Jan 1882

### **Vaughan - Mallory**

Mr. Robert G. Vaughan, prominent and popular young farmer who lives near St. Bethlehem in Montgomery County, was happily united in marriage last Tuesday, 3 Jan 1882, near Thomasville in Cheatham County to Miss Emma Mallory, charming and greatly esteemed young lady of that county. The Rev. I. B. Walton performed the ceremony.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 14 Jan 1882

### **Bate - Simonton**

Married in Pulaski, Tenn., at the residence of the bride's father Tuesday, 16 Jan [1866], Major H. C. Bate of Mississippi to Miss Rosa Simonton of Pulaski.

-Memphis Avalanche, 17 Jan 1866

### **Goodhue - Bailey**

Married in South Memphis on 15 Jan [1866] by the Rev. Guilford Jones, D. D., Mr. John M. Goodhue and Miss Ann Bailey.

-Memphis Avalanche, 17 Jan 1866

### **Whithing - Chairs**

Married in Memphis by the Rev. Guilford Jones, D. D., on Tuesday, 16 Jan [1866] at 2½ o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Bennett, Mr. S. V. W. Whithing, late of Michigan, and Miss Anna E. Chairs, late of Hardeman County.

-Memphis Avalanche, 17 Jan 1866

## **Tennessee Marriages**

### **Wed in Montgomery County**

**21 Dec 1881** - At the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. B. M. Stephens, Mr. William Jones and Miss Liddy Heggie, all of Montgomery County

**25 Dec 1881** - At the Methodist Episcopal Church at Collinsville by the Rev. B. M. Stephens, Prof. W. J. Harper and Miss Maria Lyle, all of Montgomery County

**26 Dec 1881** - At the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. B. M. Stephens, Mr. Jacob H. Durham and Miss Carnela Prewett, all of Montgomery County

**29 Dec 1881** - In this county by W. H. Crotzer, Esq., Mr. John Rhinehart and Miss Bettie Wood, all of Montgomery County

**1 Jan 1882** - At the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. D. R. Lockhart, Mr. Charles Buchanan and Miss Harriet A. Redmon, all of Montgomery County

**25 Dec 1881** - At the residence of Mrs. Rebecca Felts by G. W. Armstrong, Esq., Mr. John Hanes and Miss Lizzie Felts, all of this county

**25 Dec 1881** - In this county on 25 Dec 1881 by R. P. Powers, Esq., Mr. W. R. Davidson and Miss Martha Smith, all of this county.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 14 Jan 1882

### **Hampton - Cargill**

Married in New York City on 20 Mar [1866] by Rev. D. Muhlenberg, Major Henry Hampton of the *Memphis Avalanche* and Miss Panola C. Cargill, native of Mississippi and daughter of H. A. Cargill, Esq., of New York City. A fair blossom of the South, transplanted to the metropolis of the North, has been reclaimed by a gallant Southern soldier and returned to the land to which she belongs.

-Memphis Avalanche, 28 Apr and 1 May 1866

### **Holmes - Munford**

Married at Covington, Tenn., on Thursday, 18 Jan [1866] by the Rev. David Cary, Professor George Holmes of Covington Female College to Miss Sallie E. Munford, daughter of Mr. Richard H. Munford, Esq.

-Memphis Avalanche, 13 Feb 1866

### **Sloan - Baldwin**

Mr. C. M. Sloan and Miss Orrie Maud Baldwin were last Monday evening [30 Apr 1894] united in wedlock at the residence of Dr. G. A. Nunnally on Vance street. The wedding was a very quiet affair, a small assemblage of select friends accompanying the happy couple to the residence of the minister where the marriage was solemnized.

-Memphis Appeal Avalanche, 6 May 1894

### **Tucker - Rochell**

A very charming wedding was solemnized last Wednesday evening [2 May 1894] at Hernando Street Methodist Church in Memphis, the contracting parties being Mr. T. A. Tucker and Miss Callie Rochell. Attendants were Robert Lemond, Miss Lillie Rochell, Mr. Virgil M. Bennett, and Miss Frannie Leonard. Dr. G. T. Sullivan officiated. [Abstracted]

-Memphis Appeal Avalanche, 6 May 1894

### **Cary - Rhea**

Married in Fayette County, Tenn., on 1 May 1866 at the residence of the bride's father, Matthew Rhea, Esq., Mr. Hunsdon Cary, formerly an officer of the Confederate States army and now secretary of the National Insurance Company of Memphis, to Miss Ella Rhea. The Rev. William Cater of the Presbyterian Church officiated.

-Memphis Avalanche, 4 May 1866

### **Tatum - Wood**

Married on 24 Apr [1866] at the residence of Mrs. Wood (mother of the bride) near Dyersburg by the Rev. Mr. Parks, Dr. P. B. Tatum to Miss Emma Wood.

-Memphis Avalanche, 27 Apr 1866



### **Brantford - Johnson**

Married at 12 o'clock on 30 Nov [1865] at the residence of the bride's father in Edgefield by the Rev. Dr. J. B. McFerriu, Mr. John S. Brantford of Nashville to Miss Manie E. Johnson, daughter of Col. A. W. Johnson.

-*Memphis Daily Commercial*, 3 Dec 1865

### **Biggs - Spratt**

Married Thursday evening, 26 Apr [1866] at the residence of James G. Moore, Esq., near Collierville by the Rev. R. R. Evans of Germantown, Mr. James T. Biggs to Miss Stira R. Spratt.

-*Memphis Avalanche*, 29 Apr 1866

### **Jones - Bryant**

Married by the Rev. Mr. Wither-  
spoon on 19 Jan [1870] at the residence of the bride's mother, Capt. John W. Jones of LaGrange, Tenn., and Miss Martha Bryant of this city.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 20 Jan 1870

### **Williams - Watkins**

Married at Somerville on 31 Oct 1865 by the Rev. Edward Cater, Dr. J. J. Williams of Memphis to Miss Ann Rebecca Watkins, daughter of the late Richard Watkins.

[Jackson, Miss., papers, please copy.]

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 12 Nov 1865

### **Hewlett - Mitchell**

Married 8 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 & Fredericksburg, Va., papers, please copy.]

-*Memphis Avalanche*, 11 Feb 1866

### **Jacobi - Vaccaro**

Married 8 Feb 1866 at St. Peter's Church by the Rev. M. D. Lilly, Theodore Jacobi to Miss Rebecca Vaccaro, eldest daughter of A. Vaccaro, all of Memphis.

-*Memphis Avalanche*, 11 Feb 1866

### **McClanahan - Clift**

Married in this city 9 Dec 1885, Mr. Charles McClanahan and Miss Eva Clift, both of Jackson, Rev. Mr. Hinkle officiating.

-*Forked Deer Blade*, Jackson, 12 Dec 1885

## **Tennessee Marriages**

### **Reynolds - Hughes**

Married on 29 Mar [1844] by the Rev. S. B. Say, William B. Reynolds, Esq., merchant of Benton, to Miss Catharine Hughes, all of Polk County.

-*Athens (Tenn.) Courier*, 26 Apr 1844

### **Heiskell - Montgomery**

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

-*Athens (Tenn.) Courier*, 26 Apr 1844

### **Stephens - Baker**

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

-*Athens (Tenn.) Courier*, 26 Apr 1844

### **Payne - Atkinson**

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

-*Athens (Tenn.) Courier*, 3 Aug 1844

### **Manson - Ogburn**

Married by Dr. J. M. Pirtle on 20 Feb [1868] at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. W. Manson to Miss Etha B. Ogburn, daughter of Thomas Ogburn, all of Montgomery County.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 23 Feb 1868

### **Mason - Allen**

Married 20 Feb [1868] at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. W. G. Inman, Mr. John P. Mason to Miss Ella M. Allen, daughter of Bailey F. Allen, all of this county.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 23 Feb 1868

### **Finley - Lane**

Married Sunday, 2 Nov 1845, by the Rev. P. W. Abston, Major John B. Finley, attorney, Osceola, Ark., to Miss Elizabeth Lane of this city.

-*Memphis Tri-Weekly Appeal*, 4 Nov 1845

### **Faxon - Herring**

Married last evening, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb [1868] at the residence of A. F. Smith, Mr. John W. Faxon to Miss Florence Herring, both of Clarksville.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 23 Feb 1868

### **Ely - Whitesides**

Married in Shelbyville, Tenn., on 20 Feb [1868] by the Rev. A. N. Cunningham, Mr. Jesse Ely of Nashville, formerly of Clarksville, to Miss Ruth Whitesides, daughter of Mr. A. T. Whitesides.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 23 Feb 1868

### **Watson - Abernathy**

Married on Wednesday, 29 Oct 1845 by the Rev. S. G. Starke, Mr. William H. Watson (of the firm of Watson & Williams) to Miss Virginia L. Abernathy, both of Memphis.

-*Memphis Tri-Weekly Appeal*, 4 Nov 1845

### **Snedecor - Estes**

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Emmie Estes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Estes, to Mr. James G. Snedecor on Thursday, 22 Jan [1880] at 6 o'clock at Lauderdale Presbyterian Church. The ceremony is to be performed by the Rev. Dr. Waddell, late pastor of the church and stepfather of Mr. Snedecor.

-*Memphis Public Ledger*, 20 Jan 1880

### **Lyle - Ussery**

Married 19 Dec 1878 at the residence of William N. Ussery by the Rev. J. W. Cullom, Mr. Alek M. Lyle to Miss Lucy H. Ussery. Attend-  
ants were George Ussery and Miss Ada Edmonson, Robert E. Edmonson and Miss Ida Ussery, Milt Thompson and Miss Eugenia Swift, Neb Ussery and Miss Agnes Lyle, and Andrew Lyle and Miss Kate Ussery.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 4 Jan 1879

### **Turner - Shoffner**

Cards are out announcing the forthcoming marriage of Dr. W. M. Turner and Miss Lottie B. Shoffner at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Union City on 24 Aug [1898]. The Rev. B. T. Watson will officiate.

-*Nashville Banner*, 15 Aug 1898



### **Lamb - Diemer**

Married in this place at the Presbyterian church, yesterday evening [11 May 1881] at 8:30, Mr. W. H. Lamb of the firm of Lamb & Tillman, and Miss Josie Diemer, only daughter of Dr. C. A. Diemer.

-Fayetteville Observer, 12 May 1881

### **Beels - Gray**

A quiet wedding occurred last evening in Mt. Vernon [Iowa] at the residence of W. G. Beels, the contracting parties being George N. Beels of Norfolk, Neb., and Mrs. Cora A. Gray of Athens, Tenn. Dr. William H. King, president of Cornell College, officiated. Mr. Beels, a graduate of the law department of the State University, class of 1875, is a prominent citizen of Nebraska, and grand master of the I.O.O.F. Mrs. Gray is a graduate of Cornell College, class of 1885, in philosophical, scientific, and musical courses. For four years, she had charge of the music department of Grant Memorial University of Athens, Tenn., and has been eminently successful in her work. Among Cornell alumni and friends of the college, she is favorably known. After a pleasurable tour of the West, the couple will be at home to their friends after 5 July at Norfolk, Neb., where Mr. Beels has a fine home awaiting the coming of his bride.

-Reprinted from the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gazette in the Athens, Tenn., Post, 5 Jul 1889

### **Varnell - Cate**

Married 15 June [1885] at the residence of the bride's father, Prof. J. N. Varnell of Bradley County to Miss Cordie Cate of McMinn County, the Rev. L. W. Crouch officiating.

-Athens, Tenn., Post, 19 June 1885

### **Gaut - Cleage**

The most enjoyable affair of the New Year was the marriage at 7 p.m., 4 Jan [1883] of Mr. R. F. Gaut of Knoxville to Miss Sallie Cleage of Athens. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. G. W. Simpson of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. David Cleage. [Abstracted]

-Athens, Tenn., Post 12 Jan 1883

## **Tennessee Marriages**

### **Frazier - Keith**

Married at the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Athens at 7:30 p.m., 10 Jan 1883, by the Rev. G. W. Simpson, Mr. James B. Frazier of Chattanooga and Miss Louise Douglas Keith, third daughter of the late Col. A. H. Keith ... Attendants were Miss Cornelia Keith (the bride's sister) and Mr. James Welcker of Loudon; Miss Mary Cooke of Chattanooga and Mr. William Swaney of Gallatin; Miss Mary Brabson, Athens, and Mr. William Ross, Memphis; Miss Annie Van Dyke of Chattanooga and Mr. Neill Mitchell of Knoxville. Messrs. Keith, Rowland, Henderson, and Schern were ushers. After the ceremony, a large number of guests repaired to the Forrest Home, beautiful suburban residence of the bride's mother, where a reception at once open-hearted and generous was in waiting for all. [Abstracted]

-Athens, Tenn., Post, 12 Jan 1883

### **Ayres - Finley**

Bob Ayres and Miss Lovie Finley were united in marriage last Tuesday. The happy event took place at the groom's home, 3½ miles north of town, the Rev. N. R. Waters officiating. The marriage comes in the nature of a surprise, but it is a pleasant one.

-Camden Chronicle, Friday, 3 Mar 1899

### **Benton County Marriage Licenses**

The Camden Chronicle, in its issue of 27 Jan 1899, announced that County Court Clerk G. B. Greer had issued the following marriage licenses:

- ❖ A. S. Arnold and Susan Marchbanks
- ❖ Richard Rushing and Ida Beaton
- ❖ A. M. Tucker and Mary E. Neal
- ❖ J. K. Hatley and S. C. Townsend
- ❖ James Pierce and Pricilla C. Davidson
- ❖ S. H. Williamson and Johnnie Johnson
- ❖ D. R. Walker and Daisie Merrick

### **Diggs - Holladay**

Miss Metta K. Holladay, who has been teaching school at Springville, and W. P. Diggs, both of Holladay, were married here the Saturday before Christmas [24 Dec 1899], Justice W. T. Morris officiating. Miss Holladay was returning from Springville and was met here by Mr. Diggs. Justice Morris, who is always willing and ready, was soon found and after the nuptial knot had been tied, Mr. and Mrs. Diggs left for their home at Holladay.

-Camden Chronicle, Friday, 6 Jan 1899

### **Hamer - Smith**

Mr. Robert H. Hamer and Miss Carrie Smith were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's father in Way last Sunday [1 Jan 1899], T. J. Lowry, Esq., officiating. Afterwards, they were accompanied by Miss Sophia Farrar and Atha Thomas, and Miss Flora Smith and Eddie Farrar to the home of W. R. Hamer where a reception was given them. [Abstracted]

-Camden Chronicle, 6 Jan 1899

### **Ellington - Hall**

The marriage of Miss Ada Hall of Camden and Mr. T. A. Ellington was solemnized Christmas afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hall. The Rev. N. R. Waters officiated. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few friends being present. Shortly after the ceremony, the wedding party took of refreshments and then Mr. and Mrs. Ellington left for Nashville amid the good wishes of their friends.

-Camden Chronicle, 6 Jan 1899

### **Coles - Moore**

Married near Townes [in Benton County] on Sunday, 9 Feb 1899, W. E. Coles and Miss Virgie Moore. W. R. Fee, Esq., officiated.

-Camden Chronicle, 17 Feb 1899

### **Bryant - Foster**

Married in this city Sunday, 28 Jul [1878] by the Rev. Dr. Hamilton, Mr. William Bryant and Miss Blanche Foster, all of Memphis.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 3 Aug 1878

### **Shaw - Anthony**

Married at the residence of the bride's father on 8 Aug 1878 by the Rev. S. C. Caldwell, Major J. M. Shaw and Miss Sallie M. Anthony, both of Haywood County.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 13 Aug 1878

### **Crowe - Denton**

A quiet and pretty home wedding occurred yesterday afternoon [Sunday, 31 Dec 1899] at 5:30 when Mr. James T. Crowe and Miss Lydia Barrington Denton were married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. B. Denton, 58 Union Avenue, the Rev. A. R. Wilson officiating. The couple will be with Mr. and Mrs. Denton until Thursday when they will leave for their future home in Little Rock.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 1 Jan 1900

### **Martin - Cochran**

In the announcement of the marriage of Henry Martin to Miss Mary Cochran, many people in Memphis were treated to a genuine surprise. The marriage occurred yesterday afternoon [3 Jan 1900] at the residence of Dr. W. H. Neel, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and the ceremony was performed by him. The bride is the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Cochran. The groom is the son of the late Capt. Martin, for many years one of the city's leading businessmen. The couple met only a few weeks ago at a debutante's dance given at the Woman's Building by Mrs. Napoleon Hill. Following the bridal ceremony, the couple drove at once to the home of the bride's mother and that of the groom and, after congratulations were said, registered at the Peabody Hotel.

[Abstracted]

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 4 Jan 1900

### **Slusser - Scott**

Mr. A. A. Slusser, handsome engineer of the Brownsville accommodation, and Miss Lou Scott, a beautiful and most estimable young lady of Brownsville, were married last Thursday [25 Nov 1885] and left immediately for Detroit and other North and East points on a bridal tour.

-*Paris, Tenn., Post*, 2 Dec 1886

## **Tennessee Marriages**

### **Renfro - Bullington**

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Bullington's home on Union Street was the scene of a lovely but quiet home wedding at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon [3 Jan 1900]. The bride, Miss Willie Moore Bullington, is the third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bullington. The groom is John W. Renfro of Holly Grove, Ark. The wedding is the culmination of a pretty little romance begun about a year ago when Miss Bullington was visiting in Arkansas. Their engagement was not expected until a few days ago when it became known that the young lady, who was again a visitor in Holly Grove, proposed celebrating with her own the marriage of her friend.... The Rev. Thomas S. Potts, D. D., officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Renfro left at 5 o'clock by steamboat for Arkansas. After 5 Jan, they will be at home in Holly Grove. The bride is a gifted singer, possessed also of charming individuality. Mr. Renfro is one of the leading dry goods merchants of Holly Grove.

[Abstracted]

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 4 Jan 1900

### **Montague - Tatum**

Miss Jennie Ward Tatum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tatum, and James Montague of St. Louis were married at 5:30 yesterday afternoon [3 Jan 1900] at Calvary Church. It was a lovely wedding and was witnessed by hundreds of friends and acquaintances of the bride and groom..... Mr. and Mrs. Montague left at once for St. Louis. After 8 Jan, they will be at home at the Hotel Beers, St. Louis. Mr. Montague, though for years a resident of St. Louis, is descended from an old and aristocratic Southern family. He is a well known stockbroker of St. Louis.

[Abstracted]

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 4 Jan 1900

### **Andrews - Askew**

The nuptials of Miss Mary Lawson Askew and Mr. J. R. Andrews were celebrated at noon yesterday [19 Dec 1900] at the residence of the bride's cousin, Mrs. L. E. Owens, 148 E. Deaderick Ave., in Jackson. The Rev. Hunter, pastor of Spring Creek Church, performed the ceremony. It was a quiet wedding, only a few being present to witness the union of hearts. The young couple will reside at Spring Creek, where they returned after the ceremony.

-*Jackson, Tenn., Daily Whig*, 20 Dec 1900

### **Hicks - Garrett**

Miss Eunice Garrett and Mr. James E. Hicks were married at 4:30 yesterday afternoon [19 Dec 1900] at the residence of the bride's mother on Deupree St., Jackson. The Rev. W. G. Heffley officiated. Only a few intimate friends besides relatives were present. The bride is one of Jackson's most beautiful young women and has many traits that go to make up her beautiful womanly character. The groom is a prosperous young planter and representative of one of the old families in the state. Immediately after the ceremony, the couple -- together with several of their friends -- took carriages and left for Mr. Hicks' residence four miles northwest of the city where a delightful reception awaited them.

-*Jackson, Tenn., Daily Whig*, 20 Dec 1900

### **Hearne - Thomas**

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Dr. R. S. Hearne and Miss Pearl Thomas of Ranger, and they were married last night [13 Oct 1899] at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. H. Thomas, near that place. The contracting parties are members of prominent families.

-*Jackson, Tenn., Daily Whig*, 14 Oct 1899

### **Rives - Arnold**

Married in Camden 4 May 1880 at the residence of her father, Aron Arnold, by the Rev. Mr. Stockard of Waverly, Miss Delia Arnold and J. H. Rives of Brownsville.

-*Paris (Tenn.) Post*, 7 May 1880 ■

## *An Amazing Two Weeks of Shelby County Probate Court*

The Shelby County Probate Court reopened in November 1878 after being shut down during the worst yellow fever epidemic in Memphis' history.

Hundreds of children had been left orphans, and a large number of estates had been left without proper persons to handle them. During the first two weeks of November, virtually all of the court's time was taken up with appointing guardians or administrators, admitting wills to probate, and allowing one year's support for widows. These appointments, listed in the *Memphis Avalanche* of 13-14 Nov 1878 and the *Appeal* of 14-15 Nov, are of special interest because they contain the names of some yellow fever victims and survivors whose names might not appear on other lists. Because some names appear in one list and not in the other, the following is a combination of the two. Where surname spellings differed, both versions are included.

### Guardians

J. H. Mungun  
Peter Hagerty/Hagerly  
Bridget Heninger  
W. H. Harwood  
Ellen Devine  
Lewis Vaccaro  
George W. Smith  
Endia Haack  
Henry Buttenberg  
Henry Buttenberg  
R. W. Browden  
H. Rosenthal

### Wards

Lena, Ida, and Minnie Brown, minors  
Imogene Johnstone, minor  
Mary and William Heninger, minors  
Albert and Ann Pleische, minors  
John O'Brien, minor  
Lucien and Cora Eng, minors  
C. E. Smith, minor  
Henry, William, and Lilla Haack, minors  
James Schneider, minor  
E. Maag, minor  
Emma Restermeier, minor  
Joseph Samuels, minor

### Administrators/Administratrix

C. A. Brown (admx.)  
F. Lavigne  
James Spectil  
James Sweeny  
Samuel Lowenstein  
August Wesche  
Ann Joeger  
Mrs. Abbey/Abby Smith  
Charles Silver  
J. A. Weaver  
John Mohlvens  
Kate Manguin  
Patrick Roper  
Mary L. Roush  
G. Glenn  
John Schleibler  
John E. Frawley  
Mrs. M. C. Scruggs  
Julius/Tulius Nagel  
Henry Luhrman/Luehrman  
A. C. Northcross  
Margaret Doyle  
James Redigan/Radigan  
M. D. Rhoden/Rhodes  
J. A. Anderson  
G. A. Inkerman  
John W. Voegell/Voegeli

### Estates

M. R. Brown, deceased  
Anne Castay, deceased  
Henderson Clark, deceased  
John Denlon, deceased  
Anna Cook, deceased  
John Kutach/Kutsch, deceased  
Peter Joeger, deceased  
John Ryan, deceased  
Davis Ryan, deceased  
J. B. Weaver, deceased  
Betty Freudeman, deceased  
S. D. Mangun, deceased  
Michael O'Neil/O'Neil, deceased  
John Roush, deceased  
A. Munn, deceased  
William Miller, deceased  
Ed. Grogan, deceased  
P. T. Scruggs, deceased  
Joseph Scravalatz/Scravafiatt, deceased  
William Meyer, deceased  
J. M. Northcross, deceased  
James Doyle, deceased  
Mrs. B. Flack, deceased  
J. M. Townsend, deceased  
F. Bestermeier/Rostermeyer, deceased  
Catherine Restermeier, deceased  
Henry Voegell/Voegeli, deceased

Administrators/Administrator (cont.)

Joseph Spectil  
 Kate Erskine  
 John Ganow  
 Mary Dodd  
 John F. McCallum  
 William Benjes  
 J. A. Anderson  
 J. A. Anderson  
 T. F. Callahan  
 L. Chagrill  
 Beverly Bedford  
 J. B. Hudgens  
 Margaret Breaton  
 Jettie Goodman (admx.)  
 Margaret Miller  
 Kate Erskine  
 Bridget Dolan  
 Mary J. Hickman  
 Sarah Botto  
 John Walsh  
 A. M. Musson  
 W. H. Carner  
 Thomas Goelbe  
 James Reilly  
 Pat Qulnn  
 H. Van Dorn  
 John Pittman  
 William Brinkman  
 John B. Robinson  
 S. S. Mort  
 Fritz Warneke  
 A. W. Cole  
 R. W. Fayser  
 L. D. Grant  
 Francis Collins (admx.)  
 Eliza Valentine  
 Thomas Alexander  
 Charles Reinig  
 William Harrington  
 James L. Murphey  
 James H. Malone  
 S. H. Brown  
 Mattie W. Fisher  
 William Neville

Wills Admitted to Probate:

E. C. Slater, deceased  
 Michael Fenton, deceased  
 George Erskine, deceased  
 Annie Hunt, deceased  
 Pat Farrell, deceased  
 M. M. Wilson, deceased

Estates

Cyril Walton, deceased  
 George Erskine, deceased  
 H. Harden, deceased  
 A. F. Dodd, deceased  
 W. D. McCallum, deceased  
 Henry Haack, deceased  
 H. Schultz, deceased  
 E. T. Cleaves, deceased  
 Margaret Tracy, deceased  
 H. Clark, deceased  
 G. R. Bedford, deceased  
 G. W. Smith, deceased  
 James Breaton, deceased  
 A. Goodman, deceased  
 B. Ben. Miller, deceased  
 George Erskine, deceased  
 Pat Dolan, deceased  
 Ben Hickman, deceased  
 John Botto, deceased  
 John Walsh, deceased  
 N. Dewar, deceased  
 Thomas M. Carner, deceased  
 Fred Goelbe, deceased  
 James Brogan, deceased  
 Joanne Johnstone, deceased  
 Peter Van Dorn, deceased  
 F. T. Hunt, deceased  
 Julius Bluhm, deceased  
 John D. Robinson, deceased  
 G. A. Mort, deceased  
 John Ruinn, deceased  
 James S. Hatcher, deceased  
 S. L. Raines, deceased  
 Margaret Grant, deceased  
 William Collins, deceased  
 C. O. Valentine, deceased  
 W. W. C. Miller, deceased  
 Caesar Reinig, deceased  
 Will M'Enery, deceased  
 John A. Greer, deceased  
 Emile Miller, deceased  
 John T. Fenwick, deceased  
 Charles G. Fisher, deceased  
 Isaac Neville, deceased

Widows Given Year's Support

Mina Samuel, widow of Moses Samuel, deceased  
 Jennie B. Scott, widow of George B. Scott, deceased  
 Mrs. W. K. Thixton, widow, W. K. Thixton, deceased  
 Mary A. Stewart, widow of Thos. Stewart, deceased  
 C. A. Minor, widow of F. F. Minor, deceased  
 Ann Jaeger, widow of Peter Jaeger, deceased  
 Virginia Avery, widow of R. M. Avery, deceased  
 Mollie F. Gamble, widow, Frank C. Gamble, dec'd. ■

# Coffee County Deeds, Volume A

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Deed dated 11 Nov 1833: For consideration of \$33, **William Morrow** of Franklin Co., Tenn., conveys to **James Richardson** Lot # 29 in town of Winchester with appurtenances. Lot contains one-half acre, beginning at southwest corner of Lot 12 on Stage Road and running to southeast corner of same lot. Witnesses: **Joseph Arnold, George W. Richardson**. Proved and registered 1st Jan 1837.



Coffee County Courthouse in Manchester

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Deed dated 18 Jan 1837: For consideration of \$400, **Roderick McDonald** conveys 150-acre tract to **Stephen Jernagan**. Tract is on Norton Branch of waters of Garrison Fork of Duck River and adjoins **William McDonald** and **William Carlisle** — including the hollow above their property — **A. Erwin**, and **Gibson's** corner. Witnesses: **John K. Bailey, James M. Carlisle**. Proved by witnesses and registered 24 Jan 1837.

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Deed of Trust dated 5 Dec 1836: To secure \$119.50 debt owed by **James Maybry** to **John Tarwater** and due 25 Dec 1837, **Maybry** conveys certain pieces of property and his stock to **Tarwater**, retaining use of property until due date. Property includes one blind mare, one bay mare, two colts, one two-horse wagon, one clock, one cubbard [cupboard], three beds and furniture, iron and woodwork of a wagon, and shop tools "each and every one." If **Maybry** fails to pay debt by 20 Dec 1837, **Tarwater** can sell property according to law. Witnesses: **James A. Dixon, Micajah Dixon**. Proved by witnesses 24 Jan 1837. Recorded same date.

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Deed dated 20 Oct 1835: For consideration of \$200, **W. T. Watterson** conveys to **David Ewell** a 200-acre tract in Bedford County on head waters of McBride Creek. Land adjoins **Jacob Lemmon's** east boundary where McMinnville Road crosses it, runs north to top of ridge to property lines of **Charly Ferrill, E. Teal**, and **Reuben Carson**. Witnesses: **John Pagues, G. W. Phillips**. Acknowledged by **Watterson** 24 Jan 1837; registered same date.

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Deed of Relinquishment dated 12 Sep 1836: **James Sharp** and **Richard Sharp**, both of Franklin Co., Tenn., relinquish all their right and interest in 440-acre tract formerly in Warren County (now in Coffee County) to **Moses Matthews** of Coffee County. On 20 Sep 1834, **Leighton Ferrill**, then sheriff of Warren County, sold tract which **David Bird** owned and lived on to satisfy a \$185.50 judgment plus \$9.62½ in court costs that **Richard Sharp** recovered against **Bird** at Jul 1834 term of Warren County court. Sale also was to satisfy \$227 judgment and \$9.62½ in court costs that **James Sharp** recovered against **Bird** on same day. Land was purchased by **Sharps** for \$50. **Moses Matthews** on this day applied to Coffee County clerk to redeem land — **Sharps** now living out of county. **Matthews** alleged that he was a creditor of **Bird's** to amount of \$280 and proposed to pay whole amount of **Sharps'** purchase money and balance of their judgments with interest and costs. **Sharps** accepted proposal, signed deed of relinquishment, and acknowledged it 12 Sep 1836 before Franklin County Court Clerk **William W. Brazelton** in Winchester.

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Deed dated 21 Jan 1837: For consideration of \$100, **Allen Jarnagan** of Coffee County conveys to **Henderson Yoakum** of Rutherford County 25 acres on Garrison Road in Coffee County. Property adjoins **Reuben Harrod** and **Jarrodd Jarnagan**. Originally granted to **Edmund Hodge** under Grant #11243, it was conveyed to **Allen Jarnagan** by **Thomas Lord**. Witnesses: **Cary Jarnagan, Charles Ready**. Acknowledged by **Allen Jarnagan** 25 Jan 1837 and registered same date.

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Deed dated 21 Jan 1837: For consideration of \$200, **Allen Jarnagan** of Cannon Co., Tenn., conveys to **Henderson Yoakum** of Rutherford County 75-acre tract and appurtenances on old Garrison Road in Coffee County. Tract is bounded on north by **Jane Cothran**, on west by heirs of **Gideon Green**, on south by **Ewell** or **Burkses**, and on east by **Eli Hill**. Land, originally granted to **Edmond Hodge** (Grant #11229), was conveyed to **Allen Jarnagan** by **Thomas Lord**. Witnesses: **Carey Jarnagan**, **Charles Ready**. Deed was acknowledged by **Allen Jarnagan** 25 Jan 1837 and registered same date.

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Deed dated 13 Oct 1836: For consideration of \$150, **John Sutton, Sr.**, of Bedford County conveys to **Wesley Sutton** of Coffee County 150-acre tract on waters of Garrison Fork of Duck River in Coffee County. Tract begins at northwest corner of **Henry Boyd's** 50-acre entry (No. 662), and adjoins **Erwin's** east boundary, southeast corner of **John Sutton's** 300-acre grant, south boundary of **John Sutton's** other 300-acre grant, and **James McGill's** line. Also included is nine-acre tract lying along 150-acre tract. Witnesses: **J. T. Mayfield**, **John Sutton, Jr.**, **William Sutton**. Deed proved by **John** and **William Sutton** 6 Feb 1837; registered same date.

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Deed dated 6 Feb 1837: For consideration of \$360, **James Haggard** conveys to **Randolph Gibson** 160 acres in Coffee County District No. 5. Acreage adjoins east boundary line of tract **Gibson** now lives on. **Haggard** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 6 Feb 1837, and it was recorded same date.

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Bill of Sale dated 23 Jan 1837: For consideration of \$75, **Jordan Anderson** of Coffee County conveys to **Hollins & Wallace** two sorrel horse colts, three beds and furniture, one cow and two yearlings, 10 barrels of corn in his crib, and six head of sheep. Also, one 50-acre tract on waters of Barren Fork of Duck River bounded by northwest corner of **Thomas Hopkins's** 50-acre entry, being same tract transferred from **John Price** to **Anderson** on 22 Jan 1820. If **Anderson**, his heirs, or assignees pay or cause to be paid the sum of \$42 with interest, this bill of sale to be void. Otherwise, it is to remain in full force. **Anderson** acknowledged on 23 Jan 1837 before county court clerk that he executed bill of sale. Registered 15 Feb 1837.

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Deed of gift dated 2 Feb 1837: For natural love and affection, **Claburn Harp** of Coffee County gives his son, **Alex Harp**, and his granddaughter, **Mary Jane Harp**, 150-acre tract with appurtenances on headwaters of Hickory Creek in Coffee County. Tract adjoins **William M. Douglass's** lands. **Claburn** also conveys to them two other tracts: (1) a 20-acre tract adjoining **Douglass** and the 150-acre tract previously mentioned; and (2) an adjoining 20-acre tract that begins at northeast corner of entry in name of **K. Matthews** -- making a total gift of 190 acres. **Harp** also gives his son and granddaughter a Negro girl named **Easter**, aged about 7 years. Witnesses: **George W. Richardson**, **Daniel McLean**. Deed acknowledged by **Claburn Harp** 4 Feb 1837; registered 16 Feb 1837.

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Bill of Sale dated 20 Feb 1837: **James M. Jones**, for receipt of \$2500 from **Gabriel Jones**, conveys to him the following seven Negroes: a woman named **Nancy**, abt. 33 years of age; **Patsey**, abt. 14; **James**, abt. 8; **Pleasant** (boy), abt. 6; **Henderson** (boy) abt. 4; and **John**, abt. 2. Witnesses: **George W. Richardson**, **Francis Donnell**. **James M. Jones** acknowledged sale before Coffee County court clerk 20 Feb 1837. Recorded same date.

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Deed dated 6 Feb 1837: For consideration of \$200, **Henry Powers** of Franklin Co., Tenn., conveys to **Thompson Frazier** of same county 131-acre tract on waters of Barren Fork of Duck River. Acreage, which adjoins east corner of **George Doherty's** 141-acre tract, was originally granted to **Doherty** by state of Tennessee (Grant No. 494). Witnesses **G. W. Richardson** and **John Frashure** proved deed 6 Feb 1837. Registered 6 Mar 1837.

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Deed dated 30 Dec 1833: For consideration of \$80, **John Morgan** of Bedford County conveys to **Matthias Braily** of Rutherford Co., Tenn., a tract in Bedford and Rutherford counties lying on headwaters east of west fork of Stones River. Tract adjoins **William Mankin's** south boundary line and **Christopher Messick's** west line. [Amount of acreage not specified.] Witnesses: **James Oaks(?)**, **Isaac Oaks(?)**, **G. W. Richardson**, **Elisha H. Roughton**. Deed proved by **Richardson** and **Roughton** 18 Feb 1837. Recorded 6 Mar 1837.



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Deed dated 31 Mar 1836: For \$1 and other valuable considerations,<sup>1</sup> **William Mullins**, Albemarle Co., Va., conveys to **John P. Thompson**, Greenbriar Co., Va., two tracts of land in Bedford and Warren counties, Tenn. First tract is undesirable one-half of 1,000 acres in Warren County which were patented to **Mullins** 4 Sep 1830, with other half to be divided according to quality as well as quantity. Second tract contains 160 acres in Bedford and Franklin counties that were patented to **Mullins** 5 Apr 1829. It begins on north bank of road from Nashville to Stone Fort and adjoins **Thomas Power's** east boundary and **Hugh Foster's** west boundary. **Mullins** acknowledged deed before **David Hanna** and **Edwin C. Trent**, Greenbriar Co., Va., justices of the peace, and requested that his acknowledgement be certified and sent to clerks in Bedford, Warren, and Franklin counties, Tenn. **John Mathews**, Greenbriar county clerk, certified **Hanna** and **Trent** as acting justices 11 June 1836, and **John Mays**, presiding county judge, certified **Mathews** as clerk. Deed registered in Coffee Co., Tenn., 6 Mar 1837 by **J. A. Brantley**.

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Deed dated 25 Apr 1836: For \$5 and other valuable considerations, **William Mullins** of Albemarle Co., Va., conveys to **John P. Thompson** of Greenbriar Co., Va., 1,000-acre tract with improvements in Warren Co., Tenn. Tract was granted to **Mullins** on 20 Mar 1834 by Tennessee Gov. **William Carroll** by virtue of Entry No. 3129 entered in Warren County clerk's office 4 Sep 1830. Acreage is located on waters of Barren Fork of Collins River [Note: "Duck" River is crossed out and "Collins" is written in], beginning at northeast corner of 1,000-acre tract in name of **Jonathan Webster** (Entry No. 3128), crossing road from McMinnville to Shelbyville, **Daniel Epley's** line, 300-acre tract in name of **William Line**, **Spangler's** corner, and **William A. Anderson's** line. Note: 250 acres with improvements are excluded in patent. **David Hanah** and **Edwin C. Trent**, Greenbriar Co., Va., justices of peace, certified that **Mullins** acknowledged before them deed dated 25 Apr 1836 and requested his acknowledgment be sent to Warren Co., Tenn., clerk to be registered there. On 11 June 1836 Greenbriar County Clerk **John Mathews** certified **Hanna** and **Trent** as justices of the peace, and Judge **John Mays** certified **Mathews** as clerk on same day. Deed was registered in Coffee Co., Tenn., 6 Mar 1837.

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Deed dated 4 Feb 1837: For consideration of \$200, **John Anderson** of Coffee County conveys 42-acre tract on headwaters of Bradley Creek of Elk River to **Ephraim E. Cate** of same county. Tract adjoins southeast corner of 80-acre tract in name of **Simon Kuykendall**, southwest corner of tract where **John Ault** formerly lived, and south boundary line of **William Anderson**. Witnesses: **G. W. Richardson**, **Sidney Clay**. Acknowledged by **Anderson** before county court clerk 24 Feb 1837. Registered 6 Mar 1837.

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Deed dated 24 Nov 1836: For consideration of \$40, **Mary Moore** of Marion Co., Ala., conveys to **William Anderson** of Tennessee, 40-acre tract with all appurtenances on headwaters of Bradley Creek of Elk River. Tract is same land that **Stephen Faris** deeded to **James Moore** in his lifetime. Witnesses: **Barnett Moss**, **Simon Kuykendall**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County court clerk 25 Nov 1836. Registered 6 Mar 1837.

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Deed dated 24 Nov 1836: For consideration of \$305, **Simon Kuykendall** and **Barnett Moss** of Marion Co., Ala., convey to **William Y. Phillips** of Coffee Co., Tenn., 157½-acre tract in Coffee County (formerly Franklin) on waters of Bradley Creek of Elk River. Part of tract was granted to **Arthur Colgrave** by State of Tennessee. Land adjoins that of **James Phillips** and **Daniel Roddy**. Witnesses: **Richard Charles**, **John Charles**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County court clerk 6 Mar 1837. Registered 7 Mar 1837.

Pages 77-78

Deed dated 18 June 1836: For consideration of \$110, **James Williams** of Franklin Co., Tenn., conveys to **Catharine Drake** of Coffee Co., Tenn., lot in town of Hillsboro, Coffee County beginning in middle of Stage Road and being southeast corner of lot deeded from **John W. Camden** and **William McDaniel**. Witnesses: **Thomas M. Pryor**, **John T. Slatter**, **John Herriford**, **John W. Camden**. Deed proved by **Herriford** and **Camden** 6 Mar 1837. Registered 7 Mar 1837.

<sup>1</sup> The other considerations are defined as "two tracts of land in Greenbriar Co., Va., described in deed to **William Mullins** by **John P. Thompson** [and] "lawful money of Virginia paid him by **Thompson**."

Pages 78-79

Power of Attorney dated 9 Mar 1835: **James Brandon** of Washington Co., Arkansas Territory, due to his moving, has appointed **John O. Johnson**, Esq., of Franklin Co., Tenn., his true and lawful attorney to make a good warranty title to **William Rankins** for all 289 acres of tract where **Rankins** now lives on headwaters of upper Bean's Creek. Tract is bounded by lands of **John Crocket** and **Jacob Rowland**. Witnesses: **Reuben R. Price**, **Rush N. Wallace**. Power of attorney attested to by witnesses 6 Feb 1837 before Coffee County court clerk. Registered 9 Mar 1837.

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Deed dated 15 Mar 1836: For consideration of \$1,350, **Thomas Butler** of Philadelphia, Pa., conveys to **Duncan Neel** of Coffee Co., Tenn., tract of land on Barren Fork of Duck River. [Acreage not stated.] Tract is part of Grant No 230 made to **Thomas** and **John Gray Blunt**, and conveyed by **Joseph Anderson** to **Pierce Butler** by deed dated 26 Feb 1811. Tract begins on north bank of Duck River where upper line of Grant No. 233 crosses river the last time and runs to north boundary of grant .. corner of line made by **Andrew Paul** .. conditional line between **Duncan Neel** and **Joseph Hickerson** .. and north side of Crumpton's Creek. Deed is signed on **Butler's** behalf by **H. M. Rutledge**, his attorney. Clerk's certificate registered on Pages 143-144.

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Deed dated 14 Nov 1825: For consideration of \$203, **Sarah Campbell** of Warren Co., Tenn., conveys to **John Kenneda** of same county 100-acre tract on waters of Hickory Creek. Witnesses: **John K. Wells**, **John Bryan**. Witnesses proved deed before Coffee County court clerk 6 Mar 1837. Registered 9 Mar 1837.

Deed dated 6 Mar 1837: For consideration of \$200, **John Kennedy** of Coffee County conveys to **Sandy H. Purdom** of same county 100 acres on waters of Hickory Creek with all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: **Joseph Martin**, **Isaac Horton**. Acknowledged by **Kennedy** 6 Mar 1837; registered 9 Mar 1837.

Pages 82-83

Deed dated 15 Apr 1834: For consideration of \$100, **David Carson** of Warren County conveys to **William M. Douglass** 100 acres granted by State of Tennessee to **David Banks, Sr.**, and entered into Entry Takers Office of Warren County. Tract is situated on headwaters of Hickory Creek and includes house where **Banks** now lives and other improvements. It is same tract with appurtenances that **David Carson** purchased at sheriff's sale. Witnesses: **David Nicholas**, **Samuel R. Brookshire**. Deed was proved by witnesses 6 Mar 1837; registered 14 Mar 1837.

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Deed dated 10 June 1836: For consideration of \$300, **Duncan Neal** conveys to **John Carroll** 78¼ acres on north bank of Barren Fork of Duck River. Tract is northwest corner of plantation where **Carroll** now lives, and adjoins south boundary line of 80-acre tract taken up in name of **Philip T. Burford**. Witnesses: **Felix Carroll**, **Alexander Neal**. Deed proved by witnesses 6 Mar 1837; registered 14 Mar 1837.

Pages 84-85

Deed of Trust dated 8 Mar 1837: For consideration of \$1, **Kincheon Matthews** of Coffee County conveys to **Alexander Powell** two Negro slaves - **Robert**, aged about 9 years, and **Jefferson**, aged about 8. Conveyance is to secure payment of \$300 note **Kincheon** owes **Nancy Matthews**. Note was due 25 Dec 1836, but **Nancy** has agreed to extend note 12 months longer for payment with interest. If **Kincheon** fails to pay note with interest by due date, two slaves are to be sold to highest bidder. If paid by due date, deed to be null and void. Witnesses: **William M. Douglass**, **Alexander Harp**. Deed was acknowledged by **Kincheon Matthews** before county court clerk on 5 Mar 1837. Registered 1 Apr 1837.

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Deed dated 25 Apr 1836: For consideration of \$140, **Joseph Covin** of Bedford County conveys to **William Norton** of same county 38 acres on headwaters of Noah's Fork, Barnam(?) branch. Tract adjoins east boundary of 30-acre entry in name of **Joseph Waggoner**, northeast corner of **Covin's** field to Barnam Road, and 40-acre tract of **Solomon Hart**. Witnesses: **L. B. Harris**, **James Gaither**, **David Eaton**. Acknowledged by **Covin** 23 May 1837. Registered same date. ■

## Tennessee COMINGS & GOINGS

**S. C. TOOF** is having his brick residence, corner of Lauderdale and Linden Sts., remodeled from top to bottom. When completed, it will present a modern appearance and be one of the handsomest residences in that part of the city. The old house was built before the war by one of the Greenlaws. Toof says he has worked here for 42 years to get a start in the world and thinks he might as well do something to embellish his home and add to the appearance of the city.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 1 Jul 1891

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**CHARMING Kitty Cheatham** of the Daly Company is succeeding admirably on the stage. This is ending her fifth season before the footlights. When she left her home in Nashville where her distinguished father had been mayor, and it became known that she had decided to go upon the stage, the good people of that Southern town held up their hands in holy horror and predicted she was going straight to the dominions of perdition. For two seasons, she was a member of the McCaull Opera Company .. and then was secured by Daly for his company. In her brief career, she has praiseworthy enacted nearly 30 characters, a decided compliment to her versatility.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 1 Jul 1891

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**MILAN, Jan. 3 (1892)** - A large barn at E. A. Collins' stock farm burned tonight. All horses were saved, and Proctor, who made a record at Lexington, Ky., of 2:18, barely escaped. A large lot of feed stuff and track appliances were burned. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. No insurance.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 4 Jan 1892

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**H. M. TEAGUE**, formerly of Hardeman County but now of Locksburg, Ark., is on a visit to his friends here.

-Bolivar Bulletin, 5 Jan 1882

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**CHATTANOOGA** has a new bicycle club -- the Mountain City Wheelmen. C. F. Daville is president, R. E. Sherman, vice president, and R. F. Sloan, secretary-treasurer.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 2 May 1894

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**MRS. FLORENCE OLIVER** of Houston, Tex., is visiting her father, Mr. A. Saddler, corner of Murray and Saxon Avenue. She will remain until the first of June.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 6 May 1894

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**MRS. D. A. COULTER** and two children, Charlotte, N.C., are guests of her mother, Mrs. W. B. Weisiger. Mrs. Coulter has not been at home for two years and her visit is one of considerable pleasure. Mr. Coulter is well known here. He is state secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of North Carolina.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 6 May 1894

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**MRS. MARSHALL P. DRURY**, nee Miss Mattie Dunlap formerly of this city but now living in St. Louis, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. James T. Dunlap, and sister, Mrs. J. E. Rice at Madison Heights.

-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, 6 May 1894

**OUR FRIEND**, Judge Phineas T. Scruggs has just returned from Mexico where he has been on a trip of inspection, and informs us he has determined to make Cordova his future home. He is now in Jackson, Tenn., his present place of residence, and requests us to announce that he will take pleasure in giving full information in regard to Mexico to everyone who may correspond with him on the subject.

-Memphis Avalanche, 15 Apr 1866

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**JOHN J. McCANN** of Nashville recently gave 100 barrels of flour and 500 pounds of bacon to the suffering poor of North Alabama, and said he would rather give up the last farthing he had than see one person starve. Noble sentiment. God rewardeth the cheerful giver.

-Memphis Avalanche, 15 Apr 1866

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**WE HAD** a very pleasant call Wednesday from Mr. G. B. Daws of Crucifer some months ago. Mr. Daws let his subscription to the *Blade* expire, and the result is twins are born unto him, and twin girls at that. He recognizes this increase in his family as the direct result of his carelessness in not renewing his subscription.

- Forked Deer Blade, 5 Dec 1885

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**THE MANY FRIENDS** of Col. Robert McCulloch, Sr., in this city and in all 'the region round' will be pleased to learn he is soon to take up residence permanently in Memphis. He cannot, he says, endure the tyranny of Missouri Radicalism any longer. Lovers of good beef and all those who know what a rarity it has been of late years in Memphis will be pleased to know he intends to open a cattle yard here of dimensions sufficient to supply the wants of the city and surrounding country. Col. McCulloch will be remembered by thousand as the famous brigade commander in Forrest's Calvary, renamed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Regiment.

-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 6 Nov 1866

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**A. COX** announced in the *Tennessee Journal* of Athens, Tenn., on 6 June 1837 that he had just received and had for sale at Kelly's Ferry in Meigs County 48 barrels of salt.

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**FOUR HUNDRED LOTS** in South Memphis were advertised for sale in the *Memphis Enquirer* of 13 Aug 1846. The ad was signed by Robertson Topp, Nathaniel Anderson, and W. L. Vance, trustees.

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**COVINGTON, Dec. 13** - Miss Ella Cummins, sister of the Hon. Holmes Cummins of Memphis, and Dr. D. P. Cummins of this place left this evening for Matamoros, Mexico, where she goes to engage in missionary work under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. She was accompanied to the train by many of her relatives and friends, many of whom were her former pupils in Clifton Female Seminary where for a number of years she was one of the principal teachers.

-Athens, Tenn., Post, 21 Dec 1894

## Tennessee COMINGS & GOINGS

**FOR SALE** - The beautiful House and Lot in South Memphis situated on Main and Beal Sts., one square from the Gayoso House ..... The lot is 25,000 feet square, all under complete fence .. 200 feet on Main by 425 feet on Beal leading to the principal "South Memphis Landing" ... 50' by 40' dwelling house contains 10 rooms with nine-foot passage through; front rooms are 20 feet square, back rooms 18' by 20' - all of best materials and finest finish with closets and other appurtenances .. fire place in all rooms .. fine kitchen, smoke house, bee house well stocked, garden in best order ... cistern containing 400 barrels of water .... a well of purest water ... stable and stalls for 12 or more horses ... corn house, poultry house, number of fine and rare fruit trees ... Shrubbery will be distinct from purchase unless specifically included ... One-third cash .. with balance in equal payments at one and two years.

-William McKeon, South Memphis, 7 Oct 1845  
[Abstracted from the Memphis Tri-Weekly Appeal, 8 Nov 1845]

**JAMES MASON**, who sued the Tellico Railroad in circuit court in Athens, Tenn., last week for damages on account of a broken leg, obtained a verdict of \$8,000.

-Athens, Tenn. Post, 21 Dec 1894

**WHILE** James T. Hodge, a Montgomery Co., Tenn., planter, was seated in his barn stripping tobacco, he fell over speechless and helpless and expired in a few minutes. Heart disease.

-Athens, Tenn. Post, 19 Dec 1894

**SAM H. FORD**, a young barrister, left for the West a few days ago where he proposes practicing his profession.

-Athens, Tenn. Post, 19 Dec 1894

**THOMAS J. KING** of Hester Mills, Meigs County, has received a clerkship in the pension office, Knoxville.

-Athens, Tenn. Post, 19 Dec 1894

**THE REV. W. A. HAYNES**, Cumberland Presbyterian minister, died last week at Columbia, aged about 50 years. For many years, he was president of Howard Female College at Gallatin. He was in John Morgan's brigade, a lieutenant of Co. C, Bennett's Regiment, and was wounded at the battle of Hartsville in Dec 1862.

-Athens, Tenn. Post, 19 Dec 1894

**THE HON. D. M. KEY**, U. S. judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, states he will retire from the bench soon after his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, which occurs 27 Jan [1895]. Among applicants to succeed him are F. S. Webb and Judge H. H. Ingersoll of Knoxville and Judge C. D. Clark, Chattanooga.

-Athens, Tenn. Post, 19 Dec 1894

**T. F. PATTERSON** of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Dept., Chattanooga, is at home visiting his aged mother. It is a noble trait in a young man to look after his parents who are old.

-Athens, Tenn., Post, 19 June 1885

**PULASKI** is all torn up over the mysterious disappearance of Sigmund Rosenau, for many years a representative merchant of that place. Rosenau left last week for Nashville, ostensibly on business, and has not been seen since. Before leaving Pulaski, he drew all his ready cash (about \$900) out of the bank. He retired from business about a year ago and has been collecting up accounts due him. He was known to have lost heavily in bucket shop speculation recently.

-Athens, Tenn. Post, 19 Dec 1894

**WALLACE HOGE** caught a 50-pound catfish a few days ago. Any fellow might have such luck if favored with as good company as Wallace had.

-Athens, Tenn., Post, 5 Jul 1889

**J. H. MELTON** of Gainesville, Tex., is visiting his father, Almy Melton, in the Way community. He says he is well satisfied and likes the country fine.

-Athens, Tenn., Post, 6 Jan 1899

**THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY** of Aunt Nancy Hudson's birthday was celebrated at the home of her son-in-law, F. M. Greer, yesterday [23 Jan 1899] in the Liberty community.

-Athens, Tenn., Post, 27 Jan 1899

**ADOLPH S. OCHS**, proprietor of the *Chattanooga Times*, was arraigned before Esquire Leight at Chattanooga Thursday last [25 Jul 1878], charged with libel for referring to a beer garden kept by one Joe Swartz as a house of ill-fame. The justice rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, assessing damages at 25 cents.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 1 Aug 1878

**MR. PACK ORR** has been elected town marshal, and now that we have a marshal we hope to see this drunkenness, swearing, and obscenity on our streets stopped.

-Paris, Tenn., Post, 7 May 1880

**COL. G. W. ALEXANDER**, engineer whose talent and skill were instrumental in building the bridge over the Mississippi River at St. Louis, has removed to Memphis and will hereafter have charge of the various street railways of the city. We gladly hail the advent of such men as Col. Alexander in our midst.

-Memphis Appeal, 18 Jan 1870

**MRS. AUGUSTA J. WILSON** (nee Evans), the distinguished authoress, was seriously injured yesterday by an accident to the train on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad. Mr. Holloway, the conductor, and Mr. Driscoll, express manager, also were badly hurt.

-Memphis Appeal, 9 Jan 1870

**COL. JOHN H. SAVAGE** of the 16th Regiment Tennessee Confederates gave his annual free egg nog to members of his old regiment last Saturday, New Year's Day.

-Memphis Appeal, 9 Jan 1870

## Tennessee COMINGS & GOINGS

**THE BEAUTIFUL** country residence of Dr. J. N. Brown, known as the old Dubose place on Big Creek, was totally destroyed by fire shortly after midnight of Thursday last [6 Jan 1870], the family barely making their escape in their night clothes. Living in the house besides Dr. Brown was his son James, about 19; several female members of his family; and Major Penn, very old and feeble, indeed almost helpless, and his daughter. To save the major, who is paralytic and bedridden, was a very difficult task and it was only with the utmost daring and bravery that the deed was done. In the process, James was horribly burned about the head, face, and hands, and Dr. Brown also was badly burned. The total loss is no less than \$10,000 on which there is not a cent of insurance.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 9 Jan 1870

**JOHN PICKETT** has been elected mayor of McMinnville.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 9 Jan 1870

**ONE HUNDRED PERSONS** emigrated from Cocke County Tuesday and went to Arkansas.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 9 Jan 1870

**FARMERS, GARDENERS,** and citizens who have money to invest in good land will have a safe and splendid choice of doing so at the sale of the large plantation known as Village Farm owned by Richard I. Person. The day is near at hand when a 50-acre farm within five miles of Memphis will be as good a fortune as any reasonable man can desire. There are 20 such farms and 20 such fortunes in reach of those who want them.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 9 Jan 1870

[Person's ad in the same issue described the farm as "containing upwards of a thousand acres and embracing every variety of upland and valley, field, meadow, and woodland." The property, situated on the Hernando Road and the waters of the Nonconah about five miles south of Memphis, was to be subdivided and sold to the highest bidder by Royster, Trezevant & Co., auctioneers, on 19 Jan. 1870.]

**W. T. KENNERLY** of Conyersville left last week for Nashville where he will take a law and business course at Vanderbilt University. He is an exceptionally bright and intelligent young man with the rich promise of a bright future.

-Paris, Tenn., Press, 4 Jan 1901

**MR. J. T. CURRIER** was presented with a fine bird dog last Friday by a friend. The dog is valued at \$300 and is said to be the best in West Tennessee.

-Paris, Tenn., Tribune, 2 Dec 1886

**JEANIE ROBINSON** who died lately in Nashville was known as "Soldier Charley" because she had served several years in male attire in the Army.

-Memphis Avalanche, 16 Feb 1881

**ONE DAY** last week a Mrs. Fulcher of Rutherford County appealed to County Judge Ferriss for information of a son of her husband by his first wife. She said that after the death of the boy's mother, the boy — a mere child — was turned over to County Judge Caldwell to be given a home. His father soon lost all trace of him but now wanted his son to come back to him. While Mrs. Fulcher was in Judge Ferriss' office, the son — now 20 years old — came in with ex-Judge Caldwell and said he was anxious to find his father from whom he had been separated for years. Judge Ferriss asked him his name and when he learned it was Fulcher introduced him to his stepmother. Explanations followed and it was learned that the boy had lived the last years on a farm near his father's but did not know it. Mrs. Fulcher and the young man returned home.

-Paris, Tenn., Press, 4 Jan 1901

**MRS. ANNIE P. TINSLEY** whose tragic death at Los Angeles was announced in press dispatches last week,<sup>1</sup> was formerly Miss Annie Pittman. She was reared at Denmark, Madison County, and at Memphis by Mrs. H. D. Harris, now of Jackson. She lived in Jackson a few years and was an accomplished musician. She gave private lessons here and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She left Jackson about two years ago and was married at Van Buren, Ark., last January.

-Paris, Tenn., Press, 4 Jan 1901

**IT TOOK 12 BALLOTS** to do it, but Elizabeth Messick was elected Shelby County superintendent of public instruction by a landslide vote over her three opponents 3 Jan 1905. She won 28 of the 44 votes cast by county commissioners, who earlier had voted to raise the superintendent's annual salary from \$1,200 to \$1,500. Other candidates for the job were Maude Moore, the incumbent who was seeking her third term; Mable Williams, and Mildred Minor. All four of the women were well known in the school work of the county. It was thought that one or more of the candidates would drop out of the race early in the balloting, but the seemingly equal division of strength kept them all in the race and made defeat harder to bear when it came. Miss Messick, whose name had been placed in nomination by Justice Thompson, is a native of Shelby's 11<sup>th</sup> District and has been a teacher for several years. [Abstracted]

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 2 Jan 1905

<sup>1</sup> She was shot and killed 27 Dec 1900 on a Los Angeles street by her husband, John W. Tinsley, who then fired a bullet into his own head. He was said to have deceived and defrauded her, inducing her to sell her home and other property in Jackson, Tenn., using her money to pay for their honeymoon, and stealing her diamonds. Tinsley reportedly had another wife in Helena, Mont. Annie [Anna] was born in Memphis, and was the daughter of the late R. R. Pittman, cotton broker, and his late wife, a former Brownsville resident whose maiden name was Taylor. [Memphis Commercial Appeal, 28 Dec 1900]



## Lucy Walker Keel Surely Set A Record For Forgiveness

Lucy Walker Keel of East Tennessee must surely hold the record for being a forgiving wife.

In 1846 she married John Keel who lived near her father's house on the edge of Tennessee not far from Hopkinsville, Ky. As told in the *Knoxville Evening Sentinel* of 19 Sep 1889, the couple lived together 30 years and raised a family of four children. After all the children married and moved away, the old couple became lonely and got a young woman named June Hunter to come and live with them. She was about 20, bright, and attractive. When it became evident that Keel was much attracted to the younger woman, Lucy grew jealous and accused him of falling in love with June. Keel frankly admitted it, and said he would marry her if he didn't already have a wife. With this, Lucy left and obtained a divorce.

The old man and the young woman then married, moved over the line into Kentucky, and bought a farm three miles from Hopkinsville. They lived together 12 years, then separated, and the second Mrs. Keel obtained a divorce. John came back to Tennessee where the wife of his youth had remained faithful and alone. They remarried 11 Sep 1889, and returned to the farm where they began life when first married 43 years ago. ■

## Alex Casteel And Wife Of McMinn County Die Only 3 Days Apart

Alexander Casteel, aged 63, died at his home three miles southwest of Athens in McMinn County on 4 Apr 1862. Three days later, on the 7th day of April at the same place, Mrs. Susannah Casteel died in the 60th year of her age.

The couple had lived together as husband and wife for nearly 40 years, and their longest separation was but a few days in death.

[Source: *The Athens Post*, 16 May 1862]

## ...letter to the Editor

Just a note to let you know I received a response to my query in *Ansearchin' News*, Fall 2003 issue (see Page 54).

The response was from Barbara Wyche of Richmond, Tex., for the surname Spain.

Thanks for your great magazine.

Sincerely yours,  
Kimberly Credille  
6199 Meadowwood Lane  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

*Editor's Reply: Wonderful! Thanks for letting us know.... Helping and sharing with fellow members are among the pleasurable benefits of belonging to a genealogical society. ■*

## Former Civil War Chaplain For Overton Hospital Dies in Memphis

From the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*  
Jan 16 1870

Departed this life at his home in Memphis on Tuesday, 28 Dec 1899, the Rev. Zerah Kent Hawley in the 64th year of his age.

Born in Avon, Hartford Co., Conn., on 16 Jul 1806, he graduated with distinction from Yale College in the class of 1832. He was for many years pastor of the Congregational Church in South Norwalk, Conn.

The Rev. Mr. Hawley came to Memphis in 1863, having been assigned to duty as U. S. chaplain to Overton Hospital. He discharged his duty faithfully until the close of the war. Since that time, he has been in the service of the Connecticut Missionary Association and has been laboring unostentatiously but successfully in the suburbs of this city.

He leaves a widow and a daughter.

[Abstracted]

## Tennesseeans Slain In 'Dawson Massacre' In Republic of Texas

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A list of Tennesseeans who were slain by a Mexican force at the battle of Saludo in the Republic of Texas appeared in the *Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Independent Monitor* of 16 Nov 1842 under the heading "Another Horrid Butchery in Texas."

The battle, which took place 18 Sep 1842, is sometimes referred to as the "Dawson Massacre."

According to the Alabama paper, the list was supplied by James P. Hudson, a citizen of LaGrange, Tex., who was formerly of Winchester, Tenn. He had assisted in burying the bodies of the slain men. The names were arranged under the states from which they migrated to Texas or of which they were natives.

Commented *The Monitor*: "Contrary to the practice of all civilized nations relative to prisoners of war, 31 of the 47 who surrendered as such were cruelly murdered by the Mexican army."

### Those Slain from Tennessee

NAME	COUNTY
N. W. Dawson (Capt.)	Bledsoe
Robert Barkley	Bedford
John W. Scallorn	Fayette
Elam Scallorn	Fayette
John Duncan	Fayette
Thomas Butler	Fayette
T. J. Church	Sullivan
Harvey W. Hall	Lincoln
Thomas S. Sims	Bedford <sup>1</sup>
Lewis W. Dikerson	Maury <sup>2</sup>
Robert M. Eastland	White

### Those Retained as Prisoners

Nat W. Faison	Fayette
Richard A. Barkley	Bedford
Allen Morrell	Fayette■

<sup>1</sup> Town of Shelbyville

<sup>2</sup> Town of Columbia





A. H. GRANTHAM

## A. H. GRANTHAM –

### *He Planted High Principles in Young Minds*

For more than a quarter of a century, A. H. "Alex" Grantham<sup>1</sup> was known throughout Tennessee as a leading educator and a school superintendent of unusual and exceptional skills. And when he died at the age of 51 in a Memphis hospital on 19 June 1932, there was a great outpouring of love and affection. As *The Covington Leader* so aptly put it, he was a man who "had planted in hundreds of receptive young minds the seeds of his finest principles."<sup>2</sup>

In Memphis, *The Commercial Appeal*<sup>3</sup> noted that Grantham had taught in schools at Troy, Adamsville, Bethel Springs, and Millington before becoming superintendent of education, first in McNairy County and then in the Covington school system in Tipton County.

"During those long years of service, he had an important part to play in the molding of character and he did his work well," *The Appeal* commented. "Professor Grantham erected for himself a monument that will live long after the memory of others is gone."

The West Tennessee Superintendents' Group passed a resolution at its annual meeting, recognizing Grantham's contributions to education as being of "far-reaching, lasting, and incalculable value." Still another resolution, this one by the Covington Lions Club, described him as "one of Covington's greatest benefactors and one of its leading citizens."

His former students had fond memories of him. Typical of their reactions to his death was that of an official at the University of Tennessee who recalled that he had just entered high school at Troy when Grantham began teaching there. "I feel that without a doubt he had the greatest influence on my life of any man that it was ever my privilege to attend school under," Ralph C. McDade commented. "His influence and his deep interest in all his students made him a man of most exceptional teaching ability." Reflecting the warm regard in which he was held by students was a telegram from the senior class at Covington's Byars-Hall High School to him in the hospital on the night of their graduation [12 May 1932], expressing regret that he was unable to be with them and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Grantham died of pneumonia, but family members said he had never fully recovered from the severe injuries he suffered 10 Dec 1931 when a truck from Memphis slammed into his car on the Loosahatchie River bridge near Woodstock, crushing his body.

At the time of his death, he was president of the West Tennessee Education Society and a board member of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

Born 20 Nov 1880 at Woodville in western Chester County,<sup>4</sup> Alex was the fifth of 12 children born to James Morgan Grantham<sup>5</sup> and Clarissa Ann Armour,<sup>6</sup> both native Tennesseans.

<sup>1</sup> His full name was Alexander Hamilton Grantham.

<sup>2</sup> Editorial, 23 June 1932

<sup>3</sup> *The Commercial Appeal*, 20 June 1932. Grantham became principal at Millington in about 1920-21. He was superintendent of education in McNairy County for seven years, and at Covington for the five years preceding his death.

<sup>4</sup> Chester County was created in 1879 from parts of Hardeman and McNairy counties.

<sup>5</sup> James Morgan Grantham was born 29 Mar 1851 in Woodville, and died 27 Jan 1944 in Chester County. His parents, James Patrick Grantham (b. 17 Oct 1826 in Wayne Co., N.C., d. 15 June 1903 in Chester Co., Tenn.) and Emiline Ruth Franks (b. 7 Oct 1826 in Middleton, Hardeman Co., Tenn., d. 30 Aug 1903, Chester County) were among early settlers of Woodville (then in McNairy County). The 1870 McNairy County census lists their children as: James M., 18; Mary C., 15; Emily F., 12; Nancy E., 10; Susan M. J., 7; John W., 4; William J., 4; and Richard L., 1. James Patrick's parents, Elias and Martha (Cannon) Grantham, and grandparents, Sion and Rachel(?) Grantham, had migrated to Hardeman Co., Tenn., from Wayne Co., N.C., ca. 1826. [Source: Johnson, Ronald E.: "Descendants of Edward Grantham of Surry Co., Va.," *Grantham Gazette*, Vol. 4, Issue 2, Apr 2000, pp. 4-5, Robbinsville, N.C.]

His siblings, all born at Woodville,<sup>7</sup> were:

- [1] Minnie Ann Grantham - born 5 Aug 1873, died 16 Apr 1937 in McNairy Co., married James Marlon Lambert (1871-1955), lived at Bethel Springs. Children: Jimmie Errett Lambert, Marion Ogle Lambert, Clarissa Ann Lambert, and Grantham Odell Lambert.
- [2] John William Smith Grantham - b. 17 Mar 1875, d. 24 Feb 1944 at Bolivar, Hardeman Co., m. Mary Magdelene Johnson (b. 1900). Children: James Patrick Hicks Grantham, Martha Sue Grantham, and Betty Ann Grantham.
- [3] Martha Emily Grantham - b. 7 Jan 1877, d. 26 June 1918 at Bethel Springs, McNairy Co., m. in 1894 to Dr. Thomas Scott Davis (1862-1935). Children: Conan Erskine Davis and Crowley Armour Davis.
- [4] Cora Isabella Grantham - b. 19 Dec 1879, d. in 1954 in McNairy Co., m. William Abner Lambert (1878-1906). Children: Love Ann Lambert and William Royce Lambert.
- [5] Mary Priscilla Grantham - b. 6 Jan 1883, m. Samuel Robert Barrett (22 Jan 1880 - 28 Mar 1961). Lived at Bolivar, Hardeman County. Children: Thelma Jane Barrett, Lionel Robert Barrett, James Gordon Barrett, and Annie Sue Barrett.
- [6] Virginia "Jennie" Rosetta Grantham - b. 6 Nov 1884, d. 12 Aug 1886.
- [7] Samuel James Grantham - b. 23 Feb 1887, d. 23 Nov 1963 in Shelby Co., Tenn., buried in Woodville Cemetery. Married (1) Nellie Clara Lowrey [divorced], (2) Tishe Cordella Locke Russell. Adopted son: James Robert Grantham.
- [8] Dora Cleveland Grantham - b. 1 Jan 1889, d. 23 Sep 1914, m. William LaFayette Sparks (1882-1927). Children: Alma Jo Sparks, Willa Almond Sparks, and Mary Clara Sparks.
- [9] Gertrude Grantham - b. 8 May 1891, d. 21 Sep 1908, m. Earnest Cleveland Cox (1893 - ). One child: Roy Leander Cox.
- [10] Julia Florence Grantham - b. 22 Sep 1893, d. Jan 1988, m. Elmer Joseph Lain (1893-1959). Divorced. Lived in Humboldt, Gibson Co. Children: Willie Jo Lain, June Grantham Lain, James Everett Lain, and Frances Genrose Lain.
- [11] Homer Kirkland "Kirk" Grantham - b. 2 May 1896, d. 29 Oct 1963 in Tupelo, Miss., m. Lucille Pinkerton (1902 - 1990?) of Centerville, Tenn., 14 Aug 1924 in Hickman County. Children: Emily Ann Grantham, Martha Lou Grantham, Mary Jane Grantham, and Kirk Pinkerton Grantham.

Alex received his early schooling at Bethel Springs, took a course in the preparatory department at Georgia Roberson Christian College in Henderson (Chester County), and then studied at Valparaiso University in Indiana where he joined the Southern Society. He then returned to the G.R.C. College in Henderson – which by then had been renamed the National Teachers' Normal & Business College<sup>8</sup> – receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1909 and graduating as class orator, and president of both Sigma Rho Society and the Philomathean Society (a literary society). While in school at Henderson, he met and in 1912 married Etta May McCallum, a music teacher and the daughter of E. L. (Edwin Lafayette) and Callie Aris (Muse) McCallum.<sup>9</sup> Etta's family was widely known in the area, her father having been one of Henderson County's first school teachers and having started the first grocery store in his home in the Poplar Springs community. Her father eventually would become a merchant in Henderson, and her uncles, E. E. and J. D. Muse, owned and operated a general store, Muse & Company, in Lexington for 21 years.<sup>10</sup>

Alex and Etta's first child – a daughter – died 27 Nov 1913 when she was only three days old.

After teaching at schools in Adamsville, Troy, and Bethel Springs, Alex in 1916 became superintendent of education in McNairy County, a post he held for four years. In 1920, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union University in Jackson, where he was described in the school yearbook as "ever precise in promise-keeping." His next position was at Millington Central High in Shelby County where he was principal for six years. During

<sup>6</sup> Clarissa, born 21 Apr 1855 in McNairy County, died 6 Dec 1937. She was the daughter of Mitchell Hicks Armour (b. 14 Mar 1830 in Dickson Co., Tenn., d. 14 June 1905 in Chester Co., Tenn.) and Martha Eliza Isbell (b. 18 Dec 1836 in McNairy County; d. 4 Oct 1897 in Chester County.) James Morgan Grantham and Clarissa were married 2 Oct 1872 in McNairy County. Both buried in Woodville Cemetery.

<sup>7</sup> Woodville was in McNairy County during the birth of the first four children. By the time Alex was born in 1880, it had become part of the newly created Chester County.

<sup>8</sup> The school was founded as Henderson Male & Female Institute in 1869, became Henderson Masonic Male & Female Institute in 1877, West Tennessee Christian College in 1885, Georgia Roberson Christian College in 1897, and the National Teachers' Normal & Business College in 1907. After 1919, it became Freed-Hardeman College (now Freed-Hardeman University).

<sup>9</sup> Ed and Callie married at her mother's home in Jackson, Tenn., 12 Jan 1876. [*Lexington Reporter*, 21 Jan 1876]. They had two children, Muse McCallum (b. 13 Apr 1879, d. 8 Jan 1937) and Etta McCallum (b. 29 Oct 1885, d. 16 Dec 1973 in Memphis). Ed, who served in the 21st Cavalry (Wilson's) during the Civil War, was born in 1845 and died in 1919. Callie, born 12 Jan 1855, was a daughter of Daniel Chattin Muse (b. 27 Feb 1811-d. 2 Jan 1866) and wife, Eliza Stone (b. May 1817, d. 17 June 1876) who had come to Henderson Co., Tenn., from Pittsylvania Co., Va., about 1836. Callie's 11 siblings were: Judge Thomas Christopher Muse (b. 23 Jan 1834); Matilda E. Muse (b. 25 Dec 1835); Isaac J. Muse (b. 20 Jan 1838); Mary A. E. Muse (b. 28 Jan 1841); Eliza Jennie Muse (b. 3 Jul 1843); Dr. John Robert Muse (b. 12 Mar 1846); Henry Lawson Muse (b. 1848); William Asher Muse (b. 1852); Emerson Etheridge Muse (b. 29 Sep 1857); Ida Lillian Muse (b. 8 Mar 1860); and James Daniel Muse (b. 19 Feb 1863). Callie died 15 Oct 1933 at her daughter's home in Memphis. Ed, Callie, and both their children are buried in Henderson City Cemetery.

<sup>10</sup> *Lexington Progress*, 16 Jan 1914.

his tenure, the school became the first in the county to have a gymnasium. It was built in 1922 with funds raised by citizens. Alex's brother, Kirk, was coach at Millington in 1921-22.<sup>11</sup> During the summers, Alex taught at West Tennessee State Teachers College (now the University of Memphis.) In 1927 he accepted the position of superintendent of schools in Covington. During his five years there before his untimely death, new buildings were added and the schools gained a statewide reputation for excellence.

In the meantime, Alex and Etta had four more children:

- (1) **Rebecca Grantham** - born 1 Apr 1915 in Bethel Springs, Tenn. Married **Fred Thomas Wooten, Jr.** (b. 14 Apr 1914 d. 13 Mar 2001 in Sun City West, Ariz.). Lives in Memphis. One son, **Fred T. Wooten, III** (27 Nov 1944 - 15 Mar 2001) m. **Patty Goddard**.
- (2) **James Edwin Grantham** - b. 30 Mar 1917 in Bethel Springs; d. 19 Aug 1981 in Memphis. Married **Helen Juanita Rumery** (b. 20 Nov 1921 in Dresden, Tenn.). One son, **James E. "Jim" Grantham, Jr.**, m. **Annette Stewart**; children: **Katie (Grantham) Devisfruto** and **Meredith Grantham**.
- (3) **Mary Frances Grantham** - b. 9 Oct 1921 in Millington; d. 19 Mar 2000 in Memphis. Married in Memphis to **Felix Howard Bean, Jr.** (20 Dec 1915 - 25 May 1976). Children: one son, **Felix H. Bean, III** (m. **Emily Worlds**); and two daughters, **Christopher** and **Mary McCallum Bean**.
- (4) **Martha Jean Grantham** - b. 27 Dec 1926 in Memphis, Tenn. Married 14 Aug 1948 in Memphis to **Charles Karl Frank, Jr.** (b. 4 Jan 1923 - d. 16 Oct 1962). Children: **Charles K. Frank III** (m. **Lynda Ballard**); **Edwin Grantham Frank** (m. **Rosanne Rast**); **Gene Frederick Frank**, and **Louis McCallum Frank**. [Ed Frank's son and only child is named **Alexander Grantham Frank** for his great-grandfather.]

Educators from all over Tennessee attended Alex's funeral services at Covington which were conducted by the **Rev. E. W. Crump**, and a funeral cortege accompanied his body to Henderson where a short service was held before his burial in the City Cemetery.

An editorial in *The Covington Leader* eloquently summed up his life with these words:

*"Men build fortunes, go deeply into research work for the very love of learning. Their discoveries are vastly beneficial to the human race.....Men scale the peaks in hundreds of lines of endeavor and their ambition is laudable ..... That man, however, who takes no thought to future laurels, who is entirely forgetful of self in utter concentration upon the lives of boys and girls, is all unconsciously ambitious indeed....."*

*"Such a man will have planted in hundreds of receptive young minds the seeds of his finer principles which will go out over the length and breadth of the land, perpetuating his memory through the loveliest of perennial fruit -- ambitious young men and women of character and purpose."*

*"Such a man was Prof. A. H. Grantham, late superintendent of the Covington city schools."*

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<sup>11</sup> Kirk became the first coach at the University of Tennessee Junior College (later UT-Martin) when it was created from Hall-Moody College in 1927.

# The Spradling Family of East Tennessee

[Adapted from the *Athens, Tenn., Post*, Historical Number, published Saturday, 11 May 1901,  
with additional information from other sources included]

**Richard Spradling, Sr.**, came to Tennessee from his native Virginia in 1825, settling near the headwaters of Rogers Creek, then known as the Hiwassee Purchase and now known as McMinn County. Fifty years old at the time, he had been born near Charlottesville in Albermarle Co., Va., in 1775.

He and his first wife, **Elizabeth Baber**, had seven children:

1. **Stanley Spradling** -- lived and died near the mouth of Sale Creek in Hamilton Co., Tenn.
2. **Overton Spradling**<sup>1</sup>
3. **Richard Spradling, Jr.** -- born 8 Nov 1813 in Virginia and came with his father to the Hiwassee Purchase in 1825, remaining a citizen of McMinn County's Third District until his death 9 Dec 1888. He was married to **Charlotte Cowan** by Justice of the Peace **Jonathan Thomas** on 17 Feb 1836. Her father, **Robert Cowan**, had been a Revolutionary War soldier. **Richard, Jr.**, became a prominent McMinn County citizen. He was a staunch Baptist and a Democrat. He and **Charlotte** had 12 children: **Elizabeth**, **Robert**, <sup>2</sup>**Jasper**, <sup>3</sup>**John**, <sup>4</sup>**Louisa**, **Amanda**, **James**, **Tennessee**, **Nancy**, **Adaline**, and **William** -- all of whom were widely known throughout most of McMinn and Meigs counties
4. **Mortimer Spradling** -- married **Louicy/Louisa Lawson** of McMinn County on 29 Oct 1838<sup>5</sup> and they resided in Meigs County's Sixth District. They had 12 children: **Tyre**, **Polly**, **Nancy**, **Richard III**, **Charlotte II**, **Hugh**, **Mortimer, Jr.**, **Jane**, **Andrew**, **Louisa**,<sup>6</sup> **Sarah**, and **Susan**.
5. **Mary Ann Spradling** -- first wife of **John Hart, Sr.**, who was still living in the Third Civil District of McMinn County in 1901 near the old plantation of his father-in-law. **Mary Ann** died before Oct 1871, leaving three children.
6. **Louisa Spradling** -- married **James Wade**. Had a son, **Silas Wade**, and a grandson, **Squire J. M. Wade** of McMinn's Third District. Following **James'** death, she married **Hiram Brandon**.
7. **Amanda Spradling** -- born ca. 1823; married on 27 Feb 1843<sup>7</sup> to **James Emberson Sliger** (b. 22 June 1823) in McMinn County. They moved to California where they resided at Hamilton in Butte County. The 1860 census shows they had two children, **Joe** and **Mary**. **James** died 8 Aug 1875 near Oroville in Butte County.

Following the death of his first wife, **Richard, Sr.**, married **Mrs. Hannah West** on 28 Nov 1843.<sup>8</sup> He died intestate in McMinn County probably some time in 1870 or 1871. On 21 Oct 1871 his son **Richard, Jr.**, filed a petition to sell his father's land for division.<sup>9</sup> Named as defendants in the petition were his siblings, **Mortimer Spradling** of Meigs County; **Stanley Spradling** of Hamilton County; **John N. Spradling**, residence unknown;

<sup>1</sup> No information other than his name was given in *The Post*.

<sup>2</sup> **Robert J. Spradling**, b. 31 Jul 1842 in McMinn Co., enlisted in Co. D, 43<sup>rd</sup> Tenn. Infantry at age 20. He was captured at Vicksburg, paroled in Jul 1863, and took the oath in Sep 1863. His pension application, filed 16 Jul 1907 in McMinn County, was rejected. At the time he had a 70-year old wife and a 34-year old invalid daughter. [Civil War Pension Files, S-9318]

<sup>3</sup> The 1900 McMinn County census shows **Jasper**, then 57, was born in Jul 1842. His wife **Susan**, born in Tennessee in Feb 1837, was 63. They had two children at the time: **Charles**, 31 (b. in May 1869), day laborer; and daughter **Demie(?)**, 27, b. Nov 1872.

<sup>4</sup> **John Lilburn Spradling** is listed in the 1900 McMinn County census as a 55-year old farmer (b. 3 Nov 1844). He and his wife, **Elsie**, 51 (b. Dec 1849) were living in the Third District with daughters **Flora(?)**, 25 (b. Oct 1874), and **Gertie**, 18 (b. Nov 1882). Living with them was **Elsie's** mother, **Elizabeth Triplett**, who was b. in Tenn. in Nov 1820 and was the widow of **Perry Triplett** of Kentucky. **John** had enlisted in Co. D, 43<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Infantry, in Oct 1862 and served until the end of the Civil War. He died 20 Mar 1902 in McMinn County, and **Elsie** applied for and was granted a widow's pension [W662]. **Elsie** died in 1921 at the age of 71. [Wiefering, Edna: *McMinn County Vital Statistics, 1913-1920*, published by Cleveland (Tenn.) Public Library, p. 31.]

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<sup>6</sup> In 1877, **Louisa** married **James Allen Lane** (b. 6 June 1855 in McMinn County).

<sup>7</sup> **Whitley**, op. cit., p. 28.

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**Amanda Spradling Sliger**, Butte Co., Calif., and **Louise Spradling Brandon**. Other heirs named in the suit were the children of the late **Mary Ann (Spradling) Hart** -- **John Hart**, **Benjamin Hart**, and **Elizabeth (Hart) Robeson**, wife of **James Robeson**. In Oct 1874, **Amanda** and her husband gave **Richard** a power of attorney to receive their share of her father's estate.<sup>10</sup>

**Richard, Sr.**, would have been especially proud of the accomplishments of at least two of his grandchildren.

**Robert Spradling**, the second child of **Richard Spradling, Jr.**, and his wife **Charlotte**, was born 23 Jul 1839 at the old home place on Rogers Creek and was educated in the common schools at home and at Fountain Hill Academy near Niota, Tenn. On 29 Dec 1859, he married **Sarah E. Jones**, only child of the **Rev. Millon E.** and **Nancy C. Jones**. During the Civil War, he served in the Confederate Army's Company D of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Volunteers for three years and nine months [to the end of the war]. He and his family took up residence in Meigs County in 1880. **Robert** was postmaster at Euchee for eight years, a justice of the peace for six years, and county court chairman for two years. In 1890 he was elected to a four-year term as county court clerk, and was twice reelected. **Robert** served as clerk of the Rogers Creek Church for 20 years and clerk of the Hiwassee Baptist Association for five years. He was named president of the Meigs County Interdenominational Sunday School Assembly when it was organized 1883, and served as chairman of the Eastanallee Baptist Association beginning in 1896. A Masonic leader, **Robert** had been made a Master Mason in Meridian Sun Lodge No. 50 at Athens in 1872, and was for 10 years secretary of the Ten Mile Valley Lodge. In 1890, he joined Meigs Lodge No. 213 in Decatur and during his long and active membership filled every station in the lodge. **Robert** and **Sarah** had 11 children, only five of whom were still living in 1901: **Lewis W.**, **Robert Lee**, **Leoti**, **Thomas**, and **Maggie**.

**Richard, Jr.**'s eldest son, **Lewis W.**, became a medical doctor. He was born near the old homestead on Rogers Creek on 10 Aug 1867. After coming out of school, he spent six years as a machinist<sup>11</sup> and in 1893 began the study of medicine. He attended Chattanooga Medical College in the winter of 1894-95 and, following an examination by the state board of medical examiners, was licensed to practice in 1896. He attended the session of the Medical Department at the University of Nashville in 1897-98, another in 1898-99, and graduated in April 1899. He moved with his family to Athens on 4 Oct 1900. He had been married in 1889 to **Martha T. King**,<sup>12</sup> descendant of the historic and venerable **John Sevier** whose remains are at rest in the courthouse yard at Knoxville. At the time of the 1900 census of McMinn County -- enumerated 8 June 1900 -- **Lewis** and his wife had three children: **Martha** (b. Nov 1891); **Vivian** (b. Sep 1895); and **Robbie** (b. June 1898). **Lewis** died 1st Jan 1936 in Athens at age 69. ■

## Smith Seeks Pay for Supervising Turnpike Construction In 1814

**John I. Smith** of White County petitioned the Tennessee General Assembly in 1815 for compensation for work he and his father, the late **Bird Smith**, had done on the turnpike road leading through the mountains from East to West Tennessee.<sup>13</sup>

According to the petition, some time in 1811 **Bird Smith** was appointed the state's agent to superintend the building of the turnpike at a salary of \$500 plus a \$150 annual allowance to pay the gatekeeper. In November of that year, **Bird** was called to march with the state militia in what became the War of 1812. Before departing, he appointed his son **John** to act as superintendent until his return. **Bird**, however, was killed in the Battle of New Orleans on 19 Feb 1814. **John** continued in his father's role as turnpike superintendent, doing all the buying for the road work until about 10 May 1815 when another agent was appointed.

**John** submitted an accounting to the Secretary of State for the money he received the entire time he acted as agent, and asked compensation for the 2 months and 21 days he worked on without pay after his father's death. He also asked reimbursement for \$42 paid **John Wintin** for reviewing the road several times, including \$18 paid to **Wintin** by **James Hull**, gatekeeper. The secretary of state, however, refused to allow **Smith** credit for the \$42 alleging it had been accounted for in earlier settlements. **Smith's** petition was sworn before **Robert Armstrong**, acting White County justice of peace, on 30 Sep 1815. The Tennessee Senate referred the petition to the Committee of Claims on 9 Oct 1815, and the House read and referred it to the same committee the following day. [Editor's note: The outcome of **Smith's** petition is not known.] ■

<sup>10</sup> Boyer, Reba B.: *McMinn Co., Tenn., Deeds & Other Data, 1820-1880*.

<sup>11</sup> **Lewis** is said to have later used the skills and experience he gained in this trade to make his own medical tools.

<sup>12</sup> **Martha** was born in Nov 1874, according to the 1900 McMinn County census.

<sup>13</sup> The West Tennessee of that time is now known as Middle Tennessee.

## A Witt Who Heeded Horace Greeley



Source: *Families of California Pioneers*, Vol. II, p. 189  
From the Collection of the State Committee on Research,  
California Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution,  
1925-1927

**John Witt** was one of numerous Tennesseans who heeded **Horace Greeley's** advice more than once and went west — first in his home state, then to Arkansas, and finally to California.

Born in Knox Co., Tenn., in 1796, he was one of seven children born to **Jesse Witt**, a native of Amherst Co., Va., and his wife and cousin, **Margaret**, who was born in Virginia in 1772. **John** married 18-year old **Leta Griffith** in Knox County in 1826,<sup>1</sup> and by 1840 both families were living in Rhea County.<sup>2</sup> Both of his parents died there, his father in 1846 and his mother in 1847. Three years after his mother died, **John** moved his family to Arkansas, and in 1859 to California where he settled at Stockton.

**John** and **Leta** had nine children:

(1) **Margaret Jane Witt** - born 11 May 1828, probably in Knox Co., Tenn.; married **James Harvey Sackett**; died in Sacramento Co., Calif., in 1862. Was survived by a daughter.

(2) **Elijah Griffith Witt** - b. 23 Feb 1830, probably in Knox Co., Tenn.; d. 3. Sep 1857 in Arkansas

(3) **Lorenzo Dow Witt** - b. 21 Jul 1831 in Tenn., d. 21 Feb 1884 at Modesto, Calif.

(4) **John Wesley Witt** - b. 10 Mar 1833 in Tenn., d. in 1895 in Sacramento Co., Calif., m. in 1855 to **Mary Jane Harris** who was born in Tennessee 11 June 1839. The couple moved to Hangtown [Placerville], Calif., in 1859 where he engaged in mining and ranching. In 1860 they settled on a ranch in Sacramento Co., Calif. They had nine children.

(5) **George Washington Witt** - b. 23 Nov 1834 in Tennessee, d. 3 Sep 1857 in Arkansas.

(6) **Henry Shelton Witt** - b. 6 Oct 1836 in Tenn., d. 11 June 1897 in Tulare Co., Calif., m. **Anne J. Murry**. Had nine children.

(7) **Napoleon B. Witt** - b. 8 Apr 1839 in Tenn., d. 11 Dec 1926 at Porterville, Calif. Never married. Was an attorney.

(8) **Thomas Jefferson Witt** - b. 12 Jul 1842, probably in Rhea Co., Tenn., d. 27 Oct 1910; never married.

(9) **Alletha Ann Witt** - b. 26 June 1846, probably in Rhea Co., Tenn.; d. 15 Aug 1926 in San Francisco, Calif., m. **John Morris Graves** 7 Jul 1861. ■

<sup>1</sup> The daughter of \_\_\_ Griffith and his wife Jane Harris, Leta was born 18 Jul 1808 at Knoxville.

<sup>2</sup> 1840 Rhea Co., Tenn., census, p. 382



**SHELBY COUNTY ANTEBELLUM HOME** - The residence of Capt. and Mrs. David Wilson, Sr., was located on McLemore Avenue two miles southeast of Memphis in the 1850s.

## The Wilsons of Shelby County

Contributed by Samuel G. Kibler

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[From information written on the back of the photo by Erma Wilson McAuley, granddaughter of Mrs. Wilson and wife of Dr. Louis D. McAuley, Oakland, Tenn., and other sources]

Thirty-one year old **Sally (Lurry) Wilson** was left a widow with a son, **D. S.**, when her husband, **Capt. David Wilson** died in Memphis 24 Feb 1859. The couple had married 31 Aug 1848 in Shelby County.

Four years later, on 25 Mar 1863, **Sally** married **David Laughlin**, a college professor of Memphis. They had a son,<sup>3</sup> **Harry W. Laughlin** (1868-1953) -- known to the family as "Uncle Wiss" -- who served as circuit court judge in Shelby County for more than 20 years.<sup>4</sup>

When **D. S.** came of age, he sold his parents' home on McLemore. By this time he was living in Raleigh Springs where his mother had moved for health reasons, believing in the curative powers of the springs. **D. S.** married **Emma Atkinson Allen**, youngest child of **S. M.** and **Margret (Duckworth) Allen** on 29 Jan 1874 in Raleigh. They had three children, **Eugene**, **Erma**, and **Frank Wilson** of Oakland, Tenn.

**David Laughlin** died 20 Aug 1885 in the 60th year of his age, and **Sallie** passed away 9 Sep 1906 at age 78. Both are buried in the Chapel Hill section of Elmwood Cemetery.

[Sources: *Memphis Appeal*, 26 Feb 1859; *Whitley: Marriages of Shelby Co., Tenn.*; *Davis: Shelby County Marriage Bonds*; *Memphis Social Register* 1925; *Elmwood Cemetery Records*, Central Library. ■

<sup>3</sup> Three other children died young.

<sup>4</sup> Besides **Harry**, **D. S. Wilson** had another half-brother, **Dr. Thadeus Wilson**, from a previous marriage of his father. **Dr. Wilson** married **Marinette Cartwright** of Somerville, who died at 21, cause unknown.



## McBride Brothers Drill in East Texas, But Not For Oil

Tennessee lost two talented dentists to Texas when **James** and **Henry J. McBride** of Benton County left the Volunteer State for the Lone Star State. The brothers were among the nine children of **Ezekiel** and **Rebecca (Jones)<sup>1</sup> McBride**. **Ezekiel** is on the first list of taxpayers in Benton County in 1836, being assessed for 65 acres in Civil District Five. At the time of the 1840 census, he and his wife had seven children, and by 1844 five of them were of school age.<sup>2</sup>

**James**, born 13 Nov 1829 in Benton County, was the first of the two brothers to pull up his Tennessee roots and make the journey to Texas, going to Smith County in 1849 with **Dr. John H. Warren**. He then moved to adjoining Henderson Co., Tex., where in 1857 he married **Mrs. Anne E. "Nannie" Messenger**, the former **Nannie Ramey**.<sup>3</sup> Born in Alabama in 1839, she was a widow with a three-year old son, **John**, when she and **Dr. McBride** married.

They had six children:<sup>4</sup>

- (1) **Mary F. "Mollie" McBride** - born in 1858, died in 1883. Kept house for her father after her mother's death. Never married. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, Tex.
- (2) **Georgia McBride** - b. 1 Apr 1860, d. 20 Dec 1934. Married **J. Milo Sharp** (b. 26 Apr 1852; d. 6 Apr 1912). He was a Tyler businessman, one-time mayor, and alderman for several terms. Had a son, **Jefferson M. Sharp** (b. 2 Jul 1883, d. 20 Dec 1934), and a daughter, **Anne Sharp** (b. 1881-1920). All buried in Oakwood Cemetery.
- (3) **William H. "Will" McBride** - b. in June 1864, d. in 1921. Worked as a store clerk in his teens; became an insurance salesman and later established his own agency which became one of the largest in Tyler. Was considered an accomplished musician and composer.
- (4) **Nannie R. McBride** - b. 31 Jul 1866, d. 6 Feb 1909. Married the **Rev. Gus Garrison**.
- (5) **James R. McBride** - b. in Feb 1871, d. in 1947
- (6) **Jennie T. McBride** - b. in Apr 1875, died in 1954.

The family moved to Smith County in 1871 where by this time **James'** brother, **Dr. Henry J. McBride**, was living. Born in 1832, he had migrated to Texas in 1854, residing first in the little community of Starrville before moving into Tyler. On 9 Aug 1860,<sup>5</sup> he married **Mary Angeline Middleton** of Starrville, a native Mississippian who was an adopted daughter of the **Rev. J. M. Gill** (1808 - 1875), a prominent Methodist minister, and wife **Susan T. Gill** (23 Dec 1811- 6 Nov 1884). Born in 1837, she was a direct descendant of the South Carolina **Middletons** of Revolutionary War fame. Her father was said to have been closely related to **Arthur J. Middleton**, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.



DR. HENRY J. MCBRIDE

<sup>1</sup> According to census records, **Ezekiel** was from Alabama, and **Rebecca** from South Carolina. She was the daughter of **Major Isom Jones**, a prominent planter who lived in the Big Sandy community of Benton County near the Tennessee River. He and his wife **Lidia** were among the first members of Ramble Creek Baptist Church which was organized in the county in 1823.

<sup>2</sup> **Ezekiel** apparently died about 1845 or 1846 because the 1847 and two subsequent school censuses show **Rebecca** with seven children of school age. At the time of the 1850 federal census for Benton County, **Rebecca**, 38, was head of the household, living with five children: **Lucinda**, 15; **William**, 13; **John**, 10; **Lydia**, 8; and **Isham**, 6.

<sup>3</sup> Her mother, **Elizabeth Ramey** [maiden name unknown] was born in South Carolina 18 Jul 1818, and apparently moved to Alabama where **Anne E. "Nannie"** was born. The family migrated to Tyler where **Elizabeth's** husband, **T. B. Ramey, Sr.**, operated a jewelry store on the square. By the 1880 census, **Elizabeth** was a widow living with her son-in-law, **Dr. James McBride**, his children, and step-son **John Messenger**. Also living with them was **Elizabeth's** son, **Thomas B. Ramey**, who was born in Texas in Aug 1853 and by 1880 was employed as a bookkeeper. **Elizabeth's** other son, **S. J. Ramey**, b. ca. 1846 in Alabama, was an accountant. He died in Smith County from congestion of the brain in May 1880, only two months after **Nannie's** death.

<sup>4</sup> Birth and death dates based on 1880 and 1900 Smith Co., Tex., census data and tombstone inscriptions.

<sup>5</sup> *Texas Christian Advocate*, 23 Aug 1860

**Henry** had completed two years of college in New Orleans when the Civil War began. He enlisted as a private in the 15<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, and was commissioned a lieutenant during his second year in the field. He was then assigned to ordinance and later to the staff of **Col. Hill** where he served until the close of the war.<sup>6</sup> Resuming his studies in New Orleans, he graduated with honors and returned to Texas where he set up his dental practice in Tyler. **Henry** and **Angeline** had three children, one of whom<sup>7</sup> died in infancy. The two who lived to adulthood:

- (1) **Mary McBride** - born ca. 1866, [date of death unknown]. Married **Jeff G. Jones**, a leading merchant in Troupe; later a prominent business man in San Antonio. They had four children: **Henry**, **Bulah**, **Lamar**, and **Paul Jones**.
- (2) **James L. McBride** - b. in June 1867, d. in 1928. Married **Ella R. \_\_\_\_** (b. 1887, d. 1925). He was licensed to practice law, but became a newspaper reporter instead. **James** and **Ella** are buried in Section D, Rose Hill Cemetery, Tyler.

The **McBride** brothers set up a partnership in dentistry, and in 1874 were practicing their professions from an office located upstairs in the Boren Building. A later announcement gave their address as "over **Abe Harris**' on the north side of the square in Tyler."<sup>8</sup> Their biographer, **Sid S. Johnson**, wrote that the two ranked among the best dentists in the state of Texas.<sup>9</sup>

They also were active in the life of the community. Both were long-time Masons. **Henry**, a member for more than 40 years, was Worshipful Master of the Tyler lodge (No. 53) almost continuously from 1867 on, was Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and held numerous other high positions in the Masonic order. He was noted as a fine and witty conversationalist and was said to "stand at the head of the class" when it came to relating amusing incidents. He was a leader in the Tyler Literary and Social Club which was organized immediately after the Civil War.

**James** also was known for his conversational powers and intelligence. He was considered one of the finest violinists in the state, and several of his children inherited his musical ability. His son, **William H. "Will" McBride**, was president of Tyler's first music club, which was organized in 1877 as the Mendelssohn Club.<sup>10</sup> **Will** also was a prolific composer, and a number of the more than 300 pieces he composed were published. One of his operettas, "La Modele," was produced in Tyler in 1896.<sup>11</sup>

Over the next decade, both brothers would become widowers. **Henry's** wife, **Angeline**, died in 1870, and **James's** wife, **Nannie**, died of consumption in 1880. In both instances, the **McBride** brothers opened their homes to their wives' relatives, **Angeline's** widowed mother, **Mrs. Gill**, coming to live with **Henry** and **Nannie's** mother, **Elizabeth Ramey**; brother, **Thomas B. Ramey**; and son, **John Messenger**, making their home with **James**.

**James** was the first of the **McBride** brothers to die, passing away 19 Nov 1903, just six days after his 74th birthday. He is buried next to his wife in Tyler's oldest cemetery, Oakwood,<sup>12</sup> which was begun before the city itself was created.

**Henry** died in 1910 at the age of 78. He, too, is buried next to his wife in Oakwood Cemetery.<sup>13</sup>

As **Sid Johnson** described the two **McBride** brothers in 1900:

"**Dr. Jim** and **Dr. Henry** are good people, and stand the wear and tear of life well."■

<sup>6</sup> **Johnson, Sidney**: *Texans Who Wore the Gray*

<sup>7</sup> Probably **Dora McBride**, who died of whooping cough in 1880 when one month old. [Special Census Records: Persons Who Died During the Year Ending May 31, 1880, in Smith Co., Tex.] Her father was born in Tennessee, and her mother in Alabama.

<sup>8</sup> Ad in the *Tyler Record*, 13 Aug 1892

<sup>9</sup> *Some Biographies of Old Settlers*, Vol. 1, 1900, Tyler, Texas

<sup>10</sup> The club's charter members included **Georgia McBride** (Mrs. J. M.) Sharp, Miss **Nannie McBride**, **T. B. Ramey**, and **W. H. "Willie" McBride**. [Source: **Smith, Margaret**, "A History of Tyler & Smith County," in 1915 *Alcalde* (Tyler High School yearbook.) East Texas Genealogical Society, [www.rootsweb.com/~txsmith](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsmith)]

<sup>11</sup> **Woldert, Dr. Albert**: *A History of Tyler and Smith County, Texas*, San Antonio, 1948, p. 94

<sup>12</sup> **James** and most of his family are buried in Oakwood Plot 5.

<sup>13</sup> **Henry** and **Mary** are buried in Oakwood Plot 4.

# CHESTER COUNTY WILLS



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**J. R. TARPLEY** – Will dated 15 Sep 1905

To his four children, **Lucy Cherry**, **Claud**, **Bill**, and **Ben Tarpley** – equal share of proceeds from my insurance in the American Guild

To son **Ben** – my white-nosed mule and one year's supply of feed, \$50 more out of my estate than the other three children and my wife **Jennie** receive; one year's worth of provisions; a good suit and everyday clothes to be paid for out of my estate; my overcoats; a good feather bed with pillows and cover, and the bedstead that I am on in my sickness

To son **Bill** – \$200 more out of my estate than the other three children and my wife receive; one year's provisions; a saddle; a good suit and everyday clothes to be paid for out of my estate; my watch; a good feather bed, pillows, cover, and the parlor bedstead

To wife **Jennie Tarpley** – \$50 over and above the one-fifth of the balance of my estate bequeathed to her.

Instructs that (1) his executors set aside enough money for his tombstone, (2) remainder of his estate be equally divided among his four children and his wife, each getting one-fifth; (3) son **Claud** pay into the estate the money he owes and that it be equally divided among his wife and children as remainder of estate is divided.

*Executors* -- son **Claud** and son-in-law, **J. M. Cherry** (excuses them from bond)

*Witnesses* – **J. G. Hardeman**, **A. G. Sewell**

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**PHILLIP ESRY** of Roby, Chester County – Will dated 8 Aug 1902

To daughter **Tabitha Jane Esry** – all of his estate after payment of debts and funeral expenses for her lifetime

To son **W. W. Esry** and his sons – remainder of estate after **Tabitha Jane's** death

To daughters **Martha Ann Holmes** and **Tabitha Jane Esry** - \$10 each

Directs that (1) his livestock be sold and proceeds equally divided among his three children; (2) rest of estate, his money, and notes to go to daughter **Tabitha Jane**

*Executor* – son **W. W. Esry**

*Witnesses* – **R. W. Black**, **J. T. Rickets**, **J. W. Rickets**

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**WILLIAM C. JOHNSON** – Will dated 7 Feb 1905

To daughter **Adeline Duck** – \$5

To wife **Sarah J. Johnson** – home and 3¼-acre tract they now live on in Enville, Chester County [description of land included]; \$300 now on deposit at Farmers & Merchants Bank in Henderson

Instructs that balance of his estate be sold and equally divided among his four children: daughter **Martha Jane Barker** heirs; daughter **Emily Nolin**; and sons **Aron Johnson** and **S. W. Johnson**.

*Executor* – **M. E. Bishop**

*Witnesses* – **A. F. Sewell**, **R. B. Sewell**

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**L. W. PATTERSON** – Will dated 15 Mar 1806

To wife, **Ella M. Patterson** – all his real and personal property after payment of debts for her lifetime

To his three daughters, **Lula**, **Nora**, and **Ethel** or their heirs – remainder of his real and personal property after his wife's death.

*Executors* – **John N.** and **J. R. Tillman**

*Witnesses*-- **W. I. Allen**, **W. M. Beene**

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**J. O. SEWELL** – Will dated 11 Dec 1906

To wife **Osie E. Sewell** – \$400, his house, buggy and harness, two-year old heifer, all household goods except items left to his mother

To mother – bed, bedstead, five quilts, blanket and counterpane, and one set of bedsprings she gave him when he married

To father and mother – remainder of his estate

Executor – father **A. F. Sewell**

Witnesses – **A. O. Smith, J. L. Sewell**

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**MARY S. ANDERSON** – Will dated 14 Mar 1907

To grandson **Edgar D. Johnson** – all of his mother's household goods that she [Mary] has kept for him since his mother's death and \$25 in cash

To **Orpha** and **Dorsie Anderson** (children of **I. G. Anderson**, deceased) – their father's part of her estate

Directs that **Orpha** and **Dorsie**, **S. I. McCoy**, **R. I. Anderson**, **J. D. Anderson**, and **C.A. Anderson** share equally in remainder of her estate including her \$2,000 [life insurance] policy

Executors -- **R. I. Anderson, J. D. Anderson**

Witnesses -- **W. B. Shelton**, justice of the peace, and **H. F. Pitts**, medical doctor

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**JESSE HALL** – Will dated 3 May 1907

To daughter **Mattie Hall** – two-thirds of legator's property and effects

To son-in-law **William Porter** – one-third of legator's property and effects

To son **James Hall** – \$1

Executor – **M. M. Deming** (without bond)

Witnesses -- **C. W. Deming, N. E. Deming**

Codicil dated 3 May 1907: \$50 is bequeathed to **M. M. Deming** for the love, care, and help he has rendered.

Witnesses to codicil: **C. M. Murdaugh, J. S. Miller**

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**J. F. O'NEAL** – Will dated 13 Sep 1899

To wife **Cornelia O'Neal**, and his five children – (1) **Mrs. Ella Perkins**, (2) **John F. O'Neal, Jr.**, (3) **Cornelia Mary O'Neal**, (4) **Kirk O'Neal**, and (5) **Rebecca O'Neal** – equal shares in all his personal property of all kinds

To his youngest children **Kirk** and **Rebecca** – his \$2,500 stock in the **St. Louis (Mo.) Trust Company** and his \$2,000 in government bonds, with guardian to hold these securities while children are minors

To son **John F.** – stock of goods and merchandise in his store, which is to be invoiced at cost and discounted 20% to arrive at the amount with which he is to be charged

To wife **Cornelia** – the homestead during her lifetime. At her death, it is to be sold and proceeds divided equally among the children or their heirs

Directs that his executrix take charge of his real estate and rent out all of it except his homestead, collect the rents and keep the property in repair, sell what she thinks best, and divide proceeds equally among herself and five children. Property may be divided or it may be sold and the proceeds divided.

Executrix -- **Cornelia O'Neal**. Son **John F. O'Neal, Jr.**, is to be one of executors when he reaches his majority. No bond required of either. Also requests that wife be appointed guardian of their minor children

Witnesses – **R. E. McKinney, I. T. O'Neal**

Codicil No. 1 – Revokes part of will relating to distribution of his personal estate, and wills to his wife and each of his five children an equal share in his personal estate including stocks and bonds which are either to be sold or divided among them as they choose. Stock of store merchandise to go to son **John F.** at invoice price less 20% as part of his share of the estate. Codicil No. 2 – Sets apart \$500 each to **Kirk** and **Rebecca** as fund for their education and again specifies that wife be named their guardian without bond. Codicils dated 23 Apr 1903.

Witnesses: **R. E. McKinney, C. M. Williams**.

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**FLORINA E. HAMLETT** of Henderson – Will dated 4 Jul 1907

To son **Joel E. Hamlett** – \$2,000 in Tennessee state bonds (3% interest, due 1912); \$2,000 in cash

To daughter **Elizabeth Hamlett Gillespie** – \$6,000 in cash; \$1,200 in certificate of deposit at Jackson (Tenn.) Banking Company

To granddaughter **Fannie Maud Kirk** – \$2,000 in Tennessee state bonds (3% interest, due 1912); \$500 cash

To son **Joel** and daughter **Elizabeth** – 15 shares of stock in Second National Bank, Jackson, Tenn.; 10 shares in Jackson Banking Company; 9 shares in Farmers & Merchants Bank, Henderson, Tenn., all to be divided equally between them, with stipulation that **Elizabeth's** share is for her sole use and not subject to debts of any other person whomsoever

To **Joel, Elizabeth, and Fannie Maud** – her farm in Chester County with each to share equally in its proceeds  
Remainder of her estate to be divided equally between her son and daughter.

*Executors* – **Joel E. Hamlett, Elizabeth Hamlett Gillespie** (without bond)

*Witnesses* – **M. J. Cunningham and E. C. Campbell**, both residents of Bisbee, Ariz.

[Typewritten one-page will signed in their presence by **Mrs. Hamlett** in Bisbee, Cochise Co., Territory of Arizona, 4 Jul 1907.]

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**J. G. BUTLER** of Henderson – Will dated 28 Aug 1905

To nephew **Thomas Smith** of Malesus, Madison Co., Tenn – his 200-acre farm on Bear Creek in Chester County's 9<sup>th</sup> District known as the **Sipes** place which he bought from **Hays Haltom**

To brother **G. C. Butler** of Deanburg, Tenn. – (1) his 96-acre farm in Chester County's 9<sup>th</sup> District which he bought from **S. L. Crouse** and wife and where **John Roby** now lives; (2) 100-acre tract in 6<sup>th</sup> District, known as part of **Hickman Weir** land, which he bought from **Jim Ray**; (3) 60-acre tract in 6<sup>th</sup> District lying near **W. A. Clements'** place and known as **Sam Crouse** place. Brother is to use and dispose of the three tracts as he sees proper, but whatever remains of land or proceeds from it at his death is to go to his brother's three daughters, **Mrs. Agness Jordan, [Mrs.] Loretta Hudson, and [Mrs.] Dora Mays.**

To wife **Rosa Butler** – remainder of his real and personal estate, consisting of houses and lots, farm lands, land notes and other notes, moneys, stock and household goods except his **Deaton** place near Montezuma which she is to have use of during her lifetime or widowhood, but at her death is to go to his brother **G. C.** At his brother **G. C.'s** death, **Deaton** place is to go to his nieces named above.

*Executor* – **J. W. Stewart**

*Witnesses* – **G. H. Poole, Birt Hollingsworth**

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**A. M. ST. JOHN** of Henderson – Will dated 24 June 1908

To wife **Sue St. John** – house and lot in Henderson, all household and kitchen furniture for her lifetime. At her death or remarriage, house and lot are to be sold and proceeds equally divided among her and children

To daughter, **Kittie St. John** – piano, dressing table, one dresser, one bed with all its furnishings, bedstead, and some pictures, all to belong to her individually

Directs that benefits of his \$1,000 life insurance policy be equally divided with his other effects.

*Executors* – **Sue St. John and Joe M. St. John** (without bond)

*Guardian of his son, Henry Sewell St. John* – his wife **Sue St. John**

*Guardian of his daughter Kittie St. John and his son A. M. St. John, Jr., until they come of age* – his son **Joe**

**M. St. John**

*Witnesses* – **E. G. Sewell, T. F. Bonner**

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**BERRY R. STONE** – Will dated 21 Nov 1903

To wife, **Mary F. Stone** – all of his real and personal estate during her lifetime. At her death, property is to go to any one of his children who takes care of and supports his wife up to time of her death. [Children are not named in will.]

*Executrix* -- his wife **Mary F. Stone** (without bond)

*Witnesses* – **L. W. Seaton, W. W. Williams**

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**W. R. HARDIN** of Enville, Chester County – Will dated 26 Sep 1908

To wife, **J. A. Hardin** – (1) home and 199-acre tract of land where he now lives [land described] except for one-half acre near **A. F. Sewell's** northeast corner which was deeded to the colored children of Chester County's First District for school and church purposes, and 13 acres deeded to **W. C. Cash**; (2) all his personal property except one deep bay filly colt about 18 months old which he bequeaths to daughter **Jennie**. Personal property remaining after his wife's death is to be equally divided between his daughter and son.

To daughter **Jennie Hardin** – above described property to go to her at death of her mother, and she is to be sole owner of it.

To son **John B. Hardin** – remainder of all his estate, estimated at 200 acres. Property to be owned and controlled by his wife until her death, and then **John** is to be sole owner.

*Executors* – his brother **D. D. Hardin** and **A. G. Sewell** (without bond). He also appoints them as advisors to his wife in managing and disposing of her personal property and in general business transactions.

*Witnesses* – **A. F. Sewell, J. W. Davis**

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**D. S. JOHNSON** – Will dated 18 Sep 1908

To wife, **Evey Johnson** – all their property during her lifetime; at her death to be divided equally among their children (not named)..

*Executrix* – his wife **Evey Johnson** (without bond)

*Witnesses* – **W. I. Allen, R. S. Maness**

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**IRA ROBERTS** of Chester County, 6<sup>th</sup> District – Will dated 30 Sep 1909

To son **Warren Roberts** – (1) 225 acres adjoining **Jameson** and **Ball** tracts, (2) tract known as **Yarbrough** place which was deeded to him 11 Dec 1907, and (3) small strip off the home place. Also gives him an 8 horse-power engine and boiler.

To son **Arthur Roberts** – 120 acres formerly known as **Ball** and **Williams** land, adjoining **D. W. Kattread's** northwest corner and Jackson - Jack's Creek Road.

To son **Harry Roberts** – balance of his land including home place on which he now lives (known as **Andersen** place). He also leaves **Harry**, who is now living with and caring for him, all of his household and kitchen furniture, family pictures, family record, remainder of his personal property after paying legacies provided his other children, and 12 h.p. engine and boiler.

To daughter **Maggie Cannon** of Pleasant Hill, Illinois – \$200 from his personal effects.

Also specifies that (1) his three sons are to share equally in his 30 h.p. sawmill engine including boiler, belts, pulley fixtures, etc., and (2) his son **Arthur** is to have sufficient timber from tract given **Harry** to build himself a home, provided he does not get it earlier.

*Executor* – his son **Harry Roberts** (bond waived)

*Witnesses* – **W. R. Bradford, E. A. McCann**

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**E. W. RODGERS** – Will dated 28 Mar 1910

To brother **J. S. Rodgers** – his wagon

To mother **Mrs. Rhoda Rodgers** and his sisters **Mrs. Mary Ball** and **Mrs. Lucy Winsett** – his 105-acre farm during their lifetime. When one of them dies, it goes to two surviving, and then to last survivor. After all three have died, farm to go to his nephews and nieces: **J. S. Rodgers's** children, **Mrs. Jane Tims's** children, **Mrs. Parle Sherwood's** children, and **Mrs. Mary Ball's** daughter, **Rhoda Harris**. **Nona Winsett** and **Willis Day Harris** are to share equally in this land with other nieces and nephews. When farm goes to nieces and nephews, if some are minors or cannot agree on division, his executor is to sell it and divide proceeds equally among them. This is specified to avoid expense of selling through the courts. His mother and his sisters are to have remainder of his personal property. He writes off \$50 balance owed him by nephews **Ed** and **Wilson Rodgers**, for a colt he sold them.

*Executor* – his brother, **J. S. Rodgers**

*Witnesses* – **J. W. Stewart, J. D. Sasser, Jr., J. P. Simmons** ■



## BOOK REVIEWS

**CHANCERY COURT RECORDS OF CANNON CO., TENN., 1840-1880** by Thomas E. Partlow. 2000. Soft cover, 5"x8", 184 pp., indexed. \$25 plus \$3.50 p&h. Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1267; 327 W. Broad, Greenville, S.C. 29602.

Cannon County -- named in honor of Newton Cannon, governor of Tennessee from 1835-39 -- was carved from Coffee, Rutherford, Warren, and Wilson counties in 1836. These records are excellent sources for genealogical research because if any of your ancestors sued anyone or were sued, you can easily find them here. All are clearly identified by names and page numbers. Suits range from mundane disputes over land to administration of wills and who will take responsibility for the children of persons who died intestate. Because many early settlers died without wills, the surname list can be helpful in locating them. It also should be noted that the index covers anyone who is mentioned in a record, so you may find an ancestor who was not a principal in a lawsuit but perhaps served as a witness or a bondsman by checking the surname, miscellaneous, or slave index. [Byron Crain]

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**LAND DEED GENEALOGY OF CANNON CO., TENN., 1836-1857** by Thomas E. Partlow. 2003. Soft cover, 5" x 8", 274 pp., indexed. \$30 plus \$3.50 p&h. Southern Historical Press, Inc. P.O. Box 1267; 375 West Broad Street Greenville, S.C. 29602

Family genealogists often are reluctant to try to use deeds in their research because they believe it is difficult to locate surnames without physically going to the county courthouse. With this book, you not only have abstracts of deeds, but also an excellent surname and church index that many times supplies the names of fathers and mothers as well as other relatives. In addition to deeds, this book contains marriage contracts, gifts of property to children, adoptions, sales of slaves, mortgages, divisions of family farms among the heirs, remarriages of widows, and other legal transactions. An example of the wealth of genealogical information to be found here is an 1848 deed by Jane Rucker in which she conveys her interest in the property of her late husband, Gideon, to her seven children -- giving their names as well as those of their spouses. She also names the 13 slaves deeded to her children. [Byron Crain]

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**OBITUARIES FROM TENNESSEE NEWSPAPERS** by Jill L. Garrett. 2003 reprint of 1980 edition. Hardback, 6" x 9", 476 pp., full - name index. \$38.50 plus \$3.50 p&h. Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC, 29602-1267.

This is a unique book for several reasons. For one, the author before her death extracted most of the obituaries from more than 80 bound sets of newspapers in her personal collection -- most of which are impossible to find in any public library. Secondly, she combined related articles so that in cases of multiple stories on the same person (some reprinted from newspapers outside of Tennessee), the reader gets a real flavor of the times. More than 60 newspapers published in Tennessee and North Alabama from 1851-1899 provide the

genealogist not only the flavor of the times, but also the original spelling of names, towns, diseases, and the deceased's hometown. Thus some men were "hung" while others were "hanged." People came from Pittsburg as well as Pittsburgh, and some diseases mentioned are not in any medical dictionary. Most newspapers available during the Civil War were "Union" papers, so the language used for "Rebels" is not what a Tennessee person would have used. The writer did a great job of indexing. Every name checked was indexed correctly both for spelling and page.

[Byron Crain]

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**MARRIED WELL AND OFTEN, Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800** by Robert K. Headley, Jr. 2003. Hardcover, 5 1/2 x 8 1/4", 515 pp., full-name index. \$49.50 plus \$4.00 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Phone orders 1-800-296-6687

Besides its intriguing title, this new work is unusual in that it lists some 7,000 marriages that took place in the Northern Neck counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Old Rappahannock, Richmond, and Westmoreland from 1649 to 1800, and also provides additional information seldom if ever seen in other marriage books. Included are mentions of the bride or groom from wills, deeds, order books, and Bible records that have been located by the author from both published and unpublished sources. Many brides wrote their own marriage consents, frequently providing the names of their parents. For instance, Mary Dye who married James Kelly, Jr., stated in her consent that she was born 11 Apr 1771 and was a daughter of Fauntleroy and Anne Dye. In this particular instance, as in many others, the actual date of the marriage is not known but the date of the marriage bond (signified by the abbreviation "b.") was 6 Aug 1792 with William Bragg as security. Some entries also give names of grandparents, former spouses, and children of previous marriages or uncertified alliances. Before plunging into the section on marriage references, it's advisable to read the author's instructions on how to use the book. Also of interest are his observations on the marriage process in the Northern Neck.

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**1836 HAYWOOD CO., TENN., CIVIL DISTRICTS & TAX LIST** by James L. Douthat. 2003. Softcover, 8x10", 28 pp., full-name index. \$10 plus \$3.50 p&h. Mountain Press, 4503 Anderson Pike, P.O. Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377.

This book is one in a series designed to help researchers find where in Tennessee their ancestors were residing in 1836. Haywood County was created 3 Nov 1823 and laid off into 12 districts. The author has taken names of county residents from 1836 tax lists and arranged them by districts. Once you find the district in which your ancestor lived, you can go to the 1836 Haywood County map of districts as laid off by William Conner, surveyor, and get a good idea of where your ancestor's place of abode was. A description of each district's boundary lines is included.

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**AS I REMEMBER THETA** by Nell Gary Thompson Fitzgerald. 2003. 8½x11 paperback, full-name index, 71 pp. \$10 plus \$3.50 s&h. Order from Jean Hood, U.D.C. Treasurer, 2672 Santa Fe Pike, Santa Fe, TN 38482.

No, this is not a book about a sorority but about a little village named Theta in Maury Co., Tenn. In 1889 it was described as being "located 13 miles north of Columbia and 16 miles southwest of Franklin, and one of the highest, driest, and most beautiful spots in the county." It was said to have consisted of only three houses in 1850, all of them owned by Mastin Fitzgerald who had moved to Tennessee from Pittsylvania Co., Va., about 1810. The author was born and reared on the Carter's Creek side of Theta, and these are her recollections not only of living there but of what life was like in the little village some 50 years or more before her time. Surnames of the families she recalls who lived in and around Theta include Ragsdale, Dortch, Bassham, Gooch, Jack, Galloway, Oakley, McConico, Harbison, Judd, Lovins, Lancaster, Peach, McKnight, Taylor, Thompson, Stanley, Hull, Huey, Choate, Walters, Priest, Dodson, Skelley, Burns, Gaskill, Blackman, and Trimble.

**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN OHIO, Second Edition**, by Kip Sperry. 2003. Hardcover, 5½x8¼", 387 pp., maps, index. \$39.50 plus \$4 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Phone orders 1-800-296-6687

This is one of those "here's where it's at" books that points you in the direction of places and resources you should check if you're trying to find genealogical information. A revised and expanded version of the author's 1997 guide, it describes holdings at Ohio's major archives and libraries on virtually every aspect of genealogy and provides addresses. The book also includes a 123-page bibliography of Ohio books and periodicals, a collection of historical maps, and Ohio genealogical sources to be found on the Internet and on CD's.

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**HARDIN CO., TENN., DEED BOOKS I-J, Feb 1851 - June 1854, Vol. 2** by Vicky L. (Morrow) Hutchings. 2003. 8x10" softcover, 135 pp., full-name index. \$35 plus \$3.50 p&h. Mountain Press, 4503 Anderson Pike, P. O. Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377-0400

This abstract of deeds registered in Hardin County over a three-year period from Feb 1851 gives the reader a quick reference guide to the information found in each record. The author in her foreword advises readers to follow sound research practices and retrieve a copy of the primary source document to verify information. Because names can be (and often are) spelled several different ways in the same deed, the author uses the signature on the deed as the primary spelling version and includes variations in parentheses. The index not only gives full names of the parties involved in the deeds, but also names of the 57 other counties referred to in the deeds. A work well done!

**NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS 1861-1865, A Roster, Vol. XV, Infantry** edited by Weymouth T. Jordan, Jr. 2003. Hardcover, 7½x10", 637 pp., maps, photos. \$40 plus \$4 p&h. Historical Publications Section, North Carolina Office of Archives & History, 4622 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4622. Phone orders (919) 733-7441

This remarkable work -- the 15<sup>th</sup> volume in North Carolina's Civil War Roster Project -- contains 7,000 service records of five Confederate regiments raised in the state. The 62<sup>nd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> regiments recruited in the North Carolina mountains are remembered for being captured almost en masse at Cumberland Gap on 9 Sep 1863; the 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> were units of state troops that were raised in coastal and eastern counties and could not be sent out of the state; and the 66<sup>th</sup> -- put together from eastern counties and the Piedmont -- did battle at Southwest Creek, Drewry's Bluff, and other places. Compiled from national and state archives as well as from an impressive number of other sources, the records contain far more information than is usually found in rosters. For instance, Pvt. Thomas Jethro Ballard, who had been transferred from Co. K to the 66<sup>th</sup> Regimental Band only a few months before, was accidentally shot and killed while brushing his teeth in a moon-lit creek. Another soldier mistook him for a bear. Then there was 6'6" Capt. Christopher D. Foy (dubbed Tecumseh by his troops) who had a white beard that reached to his waist. A history of each regiment precedes the men's service records which are grouped by companies. With so many Tennesseans having North Carolina connections, this book is a highly valuable resource.

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**McNAIRY COUNTY DEED BOOK A, 1823-1838** by Barbara Crumpton. 2003. Spiral-bound 8½x11 paperback, full-name index, 93 pp., \$25, free shipping. Order from author at 1455 Chisholm Trail Pkwy., Duncan, OK 73533. Oklahoma residents add 8.25% sales tax.

The loss during the Civil War of all McNairy County court records prior to 1856 (except for the 1823-1851 land grant book and deed books from Dec 1823 upwards) makes these deed books of vital importance to the researcher. The author notes that special thanks are due early-day lawyers, scribes, court clerks, and others who -- though not always the best of spellers or penmen -- endeavored to record every fact that might interest later generations. A perusal of the county's first deed book reveals an extraordinary variety of records in addition to deeds. For example, there's the Revolutionary War record of William Filgo of Limestone Co., Ala., found in a deed to John C. McLemore of Davidson Co., Tenn.... the will of William Murry of Maury Co., Tenn., who had a wife, Rachel, and a daughter, Peggy J. ...the sale of patent rights to a dough-kneading machine by Nimrod C. Willett, Washington Co., Tenn., to Edward Willett, McNairy County.... the marriage contract between William Steadman and Margaret Turvin, both of Decatur Co., Ala.... and numerous others. A number of deeds are related to the sale of lots in the town of Purdy. The first such acquisition was

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recorded 24 Aug 1825 when John Younts exchanged 50 acres in the county for Lot No. 26 in Purdy. Also of interest is an 1828 agreement among the heirs of Jephtha Rice dividing up 2,560 acres in Hardin County. In another deed on the same date, Jephtha's heirs sold 1,060 acres on Doe River, Tenn., to James Blackmore of Sumner County for \$50.

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**McNAIRY COUNTY DEED BOOK B, 1838 - 1845** by Barbara Crumpton. 2003. Spiral-bound 8 1/2 x 11 paperback, full-name index, 118 pp. \$30, free shipping. Order from author at 1455 Chisholm Trail Pkwy., Duncan, OK 73533. Oklahoma residents add 8.25% sales tax.

Much can be learned about the lives and deaths of McNairy County citizens from these early deed books. Deeds of trust (better known today as mortgages) reveal much about an individual's personal property, occupation, and sometimes hobbies. Unexpected tidbits of information also turn up in other records. An 1838 title bond by William A. Price and Fountain P. Duke, for instance, refers to the late William Price of Louisa Co., Va., as their "pretended grandfather" and also reveals that Fountain's wife, Catherine Duke, is the late Price's daughter. Powers of attorney sometimes contain hidden riches. Researchers of Daniel Coffman/Koffman who died intestate in McNairy County in 1838, for instance, can find the names of his wife, his children, and their spouses in an 1838 power of attorney. An 1839 power of attorney reveals that his daughter Parthena, wife of Martin Denton, had died in Jefferson Co., Tenn., leaving a daughter Elizabeth Catherine Denton. An 1841 deed is apparently equal to the last will and testament of Sarah Lain. In it she leaves to sons James and Thomas what appears to be all of her personal property, taking care to identify individually each of the numerous items including the Family Bible and hymn book, all of her ungathered crop, all of her cloth and provisions on hand, and all the money she has plus that owing to her. She even makes sure to list her cow bell.

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**McNAIRY COUNTY DEED BOOK C, 1845-1851** by Barbara Crumpton. 2003. Spiral-bound 8 1/2 x 11 paperback, full-name index, 163 pp., \$40, free shipping. Order from author at 1455 Chisholm Trail Pkwy., Duncan, OK 73533. Oklahoma residents add 8.25% sales tax.

An 1837 record of widespread interest in Deed Book C is a partition of land and debts between Malcomb and Daniel Gilchrist who, as land speculators for 30 years, had acquired considerable lands in several states and territories. Some was owned individually, some jointly, and some with others including John Austen and Jesse Wharton. In dividing up the land, the Gilchrists paid taxes on 1,400 acres in McNairy County. It was agreed that Daniel would have their lands in Tennessee, Alabama, and the part of Mississippi including the Chickasaw Nation east of the line dividing Ranges 3 and 4E. Malcolm would get the lands in Missouri, Arkansas, the Florida Territory, and those in Mississippi within the

Choctaw Nation and in the part of the Chickasaw Nation west of the range line. Besides being recorded in McNairy, the agreement also went into the books in Pontotoc, Miss., Lawrence Co., Ala.; and Bedford Co., Tenn. (where Daniel lived for a time).

An unusual bond/agreement recorded in McNairy County in 1847 was one in which Rachel Gorions, a free woman of color, bound herself and any children she might have to live with James and Easter Willoughby as a servant for their natural lives. In turn, the Willoughbys would furnish her with food and clothing and at their deaths leave her all of their property.

Another unusual entry in Deed Book C is an act passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1811 to legitimize 12 children born out of wedlock. The act changed the surnames of: Willis, Nancy, and Sally Patterson to Horton; William Hendrick to Williams; George Clarkson to Herbert; William Garland to Welborne; Wesley Murphy to Speight; William Keel to Osborne; Mark Worrel to Caley; Marshall Hodges to Kinsaul; Cynthia Davis to Wilson; and Seth Macy to Coffin. The act, which includes the parents' names and home county, was recorded in McNairy 36 years after its passage in North Carolina.

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**THEY SERVED THE FLAG** by Richard L. Saunders and Marvin L. Downing. 2001. Softcover, 5x8", 114 pp. \$16 plus \$3.50 s&h. Mountain Press, 4503 Anderson Pike, P. O. Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377-0400

A fact perhaps not widely known is that fire destroyed some 16-18 million files of U.S. military personnel who served in World War II. For this reason, a complete list does not exist and probably would be impossible to compile. In an effort to honor those men and women from Weakley County who nobly served in the conflict, the authors have worked obviously long and hard to put together a comprehensive list from a variety of unofficial but contemporary records.

It was derived from three separate sources: (1) a list of county veterans generated by the War Records Bureau of the Tennessee Adjutant General's office; (2) names from Weakley County newspapers; and (3) male students and Naval V-5 Air Cadet trainees at the University of Tennessee Junior College in Martin.



**MAHALA ANN LEA/LEE**, who was born 13 Dec 1813 in White Co., Tenn., was married at age 13 to a man 50 years her senior, according to a story in *Limestone Legacy*, Vol. 25, No. 4, published in Athens, Ala. Mahala had come to Limestone County from Sparta, Tenn., with her parents, **Vardeman Lee/Lea** and **Mary "Polly" Huddlestone**. Her siblings were **Martha, Wiley, William M., Thomas V., and Lucy R. Lea**. Mahala and 73-year old widower **John Favor** were married 21 Jul 1836. He was a Revolutionary War veteran who had moved to Alabama from Kentucky. They had three children -- **Mary Melissa, Theophilus, and Sarah Ann** -- before John's death in 1846. Mahala had four other children by her second husband, **John Covington Edmondson**.

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**THE NAME** of Tennessee-born **Eliza Jane Haile** appears in a family chart in *The Prairie Gleaner*, Vol. 34, No. 3, published by the West Central Missouri Genealogical Society and Library. Born 13 Nov 1846 in Nashville, Tenn., **Eliza Jane** was married 12 Feb 1861 in Lawrence Co., Mo., to **David Sands Brown**, a native of North Carolina. She died 20 Dec 1925 in Henry Co., Missouri.

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**JACOB VINSANT** of Bedford Co., Tenn., gave a power of attorney to his son, **Isaac**, in Rutherford Co., N.C., in 1808, according to records published in the *Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Old Tryon Co., N.C.*, Vol. XXXI, No. 3. The power of attorney, witnessed by **Robert Henry** 10 June 1808, was recorded 12 Jul 1808 in Tryon County. On 2 June 1808, **Jacob Vinsant** -- then identified as living in Rutherford Co., Tenn. -- sold 290 acres on Little Broad River to **Archebald Dillingham** of Lincoln Co., N.C., for \$525. The land, adjoining a tract granted **Francis Beaty** in 1765, had been granted to **Jacob** in 1795 and 1797. The deed was witnessed by **Robert Henry, Jacob Vinsant, Jr., and John Matthis**, and recorded 14 June 1808.

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**THE DEATH** of **John W. Stephenson** in Maury Co., Tenn., as reported in *The Watchman & Observer* of 2 Dec 1847, is reprinted in the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. XXXI, No. 3. **Stephenson**, who died 29 Oct 1847 of pneumonia at age 63, was in a religious colony which migrated from Williamsburg District, S.C., in 1805-1807 and founded Zion Church in Maury County. He was a ruling elder for almost 20 years. According to *The Watchman*, several families in the ministerial charge of the **Rev. James W. Stephenson, D.D.**, planned the settlement in Tennessee. "Though the precise point of their destination was unknown, they left their comfortable homes trusting to Providence to guide their steps," the paper stated.

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**JOHN ALLMAN**, native Tennessean who died in Texas about 1887, is named in a family chart in *Somervell Settlers*, Vol. 9, Summer 2003 issue, Glen Rose, Tex. **John** married **Susan Wells** about 1832, and their daughter, **Martha Ann Eliza "Mattie" Allman**, was born 22 Aug 1833 in Giles Co., Tenn. She married **James Gaskill** in Greene Co., Ill., in 1855, and they apparently migrated with her parents to Texas. **Susan Allman** died some time after 1880, and son-in-law **James** died in Somervell County 3 Jan 1882. **Mattie** died 20 Jan 1925.

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**A CIVIL WAR LETTER** from **Stephen West**, Co. G, 13<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, to his son is reprinted in *The Genie*, Vol. 37, No. 3, Shreveport, La. Born 1 Aug 1809 in Overton Co., Tenn., **Stephen** wrote on 5 Apr 1863 that the outlook was "very favorable" for peace by the 1st of July. His letter was sent by **James Bilbrey**, believed to have been the son of Capt. **Joseph H. Bilbrey**, commander of Co. F. **Stephen** survived the war, and was residing in Pickett County when he died 3 Oct 1905.

**DEATH NOTICES** of some native Virginians who removed to Tennessee can be found in *Piedmont Lineages*, published by the VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society, Danville, Va., Vol. XXV, No. 3. The notices were abstracted from the *Christian Advocate*, 1852-1856.

- **Carter Livsy** died 25 Mar 1855 in Washington Co., Ill., at age 67. Born in Franklin Co., Va., he moved with his father, **John Livsy**, to Snow Creek, Maury Co., Tenn.; married **Elizabeth Wright**; moved in 1830 to Illinois.
- **Nancy T. (Martin) Stovall**, who died 9 Jul 1852 in Weakley Co., Tenn. Born 5 Sep 1830 in Halifax Co., Va., she moved to Tennessee; married **H. D. Stovall** 25 Nov 1847.
- **Collen McDaniel, Esq.**, died 3 May 1855 in Williamson Co., Tenn., at age 88. He was born in Halifax Co., Va.; married in North Carolina in 1796, moved to Kentucky that same year, and then to Tennessee.
- **Susan Elliott Hurt** died 4 Sep 1854 in Williamson Co., Tenn., at age 36. Born in Halifax Co., Va., 15 Sep 1791, she married **Bird S. Hurt** on 2 Nov 1812.
- **John Baynham** died 31 Aug 1854 near Lafayette, Ky. Born in Halifax Co., Va., in May 1808, he moved to Tennessee in 1834.
- **Jane (Edwards) Lancaster** died 24 Oct 1853 in Christian Co., Ky., at age 28. Born in Halifax Co., Va., in 1825, she moved with her parents, **Nicholas and Lucy Edwards**, to Tennessee while young.
- **Mary N. Bucey** died 27 Aug 1852 at the residence of Maj. **Isaac F. Bucey** in Fayette Co., Tenn., at age 70. The widow of **S. Bucey**, she was born 13 Mar 1782 in Pittsylvania Co., Va., and moved to Fayette County in 1833.
- **Martha H. Priddy** died in Henderson Co., Tenn., 24 May 1854 at age 58. She was the wife of **John Priddy**, and the daughter of **Nelson Tucker**, Pittsylvania Co., Va.

**JOHN WATSON** and Jane Reese are believed to have married in Middle Tennessee in 1808, according to a continuing series on the Watson family in *Virginia Tidewater Genealogy*, Vol. 34, No. 3. They eventually settled in Williamson County where they built a home called "The Willows" on West Harpeth Road. John died there in 1851. Other Watson family members migrating to Tennessee from Virginia were (1) Mary "Polly" Watson who, after her marriage to Daniel Barksdale in Prince Edward Co., Va., came to Tennessee around 1803 and died in Stewart County in 1864; (2) Joseph Watson who appears on the 1804 Wilson Co., tax roll and died there in 1841, naming Caroline Neighbors and her four children as his heirs; (4) Lucy Watson, who, like her brother Joseph, settled in Wilson County and apparently never married before her death in about 1829; (5) Sarah "Sally" Watson who married former Virginian Anthony Winston on 27 Aug 1806 in Wilson Co., Tenn., and moved to Alabama where she died 24 Jul 1843 in Sumter (then Colbert Co.), Ala.; (6) Ann Jones Watson who married Dr. John Hartwell Marable on 17 Jul 1808 in Davidson Co., Tenn., and died 25 Jan 1850 in Montgomery Co., Tenn.; (7) Thomas Watson who married Sally Smith in Sumner Co., Tenn., on 13 Nov 1816, operated the Wayside Inn in Saundersville, and after his first wife's death married Nancy B. [surname unknown] about 1837.

The same issue of *Virginia Tidewater Genealogy* contains reports from Richmond and Lynchburg, Va., newspapers of the death of Mrs. Ann E. Wise on 4 May 1829 in Accomack County. She was the wife of Henry A. Wise, a Congressional representative from that district, and the daughter of the Rev. Mr. Jennings of Nashville, Tenn. She left four children.

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**W. R. DUFF**, born 3 May 1829 in Hardeman Co., Tenn., was memorialized by the Ferris, Tex., Cumberland Presbyterian Church for his 27 years as church elder, according to *Searchers & Researchers*, Vol. XXVI, Issue 3. Duff died 15 Jan 1898.

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**TWO FORT WORTH, TEX.**, residents who came to Tennessee for schooling in 1895 are among those mentioned in *Footprints*, Vol. 46, No. 3, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. The two were **Dona Lee Cart** who entered Ward's Seminary in Nashville, and **Jack McLean** who enrolled at Southwestern University in Clarksville.

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**THE DEATH** of the Rev. John C. Averitt, one-time president of the Masonic Female Institute at Nashville, Tenn., is reprinted in *Stalkin' Kin*, Vol. XXX, No. 4, published by San Angelo (Tex.) Genealogical & Historical Society. Averitt died of an apparent heart attack in Coke Co., Tex., 12 Dec 1895. He was 77. A native of North Carolina, he graduated from Wake Forest in 1842 and married **Helen A. Crocker** 18 Dec 1854. They moved to Texas in 1858. Mrs. Averitt died 12 Oct 1881, and was survived by eight children.

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**QUITE A FEW** Tennessee-born men registered for the draft in World War I while residing or working in Alcorn Co., Miss., in 1917-1918. Their names appear in a list abstracted by **Raymond H. Banks** and published in the Alcorn County Genealogical Society quarterly, *Cross City Connections*, Vol. 12, No. 1. The native Tennesseans, with their birthdates and birthplaces:

**Erskine M. Alexander**, b. 11 Nov 1888 in Shelbyville; **Charles Alfis Allen**, b. 8 Jun 1896, Dresden (Weakley Co.); **Charles Burton Allen**, b. 23 Sep 1889, Pinson (Madison Co.); **Clarence Robert Allen**, b. 7 Jun 1893, Dresden; **James Daniel Allen**, b. 10 Nov 1896, Dresden (lives in Jackson, Tenn.); **Oscar Harris Allen**, b. 5 Oct 1878, Pinson; **Henry Arthur Arnett**, b. 13 Sep 1890, Waynesboro; **Fred Arnold**, b. 19 Sep 1895, Guys (McNairy Co.); **John Brack Arnold**, b. 27 Feb 1894 near Guys; **Charlie Webster Barnes**, b. 15 Jun 1889, Henderson (lives near Burnsville, Miss.); **Ernest Vergie Barnett**, b. 3 Nov 1889, Middleton;

**James Bass**, b. 5 Jan 1890, Pocahontas (Hardeman Co.); **Walter Franklin Beck**, b. 19 Nov 1891, Burns (Dickson Co.); **Fred Riley Beshears**, b. 18 Sep 1891 near Hamburg (Hardin Co.); **Charles A. Bingham**, b. 22 Sep 1890, Savannah (Hardin Co.); **Wm. A. Blankenship**, b. 12 Dec 1893, McNairy Co.; **John R. Bowers**, b. 26 Feb 1892, b. McNairy Co.; **Dorris Thomas Bratcher**, b. 1 Dec 1891, Gibson Co.; **John Bratton**, b. 5 Jan 1894, Savannah; **Edgar H. Broome**, b. Dec 1887, Knoxville; **Henry Brown**, b. 31 Mar 1896, Selmer; **Lacy Brown**, b. 25 Jul 1892, McNairy Co.;

**Hubert Burgess**, b. 15 Jul 1891, Selmer; **Wm. C. Butler**, b. 16 Jan 1891, McNairy Co.; **Andy Calicutt**, b. 10 Jul 1891, Guys; **Alfred B. Callahan**, b. 4 Nov 1893, Hardeman Co.; **John Henry Canandy**, b. 21 Feb 1891, Tenn.; **Acie Luther Carmon**, b. 21 Aug 1893, McNairy Co.; **Arthur Cleve Carmon**, b. 10 Aug 1887, Selmer; **Henry S. Carmon**, b. 9 Feb 1891, McNairy Co.; **Alfred Polk Castile**, b. 9 Sep 1890, Walnut Grove (Hardin Co.); **James Charlie Castleberry**, b. 9 Dec 1891, Savannah; **Fate Chambers**, (blk.), b. 24 Nov 1888, Guy; **James Henry Chambers** (blk.), b. 23 Jun 1893, McNairy Co.; **Wm. Oswald Clements**, b. 8 May 1894, Grand Junction (Hardeman Co.);

**Otis Clifton**, b. 12 Jan 1890, Bethel Springs (McNairy Co.); **John Herman Cox**, b. 28 Mar 1889, Pocahontas; **Jack Cozart** (blk.), b. 1 Aug 1874, Carells Smith(?); **Britt Crocker**, b. 4 Jun 1893, Pocahontas; **Wm. Arthur Crocker**, b. 30 Jun 1889, Pocahontas;

**Thomas Edward Cobb**, b. 4 Feb 1896, Clifton (Hardin Co.); **Buchneard? M. Coffman**, b. 8 Nov 1891, Perry Co.; **Chester Coln**, b. 4 Jul 1888, McNairy Co.; **Dave Conoway**, b. 30 Apr 1893, Savannah; **Clarence Cumby** (blk.), b. 4 Sep 1896, Humboldt (Gibson Co.); **Willie Percy Dalton**, b. 12 Dec 1889, Union City (Obion Co.); **Harvey Pinkny Davis**, b. 25 Oct 1886, Trenton, Gibson Co., (lives near Pocahontas); **Joseph Allen Dempsey**, b. 13 Jun 1896, McNairy Co.;

**Frank Dickerson**, b. 19 Nov 1888, Chewalla; **Oscar Cleveland Dixon**, b. 1 Oct 1895, Chewalla; **Mark Eugene Dobbins**, b. 19 May 1890, Savannah; **Jeff Dorty**, b. 15 Oct 1892, Chewalla; **Luther Thomas Doyle**, b. May 1894, Bolivar; **Eugene Dufford**, b. Aug 1887, Bradford, Gibson Co.; **James Clifford Dunaway**, b. 2 Feb 1896, McNairy Co.; and **Edgar J. Duncan**, b. 22 Dec 1888, Hardin County.



**BIOGRAPHICAL** information on J. V. Thomas, who was born 30 Aug 1819 in Hickman Co., Tenn., and later became Itawamba Co., Miss., sheriff, is published in *Itawamba (Miss.) Settlers*, Vol. 23, No. 3. The son of Samuel and Nancy (Sparks) Thomas, he was educated in Hardeman Co., Tenn., and became a mechanic at an early age. He married Martha A. Bourland, native Mississippian, on 28 Dec 1843 and they had six children, Samuel J., Mary E., Rebecca, Eulalia, Eliza, and Fleming H. Thomas.

Another Tennessean mentioned in the same issue is Irene Collins, who was born in Maury Co., Tenn., in 1835 and was a daughter of John and Mary (Wortham) Collins. She married Eli Phillips, native North Carolinian, in 1853. He held numerous county offices, serving as probate clerk and later judge, Fulton postmaster, U. S. district commissioner, and state legislator. They had seven children: Mary L., Travis, Laura, Martha, Dickinson, Sula, and Sumter.

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**CAPT. W. B. MURPHY**, native Tennessean and Confederate Army veteran, died in Marlin, Tex., 1st Feb 1915, reports *Tri-County Genealogy*, Vol. 18, No. 3, Marvell, Ark. Born 14 Jul 1842 in Tennessee, Murphy became color bearer of Co. A, 2nd Mississippi Infantry in Apr 1861 and carried the colors until the Battle of Gettysburg. In 1867 he married Mollie Sampson and a large family blessed their union. He was survived by seven children, including Dr. F. T. Murphy and Mrs. E. D. McKnight of Brinkley, Ark.; Mrs. Harry B. Weiss, Proctor, Ark.; Ennis Murphy, Chilton, Tex.; Lee A. Murphy, Ft. Worth; William Murphy of Louisiana, and Mrs. Sidney Allison, Marlin, Texas.

Other Tennesseans found among Marvell, Ark., funeral home records in the same issue: R. C. "Bob" Hopper, b. 26 Dec 1882, Tenn., d. 5 Feb 1938; Florence (Allen) Morgan, b. 11 Dec 1879, Tenn., d. 25 Nov 1938; Aaron Erwin L. West, b. 26 Nov 1921, Tenn., d. 5 Dec 1937; Fletcher Wright, b. 13 Dec 1861, Tenn., d. 14 Nov 1938.

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**THE 1878 OBITUARY** of Dr. William Tazwell Upshaw, native of Giles Co., Tenn., is reprinted in *Limestone Legacy*, Vol. 26, No. 1, published by the Limestone Co., Ala., Historical Society, Athens. Born at Elkton on 29 Mar 1829, he was the son of Lewis G. and Alice Thornton Upshaw. He was a Confederate surgeon during the Civil War, and was married to the former Josephine LeBaron of New Orleans. Dr. Upshaw died 31 Jan 1878 at his home near LaGrange (Lee Co.), Ark.

The same issue of *The Legacy* contains the death notice of Gabriel Laughmiller, who moved from Virginia to Tennessee at an early age and settled in Hawkins County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and in 1817 moved to Limestone Co., Ala., where he died 7 June 1878, leaving one son.

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**AN 1835 DEED** recorded in Davidson Co., N.C., shows that James M. Billings of Wilson Co., Tenn., sold three parcels of land containing a total of 200 acres to Thomas W. Broadway of Davidson for \$208. The deed, abstracted and published in *The Genealogical Journal* of Davidson Co., N.C., Vol. XXIII, No. 3, states that the land was given to Billings by his father, the late Frederick Billings. Dated 11 Nov 1835, the deed was registered 1 Feb 1836.

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**SEVERAL TENNESSEANS** are among alumni of the State Normal School at Jacksonville, Ala., listed in *Northeast Alabama Settlers*, Vol. 42, No. 3, Gadsden, Ala. Alumni residing in Tennessee in 1905-06 were: Nannie Williams (Mrs. Dugger) of Chattanooga, class of 1886; Fannie Hammond (Mrs. Grey), Nashville, class of 1891; C. B. Haley, editor, Nashville, and Mamie Ward (Mrs. Aderholt), Chattanooga, both of the class of 1892; and D. Frank Merrill (Mrs. Elam) of Tennessee, class of 1899.

**FORMER BEDFORD CO., Tenn.**, residents George L. and Martha (York) Bayles are the subjects of an article in *Pioneer Trails*, Vol. 45, No. 3, published by the Birmingham (Ala.) Genealogical Society. Martha (also called Patsy) had moved to Tennessee from Laurens Co., S.C., with her first husband, Samuel(?) Montgomery, and is listed as a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Bedford County in 1811. Montgomery apparently died between that time and 1818 and she married Bayles, who had just finished a six-month stint fighting the Creek Indians. He was a private under Col. Nicholas Perkins and Gen. Andrew Jackson when the unit was attacked by the Red Sticks in Jan 1814. Altogether George and Patsy raised 13 children -- six from his first marriage, four from her first marriage, and three from their marriage. The family moved to Jefferson Co., Ala., in 1819 and purchased the land where Birmingham International Airport is now located.

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**SEVERAL LAWYERS** practicing in Chickasaw County, Miss., in 1937 attended colleges in Tennessee, according to an article in *Chickasaw Times Past*, Vol. 22, No. 1.

Jeff Busby, who was Chickasaw County prosecuting attorney from 1912 to 1920 and later became a U. S. Congressman, received his B.S. degree in 1905 from Georgia Robertson Christian College in Henderson, Tenn.

Two of Chickasaw County's "legal eagles" -- T. G. Abernethy and Charlie Hill Moffat -- studied law for a time at Cumberland University Law School in Lebanon, Tenn.

Abernethy was elected mayor of Eupora, Miss., in 1927-28, and was Okolona's city attorney for seven years. At age 32, he was elected district attorney for the Third Judicial District, being one of the youngest ever elected to this office.

Moffat practiced law in his hometown of Houston for a number of years and was elected mayor in 1907. He later moved to Senatobia.

The biographical information was excerpted from a WPA Historical Research Project dated 25 May 1937. ■



**MENEFEE, CURRIN, SUTHER-**

**LAND:** Seeking info on parents of Bathsheba Menefee (b. 1770 Va., d. aft 1850 Davidson Co., Tenn.). She was m. 30 Jul 1796 in Lincoln Co., Ky., to John Currin (b. 1769 Louisa Co., Va., d. 24 Oct 1830 Davidson Co., Tenn.). Could Bathsheba be youngest child of Garrett Menefee and Agnes Sutherland? If so, I need proof. Any info greatly appreciated.

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**POLK, THOMAS:** Who were parents of Mary C. Thomas (b. 15 Nov 1817)? She m. William Polk 30 Jul 1839. Mary d. 28 Jul 1855, probably in Fayette Co., Tenn. Children: William H., James M., and Harriet E. Polk. Harriet (b. 1846) m. Samuel H. Thomas, son of Samuel Y. Thomas and Sarah C. (Thomas) Thomas of Gibson Co., Tenn.

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**FORTUNE:** Need more info on following buried in McAlpin Cemetery, McNairy County:

(1) Perry Ed Crow Fortune, 6 Nov 1870 - 6 Jan 1871. Who were his parents?

(2) Tinnie H. Fortune, 15 Aug 1881 - 19 Jun 1950. Is she Tennessee Henderson, wife of Douglas F. Fortune?

(3) Michelle Marie Fortune, 1 Apr 1973 - 10 Apr 1973 & John Allen Fortune 29 Jul 1975 - 30 Jul 1975. Who were their parents?

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**BURROW, COBLE:** Seeking information on Ishmael Burrow (1763 - bef. 1829) and wife, Catherine Elizabeth Coble (ca. 1765 - 1832).

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**FORTUNE:** Researching Fortune family of McNairy County. Need info on following burial in Oak Hill Cemetery: Eugene Fortune, d. 1912.

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**SKILES, BOWMAN:** Seeking info about Hardy Lafayette Skiles, b. in Tenn. in 1830; d. 29 Feb 1899 in Dent Co., Mo. In 1849 he m. Elinor Bowman (b. 27 Sep 1833; d. 27 Jul 1876). Place of marriage unknown.

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**HUBBARD, FINE:** Researching Wilson Hubbard and wife, "Patsy" Fine, who were in McNairy Co., Tenn., in early 1850s and then moved to White Co., Ark., before 1860 census there. Need McNairy County info for proof of birth of several children.

**NEVA KING BARNHART**

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**McELROY, LYNN/LINN:** Need name of Micajah McElroy's wife. He was born in Wake Co., N.C., and died ca. 1834 in Lincoln Co., Tenn. His parents were Sarah Lynn/Linn and Archibald McElroy of Wake County.

**MRS. JOHN BARNETT**

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**BUSSELL, ANDREWS:** Searching for info on Thomas Houston Bussell, b 1835 probably in Decatur Co., Tenn. Was a Confederate blockade runner in Civil War. Died ca. 1865 in Red River campaign in Louisiana. Is in 1850 Tennessee census with his father, William Bussell, and mother, Judah Johnson. Married Angieine Andrews who was b. in Nashville in 1834.

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**GREEN:** Abel Nelson Green m. Mary McGee in Itawamba Co., Miss. Both d. in Texas. He was b. in 1815 in Tennessee, according to census and cemetery records. Need names of parents and/or home county in Tennessee.

**MARJORIE M. GREEN**

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**BYBEE:** Who were parents of Joseph Bybee of Warren County? Were they John Bybee and Sarah Giles? Joseph, a preacher, was on 1838 Warren County tax list. On 24 Mar 1863, he filed a claim in death of his son, B.D. Bybee, of 16<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Infantry. B. D. died 31 Dec 1862 of wounds sustained in battle of Murfreesboro.

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**FORTUNE:** Researching Fortune family of McNairy County. Need info on this burial in Eureka Cemetery: M. A. Fortune, 14 Nov 1854 - 7 Oct 1924. Male or female? Parents?

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**ROBERTSON, SIMMONS:** Looking for info on George W. Robertson, b. abt. 1801, d. abt. 1840 in Fayette County. He m. Rhoda Simmons, daughter of John Simmons, on 18 Sep 1823 in Madison Co., Ala. Their children: Mary Ann, Joseph J., Thomas H., George, William David, Edna Jane, and Samuel J. Robertson.

**JENNYE MILLER SCOTT**  
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**PARK:** Looking for location after 1870 of Comodore P. Park (b. ca. 1830) and Martha Jane Maupin (b. Dec 1854, Obion Co., Tenn.).

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**SMITH:** Seeking any info on Peter Perkins Smith of Hardeman County. He was born 2 Jul 1784 in N.C. Married Peggy Smith, daughter of John Pryor Smith, on 5 Feb 1807. She was b. 19 Jan 1791 and d. 18 Jul 1844 in Hardeman County.

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**BOWMAN, COLLIER:** Looking for parents and siblings of Jane Bowman who m. Isaac Collier 27 Dec 1826 in Sumner County. (Have copy of their marriage certificate.) According to 1850 Sumner County census, their children were: Martha, John Matthew, Edward Lee, Bailey P., and George W. Thomas Collier. John Matthew Collier later lived in Dickson County with his family, and Edward Lee Collier m. Fanny May Gaskey and they reared their family in Polk County, Texas. Also need help in finding Isaac Collier's parents.

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**PERMINTER:** Seeking parents of Almyra Perminter who was b. ca. 1833/34 in Haywood County. In 1859/60, she m. Robert Wesley Lowery (b. in Haywood County in 1836; d. 1900/1910). Is she the Almira who is listed in 1850 Haywood census as 17-year old daughter of James R. Perminter and wife Nancy?

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**KILBRETH, McCAGE:** Looking for information on John Owen Kilbreth who lived in Bolton area of Shelby Co., Tenn. Believed to have died about 1910-1915. Also seeking information on McCage family of West Tennessee and possibly Boot Heel section of Missouri.

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**MARR:** Is the Gideon Marr listed in 1830 Obion County census related to G. W. L. Marr in 1840 census? If so, what was their relationship? Gideon is not on 1840 Obion census.

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**EDWARDS, KING, DUVALL:** Seeking info on Lewis Edwards of Pitt Co., N.C., and James King of Edgecombe Co., N.C. who both came to Shelby Co., Tenn., in 1830s; and Charles Duvall of Perry Co., Ind., who migrated to Shelby in 1880s.

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## *Sites to behold*



**"A Path Divided"** is the title of an excellent 47-page brochure on the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Trail. Written by **Wayne C. Moore** of the Tennessee State Library & Archives, it can be found online in its entirety at:

[http://www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/Path Divided](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/Path%20Divided)

The brochure gives an overview of the war in Tennessee and allows you to take a virtual tour of Civil War sites around the state including battlefields, museums, cemeteries, monuments, etc. It's illustrated with paintings and photographs, and has a clickable map of the state with numbered sites. If you're like me, you might come across some information you didn't know about the war and its impact on the state. For instance, did you know that ..

- 2,300 engagements were fought on Tennessee land ...
- Tennessee provided more soldiers to the Confederacy than any other state except Virginia...
- and more soldiers to the Union than all other Southern states combined.

Nearly all the Tennessee sites described in the brochure are part of the Civil War Discovery Trail which links more than 500 sites in 28 states to teach the story of the war and its impact on America. The trail was initiated by the Civil War Preservation Trust with support from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service, state agencies, and communities. It's well worth viewing.

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**If one of your ancestors** attended a college that's no longer in existence, has merged, or had a name change, try [www.acck.edu/~arayb/ClosedColleges/TennesseeCC.htm](http://www.acck.edu/~arayb/ClosedColleges/TennesseeCC.htm)

If it was in a state other than Tennessee, substitute the name of the state for Tennessee in the foregoing address.

The site gives you the date the school opened, when it closed, merged with another school, or underwent a name change. Webmaster **Ray Brown** also cites the sources for his information.

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**Want to spend an interesting evening?** Check out the Library of Congress' American Memory Collection. It has more than 7 million digital items (count 'em!) ranging from maps to manuscripts and beyond. It's at:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ammemhome.html>

Click on Search and then Collection Finder. A fascinating site awaits you! ■

## *A Tip on Finding Family Names --*

### ***Anniversary Story Yields Genealogical Information About Metz Family***

A story in the *Nashville Banner* of 19 Aug 1898 about **Henry and Pauline Metz'** celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary yields a bonanza of genealogical information. The anniversary celebration, which ran from 6 o'clock Thursday evening (18 Aug) until midnight, was held in their palatial home at 929 College St. in Nashville.

As the couple received congratulations from their friends, they were surrounded by their children and grandchildren, identified in the article as:

- Their only daughter - **Mrs. Oliver Timothy** and her daughter, **Aileen**
- Son - **W. H. Metz** with his wife and their children: **Lillian, Eloise, Henry, W. H., Jr., Bernard, Walter, Amelia, Josephine, and Willie**
- Son - **Edward Metz** (unmarried)
- Son - **Albert Metz** and wife and their children: **Ione, Gertrude, and Andrew**
- Son - **George Metz** and wife, and their children: **Georgia May and Harold**

The *Banner* said few men in Nashville were held in higher esteem than 74 - year old **Henry Metz**. A native of Kirckheim-Bolanden, Wurtemberg, he and his brother, **Jacob Metz**, came to Nashville in the 1840s and opened a clothing store. They conducted the business for some years, and accumulated considerable money before **Jacob** went to New York and became one of that city's leading clothing merchants. **Henry**, described as possessing energy and sterling qualities, soon began to progress and for half a century was one of Nashville's leading merchants.

A few years before his wedding anniversary, he retired from active life, turned his business over to his sons, and lived a quiet life, enjoying the fruits of his labors. His 67-year old wife **Pauline**, also a native of Germany, was said to be a leading member of the Lutheran Church who for years had taken an active interest in its charitable works. ■

### ***Six Postmasters Named Across State***

Appointments of postmasters in six Tennessee towns were announced 7 May 1898 in Washington.

Those named and their postoffices were:

- \* **Nancy J. Smith** - Chanute, Pickett County
- \* **Mrs. E. A. Rowland** - Essary Springs, Hardeman County
- \* **Yank Bradford** - Keathlyville, Gibson County
- \* **A. Treeky** - Obed, Morgan County
- \* **Horace D. Murphy** - Pelliam, Grundy County
- \* **Isaac Pewitt** - South Harpeth, Williamson County.

[Source: *Nashville Banner*, 7 May 1898] ■

## Pioneer Memphis Woman Mary Murphy, Dies at 81

Mrs. J. J. Murphy,<sup>1</sup> possibly the oldest pioneer Memphian, passed quietly away yesterday morning [20 Jul 1898] surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was born 17 Jan 1817 in Eastern Maryland, but her father moved to East Liverpool, O., where in 1838 she met and married the late Major Murphy who served on the staffs of Gens. Leonidas Polk and A. P. Stewart throughout the Civil War.

She was the mother of eight children (four boys and four girls) who save one grew to maturity ... She was one who never grew old. She took a keen interest in passing events and no Southern mother had more sympathy for soldiers now at the front than she. She came of military ancestry and was the wife of a soldier and the mother of soldiers. William Mitchell, her father, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and his father served in the ragged legions of Gen. Washington in the Revolution, and her husband and two of her sons went out under the Stars & Bars.

Her funeral this afternoon from the family residence at Beale and Wellington will be conducted by the Rev. George Patterson, rector of Grace Church.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 21 Jul 1898

## Meeks Dies in McNairy

Gen. John H. Meeks died at his home in McNairy County today [21 Jul 1898] in the 85<sup>th</sup> year of his age, 74 years of that life having been spent in that county. He was a strong character intellectually, morally, and financially yet was so well poised in judgment and disposition that he was as gentle and lovable as a woman. His life added honor to a family already illustrious in the annals of Tennessee.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 21 Jul 1898

<sup>1</sup> The Memphis mortuary report for the week ended 23 Jul 1898 gives her name as Mary A. Murphy, aged 81. Cause of death is listed as "senile debility." [Memphis Commercial Appeal, 24 Jul 1898]

## Letter Pays Tribute to John H. Meeks

"To the Banner:

"The death of Gen. John Henderson Meeks of McNairy County marks an era in the history of that county and also of the state. He was about the last survivor of the men who were pioneers in West Tennessee. He was born in 1814,<sup>2</sup> and removed with his grandfather, Maj. John Henderson, from Lincoln County, the place of his birth, in 1830. The war of 1812 had just closed, the American arms victorious on land and sea. His youthful mind was doubtless stirred up with glowing accounts of the heroism of his countrymen in that great war, the second war of independence.

"Maj. John Henderson .. was a brave and distinguished soldier in the war of the Revolution and a near neighbor to Gen. Jackson.

"The writer, who was born two years prior to the coming of Gen. Meeks to the County of McNairy, knew him well and intimately from his earlier boyhood to the day of his death which took place on the morning of 23 July 1898 -- being 84 years of age. During all these years we had enjoyed the sincerest friendship. To him more than to any man on earth I feel that I was indebted for good advice, honorable example, and substantial aid in meeting and overcoming the obstacles which beset us on every side....

"Gen. Meeks was not hampered by undue and unholy ambition. His great desire was to serve his fellow man ... He was elected and returned to the Legislature of this state several times over able and popular opponents, and at a time when his party was in the minority.<sup>3</sup> As a lawmaker, he was cautious, thoughtful, and particular in making the burdens on people as light as possible. He was the warmest and

ablest advocate, if not the author, of the homestead law in Tennessee, a law which protects homes for the use of the wife and children against the improvidence of the husband and father.

"Gen. Meeks was married to Miss Eleanor Atkins in 1841. She was a member of one of the most respected families in the county,<sup>4</sup> and to this marriage there were born eight children -- five boys and three girls. The eldest son, John P., served under Gen. Forrest and was killed in 1864. Another son, Rufus Polk Meeks, is an able and worthy minister of the Christian Church; another son, Marcus Henry Meeks, is a lawyer of ability and success now practicing his profession in Nashville.<sup>5</sup> Gen. Meeks was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1870. ... He was a staunch friend of education, and all of his children received the best advantages he was able to bestow; and he had the happiness to see them all comfortable and enjoying the respect of the world.....

"Channing has said that the greatest man is not always the one most widely known, but he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptation from within and without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns; whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God is unflinching.

"Such a man, in my estimation, was John Henderson Meeks. Blessed is the state and the people who have such a man among them ...."

JOHN V. WRIGHT

[Abstracted from the Nashville Banner, 10 Aug 1898.] ■

<sup>2</sup> His birth date is given as 27 Sep 1814 in the Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly.

<sup>3</sup> Meeks represented McNairy County in the 28th and 29th General Assemblies, 1849-1853. He was a Democrat.

<sup>4</sup> Her parents were George and Martha Atkins.

<sup>5</sup> Other Meeks children named in the Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly were: George E., Margaret, Martha E., and Zilpha Meeks.

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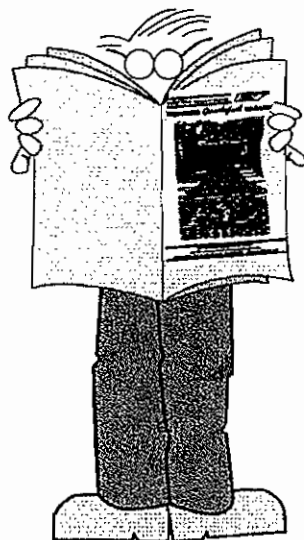


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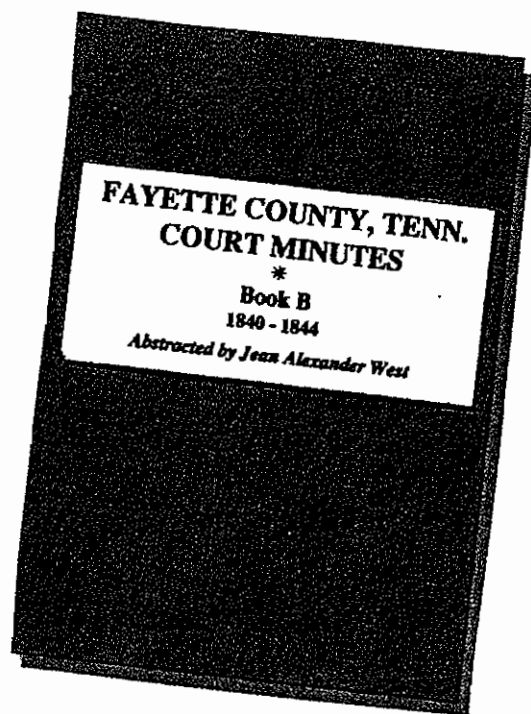
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EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following article came to me recently via e-mail and, while it does not deal directly with genealogy, all of us can benefit from the wisdom expressed herein. Enjoy!*

# Ageless Advice from an 87-Year Old Rose

From: *Idaho Sporting Goods* [Author Unknown]

"The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around, when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, 'Hi, handsome. My name is Rose. I'm 87 years old. Can I give you a hug?' I laughed and enthusiastically responded, 'Of course you may!', and she gave me a giant squeeze.

'Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?' I asked.

She jokingly replied, 'I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of kids...'

'No seriously,' I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

'I always dreamed of having a college education and now I am getting one!' she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her 3 x 5 cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed, she leaned into the microphone and simply said,

'I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order, so let me just tell you what I know.'

As we laughed, she cleared her throat and began,

'We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.'

'There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success.'

'You have to laugh and find humor every day.'

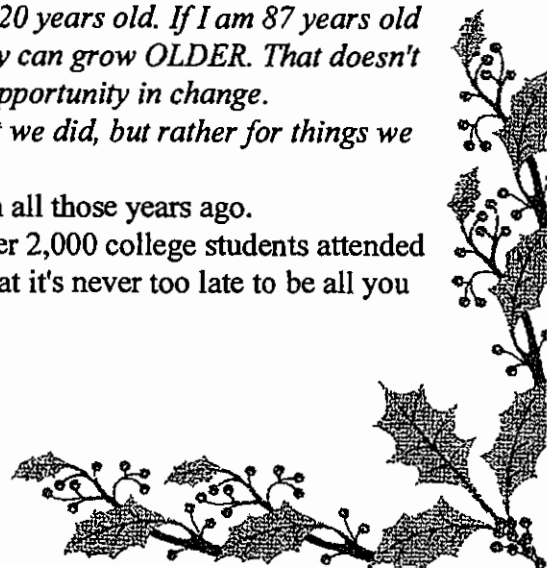
'You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!'

'There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are 19 years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn 20 years old. If I am 87 years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything, I will turn 88. Anybody can grow OLDER. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change.'

'Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets.'

At the year's end, Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over 2,000 college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be."■





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