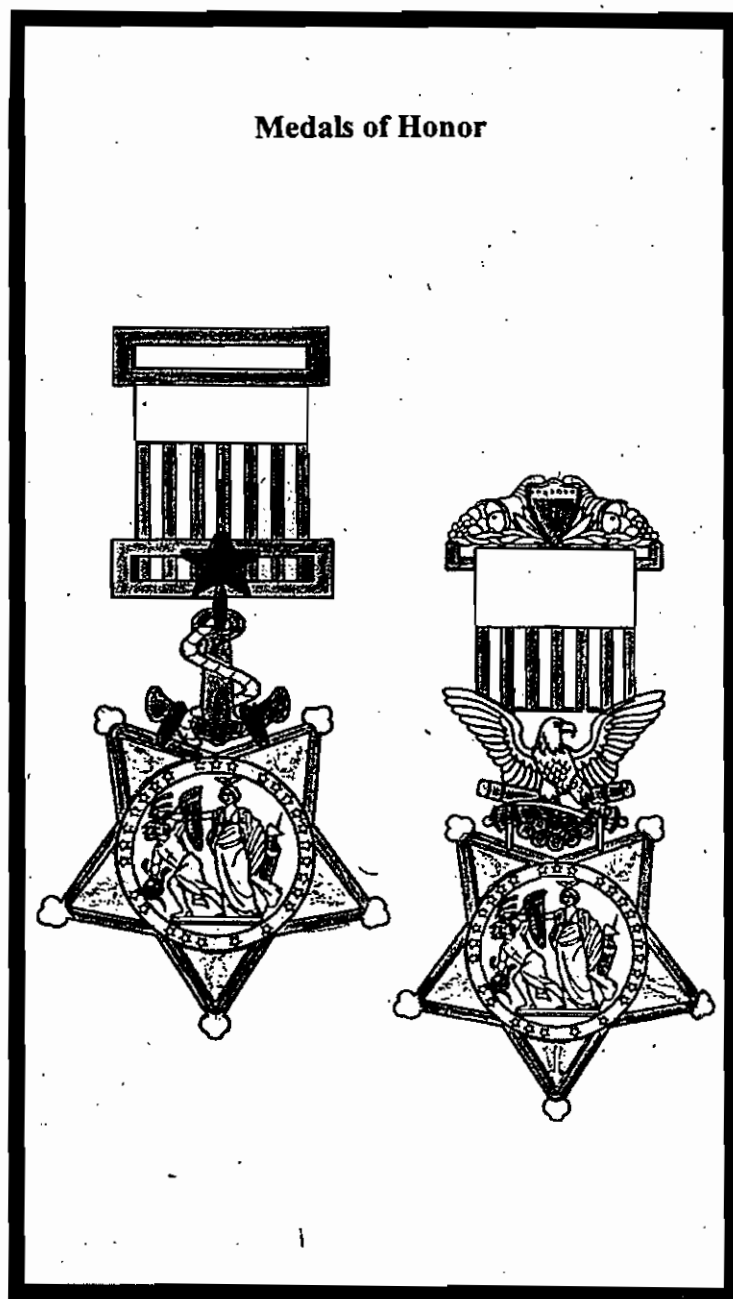


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Editor's Musings

Jennye Miller Scott

We at the Tennessee Genealogical Society want to remind everyone to mark their calendars and reserve Saturday, October 8th, 2005 for the incredibly educational seminar featuring Cyndi Howells. In case you are not familiar with Ms. Howells or "Cyndi's List," the online site is available with links to every conceivable genealogical treasure available. TN Gen has contracted with the creator of "Cyndi's List" to teach us how to stop aimlessly surfing on the Internet and begin researching online with incredible results. If you are one of the many folks who is intimidated by computers and the Internet, this is the perfect time for you to discover the amazing results that can be obtained in cyberspace.

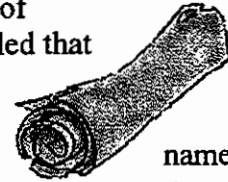
We do hope to see you at this seminar that is to be held at the Memphis-Shelby County Public Library, 3030 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

At our last board meeting we discussed the fact that the property surrounding our library, which is located in Davies Plantation, is slowly being sold to developers. There is a possibility that in the future the Tennessee Genealogical Society Library will have to relocate. We are in need of an affordable, centrally located building approximately 3,500 square feet, with ample parking. Any suggestions and/or ideas would be most appreciated. Remember this is your library too.


Jennye

MEDALS OF HONOR

On December 21, 1861, President **Abraham Lincoln** signed into law Public Resolution Number 82, a provision for a Navy Medal of Honor that was introduced by Iowa Senator **James W. Grimes**. The medal was "*to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen and marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamen-like qualities during the present war*".¹ On July 12, 1862, a similar resolution was introduced by Massachusetts Senator **Henry Wilson** and signed into law for the Army's Medal of Honor, "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause two-thousand medals of honor to be prepared with suitable emblematic devices and to direct that the same be presented in the the Congress to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other soldier-like qualities during the present insurrection."



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One of the first men to actually wear an Army Medal of Honor was Private **Jacob Parrott** (1843-1908), of Company K, 33rd Ohio Infantry Regiment, on 25 March 1863. He was one of six men bestowed this honor for his actions in "The Great Locomotive Chase" in April 1862. The only woman to receive this honor was the daughter of a country doctor, Dr. **Mary Edwards Walker**, born 26 November 1832, in Oswego, New York. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War, **Mary** went to Washington and attempted to join the Union Army. She was denied. She then volunteered as an acting assistant surgeon, placing herself on the front lines including those at Chattanooga and Chickamauga. In September 1863, **Mary** was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the Army of the Cumberland. She was taken prisoner in 1864 by Confederate troops. After her release she practiced medicine at the Louisville female prison and at an orphan's asylum in Tennessee. On November 11, 1865, President **Johnson** signed a bill to award Dr. **Mary Edwards Walker** the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1917, a report was released that stated that 911 Medal of Honor awardees were not eligible and did not meet the criteria. These Medals were rescinded, and Dr. **Walker's** was one of them. She refused to return the medal and proudly wore it everyday until her death on 21 February 1919, in Oswego, New York. However, in 1977, President **Jimmy Carter** fully reinstated her medal.

There were very few men who fought in the Civil War from the state of Tennessee that received this esteemed honor. There were to be more honored Tennesseans in later wars.

Harrison Collins² was born 10 March 1836,³ in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was a corporal in the United States Army; Company A, 1st Tennessee Cavalry. **Collins** was

¹ The Civil War.

² Collins was a Melungeon.

³ Collins's birth and death dates are per tombstone.

issued his Medal of Honor on February 24, 1865. The citation reads: *The capture of the flag of James Chalmers's Division, Confederate States of America, during the battle for West Tennessee, leading an attack against the Army of Tennessee.* **Collins** died 25 December 1890 and is buried in Springfield National Cemetery in Missouri.



John H. Ferrell was born 15 April 1829⁴ in Tennessee. He was a pilot in the United States Navy and enlisted in Illinois. **Ferrell** was issued his Medal of Honor on June 22 1865. The citation reads: *Served aboard the U. S. Monitor Neosho while at Bells Mills, Cumberland River, near Nashville, Tennessee on December 6, 1864. Ferrell gallantly left the pilothouse after the flag after signaled staffs of that vessel had been shot away and, taking the flag, which was drooping, over the wheelhouse, made it fast to the stump of the highest mast remaining although the ship was under heavy fire from the enemy.* **Ferrell** died 17 April 1900 and is buried in Price Cemetery, Elizabethtown, Illinois.

Gaines Lawson was born 4 September 1840⁵ in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He enlisted in Tennessee and was 1st Sergeant, Company D, 4th East Tennessee Infantry. **Lawson** was issued his Medal of Honor on June 11, 1895. The citation reads: *Lawson went to the aid of a wounded comrade between the lines and carried him to safety.* **Gaines Lawson** was the son of **James Willis** and **Malvina "Piney" Lawson**. He died 12 September 1906 in Pasadena, California and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

George Gillespie⁶ was born 7 October 1841 in Kingston, Tennessee. He enlisted in Chattanooga, Tennessee and was 1st Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers in the United States Army. **Gillespie** was issued his Medal of Honor on October 27 1897. The citation reads: *Gillespie placed himself in great danger by voluntarily making his way through the enemy's lines to communicate with General Sheridan. While rendering this service he was captured, but escaped – only later being captured again and escaped by dashing away under fire.* **George Gillespie** was the son of **George Lewis Gillespie**⁷ and **Margaret Alice McEwen**. He died 27 September 1913 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Daniel Dickerson Stevens⁸ was born 19 December 1839 in La Grange, Tennessee. **Stevens** was Quartermaster, United States Navy. The citation reads: *On board the U.S.S. Canonicus during attacks on Fort Fisher on 13 January 1865. As the Canonicus moved into position at 700 yards from shore, the enemy troops soon obtained her range and opened with heavy artillery fire, subjecting her to several hits and near misses until late in the afternoon when the heavier ships coming into line drove them into their bombproofs. Twice during the battle, in which his ship sustained 36 hits, the flag was shot away and gallantly replaced by Stevens.* **Stevens** died 7 November 1916 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Danvers, Massachusetts.

⁴ **Ferrell's** birth and death dates are per tombstone.

⁵ **Lawson's** birth and death dates are per tombstone.

⁶ **Gillespie's** birth and death dates are per tombstone.

⁷ **George Lewis Gillespie** was born 4 November 1812 and married **Margaret Alice McEwen** on 15 March 1838 in Roane County, Tennessee.

⁸ **Stevens's** birth and death dates are per tombstone. **Stevens** married **Mary D.** b. 1842 per the 1880 Peabody, Essex, Massachusetts census.

Oliver Hughes⁹ was born 21 January 1844 in Fentress County, Tennessee. **Hughes** enlisted at Albany, Kentucky and was a corporal, Company C, 12th Kentucky Infantry. He received his Medal of Honor on August 1, 1865. The citation reads: *The capture of the flag of the 11th South Carolina, Confederate States of America.* **Oliver Hughes** was the son of **Hardy Hughes** of North Carolina and **Martha** of Kentucky. He died 5 January 1911 in Macon County, Missouri and is buried in Old Callao Cemetery, Callao, Missouri.

The following select group, who had ties to Tennessee, fought in the Indian Wars:

George Grant¹⁰ was born 1834 in Raleigh, Tennessee. He enlisted in Indianapolis, Indiana and was a sergeant, Company E, 18th United States Infantry. His Medal of Honor citation reads: *For bravery, energy and perseverance, involving much suffering and privation through attacks by hostile Indians, while voluntarily carrying dispatches.* **Grant** died 1 September 1876 and is buried in Arborville Rural Cemetery, Stockville, NE.

James B. Dozier was born 2 May 1820 in Warren County, Tennessee. He enlisted at Fort Richardson, Texas in the United States Army. He was a civilian post guide. **Dozier** received his Medal of Honor on November 19, 1870. The citation reads: *Gallantry in action and on the march.* He died c. 1899 in Jacksboro, Texas and is buried in Bottom Cemetery, Jack County, Texas. In 1917 **Dozier** was one of the 911 that had their Medals of Honor rescinded. It was reinstated on 12 June 1989.

William Harding Carter¹¹ was born 19 November 1851 in Nashville, Tennessee. He enlisted at New York City, New York and was a 1st lieutenant, 6th United States Cavalry. He received his Medal of Honor on September 17, 1891. The citation reads: *Rescued, with voluntary assistance of two soldiers, the wounded from under heavy fire.* **Carter** died 24 May 1925 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Benoni Strivson was born in Overton County, Tennessee. He was a private, Company B, 8th United States Cavalry. He received his Medal of Honor on July 24, 1869. The citation reads: *Bravery in scouts and actions against Indians.*

George Jordan was born in Williamson County, Tennessee. He enlisted in Nashville, Tennessee and was a sergeant, Company K, 9th United States Cavalry. He received his Medal of Honor on May 7, 1890. The citation reads: *While commanding a detachment of 25 men at Fort Tularosa, New Mexico, repulsed a force of more than 100 Indians. At Carrizo Canyon, New Mexico, while commanding the right of a detachment of 19 men, on 12 August 1881, he stubbornly held his ground in an extremely exposed position and gallantly forced back a much superior number of the enemy, preventing them from surrounding the command.*

⁹ **Hughes's** birth and death dates are per tombstone.

¹⁰ **Grant's** birth and death dates are per tombstone.

¹¹ **Carter's** birth and death dates are per tombstone. **Carter** married **Ida Dawley** (1860-1958) on 27 October 1880. **Carter** attended Kentucky Military Institute in Frankfort, Kentucky and graduated from West Point in 1873.

William W. Morris was born in Stewart County, Tennessee. He was a corporal in Company H, 6th United States Cavalry. **Morris** received his Medal of Honor on April 23 1875. The citation reads: *Gallantry in engagement with Indians.*



This next section covers Medal of Honor recipients who were born, enlisted, died or buried in the state of Tennessee.

Joseph B. Adkinson was born 4 January 1892 in Egypt, Tennessee. He enlisted at Memphis, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War I for heroism. He died 23 May 1965 and is buried in Salem Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Atoka, Tennessee.

Clay Beauford, of Washington County, Maryland, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Indian Wars.

Robert Earl Bonney, Maryville, Tennessee, Navy. The Medal of Honor was earned during interim service in the Philippines.

Frederick Clarence Buck was born 1843 in Hartford, Connecticut. He enlisted in Windsor, Connecticut in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. His date of death is unknown and he is buried in Mountain Home National Cemetery, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Henry Buhrman was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and enlisted in Cincinnati in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. He died 1 June 1906 and is buried in Mountain Home National Cemetery, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Charles P. Cantrell was born 13 February 1874 in Smithville, Tennessee. He enlisted at Nashville in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Spanish-American War for heroism. He died 3 August 1948 and is buried in the Nashville National Cemetery.

John Carr was born 1847 in Columbus, Ohio. He enlisted at San Jose, California in the United States Army, earning his Medal of Honor during the Indian Campaigns for heroism. He died 15 July 1891 and is buried in the Nashville National Cemetery.

Joseph Samuel Cecil, New River, Tennessee, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Philippine Insurrection.

Raymond Henry Cooley was born 7 May 1914 in Dunlap, Tennessee. He enlisted at Richard City, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II for heroism. He died 12 March 1947 and is buried in Cumberland View Cemetery, Kimball, Tennessee.

Charles Henry Coolidge, Signal Mountain, Tennessee, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II.

Jesse W. Covington, Haywood, Tennessee, Navy. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War I.

Ray E. Duke was born 9 May 1923 in Whitwell, Tennessee. He enlisted at Whitwell in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Korean War for heroism. He died 11 November 1951 and is buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

James Alton Gardner was born 7 February 1943 in Dyersburg, Tennessee. He enlisted in Memphis in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Vietnam War for heroism. He died 7 February 1966 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

James Robert Lee Gillenwater was born 28 October 1871 in Rye Cove, Virginia. He enlisted at Rye Cove in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Philippine Insurrection for heroism. He died 19 January 1946 and is buried in Highland Cemetery, Rogersville, Tennessee.



Francis C. Green was born 4 September 1835 in Mount Vernon, Indiana. He enlisted at Sacramento, California in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Indian Campaigns for heroism. He died 13 March 1905 and is buried in an unmarked site on private property in Erin, Tennessee.

Allan James Greer, Memphis, Tennessee, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Philippine Insurrection.

Bolden Reush Harrison was born 26 April 1886 in Savannah, Tennessee. He enlisted in Tennessee in the United States Navy. The Medal of Honor was earned in the Philippines for heroism. He died 26 January 1952 and is buried in Savannah Cemetery, Savannah, Tennessee.

George Hobday was born 1842 in Pulaski, Illinois. He enlisted in Memphis, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Indian Campaigns. He died 22 November 1891 and is buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

Paul Bert Huff was born 23 June 1918 in Cleveland, Tennessee. He enlisted at Cleveland in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II for heroism. He died 21 September 1994 and is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Don Jenkins, Butler County Kentucky, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Vietnam War.

James Ernest Karnes was born 20 July 1889 in Arlington, Tennessee. He enlisted in Knoxville, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War I for heroism. He died 8 July 1966 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Elbert Luther Kinser was born 21 October 1922 in Greenville, Tennessee. He enlisted in Tennessee in the United States Marine Corps. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II for heroism. He died 4 May 1945 and is buried in Solomon Lutheran Church Cemetery, Greenville, Tennessee.

John Kyle, Cincinnati, Ohio, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Indian Wars.

Milo Lemert was born 25 March 1890 in Marshalltown, Iowa. He enlisted in Crossville, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War I for heroism. He died 29 September 1918 and is buried in Crossville Cemetery, Tennessee.

William Franklin Lyell was born 14 February 1929 in Hickman, Tennessee. He enlisted in Old Hickory, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Korean War for heroism. He died 31 August 1951 and is buried in the Nashville National Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

Charles L. McGaha was born 26 February 1914 in Crosby, Tennessee. He enlisted in Crosby, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II for heroism. He died 8 August 1984 and is buried in Union Cemetery, Newport, Tennessee.

Vernon McGarity, Hardin County, Tennessee, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II.

Troy A. McGill was born 15 July 1914 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He enlisted in Ada, Oklahoma in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II for heroism. He died 4 March 1944 and is buried in Knoxville National Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Charles F. Pendelton, Camden, Tennessee, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Korean Conflict.

David Robert Ray was born 14 February 1945 in McMinnville, Tennessee. He enlisted in Nashville in the United States Navy. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Vietnam War for heroism. He died 19 March 1969 and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery, McMinnville, Tennessee.

Samuel Robertson was born 1843 in Muskingum County, Ohio. He enlisted in Boarneville, Ohio in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. He died 18 June 1862 and is buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

James H. Robinson was born in Oakland County, Michigan. He enlisted in Victor, Michigan in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. His date of death is unknown. He is buried in Memphis National Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

Oliver P. Rood was born in Frankfort County, Kentucky. He enlisted in Terre Haute, Indiana in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. He died 11 June 1885 and is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

Marion A. Ross was born 1833 in Christianburg, Ohio. He enlisted in Christianburg in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. He died 18 June 1862 and is buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

John Morehead Scott was born 1839 in Stark County, Ohio. He enlisted in Findley, Ohio in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. He died 18 June 1862 and is buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Walter Keith Singleton was born 7 December 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee. He enlisted in Memphis in the United States Marine Corps. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Vietnam War for heroism. He died 24 March 1967 and is buried in Memory Hill Gardens, Memphis, Tennessee.

Samuel Slavens was born 1830 in Pike County, Ohio. He enlisted in Wakefield, Ohio in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. He died 18 June 1862 and is buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Timothy Spillane was born 1842 in Kerry, Ireland. He enlisted in Waterford, New York in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Civil War for heroism. He died 3 December 1901 and is buried in the Knoxville National Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Junior James Spurrier was born 14 December 1922 in Russell County, Kentucky. He enlisted in Riggs, Kentucky in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II for heroism. He died 25 February 1984 and is buried in Mountain Home National Cemetery, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Mitchell William Stout was born 24 February 1950 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He enlisted in Raleigh, North Carolina in the United States Marine Corps. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Vietnam War for heroism. He died 12 March 1970 and is buried in Virtue Cemetery, Concord, Tennessee.

Edward R. Talley was born 6 September 1890 in Russellville, Tennessee. He enlisted in Russellville in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War I for heroism. He died 14 December 1950 and is buried in Bent Creek Cemetery, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Calvin John Ward was born 30 October 1899 in Green County, Tennessee. He enlisted in Morristown, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was

earned during World War I for heroism. He died 15 December 15 1967 and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Bristol, Tennessee.

Seth Lathrop Weld, Sandy Hook, Maryland, Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during the Philippine Insurrection.

John Harlan Willis was born 10 June 1921 in Columbia, Tennessee. He enlisted in Tennessee in the United States Navy. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War II for heroism. He died 28 February 1945 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Tennessee.

Alvin C. York was born 13 December 1887 in Fentress County, Tennessee. He enlisted in Pall Mall, Tennessee in the United States Army. The Medal of Honor was earned during World War I for heroism. He died 2 September 1964 and is buried in Wolf River Cemetery, Pall Mall, Tennessee.

William F. Zion was born 23 October 1872 in Knightstown, Indiana. He enlisted in California in the United States Marine Corps. The Medal of Honor was earned during the China Relief Expedition for heroism. He died 25 March 1919 and is buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Medal of Honor is the highest-ranking combat award in the United States. A recipient of this award is automatically granted the right to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

On July 25, 1963, Congress established a set of guidelines under which the Medal of Honor could be awarded. These guidelines are: while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or, while serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.



Susan Godsey, Obion County Sleeping Beauty

By Jonas Jutton, newspaper correspondent, and published in newspapers in the 1890's.

Within twelve miles of Union City, there died on October 27, 1873, at the age of 37-years, a lady, who for twenty-four years was a puzzle and wonder to the scientific and medical world. Her name was **Susan Carolyn Godsey**,¹² known throughout the United States as the sleeping beauty, and she deserved that appellation, for rarely have eyes of man rested upon more beautiful features than those of Miss Godsey.

Before her death, many articles were written about her, some of which were true, in part, while others were base fabrications almost in total. To acquaint myself with the facts, I drove out to the home of Mrs. **Mary E. Journey**,¹³ Miss Godsey's sister, with whom lives her brother, **B. W. Godsey**.¹⁴ Mrs. Journey has reached the allotted span of life, while her brother has passed the meridian.

They are all that remain of the family. Mrs. Journey is a widow, whose children all married, and she and her bachelor brother live alone upon a little farm of twenty-four acres, which they own.

Susan Caroline Godsey was born in 1836, in Gibson County, Tenn. When seven years of age she moved to Obion County with her parents, who settled twelve-miles northwest of Union City, near the Kentucky line.

Susie, as her family and acquaintances called her, was as healthy as most children up to her eighth year, when she took the chills. The usual chill remedies would stop them for a while, but they invariably returned. When ten years of age she made a visit to her sister, Mrs. Journey, several miles away, and while there had a chill. A quack named **Wasson**, who had lately moved into the neighborhood from Middle Tennessee, was called in. He gave her medicines and left others, which were administered according to his directions, but the next day **Susie** had a chill as usual. The day following, she missed her chill, but had a convulsion resembling a fit. From that day, she began having cramping spells, the

¹² Susan was the daughter of Lacy Godsey, born 2 September 1797 in Virginia and Julia Angel, born 1 January 1805 in Virginia. This couple was married 20 December 1823 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. J.(ulia) A.(ngel) Godsey is listed on the 1860 Obion County census as age 54, b. in VA with son, William, age 17, b. TN; daughter S.(usan), age 21, b. TN. Susan is buried in Antioch Cemetery in Obion County, Tennessee, in an unmarked grave.

¹³ Mary E. Godsey was born in 1824 in TN per the 1850 Obion County, Tennessee census. She is listed with her husband, James Journey, b. 1827 in TN and children, Zenobia, b. 1843 in TN, Lorenzo, b. 1849 in TN and Jane Blanton, b. 1834 in TN. Mary married James Journey on 4 October 1847 in Obion County, Tennessee.

¹⁴ William Godsey is listed on the 1880 Cloars School House, Obion County, Tennessee census as age 32, b. TN, farmer, both parents born in Virginia; Julia Godsey, mother, age 76, b. VA, keeping house, both parents born in VA; Cey A. Godsey, niece, age 23, born in TN, keeping house, both parents born in TN.

peculiarity of which was that in a second, her heels would strike the back of her head, and before one could snap his finger, her knees and chin would come together.

Other physicians were called in who declared that the medicines **Wasson** had given her were the cause of her peculiar malady. But two of the remedies were known, delphinium and sulfuric ether. Of the former, he gave her a spoonful, enough to kill any three men. But **Susie's** system was such that it did not kill her, but in conjunction with the other drugs, threw her into a condition to which death would have been preferable. **Susie's** father was going to prosecute **Wasson** for malpractice, but he fled to Middle Tennessee, where he soon died.

Daily, for three years, **Susie** had these twisting, cramping spells, and every night, exactly at twelve o'clock, she would vomit blood after suffering terrible tortures. In three years, her peculiar afflictions left her, and she went into a sleep, which, with frequent awakenings, kept her in bed twenty-four years until death relieved her.

When her sleep was prolonged past the usual time, physicians were called in, but none of them could arouse her from her deathlike slumber.

Her condition soon became widely known, and physicians from abroad came to see her and study her case, which proved beyond all their skill. A physician came from Paris, France to see her, and procuring an interpreter at Hickman, KY, visited the sleeping beauty at her humble home, but the satisfying of his curiosity as to the truth of what he had heard was all that was accomplished by his visit.

In 1867, her brother, **B. W. Godsey**; her brother-in-law, **James Journey**;¹⁵ her niece, **Zenoba Journey**; and Mr. **Jonah Montgomery**, a friend, carried her to Nashville, where for several days under the care of the celebrated Dr. **Robert Eve**, she was exhibited to the students of a medical college of which Dr. **Eve** was president.

In 1870, her physicians, Dr. **C. P. Glover** and Dr. **John Ray**, accompanied by **Susie's** mother, her brother, **B. W. Godsey**, and **Zenoba Journey**, niece, carried her to a medical college in St. Louis. While in that city, celebrated physicians from all parts of the country came to see her but her case baffled the skill of them all.

During the twenty-four years of her sleep she would awake every morning at six o'clock, then every hour until noon. In the afternoon she would wake at three o'clock and then at sunset, and at night at nine and eleven o'clock. These hours were never varied, except every Wednesday, when she would wake at ten a.m. She would have cramping spells in the chest and hiccoughs, followed between ten and eleven o'clock by a vomiting of blood, sometimes as much as a pint.

She generally remained awake but five minutes, never over seven. Doctors present when she awoke would endeavor to keep her awake by animated conversation and by

¹⁵ On 2 November 1857, **James Journey** was appointed administrator of **Lacey Godsey's** estate, mother of **Susan**, deceased in Obion County, Tennessee. On 5 December 1860 The Obion County court allowed \$20 to supply wants of **Widow Godsey** and daughter who are in a helpless condition and appointed **E. S. Howard** to oversee allowance.

telling her of the pretty things they were going to bring her, but no diversion could prevent her falling asleep at the expiration of five minutes.

The house was visited daily by sightseers, and all were welcome to see the sleeping beauty, and no charge was made, though some left small presents of money. When feeling that she was going to sleep, she would invariably bid them good-bye, ask them to call again, and then fall into her death-like slumber.

Her sleep was more the appearance of death than a peaceful slumber. There was no sign of life. A mirror held to her nose and mouth exhibited not the slightest blur of moisture upon it, the lightest filmiest down laid upon her nostrils would not be agitated.

She was a small eater, though she enjoyed three regular meals a day and was fond of sweets and knickknacks.

Though Mr. and Mrs. Godsey were poor and had to battle for a living, they were too proud to gain wealth by their daughter's misfortune, notwithstanding they had excellent opportunities to do so. May showmen and museum managers offered them princely sums for the privilege of exhibiting their daughter, among them was **P. T. Barnum**, who made them several propositions, the last being \$1000 a week and the expenses of the family. To all these tempting offers the parents turned a deaf ear and when they died left their children but a few acres of land.

Though but thirteen years of age when she went to sleep, **Susie** grew to a full sized woman. Her head was crowned with a mass of coal black hair which grew rapidly, but strange to say, her fingernails and toenails never grew a particle after she went to sleep, and were not trimmed in the twenty-four years.

Miss Godsey was quite bright and intelligent and when awake enjoyed conversing upon any subject with which she was familiar.

During the twenty-four years of her sleep, she was subject to disease the same as others, and had several spells sickness, one of which was scarlet fever, which she caught from a negro boy who came to the door, no other member of the family contracting it.

It was the opinion of many physicians that if she could out live the effects of the medicines **Wasson** gave her she would regain her normal condition, and this theory is borne out by the fact that for several days prior, her daughter could be aroused from her slumber, such being impossible before. This would indicate that the effects of the drugs were wearing out, but her poor, tired body had also worn out, and she passed away, apparently of no disease but that produced by **Wasson's** remedies.

She departed this life October 27, 1873 and was laid to rest beside her mother in Antioch Cemetery, not far from her home. Watchers guarded her grave several nights for fear her body would be disinterred and offered as a sacrifice upon the altar of medical science.

Jonas Jutton

Mr. E. E. Adams, of the *Lebanon Democrat*, has announced himself as a candidate for the office of Assistant Clerk of the next House of Representatives. Mr. Adams was the efficient Journal Clerk of the last House. He is a well-known and popular young man.

Nashville Banner, 31 Aug 1898

A new Democratic Executive Committee of Warren County has been organized by the election of **John B. Biles**, of McMinnville, as chairman; **H. Cheatham King**, secretary; and **Byrom F. Smith**, treasurer. Appointed as a finance committee were **J. T. Wilson**, **Charles Cunningham**, **Leonard Vanhooser** and **Charles L. Keaton**.

Nashville Banner, 31 Aug 1898

George W. Thompson and **Chris A. Asmus** have associated themselves with **Henry Gibel** for practice of their profession as architects. The new firm will operate under the name of **Thompson, Gibel & Asmus** from 72-74 Cole Building in the city.

Nashville Banner, 31 Aug 1898

Prof **Franz Strahm** left Nashville today to resume his duties as teacher of a music class in Soule College.

Nashville Banner, 31 Aug 1898

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J. E. Caldwell, president of the Great Southern Telephone Company, and **Leland Hume**, secretary and manager, are among guests at the St. Charles Hotel. They are here for the purpose of seeing after improvements which have been going on for some months on the city's telephone system. Mr. **Hume** states that long distance phone work also is progressing finely, and there now remains only a little over 100 miles to be completed before Nashville will be in connection with Memphis.

Nashville Banner, 31 Aug 1898

Mr. **M. N. Parks, Jr.**, town marshal of Lynchburg, has sold his residence on Morgan Street in the northwest part of town, to Mr. **Albert R. Sample**, who will move into it in a few days. Mr. **Parks** will remove to the **C. S. Bobo** farm near Lynchburg.

Nashville Banner, 31 Aug 1898

Mr. **Frank Hunter**, of Bell Buckle, after a visit to his sister, Mrs. **W. T. Rodgers**, left for Arkansas where he has accepted a position to teach.

Nashville Banner, 30 Aug 1898

Miss **Mary Lyle McClure**, pianist and pupil of **Heinrich Barth**, Berlin, will receive a limited number of pupils. She opens her studio in the **Jesse French** building September 3 and will receive applications for pupils on Wednesdays and Saturdays following. Miss **McClure** is a well-known musician and teacher and will be a permanent addition to Nashville musicians.

Nashville Banner, 29 Aug 1898

The Asbury Park (N.J.) Press says: "Mrs. **Ella Rood** of Nashville, Tenn., is spending her third successive season here and says that each season infatuates her more and more with our beautiful city. Mrs. **Rood** is an accomplished pianist and composer of some note. Among her compositions which have won her fame are 'Remember, Boys, the Maine,' 'The Waves of the Wabash,' and 'The Belle of Nashville.' "

Nashville Banner, 29 Aug. 1898

Mr. **Jacob Shaw** has assumed control of the **McClelland House** in

Lynchburg, Mr. **Worth H. Rankin** retiring. Mr. **Rankin** also has disposed of his barbering business to **George Shaw**, and, together with his family, left Monday for Alabama where he will likely locate.
Nashville Banner, 25 Aug 1898

Prof. J. F. Draughon, president of **Draughon's Practical Business College**, has leased for a term of several years the "Cole Place," now occupied by **Drs. Savage and Price**, at 710 Church Street. Its attractiveness, both the building and yard, is not only well known to citizens of Nashville, but there are few persons who visit Nashville who do not know something of the Cole Place. The total cost of the buildings and grounds was about \$125,000.

Nashville Banner, 2 Aug 1898

Mr. Hiram Vaughn entertained a number of his old friends of the 18th District Sunday afternoon with a watermelon feast. Present were **Dr. J. B. Talbott**, **E. C. Roberts**, **William H. Jackson**, **Maj. Porter Weakley**, **Mat Weakley**, **Dr. Gray**, **James Cooper** and **Joe Cooper**. The party was made up wholly of men who have passed the meridian of life and who were born and reared in the 18th District.

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It was an interesting gathering and many old-time incidents were recounted.

Nashville Banner, 2 Aug 1898

Dr. W. M. Wright of Huntingdon has closed a contract with the company now building the **Carroll County courthouse** for the erection of a new hotel on the site of the old **Eason House**, which was destroyed by fire last February. The structure, to be erected at a cost of about \$10,000, is to be completed by Oct. 1.

Nashville Banner, 30 July 1898

Two new fourth-class postmasters for **Bedford County** were announced in Washington this week. They are **W. J. Covington**, named postmaster at **Deason**, and **Henry B. Brown**, new postmaster at **Singleton**.

Nashville Banner, 27 Jul 1898

W. A. Henry, prominent attorney and journalist of Yazoo City, Miss., is in the city having arrived accompanied by **Misses Blanche Prewett** and **Ada Love** who came to attend **Miss Higbee's Seminary** during the coming autumn and winter session.

Memphis Appeal, 18 Sep 1887

An infant two-weeks-old was left in a basket on the steps of **Mr. C. H. Rigg's** residence on **LaRose Street** Thursday night [15 Sep 1887]. **Mr. Riggs** and wife adopted the baby.

Memphis Appeal, 18 Sep 1887

W. B. Gates, who has been touring Canada, Montana, California and Colorado is home again.

Memphis Appeal, 18 Sep 1887

Col. W. H. Carroll and bride (née **Miss Mattie McKay**) have returned from a delightful tour of Europe. They have taken a room at the **Gayoso**.

Memphis Appeal, 17 Sep 1887

F. G. and J. F. Voigt are in **Jeffersonville, Ind.**, where they went to attend the funeral of their brother, **Father Fidelis Voigt**, who died of apoplexy in the 45th year of his age.

Chattanooga Press, 28 Dec 1900

Will Thompson, a prominent merchant at Braxton near Murfreesboro, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured on Christmas by a large firecracker exploding in his hand. His right eye was put out and the entire right side of his face badly mutilated.

Chattanooga Press, 28 Dec 1900

Jack O'Donohue has received the sad news of the death of his brother, **D. J. O'Donohue**, which occurred at San Louis Potosi, Mexico, Oct. 25. Mr. O'Donohue was well known in this city.

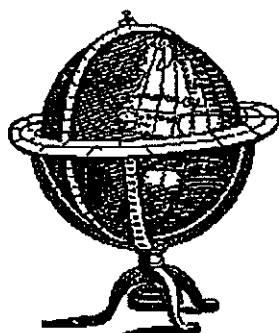
Chattanooga Press, 30 Nov 1900

Rev. **Harry Caldwell**, son of Rev. Dr. **L. B. Caldwell**, will leave Chattanooga Dec. 15 and San Francisco Dec. 20 for Fou Chow, China, where he will begin work as a missionary. His brother, Rev. **Ernest Caldwell**, is already located there with his family and is the only missionary in that part of China who has remained at his post during all the troubles there.

Chattanooga Press, 7 Dec 1900

Dr. **B. F. Travis** has returned from a western tour embracing the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and parts of Texas. Mrs. Travis and little **Mildred** are still visiting relatives in Ardmore, I. T. and

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receiving many social courtesies.

Chattanooga Press, 16 Nov 1900

Mr. **O. N. Gibbons** and family left Thursday morning [8 Nov 1900] for Vineland, N. J. to make their future home. They have been residents of Jersey, Tenn. for several years and have many friends in this city who regret to see them go.

Chattanooga Press, 9 Nov 1900

J. M. Dyer has been appointed postmaster at Billingsley, Tenn.

Chattanooga Press, 2 Nov 1900

Tomorrow Hon. **John E. McCall**, Republican nominee for governor, will address the citizens of the upper end of Hamilton County at Soddy. He will close his campaign in his own home at Lexington, Tenn. next Monday night.

Chattanooga Press, 2 Nov 1900

Miss **Maggie J. Ziegler**, daughter of Capt. **Jacob**

Ziegler of McMinn County, who has been in Oregon for the past year, has returned home.

Chattanooga Press, 19 Oct 1900

Selected as jurors for the January term of Hamilton County Court were: **W. R. Jones**, **Cole Nelson**, **Joe Harman**, **F. E. Plumlee**, **C. H. Smith**, **G. T. Johnson**, **J. C. Boydston**, **J. C. Pettijohn**, **A. T. Mitchell**, **John Hale**, **Nelson Carson**, **J. P. Minnis**, **F. J. Rowland**, **L. Glover**, **P. W. Grant**, **L. M. Varner**, **G. H. Murray**, **Thomas Rowe**, **William Weigle**, **Wm. Crawford, Jr.**, **J. A. Russell**, **B. F. Shipley**, **John A. Jones**, **Frank Ramo**, **Oliver Dixon**, **Lon Fritts**, **W. C. Bonham**, **M. L. Bates**, **W. A. Lee**, **A. C. Mulkey**, **F. W. Gray**, **James Cannon**, **John Garner**, **James R. Moore**, **George E. Purvis**, **Lee Adams**, **William Thomas**.

Chattanooga Press, 5 Oct 1900

John A. Rule and family returned Tuesday [2 Nov 1900] from Athens where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Rule's brother, **George Seehorn**, who died suddenly in Atlanta from a hemorrhage. He traveled for a New York firm and was well known in this city as he had often visited his sister here.

Chattanooga Press, 19 Oct 1900

W. J. Lawson has been appointed postmaster at Ocoee, Polk County.
Chattanooga Press, 19 Oct 1900

H. K. Evans, cashier of the Roan Iron Company, has returned from a trip to the Paris Exposition.
Chattanooga Press, 28 Sep 1900

Fred Frazier, Dayton, has gone to Nashville where he enters Peabody Normal College.
Chattanooga Press, 28 Sep 1900

The farm of **E. B. Hudson**, north of Dayton, has been sold to Col. **Eaves** of Spring City.
Chattanooga Press, 28 Sep 1900

Prof. G. C. McKenzie has resigned as cashier of Dayton Coal & Ice Company and will go to Denver.
Chattanooga Press, 28 Sep 1900

Joseph Cain, who for ten years has served as foreman at Whitwell for the Tennessee Iron & Coal Company, has with his family moved to Kentucky to reside.
Chattanooga Press, 28 Sep 1900

Mrs. Roach, of Ohio, is entertained by her mother, **Mrs. Wetzell**, but Lieutenant **Roach** left last week to join his regiment in Cuba.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

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Mr. Charles C. McGhee, of Atlanta, spent last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. **Matthew McClung** of Clinch Street.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Mr. Edward H. Eaton was in the city last week with his friend Mr. **Mead** of Hill Street.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Mr. William M. Meek reached the city a week ago from Anniston, Alabama, on a visit to his family.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Miss Taylor of Bristol is numbered among the attractive visiting girls in the city at this time.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Miss Nellie V. Smith of Rogersville is the much-admired guest of Miss **Annie Beach** of Main Street West.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Mrs. Hazen entertained as her guest last week Mrs. **Annie T. Ragsdale**, of Tate Spring.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Miss Gertie Lobenstein is at home after a six-weeks visit in Philadelphia with her friend, formerly Miss **Ochs**, of Chattanooga.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Miss Ellen W. Scott has returned from a delightful two-weeks visit with relatives in St. Louis.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Mrs. R. P. Oppenheimer left a week ago for Philadelphia, accompanied by her parents.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Mrs. Tatom and little son are in Savannah and will not return home until Major **Tatom**, of the Fourth Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, is mustered out of the service.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

Friends and relatives in Middle Tennessee entertained Mrs. **Jacob L. Thomas** and Mrs. **Lytton Thomas** during the past week.
Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

PARKER-CARROLL

Manchester, 28 July - Esquire **J. L. Carroll** of the Eighth District of Coffee County and Miss **Oata Parker** of the same district were united in marriage in front of **W. M. Malone's** restaurant on the Public Square here yesterday afternoon by County Judge **John A. Lawing**. Mr. **Carroll** is one of the youngest and most prominent and popular members of the County Court, and his bride is a most attractive and popular young lady. The marriage was not a Gretna Green affair, as the parties did not clandestinely steal away from home and parents for the purpose of having the nuptial knot tied, but willfully and for the pleasure of the novelty and romance of the affair, chose the manner of getting married as they did.

Nashville Banner, 28 Jul 1898

DEGRAFFENRIED-LASHLEE

Union City, 23 July - At the residence of the bride's father, Thursday evening [21 Jul 1898], Mr. **Gura Lashlee** of Corning, Ark., and Miss **Pearcie DeGraffenried** were united in marriage by Elder **G. N. Glover**. Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple took the train

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for Corning, their future home. The bride is one of Union City's fairest daughters. The groom is one of Corning's most popular and prosperous businessmen.

Nashville Banner, 23 Jul 1898

FARNSWORTH-CAPPS

Married at Grace Church on the 22d of December 1870, at 4 p.m. by the Rev. Mr. **Carmichael, Robert M. Capps** to Miss **Kate P. Farnsworth**, second daughter of **H. F. Farnsworth, Esq.**, all of this city. No cards.

Memphis Avalanche, 25 Dec 1870

CROSBY-HOLLISTER

Married on the 29 inst. by Esquire **Moore, Mr. William P. Hollister** and Miss **Maggie Crosby**, both of Memphis.

Memphis Public Ledger, 30 Jan 1867

PAYNE-HOWELL

Wednesday night [28 Nov 1898] at the First Presbyterian Church, Miss **Emily Payne** and Mr. **Charles H. Howell** were married, Dr. **Bachman** officiating. The wedding was one of the most beautiful ever witnessed in the city. The church was beautifully decorated in palms and huge yellow chrysanthemums. Miss **Payne** was lovely in a full bridal costume of pure white satin. An informal reception followed at the home of the bride's father, Mr. **T. H. Payne**. The couple will enjoy an eastern trip and on their return will be at home at the Aldine.

Chattanooga Press, 30 Nov 1900

LOOP-ELLIS

Tuesday morning [4 Dec 1900] at the home of the bride's father, Miss **Mary Loop** and Dr. **G. Manning Ellis** were married in the presence of their immediate friends, Dr. **Bachman** officiating. The wedding was a simple, quiet home affair, but none the less beautiful in its appointments. Dr. and Mrs. **Ellis** left for an eastern trip and on their return will be at home at the **Ellis** place on Bluff View.

Chattanooga Press, 7 Dec 1900

BELL-TERRELL

Miss **Willie Bell** of Bon Air [White County] and Mr. **H. F. Terrell** of Chattanooga were married on the 6th December at the bride's home, Rev. **E. W. Brown** performing the ceremony. The newly-married couple left at once for Chattanooga.

Chattanooga Press, 7 Dec 1900

NELSON-TOMLINSON

On December 6th at 5 o'clock, Miss **Bland Nelson** and Dr. **Tomlinson** of Tate Springs, Grundy County, were married at Sewanee. The ceremony was performed by Dr. **Guerry** at St. Augustine's Chapel, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Miss **Nelson** is one of Sewanee's most popular young ladies, and she never appeared to a better advantage than on this occasion, gowned in white crepe de chine and lace. There were a dozen or more attendants, and the bridesmaids all wore white organdy and carried pink roses.

Chattanooga Press, 7 Dec 1900

CAMPBELL- WOODWARD

Mrs. **Ada B. Campbell** and Mr. **Robert P. Woodward** were quietly married Tuesday morning [11 Dec 1900] at the home of the bride on Vine Street.

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Dr. **Bachman** performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for an eastern trip. Upon their return, they will go to housekeeping at their pretty new home on Mission Ridge.

Chattanooga Press, 14 Dec 1900

POLLOCK-CLEMMONS

Friends of the contracting parties will be greatly surprised to learn that Miss **Bertha Pollock** and Mr. **Frank Clemmons** were quietly married Sunday afternoon [9 Dec 1900] at the home of the bride on Walnut street, Dr. **Bachman** officiating. The young people were to have been married on Tuesday evening, but Mr. **Clemmons** received a telegram calling him from the city and, as all the details were arranged, they were married at 3 o'clock and left at 4:10 o'clock for Knoxville, Bristol, and

Richmond, Virginia.
Chattanooga Press, 14 Dec 1900

MANSFIELD-BIESE

Tuesday night [20 Nov 1900] at the home of the bride on East Fourth Street, Capt. **C. W. Biese** and Mrs. **Mary Mansfield** were married. The wedding was a quiet one, witnessed only by the immediate family. Dr. **Alonzo Monk** came down from Knoxville to perform the ceremony. Mrs. **Mansfield** is a sister to Mrs. **Virgil Moore**. Mr. **Biese** is a well-known insurance agent.

Chattanooga Press, 23 Nov 1900

SNODGRASS-DEWITT

A brilliant social event was the wedding of Miss **Anna Snodgrass** and Mr. **W. H. DeWitt** at the Centenary Church Tuesday night [20 Nov 1900]. Dr. **Monk** of Knoxville performed the ceremony. The couple left for an eastern bridal trip.

Chattanooga Press, 23 Nov 1900

SELMAN-ABERNATHY

Cards have been received in this city to the wedding of Miss **Mary Selman** and Dr. **T. E. Abernathy** on 28 November at Bridgeport, Ala. Miss **Selman** formerly lived here and is well known and popular in social circles. She is a sister to **Tom** and **Walter Selman**. Dr. **Abernathy** is a leading physician and a member of

one of the oldest and best Tennessee families. He is at present county physician and stands high in his profession.

Chattanooga Press, 23 Nov 1900

MEACHAM-STEWART

Married at noon Thursday, September 8, 1870, at the residence of the bride's father by Rev. Dr. J. H. Gray, Mr. William Stewart to Miss Ida Meacham, daughter of M. L. Meacham.

Memphis Avalanche, 9 Sep Dec 1870

ROSSER-GRIFFIN

Married at the residence of the bride's father at Gallaway's Station, Tenn., on Nov. 8, 1870, by Rev. Mr. Gill, Mr. D. F. Griffin to Miss Maria Rosser, daughter of Col. John Rosser, Fayette County.

Memphis Avalanche, 7 Nov 1870



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ANDERSON-PIERSON

Married Nov. 16, 1870, by Rev. David Walk, pastor of Linden Street Christian Church, Mr. August Pierson and Miss Christine Anderson, all of Memphis.

Memphis Avalanche, 25 Dec 1870

PAYNE-MERIWETHER

Married at the residence of Mrs. Loftin in Chelsea at 5 p.m. Wednesday [7 Dec 1870] by Rev. Dr. Ford, C. F. Meriwether and Miss P. Laura Payne of Hernando, Miss.

Memphis Avalanche, 9 Dec 1870

ANDERSON-DORAN

Married on 27 November [1870] at "Hard Knocks," residence of the bride's father, Judge William R. Anderson, by Rev. James A. Quinn, Miss Lizzie P. Anderson to Robert E. Doran, all of Desha County, Ark.

Memphis Avalanche, 11 Dec 1870

BLACKBURN- CAVENAGH

Married at the residence of Rev. Father Kelly, St. Peter's Church, on 14 December, Dr. W. C. Cavenagh to Mrs. Diana Blackburn, all of Memphis.

Memphis Avalanche, 15 Dec 1870

SHUGART-REID

Cleveland, Tennessee, April 29th - The marriage of Miss Mabel Shugart, daughter of Dr. Shugart, of this place and Mr. Thomas B. Reid, of Spring City, occurred Wednesday evening at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Reverend J. T. Fender officiating. Miss Shugart advanced to the altar on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Ethel Bryant. The bride was beautiful in her white organdie over satin. The bridesmaids were Misses Susie Reid, sister of the groom and Claude Shugart. The best man was Mr. Holloway of Charleston, and the groomsmen were: Messrs. Herbert, Bushnell, both of Chattanooga, and John Smith of this place. Messrs. Fred McKamy and Hugh Knox were ushers.

Journal & Tribune, 30 April 1899

MOORE

Jackson, July 22 - The remains of **W. L. Moore**, late cashier of the Second National Bank, arrived here yesterday from St. Mary's Parish, La., where he accidentally killed himself about noon last Tuesday [19 Jul 1898] by a pistol shot. The news of his death received here Tuesday evening was a great shock to the community. The deceased temporarily resigned his position as cashier and about three weeks ago went to Hot Springs, hoping to repair his declining health. Failing to be benefited, he, with his wife and two children, left here last Friday to visit his sister residing in St. Mary's Parish where the unfortunate accident ended his life. He was a genial gentleman who was exceedingly popular in business and commercial circles. The funeral at 10:30 o'clock yesterday was under auspices of the local Knights of Pythias lodge with religious services being conducted by Rev. **G. T. Sullivan**. The banks closed during the funeral hours as a mark of respect, and a large procession followed the remains to Riverside. Immediately following this procession was that of the late **John Wagner**, who was accidentally killed by an engine in the Big Four

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yards at Cairo Wednesday. A similar scene has never before been witnessed in Jackson.

Nashville Banner, 22 Jul 1898

WATKINS

Mr. **Zack Watkins**, well-known citizen of Dyersburg, Tenn., and a member of the dry goods firm of **J. R. Baker & Company**, died at his home last Monday after a brief illness. He had been county clerk of Dyer County for about 15 years and was highly respected.

Memphis Appeal, 11 Aug 1887

JONES

Mrs. **Susan E. Jones**, wife of Mr. **W. A. Jones**, died quite suddenly at the residence of her father, Mr. **John Kirk**, last evening. She had a slight swelling on one of her fingers and a medical gentleman called in the evening at her request to lance it. She expressed a wish to inhale chloroform and poured a portion of it on her handkerchief and inhaled it. While the

operation was going on, her head suddenly fell forward. The usual restoratives were immediately applied but they availed not. She was dead.

Memphis Public Ledger, 21 Jan 1867

CLEAGUE

Mr. **T. A. Cleague** died Tuesday [11 Dec 1900] at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **James Johnson**, in St. Elmo. He had been well known in this city for a number of years and had several of his children and grandchildren living here. The funeral was held Wednesday from the Johnson residence and the interment was at Forest Hill. Mrs. Dr. **McCleary** was here from Chicago to be at her father's bedside.

Chattanooga Press, 14 Dec 1900

FORD

William P. Ford died Tuesday [11 Dec 1900] at his home in Sherman Heights at the age of 68-years. He came to Chattanooga as a volunteer in 1864 and at the close of the war located at Sherman Heights where he has since resided. He was one of the best-known men in Hamilton County. Besides his widow, he leaves the following children: **Fannie**, **Sallie**, **Mamie**, **Annie** and **William P. Ford, Jr.**, who reside at his late home. The funeral was held Thursday with the Masons in charge

of the services. He had been a member of that order for over 30 years. Interment was at Greenwood Cemetery.

Chattanooga Press, 14 Dec 1900

LEWIS

James Lewis, 91-years-old, died in James County.

Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900

WOMACK

Mrs. Sallie A. Womack died Sunday [18 Nov 1900] at her home at Big Springs, Meigs County. Mrs.

Womack had reached the age of 73-years and had been a devoted member of the Baptist Church for over 60-years. She was the mother of **E. A. Womack**, postmaster at Sherman Heights. The funeral was held at Big Springs with Rev. **J. H. Martin** of Sherman Heights officiating.

Chattanooga Press, 23 Nov 1900

KONTZ

News has been received in this city from the War Department at Washington of the death of Lieut.

Howard W. Kontz, who was killed in action October 30 in the Philippine Islands. He was at Chickamauga during the encampment and had since married Miss **Bertie Greer** of this city. She has been living with her father, Dr. **J. M. Greer**, since her husband's absence. The remains will

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be brought to this city and interred in the National Cemetery.

Chattanooga Press, 14 Dec 1900

FAIN

News was received in this city of the death of Mrs. **George Fain** of Dandridge on Monday [19 Nov 1900]. She belonged to one of the oldest East Tennessee families and was highly respected by the entire community. She was a sister to Mrs. **John King** of King's Point and an aunt to Mrs. **B. F. Fritts** and Mrs. **W. R. Frye** of this city. The deceased was the mother of Dr. **S. W. Fain**, formerly of this city; Mrs. **George W. Pickle**, wife of Attorney General **Pickle** of this state; Mrs. **Franklin**, Miss **Kittie**, **William** and **George Fain**.

Chattanooga Press, 14 Dec 1900

PLUMB

George Plumb, a highly-esteemed citizen, died Sunday afternoon [11 Nov 1900] at his home in Highland Park of kidney

trouble. He was 76 years of age. Mr. **Plumb** was born in Connecticut but had been a resident of this city for more than 12 years. Dr. **Wallace Plumb**, the well-known druggist on the corner of East Ninth Street and Georgia Avenue, is the only child that survives him. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from Centenary church by Dr. **Duncan**, assisted by Dr. **Monk**, who came from Knoxville to take part in the services. Mrs. **Plumb** is very ill and owing to her advanced age and the shock of her husband's death, her recovery is doubtful.

Chattanooga Press, 16 Nov 1900

KREIGNER

Mrs. Josephine Kreigner, one of the oldest and most highly-respected citizens of this city, died last Sunday [4 Nov 1900] at her last residence, 212 Cherry Street. She had been a resident of Chattanooga for many years. The funeral was held Monday at the residence, conducted by Dr. **Bachman**. By her death she leaves four children, three of whom reside in this city and one in New York.

Chattanooga Press, 9 Nov 1900

BURKE

Gen. **Joseph W. Burke** who was well known in this city, having lived here for several years, died Wednesday [7 Nov 1900] at Jacksonville, Ala. of

apoplexy. In this city he was receiver for the Chattanooga Southern Railway and went from here to Mobile, Ala., where he was appointed collector of the port by the McKinley administration, which position he held at the time of his death. His last visit to this city was to the Army of the Cumberland reunion early in October.

Chattanooga Press, 9 Nov 1900

PEABODY

Mr. Charles H. Peabody died Wednesday at noon [31 Oct 1900] at his home, 24 McCallie Avenue. He had been in ill health for more than a year but for three weeks had been confined to his home and rapidly grew worse until the end came. Mr. Peabody was born at Gilead, ME in 1841. He came south in 1866 and for about 30-years had been a prominent resident of Chattanooga. He held public offices both in the city and county and was highly-esteemed by all who knew him. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum and an officer of Second Presbyterian Church. He was a charitable, kind-hearted man and is mourned by many to whom he had been a benefactor. Deceased leaves a wife and one daughter. The funeral was held from the family residence Thursday

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afternoon, and interment was in Forest Hill.

Chattanooga Press, 2 Nov 1900

DORSEY

Mr. William Dorsey, Sr., one of Hamilton County's best citizens, died at his home in Whorley, TN yesterday morning. He will be buried at Concord Cemetery this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Chattanooga Press, 2 Nov 1900

CHANDLER

Mr. I. S. Chandler, well-known citizen of Chattanooga, residing for the summer at Tellico Plains in Monroe County, was struck by a flying timber in his sawmill there last Thursday [4 Oct 1900] and instantly killed. The body was brought to this city for interment last Saturday. His wife, formerly Miss Doty, will remain in this city where her father and sister reside.

Chattanooga Press, 12 Oct 1900

LOOP

Mrs. Harriet Loop, wife of C. L. Loop, manager of the Southern Express Company, died Wednesday at noon [10 Oct 1900] at the family residence on Gillespie Street. She had been ill for several weeks, but was not thought to be in any danger. Her death was very sudden, and a shock to her many friends. The funeral service was held Friday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church and the remains taken Friday night to Memphis for interment.

Chattanooga Press, 12 Oct 1900

RITCHEY

Mr. A. Ritchey, aged citizen of Hamilton County, died at his home at Chickamauga, Tenn., Tuesday [9 Oct 1900]. Interment was in Concord Cemetery.

Chattanooga Press, 12 Oct 1900

MATTHEWS

William, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Matthews, of 609 Broad Street, died suddenly yesterday morning as a result of a blow to the head while playing with another child. Mr. Clifton Bell, a brother of Mrs. Matthews, will arrive from Virginia this morning and it is possible that the remains will be taken to Bedford City, Virginia.

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Across the Southern Frontier to Tennessee: The Story of Stephen Beaver

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Introduction

This is the first in a planned series of articles on the family of **Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver** summarizing the results from more than thirty-years of genealogical research. In the first article, essentially every scrap of information concerning **Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver**, from every source is presented, hopefully, in its proper historical context. Subsequent articles will focus upon each of their children. We originally embarked on this journey to identify and document the persistent family tradition of a Native American connection. Unfortunately, no such connection has been found; although, several tantalizing possibilities remain. We trust that the following will be of interest to other researchers, especially those confronting burned or otherwise destroyed courthouses, persistent and undocumented family traditions, as well as undocumented genealogies published many years ago.

One note concerning the spelling of the name is in order. In most, but not all records, the name is spelled **Beaver**. Our own line of the family seemed to consider that spelling as correct. However, the name frequently appears spelled in numerous imaginative ways.

Settling on the Georgia Frontier

Stephen Beaver was born circa 1774. Many researchers have stated that he was born circa 1755 in Pennsylvania, where he served in the American Revolutionary War.¹⁶ Mr. **Melbourne Moose** claimed that **Stephen** "...moved from Pennsylvania to Tennessee about the last decade of the 17th century. He was married twice. The first wife was **Nancy White**. Two sons are known about, one by each wife: (1) **Stephen Beavers II**, (2) **Michael Beavers**, (3) **William** (probably another son)." Other researchers claim that **Stephen Beaver** changed his name from **Christoph Bieber** and then migrated to Tennessee. **Christoph Bieber**, born February 23, 1756, was the son of **Johannes** and **Magdalena (Hagel) Bieber** of Berks County, Pennsylvania. While some or even most of these claims may be true, absolutely no documentation has been found to substantiate them. A careful review of the extant records provides absolutely no proof that **Stephen Beaver** or his wife, **Nancy**, came from Pennsylvania. At least one researcher maintains that the **Beaver** family was of Irish and Welsh descent, rather than of German origin.

¹⁶ **Beaver, Rev. I. M.**, *History and Genealogy of the Bieber, Beaver, Biever, Beeber Family*, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1939. (The book is widely quoted and its contents widely circulated, but much about **Stephen Beaver** is wrong.)

Our **Stephen Beaver** first surfaces in 1798 on the tax digest for Franklin County, Georgia.¹⁷ That year his dwelling house was assessed at \$45. He owned a 408-acre tract of land assessed at \$351. The tax digest for the year 1800 indicates that his property was located on the waters of Broad River in Captain **John Barnet**'s District.¹⁸ Unfortunately, no record of him acquiring that or any other land in Franklin County has been found. Just when **Stephen** settled in Franklin County also is uncertain. It is presumed that he married elsewhere and brought his young bride to the newly-opened lands in northern Georgia circa 1796. Of course, it also is possible that he met and married his bride there on the northern Georgia frontier.

On June 13, 1803, **Stephen** and **Nancy Beaver** sold a portion of their land.¹⁹ **Francis Hanby** paid \$75 in cash for the 120-acre parcel. Both **Stephen** and **Nancy** signed the deed that left them with just 288 acres from their original tract. On October 6, 1804, **Stephen** and **Nancy Beaver** sold another portion of their remaining land to Castleton Lyon of Elbert County.²⁰ The 200-acre parcel sold for \$400 and left the couple with just 88 acres of land. Both **Stephen** and **Nancy Beaver** signed the deed. **John White** made his mark on the deed as a witness.

In 1805, **Stephen Beaver** of Franklin County registered for the Georgia Land Lottery.²¹ As a free, white male, married, with wife or minor child, with one-year residence in Georgia, and citizen of the United States, he was entitled to two draws in the lottery. Unfortunately, he drew two blanks. No record has been found of **Stephen** and **Nancy** selling or otherwise disposing of their remaining 88 acres. It is possible that they simply abandoned their property. Of course, it also is possible that they sold it and the purchaser simply did not take the trouble to record the deed of sale at the courthouse. That was not an uncommon practice during that period.

Soon after losing the land lottery, **Stephen** moved his family further west into the frontier of northern Alabama. Not surprisingly, no record has been located of **Stephen** in any records there. In fact, the first local government, Madison County, was not formed until 1808 from land acquired through the Cherokee and Chickasaw Cession of 1806. The only evidence that **Stephen** was in Alabama is based upon the statement made by his daughter, **Sarah**, many years later that she was born in Alabama in 1805. Perhaps **Sarah** was born during the family's trek to Tennessee.

Migrating to Tennessee

Stephen Beaver next appears in Lincoln County, Tennessee, which was formed from Bedford County in 1809. Unfortunately, **Stephen** does not appear in any extant Bedford County records. But it is clear that he migrated to what was then Bedford County

¹⁷ Tax Digests, Franklin County, Georgia, 1798, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Georgia.

¹⁸ Tax Digests, Franklin County, Georgia, 1800-03, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Georgia.

¹⁹ Land Records, Franklin County, Georgia, Deed Book 000, pages 8-9, Franklin County Courthouse, Carnesville, Georgia. (Hereinafter cited as Franklin Deeds.)

²⁰ Franklin Deeds, Book 000, Pages 68-69.

²¹ Wood, V. S. and R. V. Wood, *1805 Georgia Land Lottery*, page 23, The Greenwood Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1964.

sometime prior to the organization of Lincoln County. He was styled "**Stephen Beavers of Bedford County, Tennessee**" when he purchased a tract of land in Lincoln County on October 20, 1809.²² He paid \$250 to **John Whitaker** for the 50-acre property located along the east fork of Mulberry Creek. **Hardy Holman, John Whitaker, Jr. and Joseph Whitaker** signed the deed as witnesses.

On December 5, 1811, the Lincoln County Court ordered several men, including **Stephen and Michael Beavers and John White**, to work on the public road leading from the mouth of Mulberry Creek to **George Abel's**.²³ The two neighbors, **Stephen and Michael Beaver**, were brothers, although no contemporary records prove their relationship. Proof that they were brothers may be found only in the words of their descendents. **Michael Beaver's** son, **Stephen**, married his first cousin, **Elizabeth**, the daughter of **Stephen Beaver**. Descendents of the couple handed down the tradition that they were first cousins and recorded that tradition in various letters and other documents. In addition, of course, it is easy to presume that **John White** was related to **Stephen's** wife, **Nancy**. Perhaps he was her father or her brother.

Stephen Beaver entered into a business partnership with **Samuel Ramsey**. The nature and purpose of their partnership was not recorded. But, on April 2, 1813, the two men together purchased a tract of land from **Abraham Noblet**.²⁴ The 400-acre tract was situated on the south side of Mulberry Creek adjacent to the old Eastland tract. The land was either adjacent to or very near the 50-acre tract that **Stephen** had purchased in 1809. At least both of **Stephen's** other two tracts also were adjacent to the old Eastland survey. **Thomas Hickman and Robert Edmonson** signed the deed as witnesses.

The Lincoln County Court, on February 7, 1815, ordered **Thomas Dart** to be bound out as an apprentice.²⁵ **Stephen Beavers** was ordered to take the fifteen-year-old orphan to live with him until he arrived at the age of twenty-one. During that term, **Stephen Beaver** was to teach the young man to read and write, as well as the trade of the cabinet business. From that record, we conclude that, in addition to farming, **Stephen Beaver** worked as a cabinetmaker. We also conclude that **Stephen Beaver** was a literate man. On September 3, 1815, **Stephen Beavers** witnessed a deed conveying land from **John P. Wiggins** of Franklin County, Tennessee to **Joseph Mooney** of Lincoln County.²⁶ Then, on December 2, 1815, **Stephen Huff** sold a tract of land to **Stephen Beaver**.²⁷ Located on the east fork of Mulberry Creek, the tract contained 194 acres of land. **James Holman and Daniel Whitaker** witnessed the deed.

As previously noted, the specific nature and purpose of the partnership between **Stephen Beaver** and **Samuel Ramsey** remain unclear. Perhaps the two men simply joined together in order to facilitate the purchase of that 400-acre tract. More likely, the land

²² Land Records, Lincoln County, Tennessee, Deed Book A, page 169, Lincoln County Courthouse, Fayetteville, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as Lincoln Deeds.)

²³ County Court Records, Lincoln County, Tennessee, Minute Docket, Volume 1, 1811-1812, page 147, Lincoln County Courthouse, Fayetteville, Tennessee.

²⁴ Lincoln Deeds, Book C, page 72.

²⁵ Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Lincoln County, Tennessee, 1814-1817, page 144, Lincoln County Courthouse, Fayetteville, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as Lincoln Court Records.)

²⁶ Lincoln Deeds, Book C, page 426.

²⁷ Lincoln Deeds, Book E, page 75.

purchase facilitated some sort of business venture, such as timbering, mining, farming, milling, or mere speculation. Perhaps the timber on the land was the source of wood for their cabinetmaking business. In any event, the two men apparently dissolved their partnership in a little over three years. On August 20, 1816, they split the 400-acre tract into two parcels of 200 acres each and recorded the transaction in two separate deeds. The first deed conveyed the half located on the waters of Mulberry Creek adjoining **Stephen Huff's** corner to **Samuel Ramsey**.²⁸ The document was witnessed by **Edward Tatum** and **James Holman**. The second deed conveyed the other half located on the waters of Mulberry Creek adjoining **George Maxwell's** corner to **Stephen Beaver**. The second deed was witnessed by **Edward Tatum** and **James Hamilton**.

Stephen sold a portion of his 200-acre tract to **John Dusenbury** on July 17, 1816.²⁹ He sold the 50 acres of land on the waters of the east fork of Mulberry Creek for \$75. **John Beaver** and **Thomas Dark** witnessed the deed. The identity of **John Beaver** is uncertain. Surely, **Stephen's** son, **John**, was too young to witness the deed. Thus, it is presumed that **John** was one of **Stephen's** nephews. At the November 1816 Session of the County Court, **Stephen** did his civic duty by serving on the local jury.³⁰ In 1820, **Stephen Beaver's** household consisted of sixteen persons.³¹

Males

Two, under 10
Two, between 10 and 16

One, over 45

Females

Two, under 10
One, between 10 and 16
One, between 16 and 26
One, between 26 and 45

It is presumed that **Stephen** is the oldest male and his wife is the oldest female. Because he is over 45, but his wife is under 45, it is estimated that he was born circa 1774 and that she was born circa 1776. Such estimated birth years are consistent with the births of their known children. The two older boys probably are their sons **John** and **Thomas**. The two younger boys probably are their sons **James** and **Carroll**. The oldest girl probably is their daughter **Nancy**. The next oldest girl probably is their daughter **Sarah**. Their daughter **Elizabeth**, then just one-year-old, is presumed to be one of the two younger girls. The other is an unknown daughter about 7-years-old. **Stephen Beaver** owned six slaves, four males and two females. However, certain questions remain. Where were their oldest two daughters? It is likely that they both had married prior to 1820 and were living in other households. Where was **Thomas Dart**, the young apprentice? Had he graduated early from his apprenticeship? Had he absconded? Had he died? The early court records are silent as to his fate.

Three other **Beaver** families were living in Lincoln County in 1820.³² **Michael Beaver**, then between 26-and-45-years of age, headed one household. Heading the other two households were **Rigdon Beaver**, between 16-and-26-years-old, and **William Beaver**, between 26-and-45-years-old. What relationships existed between the four men remains

²⁸ Lincoln Deeds, Book D, page 292.

²⁹ Lincoln Deeds, Book D, page 199.

³⁰ Lincoln Court Records, 1814-1817, page 398.

³¹ 1820 Census, Lincoln County, Tennessee, page 29, available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

³² 1820 Census, Lincoln County, Tennessee, pages 7 and 47.

uncertain. **Stephen** and **Michael Beaver** were brothers. Many family researchers have postulated that the four men were brothers, but no documents have been cited to substantiate that conclusion. Perhaps the four men were brothers. Only further research may provide sufficient evidence to prove that supposition.

Stephen Beaver was a devout Baptist. He took an active part in the affairs of the local Ball Fork Baptist Church of Christ.³³ On the third Saturday of July 1818, the congregation received a petition from the Tuckers Creek Church requesting help in settling a certain difficulty. Brothers **John Whitaker, Sr., Benjamin Boone, D. Warren, Stephen Beaver,** and **John J. Whitaker** answered the petition. Unfortunately, the precise nature of the difficulty was not recorded. Again, on the third Saturday of May 1819, Brother **Mark Whitaker** brought a complaint against Brother **John White**. Brothers **Stephen Beaver** and **Hodges** were assigned to summon the offending brother to the next meeting. **John White** attended the next meeting on the third Sunday of June and gave the congregation satisfaction. **Rachel White** also came forward and was received into the congregation by letter formerly granted by the congregation.

On the third Saturday of June 1823, the local congregation voted Brother **Beavers** out of their fellowship because he had left the neighborhood in a disorderly manner. However, on the third Saturday of September 1824, the congregation received a letter from **Stephen Beavers** asking for a letter of dismission, which was granted. Those events mark his move to Henderson County.

Moving to Henderson County

Settlers first arrived in Henderson County soon after the Chickasaw Treaty was signed in 1818.³⁴ However, because the treaty allowed the Chickasaws continued use of their hunting grounds for two years, migration did not begin in earnest until 1821 and 1822. **Stephen Beaver** was among the first significant wave of immigration into that section of western Tennessee. Unfortunately, genealogical research is difficult in early Henderson County. The sturdy courthouse, styled the "*Temple of Justice*," was destroyed by fire in 1863, thought to have been the doing of the Third Michigan Cavalry, who were then quartered in it. Most of the county records were consumed in this fire. A new courthouse was completed in 1867, but that one also succumbed to the ravages of fire early one morning in 1895. Nearly all of the county records were destroyed by that second conflagration.

When county records are missing, the family researcher must rely upon records from other primary sources. Foremost among them are the federal census schedules. Also important are the records kept at the state level, as well as those from the surrounding counties. Of course, private records, such as church records, cemetery records, family bibles, letters, etc., also are important sources of information. And lastly, when the primary sources are exhausted, secondary sources should be consulted if available. A published history in speaking of the early settlers in the vicinity of Mifflin states that, "*A little south and west lived Stephen Beaver, Samuel Neill, and James Neill. It is believed*

³³ Minutes of the Ball Fork Baptist Church of Christ, Lincoln County, Tennessee, available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

³⁴ **Bolen, H. J.,** *Henderson County's History*, The Home Journal, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 1922.

they were from North Carolina."³⁵ The first mills in that vicinity were those of **Jere Hendricks** and **Richard McCleary** on Forked Deer and **Stephen Beaver** on Clark Creek. In 1830, **Stephen Beaver**'s household included seventeen persons.³⁶

Males

One, between 5 and 10
One, between 10 and 15
One, between 20 and 30
Two, between 30 and 40
One, between 50 and 60

Females

One, between 5 and 10
One, between 10 and 15

One, between 40 and 50

The oldest male is presumed to be **Stephen**. His age category is consistent with an estimated birth year of 1774, but is not consistent with a previously published and widely quoted birth year of 1755. The oldest female is presumed to be his wife, **Nancy**, who probably is listed in the wrong age category. The youngest boy is presumed to be their son, **Stephen**, then about eight-years-old. The next oldest boy probably is their son, **Carroll**, then about 14-years-old. Their son, **James**, then 21-years-old, probably is the next oldest male. Their son, **John**, probably was one of the two males in their thirties, but the identity of the other is uncertain. The unidentified young man may have been a relation or, more probably, a hired hand or lodger. The younger girl probably is their daughter, **Lucinda**, and the older girl probably is their daughter, **Elizabeth**. By the time that the census was taken, their four oldest children had married and left home. In addition, **Stephen** owned eight slaves, six males and two females.

In 1836, **Stephen Beavers** paid taxes on his real and personal property.³⁷ His real estate consisted of a 254-acre tract of land valued at \$1,400. His personal property consisted of six slaves valued at \$2,000. But **Stephen** paid no poll tax, indicating that he then was over sixty years of age. In all, he paid a tax of \$9.20, a considerable sum in that era. By the following year, his land had increased in value to \$2,240, and likewise, his five slaves increased in value to \$4,000.³⁸ Yet, his total tax increased to just \$9.48. Because he does not appear as the head of a household in the census, it is presumed that **Stephen Beaver** died prior to 1840. No records from the probate of his estate have survived. However, some details concerning his estate were recorded in a deed in a neighboring county.³⁹

*"Whereas in consideration of the circumstances created with our claims through our father, **John Beaver**, deceased, to a legacy of **Stephen Beaver**, his father deceased, and we having instituted a suit in the Chancery Court at Huntingdon, Tennessee against the heirs of **Stephen Beaver**, deceased, namely: **James Thompson**, but called **John** in the Bill, **Benjamin Leach**, **John Millner**, **John L. Moose**, **Thomas Beaver**, **James Beaver**, **Carroll Beaver**, **Stephen Beaver**,*

³⁵ *History of Chester County, Tennessee*, Goodspeed Publishing Company, Nashville, Tennessee, 1886.

³⁶ 1830 Census, Henderson County, Tennessee, page 84.

³⁷ 1836 Tax List, District No. 3, Henderson County, Tennessee, available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as Henderson Tax List.)

³⁸ Henderson Tax List, 1837, District No. 3.

³⁹ Land Records, Fayette County, Tennessee, Deed Book L, page 403, Fayette County Courthouse, Somerville, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as Fayette Deeds.)

the 2nd, Stephen Beaver, the 3rd, and Thomas Fletcher, and having become convinced that our grandfather, Stephen Beaver, deceased, never intended that our father, John Beaver, deceased, should have any more of his estate in consideration of the sum of \$10 paid to us by said heirs, namely: James Thompson, but called John in the Bill, Benjamin Leach, John Millner, John L. Moose, Thomas Beaver, James Beaver, Carroll Beaver, Stephen Beaver, the 2nd, Stephen Beaver, the 3rd, and Thomas Fletcher, now therefore in virtue of the premises we have released and relinquished and do hereby release, relinquish and further quit claim to James Thompson, but called John in the Bill, Benjamin Leach, John Millner, John L. Moose, Thomas Beaver, James Beaver, Carroll Beaver, Stephen Beaver, the 2nd, Stephen Beaver, the 3rd, and Thomas Fletcher, and their heirs all right, title, claim and interest whatsoever which we have or might have had in and to the estate of said Stephen Beaver, deceased in virtue of our father John Beaver, deceased, to be held by said James Thompson, but called John in the Bill, Benjamin Leach, John Millner, John L. Moose, Thomas Beaver, James Beaver, Carroll Beaver, Stephen Beaver, the 2nd, Stephen Beaver, the 3rd, and Thomas Fletcher, and in full discharge of all our claims in said estate of the said Stephen Beaver, deceased, our grandfather. Given under our hands and seals this 3 January 1845"

*Wilson T.
Beaver
Rebec Ann
Beaver*

It is clear from the foregoing deed that the jurisdiction of the Chancery Court included not just Carroll, but Henderson, and possibly other counties as well. The deed provides the only definitive listing of the heirs of **Stephen and Nancy Beaver**. It is presumed that his wife, **Nancy**, had died previously, although no further record of her has been found. It also is presumed that the children are named in their correct birth order, except for the deceased son, **John**. A careful search of the surviving loose probate records for Carroll County uncovered nothing. However, at its August 1845 Term, the Chancery Court appointed **James Robertson** as the administrator in the matter of **Wilson T. Beaver, et al, vs James Beavers, et al.**⁴⁰ At the same August Term, the court disallowed depositions from **Henry W. Beaver, Valentine S. Abell, James Abel, John Waller, Malinda Waller, Nancy E. Shepperd, and Elizabeth Beaver.**⁴¹ Unfortunately, the identity of these people and their relationship to the deceased was not recorded -- neither was the substance of their testimony recorded. Later during that term, the court dismissed the entire suit.⁴²

⁴⁰ Probate Records, Carroll County, Tennessee, Chancery Court Minute Book, Volume 1844-1855, page 66, Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as Carroll Chancery Minutes.)

⁴¹ Carroll Chancery Minutes, page 75.

⁴² Carroll Chancery Minutes, page 153.

After so many years of research, **Nancy White** mostly remains an enigma. She is mentioned by name in only the Franklin County, Georgia deeds. From those deeds, we conclude that she was at least literate enough to sign her name. It is presumed that she was enumerated, although only by a number, in the censuses taken in 1820 and again in 1830. That her maiden name was White comes only through family tradition. That same family tradition holds that her father fought in the Revolutionary War with her husband's father. Of course, research efforts continue in order to identify the two soldiers. It is presumed that **Nancy** was born circa 1776, possibly in North Carolina, and died after 1830 in Henderson County, Tennessee. It also is presumed that she married **Stephen Beaver** circa 1793 in North Carolina. From the meager evidence available, it seems unlikely but not impossible that **Nancy White** was a Native American.

Just where **Stephen** and **Nancy** were buried is not known. If tombstones ever graced their graves, they do not seem to have survived the ravages of time. They may have been buried in the cemetery adjacent to the nearby Clark's Creek Primitive Baptist Church. The children of 1. **Stephen** and **Nancy (White) Beaver** were:

- + 2. i. **Susan**, born circa 1795, probably in Chatham County, North Carolina.
- + 3. ii. unknown female, born circa 1799, in Franklin County, Georgia.
- + 4. iii. **John**, born circa 1801, in Franklin County, Georgia.
- + 5. iv. **Nancy**, born August 26, 1803, in Franklin County, Georgia.
- + 6. v. **Sarah**, born circa 1805, probably in Alabama.
- + 7. vi. **Thomas**, born circa 1807, in Bedford County, Tennessee.
- + 8. vii. **James**, born June 10, 1809, in Bedford County, Tennessee.
- + 9. viii. unknown female, born circa 1813, in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
- + 10. ix. **Carroll**, born March 1, 1816, in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
- + 11. x. **Elizabeth**, born June 14, 1819, in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
- + 12. xi. **Stephen**, born circa 1822, in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
- + 13. xii. **Lucinda**, born February 10, 1823, probably in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Musings on the Origin of Stephen and Nancy Beaver

Only three of their twelve children lived long enough to be included in the 1880 Census, which indicates where the parents were born. A summary of the relevant census enumerations follows:

<u>Child</u>	<u>Father's Birthplace</u>	<u>Mother's Birthplace</u>
Carroll	Georgia	Georgia
Elizabeth	North Carolina	North Carolina
Lucinda	Unknown	Unknown

The entry for daughter, **Lucinda**, does not help. Probably, one of her children, a servant, or even a neighbor, was the source for her entries. The other two entries for son, **Carroll**, and daughter, **Elizabeth**, while contradictory, are intriguing. It is noteworthy, but not conclusive, that neither point to Pennsylvania. If one of the two entries must be in error, then nothing precludes both entries being wrong. **Stephen** and **Nancy** may have been born in Georgia, but Franklin County was not likely their place of origin. Franklin County was created from lands ceded by the Indians in 1783. Settlement began in earnest soon thereafter, mostly from the Carolinas and Virginia. Thus, North Carolina seems more

likely than Georgia. However, **Stephen** may have migrated to the northern Georgia frontier prior to the Indian Cession and married an Indian maiden there. But, that would push the estimate of his birth year back at least a decade.

Only **Carroll** and **Elizabeth** survived until 1900. In that census, Tennessee is given for the birthplace of her father and Pennsylvania for her mother. Georgia is given for the birthplace of both of **Carroll**'s parents. No explanation for the contradictory census entries seems satisfactory. At least the entries for **Carroll** are consistent, even if they are wrong. Taken together, the three entries are not definitive; although Tennessee may be discounted as **Stephen Beaver**'s birthplace. One can only conclude from the foregoing, that the continuing search for the origin of **Stephen** and **Nancy Beaver** should focus on Georgia and North Carolina, while keeping in mind that Pennsylvania should not be ignored. It is tempting to conclude that **Stephen Beaver** came to Georgia from Chatham County, North Carolina. In his last will and testament, dated December 30, 1801, Henry Bagley instructed "*that my two sons Joab and Elisha pay Stephen Beaver and Wiley Estes's three sons, Henry, John, and James Estes, 10 pounds each.*"⁴³ Unfortunately, **Henry Bagley** did not explain why he wanted his sons to pay the four men. Nor does the will reveal any relationship between any of the men. No further records concerning **Stephen Beaver** in Chatham County have been found. Yet, other Chatham County records contain other tantalizing clues to the origin of the **Beaver** family. On April 1, 1780, the State of North Carolina granted 300 acres in Chatham County to **Michael Beaver**.⁴⁴ The State of North Carolina granted 200 acres in Chatham County on October 1782 to **Rigdon Beaver**.⁴⁵

Conclusion

The foregoing article presents all of the public and private records that have been found concerning **Stephen** and **Nancy (White) Beaver** children. We are indebted to the staff of many public and private institutions for their patience, cooperation, and assistance. Special mention is due the helpful staff at the National Archives and Records Administration, Library of Congress, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Chatham County Courthouse, Franklin County Courthouse, Lincoln County Courthouse, Henderson County Courthouse, and the very kind ladies at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library, Mid-Continent Public Library, Dallas Public Library, and the Clayton Library in Houston. Also, many thanks are due to our cousins **Orpha Jewel Weaver** and **Billy B. Lassiter**, who generously shared their research with us.

⁴³ Probate Records, Chatham County, North Carolina, Will Book A, 1798-1819, page 41, Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro, North Carolina.

⁴⁴ Land Records, Chatham County, North Carolina, Deed Book C, page 529, Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro, North Carolina. (Hereinafter cited as Chatham Deeds.)

⁴⁵ Chatham Deeds, Book C, page 31.

Cleanings

Mentions of Tennesseans -- In Our Exchanges

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1900 ARKANSAS CENSUS, GARLAND COUNTY, MARBLE TOWNSHIP

published in *The Melting Pot*, Volume XXVII, No. 2, by the Genealogical Society, Hot Springs, AR, contains the following individuals born in Tennessee: **F. M. Underwood**, 10/1850, farmer, and son, **J. S. Underwood**, 12/1880, farm laborer; **A. Abram**, 02/1831 (widowed mother living in household of **M. J. Oliver**); **C. T. Glenn**, 10/1835, widower, farmer; **Charles Kilgore**, 12/1839, widower, farmer; **S. J. Louder**, 10/1845, widow, farmer, also living in the household as a boarder **S. E. Neal**, widow, 05/1829; **Nathan Allred**, 10/1810, (living in the household of his nephew, **J. C. Cozby**, widower, farm laborer; **Hugh Cash**, 07/1827, farmer, and his wife, **Sessy Cash**, 07/1825; **H. C. Newkirk**, 05/1837, farmer; **J. S. Kilgore**, 11/1836, farmer, and his wife, **A. D. Kilgore**, 06/1854; **J. W. Meriott**, 12/1848, farmer, and his wife, **S. Meriott**, 05/1852; **J. T. Wilson**, 08/1867, carpenter, and his father, **M. F. Wilson**, 12/1820, preacher; **W. G. Johnson**, 06/1850, farmer; **M. J. Murphy**, 08/1843, widow, farmer.

The same issue of *The Melting Pot* contains a pedigree chart for **Norval Finn Ziegler, Jr.** (date and place of birth not shown). His paternal grandparents were **Robert Michael "Bud" Ziegler**, b. May 1861, McMinn Co., TN, and **Evaline Norman**, b. 9 Nov 1876, Saline Co., AR; **Robert's** parents were **Benjamin Tyson Ziegler**, b. 1820, Franklin Co. VA, and **Susannah "Susie" Mansell**, b. Abt. 1823, McMinn Co., TN, d. Abt 1879, Rhea Co., TN. **Evaline's** parents were **James Clinton Norman**, b. 9 Dec 1853, McMinn Co., TN, and **Sabilas Angeline Godbehere**, b. 7 Feb 1858 in TN.

Norval's mother, **Gladys C. Riley's** grandparents, were **Daniel Riley**, b. 9 Jan 1852, Gibson Co., TN, and **Anna Elizabeth Rucker**, b. Nov 1841 in TN.

PHILIP ALEXANDER WRIGHT (1838-1910), born in Obion County, TN, was a Confederate soldier and a farmer. **Philip** and his wife, **Duinda Caroline Everett**, and their seven children moved to Texas—first to Erath County (about 1875) and then to Brown County (sometime between 1880 and 1900). **Duinda Caroline** died in Brown County in 1906. Two years later, **Philip** moved to San Antonio. He died on July 18, 1910 and is buried in San Antonio City Cemetery #4. The article and a picture of **Philip** can be found in *Our Heritage*, Volume 46, Numbers 1 & 2, published by the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society.

MIGRATION of TENNESSEE FAMILIES from Hamilton County to Southeast Georgia and to the boarding areas of North Florida is covered in the article *From Walden Ridge and Chickamauga to Wiregrass, Suwannee and Beyond*, published in *Huxford Genealogical Society, Inc. Magazine*, Homerville, Georgia, Volume XXXI, No. IV. Four subject families include **Thomas** and **Henry Daughtry** with their wives and children. The first record found of them in Tennessee was their appearance on the *1818 Tax List for Williamson County* and also on the 1820 census with **Thomas "Dautry"** as head. **Thomas** and **Henry** appeared on the 1830 census of Hamilton County. The third family was **James Pafford** and his wife, **Wealthy (Corbitt) Pafford** and their children. Evidence of them in Tennessee is first found in the 1820 census of Warren County. The fourth of the subject

families is **Isaac Curry** and his wife, **Francis (Maze/Mays) Curry** and their five children. The earliest record of **Isaac** in Hamilton County is a Deed of Trust to **Asabel Rawlings** made August 11, 1835. **Isaac** is also listed in District #1 on the *1836 Tax List Hamilton County* and shows no taxable land. The article includes the names of the men from these four families who joined, with many of their neighbors, as volunteers in military units in the period 1836-1839 to serve in the so-called Cherokee Wars.

JOSEPH H. HAYNES'S biographical record is included in *Ray County Reflections*, Volume XIII, No. 3. **Joseph** was a highly-respected farmer. He was born in Ray County, Missouri in 1846. His parents were **James P.** (born about 1815 in Tenn.) and **Jane (Schooler) Haynes**. **Joseph's** paternal grandparents were **Joseph** and **Sarah Haynes**, natives of Tennessee.

WORLD WAR I DRAFT REGISTRATION, De Soto Parish, Louisiana includes the following born in Tennessee: **Jake Hibeman**, born 3 March 1887, in Danville. He was a white male, single, blue eyes, dark brown hair, medium height and build. When he registered in 1917, he was working for Frost Johnson Lumber Company, and his address was South Mansfield, LA; **Hans Herron Hubbard**, born 19 December 1888 in Sulpher Springs. He was married with two children, self-employed farmer. He was medium height and build with blue eyes and red hair. He had lost his right leg. His address was Oxford, LA. Information was printed in *The Louisiana Genealogical Register*, Volume LI No. 4.

CHARITY BRADLEY, widow of **J. F. Bradley** filed a Widow's Pension Application #46667, June 13, 1930. She showed her deceased husband's full name as **Joseph Foulter Bradley**, born September 14, 1851 in Wayne County, Tenn. They married there on April 13, 1870. His command originated in Tennessee and he served 4 years. 1st Tenn. Reg., Co. F was shown on the application, and he transferred from infantry to cavalry but date not known. **Joseph** resided in Red Oak, Texas for sixteen-years prior to his death in Ellis County, Texas on June 19, 1905. **Charity** died on July 2, 1932 in Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas.

The War Department could not locate the name **J. F. Bradley** on the muster rolls on file for Company F, of any Confederate States Army organization from the state of Tennessee. The records did show one **Joseph Bradley** served in Company F, 7th (Duckworth's) Tennessee Cavalry. Information was in an article in *Searches & Researchers*, Ellis County, Texas, Volume XXVII, Issue 2.

SHEMWELL FAMILY NOTES published in the *Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County, N.C.*, Volume XXXIII, Number 1, contains the following references to former Tennesseans:

- 21 Jul 1811 Montgomery Co., Tenn. Deed Book, 24, page 249: **Joseph Shammel** of Christian Co., Ky., to **Thomas Rives**, 100 acres joining the state line. Witnesses: **Shadrick Kirkland**, **Henry Cord** and **Zachariah Shemwell**.
- 13 Jul 1843 Stewart Co., Tenn. marriages: **James J. Shemwell** – **Elizabeth Nolan**.
- Probable descent of several lines from **Isaac Shemwell** (b. by 1692 in St. Mary's Co., Maryland) included **Elisha M. Shemwell**, born about 1837, died 23 June 1863, Greenville, Tennessee in Company F, 62nd Regt. CSA.

MARRIAGES and DEATH RECORDS from The Raleigh Register 1850, in *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume XXXI, No. 1, includes the following with a Tennessee connection:

Saturday, 23 March 1850 – Married on Thursday, February 28, 1850, by Rev. **B. K. Cunningham**, Capt. **William Burges**, aged 79, to Mrs. **Abigail Fields**, aged 82, all of Grainger County, Tenn. (With comment 'Go it while you are young.');

Saturday, 27 April 1850 – Married in Paris, Tenn., on the 14th ultimo, Mr. **J. M. Morphis**, formerly of N. C., to Miss **Ward**; died near Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee, on March 11th, 1850, Mrs. **Ariadne S. Wood**, wife of **Willie P. Wood**, Esq., and daughter of the late **Linus R. and Julia A. Leonard**—in the 28th year of her age.;

Wednesday, 1 May 1850 – Died in Sacramento City, California, on the 26th of January last, **John Willis**, of La Grange, Tennessee, and formerly of North Carolina.;

Saturday, 25 May 1850 – Died in the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, on the 2nd inst., Mrs. **Sarah E. Jones**, in the 33rd year of her age, consort of **James Jones**, late of Memphis, and formerly of Bertie County, N. C., daughter of **James S. Pugh**, deceased, and sister of **Thomas T. Pugh**.

EARLY ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NC DEATHS, abstracted from *The Nashville Christian Advocate*, published in *Piedmont Lineages*, Vol. XXVII, No. 1, included the following:

January 25, 1873 Mrs. **Mary Dimond** born Rockingham Co., N.C., July 21, 1790, died Maury Co., Tenn., Dec. 25, 1872; married **S. L. Dimond** Sept 15, 1816, joined MEC 1823; came to Tenn. 1826; died at her sister, Mrs. **Martha Bailey**'s residence.

March 15, 1873 Rev. **William Burns**, native of Rockingham Co., N.C., died Williamson Co., Tenn., Jan 2, 1873 at age of 73, came to Bedford Co., Tenn. when a child; married **Keturah Rucker** and spent rest of his life in Williamson County; licensed to preach, MEC, 1838; ordained deacon 1841; ordained elder 1846.

June 7, 1873 – Tribute of respect for Rev. **William Burns**, born Rockingham Co., N.C. Feb 18, 1800 and died January 2, 1873; he married Mrs. **Sallie A. Haynes** Jan 7, 1869, who survived him. He had married **Keturah Rucker** at age 25. She died 1862.

December 3, 1847 **Charles P. Lemons** born Rockingham Co., N.C., Sept. 18, 1806; moved with parents to Williamson Co., Tenn., 1812; to Fayette Co., Tenn. about 1830; married **Susan Buford** (died 1842), 1840; died Oct. 15, 1847; one daughter.

April 5, 1890 **Barbara Kelly Cody** born Rockingham Co., N.C., Feb. 3, 1802; moved with her parents to Tenn.; died Feb 24, 1890, Franklin, Tenn.

April 12, 1890 Dr. **P. B. Stubblefield** born Rockingham Co., N.C., March 20, 1827; moved to West Tennessee when about 27-years-old to practice medicine, married **Sina Boyd**, Weakley Co., Tenn.; died Fulton, February 28, 1890.

The same issue of *Piedmont Lineages* contains the *Biographical Sketch of Bishop Robert Paine* originally published in *The Nashville Christian Advocate*, May 31, 1907. **Robert**, son of **James and Mary Paine**, was born in Person County, N. C., November 12, 1799 and came to Giles County, Tennessee, with his parents in 1814.

Esquire **James Paine**'s tombstone inscription in Pulaski, Tennessee shows he was born in Person County, N. C., March 18, 1776 and died 19 Aug 1840. Some descendants still live in Giles County.

In the fall of 1846, Bishop **Paine** moved to Aberdeen, Miss, where he lived until his death on Oct 19, 1882. His wife (not named) died at Aberdeen Jan 3, 1904. The following

children survived him: Mrs. J. H. Scruggs, Mrs., S.F. Hamilton, Dr. William M. Paine, and George C. Paine, attorney, and counselor-at-law.

G. B. CURRY was born in Tennessee June 7, 1824 and departed this life January 31, 1917. He was a Confederate soldier and a Mason. He married Miss **M. A. Thompson**, December 12, 1844. She died at Miles, May 1906. Nine of their 12 children lived to adulthood. At the time of Mr. Curry's death the following six children were still living: **D. T. Curry** and Mrs. **Mollie Wilson, Henrietta**, Texas; **N. S. Curry**, Los Angeles, California; **C. L. Curry**, Gatesville, Texas, **T. M. Curry**, Blanket, Texas; **A. M. Curry**, Miles, Texas. Two sisters and two brothers, and 54 grandchildren and 71 great-grandchildren also survived him. His obituary was extracted from the *Miles Messenger*, February 9, 1917 and appears in *Stalkin' Kin*, Volume XXXII, No. 3.

MILLS, FACTORIES AND GINS excerpt from *The Alabama Courier*-1902, published in *Transitional Twinklings*, appears in the *Limestone Legacy*, Volume 27, No. 2.

3/8 - **A. J. Wormack** of Bradford County, TN and his son, **J. C.**, of Athens rented the Carter Mill. **J. C.** was the miller and postmaster of the Carter community.

Robertson Family/Hardin County, Tennessee originally published in *Planters, Patriots, and Pioneers, One Hundred Ninety-Five Years in Limestone County* appears in the same issue of *Limestone Legacy*. **Samuel and Hannah (Elizabeth) (Litton) Robertson** had moved around in the Mississippi Territory during the three-year period of their removal by the government's force of soldiers stationed at Fort Hampton. Pension records from the Revolution show that **Samuel** was in Hickman County, Tennessee and Madison County, Alabama. Other family members in the area included: **Michael** and **Mary** and a son named **Samuel**; **Michael's** siblings and their spouses, **Eli** and **Mary** (called **Polly**) **Holland Robertson** (married 1815); **Tillman** and **Tabitha Robertson Holland** (married 1816); **Elizabeth Robertson** and **John Grinder**. The article also contains Hardin County survey records; **Robinson** (spelled as shown) listed on the 1833 Hardin County Census records, an inventory of the property of **Samuel Robinson**, sold July 1836 and family sheets for **John Grinder** and **Elizabeth Robertson**.

George Smith Houston, former Governor of Alabama, was born in Williamson County, Tennessee in 1809. He moved to Lauderdale County, Alabama in 1821 with his parents. **George** was admitted to the bar in 1831 and represented Lauderdale County in the legislature. In 1834, he moved to Limestone County and continued service in the legislature. He was elected to Congress in 1841 and served until 1859. **George** was elected governor in 1874 and is credited with saving Alabama from a near state of bankruptcy and putting the state well on the way to social, political and economic recovery. He died at Athens on 17 January 1879. Additional information can be found in the article *Belle Mina, Alabama* and published in the same issue of *Limestone Legacy* mentioned above.

Crenshaw Cemetery in Limestone County, Alabama contains the name Doct' **George W. Crenshaw**, born in Davidson City, Tenn. 21st Feb 1813 and died 10 March 1844. Inscription reprinted from a plat book and appears in the same issue of *Limestone Legacy*.

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Holt Marries His Mother-in-Law

Pages have been written about mothers-in-law, much of which no doubt is untrue, but few chroniclers have been called upon to announce the marriage of a mother-in-law to a son-in-law, the *Nashville Banner* noted in its issue of 1 Aug 1898.

Such a thing happened in Davidson County on Saturday night, 30 Aug 1898, however, when **A. J. Holt**, a well-known resident of the 23rd District, and Mrs. **Dora McCool** were made one at the home of the groom by Rev. **John Gardner**.

Mrs. McCool's daughter, who preceded her mother as **A. J.**'s wife, died four months earlier.

Donation Update

The Tennessee Genealogical Society library has been the grateful recipient of about sixty genealogical books and periodicals and a lifetime of genealogical research papers of **Francis Marion Duke**.

This material was donated by his widow, **Iska**, and his two daughters, Mrs. **Dale Crenshaw** and Mrs. **Donna Orner**.

A few of the books donated and recently added to our collection are family books with the following surnames:

Kuykendall/Kirkendall, Lindley, Shelby, Van Zandt and Hoffman.

Some of the books added for research are: *Yalobusha County Mississippi Cemetery Records* (4 volumes), *South Carolina Land Grant Maps*, and *South Carolina in the Revolution*. The research papers are being sorted and will be indexed by surname.

We want to extend our thanks and appreciation to the family for this excellent donation.

THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR By **MERRELL KENWORTHY**

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still. He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will. He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all the fences. He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census. He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame. And every twenty-years or so, this rascal changed his name. His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list of passengers to the U.S.A., but somehow they got missed. And no one else in this world is searching for this man. So, I play *geneasolitaire* to find him if I can. I'm told he is buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed; but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest. He died before the county clerks decided to keep records. No family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts. To top it all, this ancestor, who caused me many groans, just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named **Jones**.

Gallery Of The Unknown

Shelley R. Cardiel, of Kirkland, WA, submitted this vintage photo of **Elizabeth Turner Thompson**. This photograph was taken circa 1865-70 at the Moyston's Star Gallery in Memphis, Tennessee. The photograph was found in an album belonging to **Clem McClellan** and also includes photographs of **Mary Elizabeth Rather**, born 6 October 1899, in what appears to be a christening dress. These photos were taken in Luling, Texas.

Shelly enjoys recovering family treasures as a hobby and would like to reunite the photograph with the family.



If anyone has any information on these families or this photograph, please contact **Jennye Miller Scott**.

71ST ANNUAL SANDLIN FAMILY REUNION

The Sandlin family reunion will be held at the Decatur Recreation Center at 610 Fourth Avenue SE in Decatur, Alabama on August 6, 2005, the first Saturday in August. Please bring a covered dish and refreshments; plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided. Everyone will be meeting in the gym at Fort Decatur Recreation Center. The gymnasium is air-conditioned.

Coat of Arms



Sandlin

Directions from Highway 31 in Decatur: Take 6th Avenue Southeast, turn west on Gordon Drive, and Fort Decatur is the rock building. Please bring your Sandlin relatives. Contact Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin at 1318 Stratford Road Southeast, Decatur, Alabama 35601 or Secretary: Yvonne Sandlin Braly, 3704 Colorado Court Southwest, Decatur, Alabama 35603, (256) 353-8624, vonbraly@hiwaay.net

One of the local Sandlin lines came from Orange County, North Carolina to Cayce/Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, in the North Mississippi area, circa 1838, while others moved to Morgan, Walker, Blount and Lawrence Counties of Alabama, with lines settling in Lincoln and Shelby Counties of Tennessee.

The Marshall County, Mississippi and Shelby County, Tennessee lines have relations to the following surnames: Attaway, Boling/Bowling, Carrington, Harris/Harriss, Hays/Hayes, Lambert/Lambeth, Loftin and Walker.

For further information on the Sandlin family check out *The Sandlin Clan* by Dale S. Sandlin, 1970.

FOURTEENTH TENNESSEE REGIMENT

An extra of the *Clarksville Chronicle*, dated Saturday, July 22, 1862, preserved and kindly lent the *Veteran* by Miss **Blanche Lewis**, contains the casualties of the Fourteenth Tennessee in the seven days battles, June 26th to July 2nd, and of Seven Pines. The following notes:

Company A -- **R. D. Duke** and **J. M. Hatton** were killed and nine were wounded. Names of the wounded are given in every instance.

Company B -- **W. J. Martin** was killed and eighteen were wounded.

Company C -- **Jos. Gambol, J. M. Jones, B. F. Anderson, James** and **Titus Powell** killed and thirteen were wounded. Of the wounded, **Richard Pike** and **William Erwin** had died.

Company D -- Captain **C. L. Martin, Johnathan Cherry** and **W.E Largin** were killed and nine were wounded.

Company E -- Lieutenant **Grice, Joseph Burns** and **F. Warford** were killed and four were wounded.

Company F -- **R. T. Brooks** was killed and fourteen were wounded.

Company G -- **Dallas Booth** was killed and of the twelve were wounded, **T. H. Collins** and **William Hamilton** had died.

Company H -- **C. C. Tilley** and **W. H. Reagan** were killed and thirteen were wounded -- **T. M. Broaddus** of the list had died. Of the severely wounded was the esteemed and faithful veteran of today, Captain **J. J. Crusman**.

Company I -- **W. T. Baber** and **Richard Chandler** were killed (the former on picket) and seven were wounded.

Company K -- **J. W. Gunn** was killed and fourteen were wounded.

G. A. Tompkins, who was among the wounded, died soon afterward.

The circular contains an error, as it names a "Company L," when there was no such. Under that letter, however, **J. H. Slaughter** is reported killed and the names of eight were wounded. The closing note reports that General **R. J. Hatton** was killed and that Adjutant **R. C. Bell** was mortally wounded.

Confederate Veteran, Volume IV, Nashville, Tennessee, August 1896

The Men From Tennessee

Judge Robert Farrell, the genial friend and brother of every true Mason, has blossomed out as a poet. His poem on the Tennesseans, partially uniformed, marching up Market Street on Friday, June 17th, with a weather-stained and battle-scarred flag captured by their fathers during the rebellion, has made him famous. We like to see the amaranth encircling the brow of the judge, for he is a worthy brother. We know that he was capable of brilliant things, as his Masonic addresses long since proved, but we never knew that he was capable of springing, at a single bound, into national distinction. We copy the poem below from the *Knoxville Journal & Tribune*, 3 June 1899:

*Again the troops came marching and music's in the air;
Again the streets are crowded, with old and young, and fair;
Again the long line passes in soldierly array;
But something more than usual is the pageant of today;
For through "Old Glory's" waving in every shape and size;
One faded piece of bunting brings tears to many eyes;*

*Why do the people wildly shout, why do they run and cheer?
What is there in the passing show that seems to all so dear?
Look for yourself, down the line, where a stalwart youth holds high
A faded, torn and tattered flag that moistens every eye.
It needs no words to tell its tale of battles fierce and glory.
Shot and shell have told too well that tragic, thrilling story.*

*Brave Southerners, far from happy homes in grand old Tennessee,
We bid you welcome, one and all, to our city by the sea;
The memories of other days, which cluster round your state,
Are stained by no mean jealousies, no base, ignoble hate.
Your battlefields are holy ground, where heroes fought and died;
The valor of the Blue and Gray is now a nation's pride.*

*Beneath that flag you proudly bear, great Jackson won his fame,
And every son of Tennessee now glories in his name;
We do not care what clothes you wear, we know your hearts are true;
Your fathers may have worn the Gray, their children wear the Blue.
Good luck attend you, gallant boys, from brave old Tennessee,
Your noble state is never late to strike for liberty.*

*The past is dead, save when it brings great thoughts of brave deeds done.
The living present now demands true faith from everyone;
The fighting stock of freedom's soil, united as of yore,
Will plant the banner of the stars on many a distant shore,
Shoulder to shoulder, brethren, all, no section lines can sever
The bonds of love that make us one, forever and forever.*

Books Up For Review



MARRIAGES FROM EARLY TENNESSEE NEWSPAPERS, 1794-1851, edited by Rev. *Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.*, originally printed 1978, reprinted 2005, 6" x 9", hardcover, 544 pages. \$52.50 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267

Some 12,000 or more marriage notices from the earliest newspapers in Tennessee and numerous other states can be found in this useful reprint. In addition to the usual information, many of these notices contain the name of the bride's father, ages and residences of both bride and groom, the officiating minister and sometimes the groom's occupation. Before the original book was published, these records were only available in the card files of the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville and were unknown to many researchers. The marriage notices begin with the 1794 *Knoxville Gazette* and extend to the *Knoxville Daily Republic Banner*, the numerous dailies in Nashville and the widely circulated *Western Weekly Review* of Franklin, (Williamson County) Tennessee. Entries are arranged alphabetically.



OBITUARIES FROM EARLY TENNESSEE NEWSPAPERS, 1794-1851, edited by the Rev. *Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.*, originally printed 1978, reprinted 2005, 6" x 9", hardcover, 432 pages. \$42.50 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267

If your ancestor died in the early 1800s, you probably don't expect that you'll ever find his death notice. But you will at least want to search through this reprint of obits that were published in Knoxville and Nashville dailies and the *Franklin, Tennessee Western Weekly Review* over a 57-year period beginning in 1794. The reprint contains about 7,000 death notices, with many of the deceased persons having been born in the 1700s. Besides death notices of Tennessee residents, the book also reproduces those of a few prominent citizens of nearby Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, Maryland and other states. As was customary in the early years of Tennessee newspapers, most of the notices were brief but include valuable hard-to-find details. Like the marriage records in the preceding review, these death notices were only available on card files at the state archives until publication of the original book in 1978.

EARLY MARRIAGES, WILLS, AND SOME REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, compiled by *Anne Lowry Worrell*, 1958, repr. 2004, 5½" x 8½", softcover, 69 pp., \$10.95 plus \$4.00 s&h for first book & \$1.50 for each additional book, Clearfield Company, Inc., 203 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 625-9004

Botetourt County, Virginia was formed from Augusta County in 1769. These records begin in the late 18th century and continue through the early 19th century. The marriage records are arranged alphabetically by grooms and include the names of brides, sureties and dates. The probate records are arranged alphabetically by decedents and include the names of heirs with their relationship to the decedent and the date of probate. At least 2,000 persons are named in these records. Revolutionary War records are exact copies of original records found in the courthouse in Fincastle in Botetourt County. If you ancestors were in this area during the period covered, it would be well to check out this little book.

1830 CENSUS OF ARKANSAS, by *L. E. Presley*, pub. 1971, repr. 2004, 88 pp. plus new index, softcover, \$20.00 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267 (800) 233-0152

Finding your ancestor in the census is one of the first steps the researcher must take. Before you can go further, you must find just where and when your ancestor was at a given place. This census was taken when there were twenty-three counties in Arkansas. The counties covered in this issued are: Chicot, Clark, Conway, Crawford, Crittenden, Hampstead, Hot Springs, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Laurence, Miller, Monroe, Phillips, Pope, Pulaski, St. Francis, Sevier & Union Counties. This census was to start June 1, 1830 and end in six-months. The head of household only is listed by name. The remainder of the residents are listed by the number of persons in age groups, head of household included. The last number is the number of slaves owned. Free coloreds are also listed. This volume was reproduced from a

1971 edition in the publisher's private library.

1840 CENSUS OF ARKANSAS, by *L. E. Presley*, pub. 1971, repr. 2004, 268 pp. plus new index, softcover, \$30.00 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267 (800) 233-0152

The census for a given period is one of the most important tools for the genealogical researcher, as it is difficult to proceed without finding out just where your ancestors were and when they were there and when they left. This 1840 census was for the thirty-nine counties in existence at the time. This census was to begin June 1, 1840 and to end ten-months later. The thirty counties in this census are: Arkansas, Benton, Carroll, Chicot, Clark, Conway, Crawford, Crittenden, Desha, Franklin, Greene, Hampstead, Hot Springs, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Francis, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sevier, Union, Van Buren, Washington and White Counties. The format is the same as for the previous census before 1850. This volume was reproduced from a 1971 edition in the publisher's private library.

MISSOURI TAXPAYERS 1819-1826, by *Lois Stanley, George Wilson & Maryellen Wilson*, pub. 1979, repr. 2004, 144 pp., softcover, indexed, \$28.50 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, Greenville, S.C. 29602-1267, (800) 233-0152

This is the first listing of male and sometimes female residents of Missouri for the period when it became a state. It can also be used as a first census, 1820-1825.

Missouri became a state in August, 1821. The population at the time was about 60,000, with about 10,000 adult heads of families. This book is most important to the researcher, because the first census was in 1830, and by that time, many of these early settlers were gone because they had died or had moved on. This work includes lists of taxpayers, some from territorial days, covering fifteen counties in existence before 1826. It also includes list of taxpayers on writs, deeds, executions, convictions, etc., as well as licenses to sell goods, run a ferry, deal in groceries or "spirits", as well as some from newspapers, such as from legal and other notices, statements of counties, and lists of delinquent taxpayers. Some from these lists cannot be found anywhere else. For the most part, the years covered are 1820 through 1825, but in some instances, the list might be from 1819-1826. For Scott County, the 1826 delinquent list is the only source available. For Montgomery County (a burned county), the years from 1819-1825 are included.

WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CHANCERY COURT RECORDS, 1842-1892, by *Thomas Partlow*, pub. 2005, 261 pp. softcover, indexed, \$32.50 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267, (800) 233-0152

This a new publication on a county where many people who migrated to the west came through or stopped for a period of time. The surrounding counties of Cannon, De Kalb, Rutherford, Smith and Sumner Counties are often mentioned, as well as other counties and states. Chancery court records are most important to the researcher because they include actions and details of families that cannot be found elsewhere. These records include settlements, some for people who did not

have wills, land transactions, divorces and some Civil War information. An example of an entry is "Bill of Complaint of **A. B. Comer** against **Stephen E. Comer** and his children, to wit, **William, Caroline, Catherine, Elizabeth**, and **Rueben** of Arkansas; **Jessie Sparks** and daughter **Sophronia** of Mississippi; **Hall Marrs** of Gibson County; and **Randall Gresham** and children of Arkansas. Said complainant's grandfather, **Hugh Marrs**, died in 1825. He gave his wife use of the land during her lifetime and then to my seven girls. All seven girls are dead, having died in the lifetime of the mother. Said **A. B. Comer** is the only child of his mother, **Mahala**. The defendants are the only heirs of their mothers, **Martha Ann Comer**, and **Julia Sparks**. The other four girls died with issue 20 April 1866."

CD THE GENEALOGIST'S ADDRESS BOOK, fifth edition, by *Elizabeth Petty Bentley*, \$19.99 plus \$4.00 s&h, #7427, Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (800) 296-6687 or < www.genealogical.com >

Previous editions of *The Genealogist's Address Book* have been published in book form. However, since this fifth edition is so much larger, the only practical format is the CD. This CD is organized by subject, and contains the names, addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail addresses, Web sites, contacts, and business hours for more than 16,500 national and state archives, government offices, vital records offices, libraries, historical and genealogical societies, and independent publishers. It also contains the same information on ethnic organizations, religious research centers and other special resources. This CD is easily and fully searchable and is indexed by national, state, local, lineage, heredity, and patriotic

societies. This CD is the only source of such a comprehensive list of resources and will give the researcher ideas of places to go that most people do not know exist. It is a must for libraries and a great tool for all researchers.

INDEX TO THE 1810 CENSUS OF VIRGINIA, compiled by **Elizabeth Petty Bentley**, 1980 repr. 2004, softcover 5½"x8½", 366pp, #470, \$35.00 plus \$4.00 s&h, Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (401) 625-9004
< www.genealogical.com >

Locating early Revolutionary War period settlers in Virginia can be done more easily with this index than scrolling the 1810 census for Virginia to locate surnames. This reprint of the *Index to the Census of 1810* allows the researcher to locate Virginia's colonists much more quickly than using microfilm at the National Archives, Family History Centers or public libraries. Great care was given to transcribing the alphabetical listing of heads of household from the original lists. The variety of spellings increases the chances of locating a surname. These names become a stepping-stone to locating court and land records for an ancestor. Tables include a list of the counties, their abbreviations, and the number of the roll where the original record can be found. A second table gives details of each roll as to townships and pages. The compact size of this book makes it easy to take along to libraries or to use when online searching for early Virginia colonists.

A HISTORIC NARRATIVE OF THE WOOLFOLK FAMILY, PIONEERS, PATRIOTS & PLANTERS, by **Elizabeth Carrow Woolfolk**, 676 pp., indexed, 2004, hardcover \$47.50, paperback, \$39.50, plus \$7.50 s&h, for first book &

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The primary character in this book is **John Woolfolk**, 1781-1861, of Augusta, Georgia and his ancestors and descendants, however, it is much more than a family history. This book is also a comprehensive history of the early settlement of the states of Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, of which the **Woolfolk** family were some of the earliest settlers. The book is the story of a small group of families, neighbors, friends, and relatives who traveled together, lived in the same communities, intermarried, and their descendants who moved on to settle other areas. The genealogy and events in this book are fully documented. In addition to the names of people involved, the book shows the reactions of those people to local and national events at the time. The pages of the book contain maps, illustrations, pictures of historic homes, diaries, land plats and deeds, wills, court proceedings and military records. Some surnames mentioned are **Adams Alexander, Baker, Barr, Murray, Phillips, Taylor, Walker and Waller**. This book is a great history of the early settlement of the South, as well as the ideal for a family history.

MARYLAND MARRIAGES, 1801-1820, by **Robert Barnes**, 260 pp., indexed, paperback, (1993) repr. 2005, \$25.00 plus \$4.00 s&h, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 (800) 296-6687
< www.genealogical.com >

This is the third edition in the series of Maryland marriages from 1633-1820. The contents were taken from church records at the Maryland Historical Society and the Maryland State Archives, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cumberland, and from marriages recorded by individual ministers. The records from marriage licenses by county courts were not used because most have already been published. This book contains a list of sources by county, or in the case of the Society of Friends, the name of the meeting. The source list gives the code numbers, name, and locations of the records. An example of some marriages listed are: **George F. Janney** (s of **Mary**), 16 d, 5 mo., 1816, **Sarah H. John** (d of **Reuben** and **Lydia** of Uwchlaup Twp., Chester County, Pa.); 09 SF, **Samuel Sherwood**, 14 June 1820, **Johanna Forrester** 17 BA-23. This book is another great source of the marriage information you are seeking but have not found in previous publications.

EARLY HISTORY & GENEALOGY DIGEST OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, by **Timothy R. and Helen C. Marsh**. 2005, 7"x10", hardback, 425 pages, \$65 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267, (864) 233-2346. For Visa/MC orders only, call (800) 233-0152

Timothy and Helen Marsh -- official historians and archivists of Bedford County -- have put together a virtual encyclopedia of genealogical information related to the county. Much of it comes from their own record collection, and publishers say this book marks the first time the material has been available to the general public in printed format. Included are a 153-page early history of the county, its 1812 and 1836 tax lists, and indexes of its early land deeds, wills, and cemeteries. One of the most interesting sections

contains plats of the earliest documented North Carolina land patents or grants in Bedford County, beginning with the 5,000-acre grant to **Alexander** and **Thomas Greer** in the Pleasant Grove area. The land was located by **Alexander** in 1783 and surveyed in 1785. The plats show neighboring properties and in many instances identify property owners. Another highly interesting entry is an unknown eyewitness account of the 1830 tornado that destroyed the county's first courthouse. Lists of Revolutionary War soldiers residing in the county, definitions of terms used in early documents, a directory of Bedford and Marshall County settlers, and an explanation of the school land law which required land to be set aside in the various counties for school buildings (many of which were never erected) are among other goodies to be found in this great addition to genealogical information about Bedford County.

GUIDE TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES, by **Christina K. Schaefer**, 1997 repr. 2004, 406 pages, hardback, ISBN 0-8063-1532-6, \$30.00 plus \$4.00 s&h, \$1.50 each additional book, Maryland residents add 5% sales tax, Michigan residents add 6% sales tax, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 < www.genealogical.com >

A reference book for those with naturalized ancestors. The book gives a detailed description as to the location of all naturalization and related records. The Guide is arranged alphabetically by state and then alphabetically by counties within each state. In each, all repositories of naturalization records are identified. The types of records, dates of coverage and location of original and microfilm records are given. In Tennessee, for example, it states "Naturalization records in Tennessee can be found in county, state and U.S.

district courts. It then lists the statewide records and locations and indicates that they may also be found at the National Archives Regional Branch, East Point, Georgia. Following these counties with records and the status of the records are given. In addition to the naturalization records, the book includes a history of naturalization, Native American tribal citizenship records, information on Japanese and Chinese Americans and internment records of American citizens by the U.S. Government. A great source for locating naturalization records that are found in a variety of places.

DENIZATIONS AND NATURALIZATIONS IN THE BRITISH COLONIES IN AMERICA, 1607-1775, by **Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck**, 2005, 350 pages, paperback, full name index, ISBN 0-8063-1754-X, \$30.00 plus \$4.00 s&h, \$1.50 each additional book, Maryland residents add 5% sales tax, Michigan residents add 6% sales tax, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 < www.genealogical.com >

Bockstruck has listed alphabetically more than 13,000 persons who received British citizenship by naturalization or denization during the period 1607 to 1775. Individuals who lived in the colonies and other European nations that were annexed by the British are also included. This was the case in New Netherlands [New York], Acadia, Quebec, East Florida and West Florida. The individuals are arranged alphabetically, and there is also an index of spouses, children and other parties mentioned in the records. At minimum, the data furnished on an individual is name, date and place of naturalization or denization. Many contain additional data such as country of origin, religion, current residence and occupation. The following is an example of additional data given:

"Bonneau, Anthoine. He was born at La Rochelle, France, the son of **Jean Bonneau** and **Catherine Roi**. His wife was **Catherine DuBliss**. Their children were **Anthonie Bonneau**, **Jean Henri Bonneau** and **Jacob Bonneau**. Their first and second children were born in France, and the last child was born in South Carolina. They were naturalized in South Carolina 10 March 1696/7. He is a cooper. His son, **Anthony Bonneau, Jr.**, was a gunsmith." This is an excellent source book that should be in all genealogical libraries.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN COUNTY HISTORIES, compiled by **P. William Filby**, 1985, repr. 2005, 449 pages, paperback, ISBN 85-1126-6, price \$35.00 plus \$4.00 s&h, each additional item \$1.50, UPS ground service, e one item \$6.00, each additional item \$2.50. Maryland residence add 5% sales tax, Michigan residents add 6% sales tax, Genealogical Publishing Co., INC., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202, < www.genealogical.com >

This is a state-by-state listing of county histories. Each listing includes title, author, place and date of publication and information on indexes, editions and reprints. In some cases, publications that cover a region are also given. This is a valuable source of information for any genealogist moving his or her research to a new state or county.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA QUARTER SESSION DOCKETS, 1750-1785, by **Diane E. Greene**, Accredited Genealogist, paperback, 5½"x8 ½", 346 pp, full name index, map, 2000, reprint 2004, \$32.50 plus \$4.00 s&h for first book & \$1.50 for each additional book, Clearfield Company,

*Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore,
Maryland 21202, (410) 625-9004
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Ms. **Greene** used a typescript collection of extracts prepared by **John G. Orr** in 1925 and a microfilm copy of the original records photographed by the LDS Church and compiled a complete collection of abstracts of the Cumberland County Court Quarter Session Dockets for the period 1750 to 1785, with the exception of the period 1771-1785 for Bedford County. The Quarter Session records extracted by Ms. **Greene** apply to the original boundaries of Cumberland County. During the 1750s, when the county seat was at Shippensburg, a number of the entries pertained to criminal cases dealing with assault and battery, larceny, neglect of highway duty, and so on. Other matters before the court included appointments to the grand jury, defaults on payments, selling spirits without a license and horse theft. In the 1770's, by which time the court sessions were being held in Carlisle, the dockets mostly listed the names of county officials, such as constables and overseers of roads, members of grand juries, and persons who had petitioned the court to lay out new roadways. The Quarter Sessions Dockets have placed individuals in Cumberland County at a particular point in time during the second half of the 18th century. If your ancestor shows up in the 10,000-name index, then you have found the clue needed to conduct further research in the records of Cumberland County.

GENEALOGIES OF BARBADOS FAMILIES, from *Caribbeana* and *The Journal of the Barbados Museum & Historical Society*, by **James C. Brandow**, 753 pp., illus., 1983 repr. 2004, softcover, 5½"x8½", indexed, cost \$55.00 plus \$4.00 s&h, Order #658 from Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St.,

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For 350-years there was a continuous flow of immigrants from Barbados who settled in Virginia, Georgia, the Carolinas and all points along the Atlantic seaboard. Thus, many researchers can trace their origins to Barbados. Early settlers in America also traded with settlers in Barbados, so there was constant contacts there. Some of the best sources for tracing these ancestors have been articles published in the journals, *Caribbeana* and *The Journal of the Barbados Museum & Historical Society*. However, these articles are no longer readily available. The author of this book has included every article dealing with Barbados family history ever published in both journals, as well as articles contributed by noted genealogists. A few of the family histories included in this book are: **Adams, Beckles, Bowen, Hampden, Maxwell, Pollard, Walker, & Williams**. There is also a section in the book on Quakers from Barbados. In addition to family genealogies, this book contains records of births, baptisms, deaths, burials, marriages, wills, church records, and many more. This book is a valuable resource for libraries and for any genealogist whose ancestors came through Barbados.

MARRIAGE BONDS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1755-1800, reprinted with **BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA INDEX OF WILLS, 1754-1830**, compiled by **Earle S. Dennis & Jane E. Smith**, index of wills edited by **Rowland D. Buford**, pub. 1917 & 1982, repr. 2004, 99 pp., papercover, indexed, cost \$15.00 plus \$4.00 s&h, #1425. Order from: Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 625-9004, <www.genealogical.com>

In 1753, Bedford County was formed from Albemarle and Lunenburg Counties. In addition to the names of some 3,000 brides and grooms, the names of many of the parents and/or sureties are also included. Examples of some entries are: **James Branch** and **Frances Terry**, October 9, 1789, **James White**, Surety. Consent of **Polly Terry**, mother of **Frances**, and **John Smith** and **Susanna Scarborough**, March 22, 1787, **William Thornhill**, Surety. Consent of **Robert Scarborough**, father of **Susanna**. Several hundred names are listed alphabetically in the index of wills. The records in this book are some of the oldest for Bedford County, making it a valuable resource for the genealogist.

INDEX TO VIRGINIA ESTATES, 1800-1865, VOL. 5, compiled by **Wesley E. Pippenger**, 2004, hardcover, 547 pp., \$40.00 (VGS member price \$32.00) plus \$4.00 s&h for first book & \$1.00 for each additional book. Virginia residents add 5% state sales tax. Order from: Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 W. Broad St., Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023 (804) 285-8954

This book is a continuation of the series on Virginia Estates by this author. Volume 5 covers a geographical area and includes an index of all items recorded in the will books of those counties and cities of that area for the period 1800-1865. The area covered by this book includes the counties of Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, and the city of Lynchburg. Each volume continues the alphabetical listing of names, followed by county name, type of record, year, and a reference code. The codes and abbreviations are delineated in the front of the book. This continuous alphabetical listing makes it easy for the researchers to check on the same surname in adjoining counties. Volume 5 also contains a map showing which counties are covered in

each volume. An example of the data given in the index is: **Marshall, Sarah c/o Spain**, Halifax Guard, Acct. 1814 WB 11:105. This means that the Guardian Account records for 1814 for **Sarah Marshall**, child of **Spain Marshall**, are in Halifax County Will Book 11, page 105. The code section in the front of the book for Halifax County shows Will Book 11 has inventories, accounts, etc. for the period 1817-1820 and can be found on Reel 40 (microfilm reel number in the Library of Virginia). This book contains 4,389 wills and several thousand related documents for a total of 32,712 entries. Several entries indicate a Tennessee connection. This series is an excellent source for Virginia researchers.

WILLS & INVENTORIES OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 1810-1921, by **Helen C. & Timothy R. Marsh**, Pub. 1989, repr. 2004, paperback, 200 pp., indexed, \$30.00 plus \$3.50 s&h, order from: Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267 Visa/MC orders only (800) 233-0152

The sources of the wills and inventories abstracted in this book were the records at the courthouse in Fayetteville, Tennessee and from the State Library and Archives in Nashville, Tennessee. Although these were not some of the "burned records", many records for this county were lost during the Union occupation of Fayetteville during the Civil War. A similar book was originally published in 1977 and sold out in a short time. Rather than reprint it, the authors have chosen to extend the term covered by the book until December 1921. The index in the front of the book contains the name of the person whose will is recorded and the page number in the original record. The index in the back of the book contains all surnames, including heirs, executors, witnesses, etc., with the

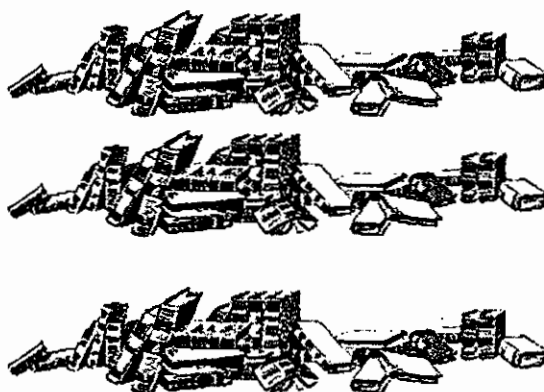
book page number, thus aiding the researcher. Sixteen-hundred wills of persons who died in Lincoln County, Tennessee are listed, and about ten-thousand to twelve-thousand persons are mentioned in these wills. Wills and other court records are one of the best sources for the genealogist who is trying to connect family members.

WELSH FAMILY HISTORY, A GUIDE TO RESEARCH, 2ND ED.,
edited by John & Sheila Rowlands, cc 1998, pub 1999, softcover, 325 pp., cost \$19.95, plus \$4.00 s&h for the first book and \$1.50 for each additional book. Order from: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 (800) 296-6687

This book is not intended for the novice genealogist but for someone knowledgeable about general research who needs to locate information in Wales or is having difficulty with their Welsh ancestry. Many people are unaware that the social, cultural, religious customs and lingo of Wales are quite different from that of England. Also, many of the records have not survived, and this book aids the researcher in knowing what is available and where to find it. Some of the topics covered in the book are: Some Basic Welsh; Archive Repositories in Wales; Civil Registrations and Census; Surnames of Wales; Wills and Other Records of Inheritance; Church and Court Records; Printed Pedigrees; and Migration and Emigration. This is an important book for anyone contemplating genealogical research in Wales.

SECOND STAGES IN RESEARCHING WELSH ANCESTRY
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The University of Wales has offered the study of family history since 1986. These courses resulted in the first book in this series of *Welsh Family History, A Guide to Research*. In time, more advanced courses were needed which resulted in this book. A few of the topics covered by the authors are: Religion and Society; Industrial and Occupations; Documents and Specialized Studies; People and Places; the Welsh at Home and in the Professions. The sixth topic consists of papers of students who attended the courses offered at the University. The surnames of **Lloyd**, **Reginald** and **Jones** are the topics of some of the students' research. Because of the uniqueness of research in Wales, I would recommend starting with *Welsh Family History, A Guide to Research* and following up with *Second States in Researching Welsh Ancestry* before beginning your quest in Wales.



Smith-Wilson-Burney

Information needed on **Martin Smith** b. 1804 in Tennessee. He first married 10 Oct 1824 in Williamson County to **Jane Wilson** and second to **Elizabeth Burney** on 28 March 1846 in Lauderdale County, Alabama. Information needed on the parents and children of the couples.

Evelyn D. Sigler, 5903 Island Forty Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38127-1650, eds6852@aol.com

Joslin

Seeking anyone who is working on the **Joslin** family of Dyer County, Tennessee, formerly of Alabama and Mississippi. Valeta Marcom, 181 Webber Street, Apt. C, Jackson, Tennessee 38301, ozmainkansas@aol.com

Tyson

Seeking information on **Elliss Tyson**, who was listed in the 1820 census of Dickson County, Tennessee. He served for 18 months in the Revolutionary War as a private in Capt. **Peter Bacot's** Company of North Carolina. Also need information on **Richard Tyson**, who was listed in the 1820 Franklin County census.

Tyson Ashlock, 609 Encino Place NE, Apt. 503, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2615

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Oldham

Seeking information on **Harrod Anderson Oldham "Slim"** or "**Cooter**", born 22 Oct 1901 in Crockett Mills, Crockett County, Tennessee and died 29 Oct 1963 in St. Louis, MO. He last appeared on the April 1910 census in Crockett County, ED #6, at the age of 8. He was married in St. Louis in 1933. Information needed for the years 1910-1933. Will exchange information.

Susan Oldham Craig, 367 Trailorama Drive, North Port, FL 34287, h.Oldham@worldnet.att.net

Gatley-Cooke

Need information on the parents of **William Gatley**, who was born 1776-87 in North Carolina and died 10 June 1860 in Fayette County, Tennessee. He married **Martha "Patsy"** (?). Their daughter was **Nancy Gatley**, born 1819-21 in NC and died 1899 in Fayette County. She married **Marshall W. Cocke**.

Kay Hudson, P. O. Box 653, Sumrall, Mississippi 39482, tenniskay@aol.com

Barefoot-Winters-

Smedley

Need information on **John Barefoot**, who married **Barcena Winters** in 1833 in Blount County, Alabama. It is believed he went to Alabama from Tennessee. **Barcena's** family might have been from TN. Also seeking the **Smedley** family of TN.

Betty Nelson McDouald, 9903 Kemp Forest Drive, Houston, Texas 77080-2650

Carter-Hellen-Hart

Seeking information on **Mary E. Carter**, born 17 April 1841 and died c. 1917-18, wife of **Edward S. Hellen**. She was born in Gibson or Crockett Counties, Tennessee and was the daughter of **James W. Carter** and **Jane Hart**.

Gail Wood Campbell, 225 Westover Drive, Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614-9770, joe_campbell7@bellsouth.net

Acres-Bell-Cook-Pittman

Will share information on the above lines.

Carol P. Mathias, 8845 Poplar Corner Road, Bells, Tennessee 38006

Easley-Estes-Jacocks-

Morris-Rees-Herring

Will share information on the above lines and related ones.

Reese J. Moses, 2428 Upper Zion Road, Brownsville, Tennessee 38012-8065, reesej80@bellsouth.net

Gant-Armstrong-Temple

Researching Jesse B. Gant (1794-1844) of Hardin County, Tennessee. He was the son of Elijah N. Gant. Also looking for information on Dr. James L. Armstrong (1782-1868) of Bedford County and wife Mason Potter Temple circa (1793-1860). Will exchange information.
Betty S. Carr, 3212 56th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413-4811, bsc@wiredbrush.com

Vann-Gregory

Seeking information on the parents of James S. Vann born 1825 in Alabama and died 1909 in Shelby County, Tennessee. He was married to Elizabeth Gregory born c. 1827 in South Carolina. They were married in Fayette County, Tennessee in 1846. Sandra Austin, 3352 Addah Drive, Bartlett, Tennessee 38133-3825, skhanstin@earthlink.net

Moor-Moore-Scantling-Scantlin-Guffy

Seeking information on Sally Moor, her parents and siblings. Sally Married John Scantling on 12 July 1806 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. Is Sally the same Sarah "Sally" Scantling, who is a widow in the 1820 census for Floyd County, Indiana? Her known daughters were: Mary Little Scantling b. 25 March 1811 in or near Knoxville, Jane and Martha, both born in Indiana about 1820. Sarah later married James Guffy and had the following sons: Thomas Moor Guffy, George Patterson Guffy and Joshua Preston Guffy.
Jean Garren, 2204 West Moss, West Peoria, Illinois 61604-5444

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Vickers

Wish to exchange information with anyone researching the Vickers with Tennessee roots.
Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901-8229

Hicks-Oaks

Seeking information on the mother of Sarah Hicks, who was the wife of Barnabus Oaks and daughter of Samuel Hicks.
Carol Basile, crb84622205@yahoo.com

Matthews-Hodges

Seeking information on R. C. Matthews, who was in Baxter, Tennessee in 1850 and Jesse D. Hodges, who was in Hawkins County, Tennessee in 1850.
Robert V. Wood, 1906 Mission Street #210, San Francisco, CA 94103

Hester

Information needed on the children of Graves Hester living in Fayette County in 1850. Family letters indicate Grvaes was alive in 1856. Jean Alexander West, 435 North Highland, Memphis, TN 38122

Moore-Peters

Information needed on the parents of James Moore, the son of William Moore and Elizabeth (?), born 26 May 1777 in North Carolina and died 20 August 1859. James married Mary Peters, daughter of Etheldread Peters and Elizabeth (?), born 3 May 1775 in NC and died 6 Sept 1852. Both

James and Mary are buried in Moore Cemetery in Madison County, Tennessee. Will exchange information on James and Mary's 13 children.

Mrs. C. C. James, 236 State Route 152W, Humboldt, Tennessee 38343

Davidson-Whitson-Lane-McClenny-Otto

Need information on the parents and siblings of Kalley Whitson Lane, wife of John Talley Lane and mother of Beulah Reperta Lane McClenny of Blount County, Tennessee and Thomas D. Davidson, father of Martha "Mattie" Davidson Sims Otto. He left Tennessee in 1840 to move to Caldwell County, Texas. S. McClenny, 2036 S. Bowie, Amarillo, Texas 79109, smcclenny@webtv.net

Wilson-Lyons-Stroh-Estes-Gragnon

Information needed on the following persons:
John Wilson married America Lyons and, they had the following children: Francis J., William T. Parrfieler, James B. and Marion F. Wilson. Marion married Teresa Ann and they had the following children: Horace Standridge, Charles F., Mrs. Katherine Stroh, Mrs. C. G. Estes, and Mrs. Louis Gragnon. Marion died in 1949 in Memphis, Tennessee and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis. Any connection?
Scott F. Wilson, 9556 Merrill Road, Millington, Tennessee 38053, scottwilson43@hotmail.com

Martin-Hollifield

Seeking any and all information about **John Calhoun Martin**, son of **Joseph Martin**, who was in Tennessee by 1805 and all ancestors and descendants. Also **Sarah Jane Scott Martin**, wife of **John**, her ancestors and descendants. My husband, **Bill R. Hollifield**, and I have Cherokee Indian blood. Mine comes from the family above. Would like to locate them on the Cherokee role. Any help would be appreciated.

Mary Ann Hollifield, 230 The Pines, Robbinsville, NC 28771-9211

Binyon-Reece-Woodward

Seeking information on **Isaac S. Binyon** and his second wife, **Susan Reece**. **Susan** had previously married **John Woodward**, who died in 1824. **Issac** married **Susan** in Rhea County on 20 Sep 1831. They are last known to have had an inn in Decatur, Meigs County on 13 Dec 1873. When did they die and where are they buried? Who were their parents? They had a daughter, **Amanda**. What happened to her? They also had **Thomas** and **Isham Richard**, both confederate veterans.

Barbara B. Freshwater, 3650 Murray Road, Fieldbrook, CA 95519

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Campbell-Norris- Blackmore-Blackmore- Howell-White-Flippin- Huddleston-Russell- Bishop

Joseph Campbell born c. 1782 in NC and died Dec 1856 in Washington County, MO. He married **Milly Norris** on 13 Jan 1813 in Sumner County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of **John** and **Hannah Blackmore Norris**. **Joseph** and **Milly** left Smith County, Tennessee c. 1839 for MO. They had 12 children: (daughters with married surnames) **Emiline Howell**, **Sarah White**, **Permellia Howell**, **Arsena Flippin**, **Elizabeth Huddleston**, **Nancy Russell**, **Hannah Howell**, **Joseph Bishop**, **James A.**, **John R.**, **Francis M.**, and **David McDonald Campbell**. Does anyone know the parents or siblings of **Joseph Campbell**? Will share info. **Frances Dodd Intravia**, 2704 Carroll Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030-5419

Youngblood-White-Sharp- Harding- Carter

Seeking info on **Thomas Youngblood** of SC and in Williamson County, TN by 1804 and Shelby County by 1840. Known children are: **James Madison**, born 1806; **Rebecca**, married **Bailey D. White** of Georgia; **Frances**; **Mary A.**, born 1817, married

John P. Sharp and lived in Gibson County; **Temperance**, born 1818, married **Wiley G. Harding**. What kin is he to **Braxton Carter**, born 1797, in Virginia, who was in Williamson County, Tennessee by 1819 and Shelby County by 1832? **Mary Lonise Nazor**, 1828 Woodchase Glen Drive, Cordova, Tennessee 38016-2600

Beal-Beall-Javens- McPherson

Grace Beal was born 1892 in Tennessee. She was the daughter of **Salena McPherson** born c. 1864 in Illinois and (?) **Beal**. Looking for birth verification and father's first name. **Grace** married **E. C. Javens**. There was a daughter, **Grace Marie Javens** born 27 Sep 1908 in Memphis, Tennessee. Not sure if **Javens** was the biological father. Any help would be great.

Jackie Stegeman, 4219 Driftwood Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Cole-Pinson-Martin- Crisp

Need any info on **Jeremiah Cole**, son of **Solomon** and **Mary Pinson**, daughter of **Aaron Pinson**. They were listed in the Laurens County, SC census prior to 1790. **Jeremiah** married **Charlotte Martin** and removed to Carroll County, Georgia after 1830, where daughter, **Lieucynthia**, married **Joel Crisp** of Laurens County, SC.

Margaret Norvell Sinclair, 4984 Welchshire, Memphis, Tennessee 38117-5647

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