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From the Editor

Dear TGS members.

It will be a challenge and a pleasure to serve as the editor of Ansearchin' News for the next two years. For over fifty years, the Tennessee Genealogical Society has published a wide range of material in this quarterly journal. from indexes of the earliest will and deed books of many counties to lists of War of 1812 pensioners, book reviews, and documents and petitions involved in the formation of new counties in Tennessee.

A new and updated index is available of the contents of the various issues of Ansearchin' News from the 1960's to this winter, beginning alphabetically by county and continuing with general articles listed chronologically. This should be a great help to those of us (like your editor) who are fairly new members of TGS, and will guide you to back issues you might need. We will publish this index in several parts, beginning with the current issue. Copies will also be at the TGS library for reference.

Please contact us now to order back issues; there are quite a few boxes in storage now at the library, and we will be packing them up for our move to Germantown in the summer. Since the index is by volume (year) only, we will be happy to help you find the particular issue you need, or you may look in the bound volumes in our library when you visit us.

We appreciate your ideas and suggestions, and are always looking for original material for publication. Are you currently working on any abstracts? What about the history of your town? your church? your family? your county? As always, our goal is to publish material which will direct genealogy researchers working on families in this area to the primary sources and original records in county and state archives.

Sincerely,
Ann Kendall Ray, editor

President's Page

A MOMENTOUS DECISION

The decision by your Board of Directors to recommend to the general membership that it relinquish ownership of an invaluable collection of genealogical research material acquired over a fifty-year period was not done without much research, thoughtful consideration, and sleepless nights by several members.

For us, operating a for-members-only facility without extensive electronic research capabilities is not cost effective, nor is it the best use of our very talented volunteers. For ten years we have enjoyed the amenities of our rural and historical location and the relationship with the Davies Plantation Association. But, we are fast outgrowing our beautiful little building and with changes in local property zoning we will soon lose much of our rural surroundings

It's time to move on.

With this decision, the Board identified the need to keep the collection together and the Society a viable and growing entity.

Of the three Shelby county municipalities that the TGS Search Committee contacted, the Germantown city administration and their library board demonstrated the strongest commitment and financial ability to satisfy these needs. The City will assume ownership and management of the collection about July 1, 2006. At that time the collection and offices of TGS will move into the remodeled Franklin library building.

As TGS reinvents itself and its culture changes we will refocus on the goals stated in its Constitution.... ***"The objectives of this Society shall be as set out in the Chapter of Incorporation issued by the State of Tennessee on November 5, 1952, as follows: For the purpose of creating and maintaining an organization and a society for the study and investigation of genealogical history and genealogical records and for the further purpose of receiving and collecting genealogical and historical records and depositing and preserving records in libraries and archives."***

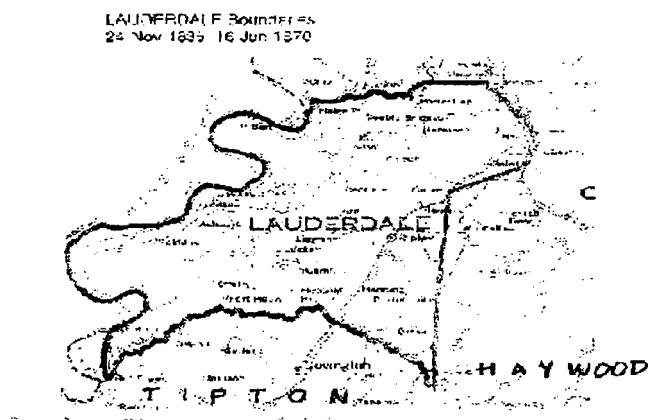
We are very excited and pleased with the number of new members, with much needed and specific expertise, who join us in our commitment to create an even stronger research facility; an even more broadly distributed and read ***Ansearchin'*** News; opportunities for members to visit other archives; widely diverse training seminars; and back-to-basics research.

Please visit our reconstructed web-site, TNGS.ORG. If you would like to critique or comment leave a message. If you are not on the internet phone or use snail-mail.

Don't let your Society let you down. Share your knowledge, enthusiasm, and concerns.

James E. (Jim) Bobo, President

Kinfolks found in Lauderdale County, TN Court Minute Book A



Lauderdale County – An Introduction

The Tennessee State legislature voted for the organization of Lauderdale County late in 1835 and the County Court held its first meeting of record on the first Monday of May in 1836. The county was formed from the part of Tipton County that lay north of the Hatchie River, the part of Dyer County that lay south of the South Fork of the Forked Deer River, and a sliver of Haywood County. Later a civil district just south of the Forked Deer voted to return to Dyer County.

While any name that appears in County Court minutes can be important to the family researcher who is working to prove his ancestor was there, this extracted and paraphrased transcription of the first book of the minutes covering May 1836 to May 1844 concentrates on the items that might reveal relationships or death dates. Omitted are the "Be it remembered"s and the sometimes tiresome accounts of Court business and the lists of who was to work which road. However, this submitter welcomes questions about any of the omitted material. Write her at bbdavis@lctn.com. (That's an "L" in lctn.)

p. 16 - **June 6, 1836** – **George W. Childress** has died leaving a last will and testament which was made without the United States. The Court appointed **Hermis Champ** administrator with the will annexed.

William L. Byler died leaving no last will or testament. **Delphy Byler** was appointed administratrix and **David Gilliland** administrator.

p. 17 – **Jehugh Inman** has died leaving no last will or testament; **David Gilliland** was appointed administrator.

Stephen J. Blackwell is dead and left no last will or testament; it is ordered that John Blackwell be appointed administrator.

p. 23 – July 4, 1836 – Jemima **Chisum**, a connection, prayed the Court to bind Amandy Jane **Robison** and Elijah W. **Robison**, two orphan children of Thomas **Robison**, dec'd, to her. The Court ordered Amandy Jane **Robison** to be bound to Jemima **Chisum** until the age of eighteen years and Elijah W. Robisou to be bound to her until he is 21 years. Jemima **Chisum** is to school them. William **Chisum** appeared as security on her bond.

p. 24 - William **Terrell** has died leaving no will. The widow relinquished her right to administer on the estate and Moses Parr was appointed administrator. Thomas B. Stokes and Jordan Stokes were his securities. The following were appointed to lay off the Widow **Terrell's** dower and report at next term of Court: Elijah B., Samuel Lusk, and Isaac D. **Maxwell**.

p. 25 – David **Gilliland** was appointed administrator on the estate of Reuben A. **Braden**, dec'd, and he with Able H. Pope, his security, entered into bond.

Rezin S. Byrn, Nedy Reams, and Samuel Lard were appointed commissioners to lay off to Jehugh **Inman's** widow her dower and to report to the next term of court.

Soloman D. Spain, Alfred S. Byler, and Isaac D. Maxwell were appointed commissioners to lay off William L. Byler's widow's dower.

p. 26 – The last will and testament of Benjamine Jordan was produced and duly proven by oaths of Pascal W. Saunders and James **Soward**, witnesses. William Jordan, one of the executors named therein, was made executor.

July 5, 1836 – p. 33 – The last will and testament of George W. Childress was produced and proven by the oaths of John C. Barns and J. P. **Holliman** and ordered to be recorded.

p. 35 - The Court proceeded to bind the orphan children of Thomas **Robison**, dec'd. William T. **Robison** of the age of eleven(?) years to learn the art of planter & farming until he come to the age of twenty one years was bound to Henry T. **Chisum** with Moses B. **Chisum** and Ivy Chandler his securities. Anna A. **Roberson**, the daughter of **Thomas Roberson**, dec'd, of the age of thirteen years was bound to William **Chisum** until she arrives to the age of eighteen years. William **Chisum** came into Court with Moses B. **Chisum** and Henry T. **Chisum** his securities.

p. 36 - William **Carrigan** has died intestate; Adolphus **Carrigan** was made administrator with Milton Turner and John H. Maxwell his securities.

The commissioners appointed at last term of Court to lay off to the widow of William S. Byler, dec'd, her dower reported.

p. 37 - Ordered that the widow of Stephen J. Blackwell, dec'd, appear at the next term of Court and show cause, if any, why the continuation of John **Blackwell**, administrator of her deceased husband, should not be continued.

September 5, 1836 – p. 41 – Will of Alexander **Work**, authenticated on the records of **Iredale** (sic) Co., NC, was presented by the interested parties and ordered to be recorded. Deed of Alexander Jefferson Work for one-third part of an undivided 5000-acre tract in Lauderdale Co.

to Alexander W. Brandon and William B. **McCorkle** of North Carolina registered in Dyer Co. was examined and ordered registered.

p. 42 – Stephen J. Blackwell has died intestate. Samuel V. Gilliland and Maria Blackwell have applied for letters of administration. Granted.

October 4, 1836 – p. 61 – Robert C. Campbell, Chairman, has placed under the care of **Soloman D. Spain** a minor pauper as an apprentice, the daughter of **Soloman D. Spain**, dec'd, of the age of 11 years until she arrive at age 18 to be instructed in the arts and **misteries** of housewifery and spinster, to be taught to read and right, and at the expiration of her apprenticeship to have a good feather bed and clothing. [On page 57 in a marked out section, her name is shown as Malinda Adaline Spain.]

December 5, 1836 – p. 63 - **Benjamin** Porter, James Blair, and Hugh Smith were appointed to settle with Griffith L. Rutherford, administrator of Oliver Crenshaw, dec'd and with Henry F. Rutherford, guardian for the heirs of said Oliver Crenshaw and to divide the estate equally between John C. **Crenshaw**, Charles D. **Crenshaw**, Louiza Jane **Crenshaw**, and Olliver Crenshaw.

December 6, 1836 – p. 69 – **Mabara** Hunter has died intestate; Ellison P. Fuller received letters of administration. Able H. Pope, William Strain, William P. Gains were appointed to lay off to the widow of **Mabary** Hunter her years provisions and report to court.

p. 72 – Thomas Durham, Robert P. Russell, and Christopher Watson were appointed to lay off to the widow of William Carrigan, dec'd, her year's provisions and report at next court.

February 6, 1837 – p. 77 – Wesley Keller has died intestate; Hiram C. Keller was granted letters of administration.

March 6, 1837 – p. 87 – Jamima F. Chism was appointed guardian for George W. Cbism, Jemima E. Chism, Elijah G. Chism, Fanny H. Chism and Amanda Chism, the orphan minor children of Elijah Cbism, dec'd. William R. **Chisholm** and John Lockard were her security.

May 1, 1837 – p. 98 – Henry S. Williams, administrator of the estate of Pheriba Williams, has died and Henry B. S. Williams applied for letters of administrator *de bonis non* on said estate. They were issued.

Henry S. Williams has died leaving no last will or testament and Henry B. S. Williams has applied for letters of administration and suggests the insolvency of the estate. Letters testamentary issued.

June 5, 1836 – p. 105 – Samuel V. Gilliland was appointed guardian for the minor children of Sabert Wood, dec'd: William A. **Wood**, Betsy Ann Wood, Robert T. Wood, **Leven**(?) R. Wood, Handy Wood, Sabert Wood, and Mary E. Wood.

p. 106 – Lewis **Matthews** has departed this life intestate. and **Rutha Matthews** and **Bazzil** Billingsly applied for letters of administration on the estate, entered into bond. and took the oath.

July 3, 1837 – p. 108 – Richard Allison has died intestate; Dickerson Jennings was made administrator.

p. 114 – **R. S. Byrn, John Stone, and J.M.C. Roberson** were appointed to lay off her year's provision to **Rutha Matthews**, widow of **Lewis Matthews**, dec'd, and report to next term.

p. 117 – **Samuel Hogsette** has departed this life leaving no last will or testament. **Isaac Braden** and **W. T. Moorehead** were made administrators of the estate.

September 4, 1837 – p. 120 – **Lawson A. Henry** has departed this life intestate. **Able H. Pope** applied for letters of administration on the estate, entered into bond, and took the oath.

October 2, 1837 – p. 127 – **Francis Nunn** has departed this life intestate. **David Nunn** applied for letters of administration and entered into bond.

November 6, 1837 – p. 132 – **Moses Parr**, administrator on the estate of **William Terrell**, has also died leaving a part of the property belonging to **Terrell's** estate unsold. **Thomas B. Stokes** applied for letters of administration on **Terrell's** estate. So ordered.

p. 136 – **James Curtis** has departed this life intestate; **Sarah Ann Curtis**, the wife of the deceased, was issued letters of administration.

January 1, 1838 – p. 141 – **Samuel Rudder** has died intestate. **Elizabeth Rudder** and **John Thompson** were granted letters of administration.

p. 142 – **Andrew U. Kidd** has died intestate. **Nancy Kidd** was granted letters of administration.

Sarah W. Johnson has died intestate; **James H. Given** was granted letters of administration.

p. 143 - **James Cheek** has died; **P. G. Davenport** was granted letters of administration.

Abraham Moss, James Given, James Hutchinson, Wiley Garvin, and James Thompkins were appointed to lay off to the widow of **James Curtis**, dec'd, a year's provision and report to next term.

Samuel Given, John Garvin, Jesse Hutcherson, Coleman Hutcherson, and John Vassor were appointed to lay off to the widow of **Andrew U. Kidd** a year's provision and report to next term.

March 5, 1838 – p. 154 – **Imry Keller** has died intestate. **Hiram C. Keller** applied for and was issued letters of administration.

May 7, 1838 – p. 165 – **David Pitchford** has departed this life intestate; **Jessee R. Hutchason** was made administrator.

p. 168 – **Chairman Samuel V. Gilliland** put **William Davis**, aged between 13 and 14, under the care of **Samuel Hooper** until he comes to the age of 21 to learn the blacksmith
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Lewis Williams had died intestate; **Pleasant G. Davenport** was made administrator.

p. 169 - **John Garvin, Samuel Given, and Henry Willard** were appointed to lay off to the widow of **David Pitchford**, dec'd, a year's provision and report to the next term of court.

Thomas Wardlaw, David Russell, and Joseph Currie were appointed to lay off to the widow of **Lewis Williams**, dec'd, a year's provision and report to next term of court.

July 2, 1838 – p. 175 – **Samuel V. Gilliland** with the consent of the court placed **Mary Jane Dyal**, a minor child of 3 years until she arrive to age of eighteen years to **Pleasant G. Dyal** with him to live and serve as an apprentice to the full age of eighteen years.

The clerk is to (return) to **Samuel Hooper** a bond that he gave this court at the April or May term for **William Davis**. an apprentice, who this day they have given up to the mother of the boy.

August 6, 1838 – p. 178 – **Benjamin M. Flippin**, a minor over the age of 14, came into court and prayed the court to appoint **Griffith L. Rutherford** his guardian to take possession of his property. The court assented and Rutherford made bond of \$2000. **Henry F. Rutherford** and **John C. Barnes** were his securities.

p. 181 – **Henry T. Chism** gave up an orphan boy named **William T. Roberson**, age 13, who had been bound to him to serve until the age of 21. The chairman bound the boy to **Nathaniel Barnes** until he reach age 21 to live with him and work as an apprentice. **Barnes** is to teach him the trade of farming and give him two years schooling, a good farm horse, a saddle and bridle, and at the expiration of his services, a good suit of cloth clothes. **Barnes** is to furnish the boy sufficient washing and apparel and other necessities suited to an apprentice both in sickness and in health and take care of his morals and treat him with humanity. **J. C. Barnes** and **Isbam Robertson** were his securities.

p. 182 - **Joel J. Reynolds** has died leaving no will. **Hiram C. Keller** was made administrator.

September 3, 1838 – p. 185 – **William Jordan** has died intestate, and **Robert Jordan** was issued letters of administration.

Hiram C. Keller, administrator on the estate of **Joel J. Reynolds**, dec'd, returned an inventory. **John Lockard, Samuel Lusk, and Elnathan H. Condry** were appointed commissioners to lay off to **Reynolds'** widow her year's provision and report to next term.

November 5, 1838 – p. 194 – The last will and testament of **Edmond P. Lee**, dec'd, was produced and proven by the oaths of **Leonard Dunivant** and **Henry Sumroe**, subscribing witnesses.

December 3, 1838 – p. 196 - **Gilly Hunter** was appointed guardian of **William Hunter**, a minor orphan of 5 years and entered into bond.

Susan C. Marley was appointed guardian of **Josiah C. Marley** and **Malvina A. Marley**, minor orphans and entered into bond.

p. 197 – **Stith Richardson, Pascal W. Sanders, and Leonard Dunevant** are appointed to divide the perishable property that belonged to **William Jordan** in his life time held jointly between **William** and his mother, **Elizabeth Jordan**, and report to the next term.

January 7, 1839 – p. 200 – Margaret Burk and Sampson Smith were appointed guardians for William T. Burk, Mary J. Burk, Eleanor A. Burk, Robert A. Burk, and Caledonia T. Burk, minor orphans. Samuel Owen, Jeremiah Penick, John Bradford, Smith Hunt, and Milton G. Turner were appointed to lay off to Margaret Burk, widow of Arnold Burk, dec'd, her legacy in the estate and report to next term.

p. 201 - John C. Crenshaw was appointed guardian for Oliver B. Crenshaw, a minor

Amos Rounsaville has died intestate; William Rounsaville was appointed administrator.

p. 202 - Henry Carihfield, Leonard Dunevant, and John Russell were appointed to lay off to the widow of Amos Rounsaville, dec'd, a year's provision.

James C. **Fullen** was paid \$8 for making a coffin and burying a stranger named Thompson.

February 4, 1839 - p. 208 – On the petition of Samuel **Hankins** and it appearing that Benjamin Smith, **late** of North Carolina, has died intestate, leaving no relations in Tennessee, and it further appearing that he died seized and possessed of lands in Lauderdale, and that Samuel **Hankins** is the larger creditor of Smith, it is ordered that Samuel **Hankins** be issued letters of administration. Isaac Sampson, John Barnes, and G. L. Rutherford were securities on his bond of \$40,000.

March 4, 1839 – p. 212 – John Lockard has died intestate; Leroy Lockard was issued letters of administration. Hiram Meadows, William Weddle, and Hiram C. Keller were securities on \$4,000 bond.

p. 213 – Robert West was appointed guardian of the minor heirs of Robert Mellen, dec'd—Francis Marian and Rachel Caroline Virginia Mellen.

April 1, 1839 – p. 217 – James Curtis had died, and Sarah Curtis, having taken out letters of administration on the estate, and on petition of Hiram C. Keller one of her securities, a *sciera facias* was issued at the last term of court requiring her to come into court at the April term and give counter security. The return of J. C. Barnes, sheriff, states that Sarah Curtis is not to be found in this county. Hiram C. Keller had letters of administration issued to him and took the oath.

Joseph H. Adams has died; letters of administration were issued to Henry Carihfield, Esqr.

p. 219 – **Benjamin** Porter, Henry Carihfield, Jr., and Henry Sumerow were appointed to lay off to the widow of Joseph H. Adams, dec'd, her year's provision.

p. 223 – **Isaac** Moore, Elijah Wright, and Hiram Meadows were appointed commissioners to lay off to the widow of John Lockard, dec'd, a year's provisions and report to next term of court.

(to be continued)

Lucinda Beaver, Gentlewoman

Michael H. Ports*

Introduction

The following article is the next installment in the continuing series of articles on each of the children of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver of Henderson County, Tennessee. In the case at hand, the subject is their youngest daughter Lucinda, her husband Thomas Fletcher, and their family. Additional articles on the remaining children are planned and underway. Each article presents all of the records concerning the subjects that have been found from every source and attempts to place the story of the subject family in their proper historical context. It is hoped that their story will be of interest to both family members and other researchers. The author invites comments, questions, corrections, and suggestions for further research from all. It also is hoped that others will step forward with new information.

Lucinda Beaver indeed was a fortunate woman. She was raised by simple God-fearing parents in modest, but comfortable, circumstances in rural Henderson County. She attended the local schools to good effect as she was a literate woman. While yet a teen, she accompanied her sister and brother-in-law in their move to Arkansas. There she had the good fortune to meet and marry the promising Thomas Fletcher. No doubt Lucinda was proud of her husband, who became one of the more successful, respected, and prominent men in Arkansas. One presumes that Lucinda came to relish her position among the leading families of Little Rock. She also no doubt was proud that her sons enjoyed much success and rose to positions of consequence and responsibility in Arkansas society.

Starting Life in Tennessee

13. Lucinda Beaver was born February 10, 1823 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the youngest child of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver.¹ She was just an infant when her parents brought her to Henderson County. It is possible that she was born soon after her parents arrived in Henderson County. Not much is known of her early years. It is presumed that she attended the local schools, as she was literate as an adult. Apparently, she accompanied her sister and brother-in-law to Arkansas in 1840. But which of her two sisters and brothers-in-law she accompanied is uncertain as she does not seem to be part of either's household in 1840.

¹ Ports, Michael A., *Across the Southern Frontier to Tennessee: The Story of Stephen Beaver*. The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, Ansearchin' News, Volume 53, Number 2, Summer 2005.

It was there that she met her future husband Thomas Fletcher. They married on September 14, 1841, probably in Saline County.² A justice of the peace performed the ceremony, but no official record of their marriage has been located. Her husband was born April 8, 1819 in Randolph County, Arkansas, the son of Henry Lewis and Mary (Lindsey) Fletcher.³ In 1825 the Fletcher's moved to Pulaski County. In 1835, their old homestead found itself in the newly created Saline County. Thomas received a good common school education. Afterwards, he began work as a teacher in the local public schools.

Soon after their marriage, the young couple built a log house on Little Maumelle Creek about fifteen miles west of Little Rock.⁴ It was for him that nearby Fletcher's Spring, Fletcher's Creek, and Fletcher's Hollow were named.' All three are located near Ferndale. While the local area mostly was a farming community, other more colorful business ventures were advanced. About 1850, Thomas Fletcher had several prospect pits and sizeable mines dug into the hills along Fletcher's Creek and south of Little Maumelle Creek. Several interesting ore samples were handed down through his descendants, but there is no record that he ever recovered significant or profitable amounts of any minerals.

On August 14, 1846, Thomas Fletcher and his wife Lucinda sold a tract of land in Saline County to his brother Martin Fletcher for \$52.⁶ The tract consisted of the SW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄ of fractional Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 15 West and contained 41.22 acres of land. Both Thomas and Lucinda signed the deed.

On April 29, 1848, Henry L. Fletcher of Saline County conveyed a certain "*negro boy Doc about 14 years of age and of black color*" as a gift to his son Thomas Fletcher of Pulaski County.⁷ However, Henry kept a life interest in his slave, thus stipulating that his son would not get the boy until after his death.

In 1850, Thomas Fletcher was farming in Maumelle Township.⁸ At the time, Thomas was 31 years old. Lucinda, at 26, was keeping house. Also in the household were their four sons Henry, James, Richard, and John. Thomas owned five slaves: an 18-year-old mulatto female, 16-year-

² *Biographical Directory of the Governors of the United States, 1789-1978*. Reprint Edition, Meckler Corporation, Westport, Connecticut, 1978.

Shinn, Josiah H., *Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas*, Pages 240 through 249. Originally published at Little Rock, Arkansas in 1908, reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1967.

⁴ Worthen, Mary F., *Thomas Fletcher, A Reminiscence*, Pulaski County Historical Review, Volume XXI, Number 1, March 1973, Pages 19-21. Pulaski County Historical Society, Little Rock, Arkansas. (Hereinafter cited as Pulaski Review.)

⁵ Henker, Fred O., *Ferndale – Western Pulaski County*, Pulaski Review, Volume XXI, Number 1, March 1973, Pages 1-17.

⁶ Land Records, Saline County, Arkansas, Deed Book C, Page 66. Saline County Courthouse, Benton, Arkansas. (Hereinafter cited as Saline Deeds.)

⁷ Saline Deeds, Book C, Page 172.

⁸ 1850 Census, Population Schedules, Maumelle Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 318. All Arkansas census schedules on microfilm at Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

old black male. 15-year-old black female. 2-year-old mulatto boy, and 6-month-old black boy.⁹ The eldest boy may have been Doc, who Thomas had received as a gift from his father. His farm consisted of 90 acres of improved land and 90 acres of unimproved land valued at \$1,200.¹⁰ His farm implements were valued at just \$100. The livestock, valued at \$390, consisted of three horses, six cows, fifteen cattle, two sheep, and forty swine. In one year, the farm produced ten bushels of wheat, ten bushels of rye, one thousand bushels of corn, two hundred bushels of oats, forty bushels of potatoes, **fifty** bushels of sweet potatoes, eleven hundred fifty pounds of butter, ten pounds of beeswax and honey, \$30 worth of home manufactured goods, and \$100 worth of slaughtered animals.

In 1858, Thomas Fletcher was made sheriff of Pulaski County by the old Whig Party over the vigorous protests of the Democrats.¹¹ He served two terms in that post until October 1862. In the faithful administration of his office, he earned the sobriquet of "**Honest Tom**." In 1860, their farm found itself located in the new Owen Township.¹² Thomas, at 41, valued his real estate at \$2,000 and his personal property at \$16,250. His wife, Lucinda, at 37 was keeping house. All nine of their children were living with them. The previous decade had been good to Thomas and Lucinda. Their family had grown significantly. His agricultural pursuits and other business ventures made them prosperous enough to invest in many more slaves. By the time of the census, Thomas owned eighteen slaves who were kept in two slave houses.¹³ The eighteen were described as:

Age	Sex	Color	Age	Sex	Color	Age	Sex	Color
46	male	black	14	female	black	9	male	black
41	female	black	13	male	mulatto	8	male	black
34	male	black	13	male	black	7	male	black
28	female	mulatto	11	male	black	5	male	black
24	male	black	10	male	black	5	male	black
18	female	black	9	female	black	1	female	black

It is difficult to know for sure, but it appears that Thomas had kept all of his slaves from 1850 and purchased or inherited thirteen more. His small farm had grown into a considerable plantation consisting of 125 acres of improved land valued at \$2,000.¹⁴ He owned \$600 worth of farm implements and machinery, more than anyone else in Owen Township. His livestock, consisting of nine horses, three mules, seven cows, two oxen, fifteen cattle, ten sheep, and thirty-five swine, were valued at \$650. His total production consisted of ten bushels of wheat, five hundred bushels

⁹ 1850 Census, Slave Schedules, Maumelle Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 345

¹⁰ 1850 Census, Agricultural Schedules, Maumelle Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 311

¹¹ Hallum, John, *Biographical and Pictorial History of Arkansas*, Volume 1, Pages 340-341. Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, Albany, New York, 1887.

¹² 1860 Census, Population Schedules, Owen Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 22.

¹³ 1860 Census, Slave Schedules, Owen Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 2.

¹⁴ 1860 Census, Agricultural Schedules, Owen Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 5.

of corn, twenty-nine bales of ginned cotton, ten bushels of peas and beans, twenty-five bushels of potatoes, fifteen bushels of sweet potatoes, two hundred pounds of butter, fifteen pounds of honey, \$150 worth of home manufactured goods, and \$200 worth of slaughtered products. At the expiration of his second term as sheriff, the Whigs nominated and elected him to the state legislature in 1862. However, when the Federal Army captured Little Rock in 1863, Thomas Fletcher took his family and fled to **Camden** which remained safely under Confederate control throughout the War. He was a member of the Confederate state legislature in 1864. In 1865, after the close of the Civil War, Thomas brought his family back to Pulaski County. Fortunately for him, he found his name among the list of non-combatants. In 1866, he was elected sheriff of Pulaski County as part of the Murphy administration. The field was crowded as no less than six men vied for the position. The local newspaper reported the election returns: Griffith 195, Fletcher 463, Blanks 366, Parish 374, Adams 216, and Johnson 102.¹⁵ One wonders whether he would have won the election had the field of candidates been smaller. He held that office until July 1868, when he and all of the other white Democrats were reconstructed out of office. In 1868, he was licensed to practice law and carry on a real estate **business**.¹⁶ By the following year, Thomas had moved his family into Little Rock so that he could practice his new profession. He purchased a house and lot at the corner of Ninth and Cumberland streets. In 1870, the family resided in the City's Second **Ward**.¹⁷ At 51 years of age, the new lawyer valued his real estate at \$30,000 and his personal estate at \$10,000. His wife Lucinda, at 46, was keeping house. Three of their sons, Richard, John, and Caleb, were living with them. Also in their household was a surveyor, Caleb Langtree, who may have been in Thomas' employ. In the Little Rock City Directory of 1871, Thomas Fletcher is listed as a lawyer with offices at 16 West **Markham**. By 1872, together with his son John, Thomas had entered into a law partnership known as Farr, Fletcher & Fletcher. Their offices were located on **Markham** nearly opposite the State House. By 1876, his son John left their partnership to pursue his law practice independently. In 1877, the new **firm** of Farr & Fletcher kept their offices in Room 17 upstairs at 106 West **Markham**. In 1876 and again in 1878, Thomas Fletcher mounted **formidable**, yet unsuccessful, campaigns for the Democratic Party's nomination for governor. It was in his second race that Uncle Tom disposed of one of his opponents with a fatherly shake of his head and the words: "*As to my friend, Smithee, he is young; he can afford to wait.*" His young opponent innocently responded, "*True, I can afford it, but that is not the question. Can Arkansas afford it?*" He continued to be a loyal Democrat and worked in Grover Cleveland's first campaign for president. During the entire period, he never **turned** his attention away from his practice of law and his considerable other business and agricultural interests. In 1880, Thomas and Lucinda still were living at 303 East Ninth Street in the Second **Ward**.¹⁸ At 60, Thomas was working as a lawyer. Lucinda, at 55 years of age, was keeping house. Their son Caleb and his wife and daughter were living with them. Also, their black cook Clara Green was living with them. The City Directory of 1883 lists Thomas Fletcher as a capitalist rather than as a lawyer.

¹⁵ *Arkansas Gazette*, published at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 11, 1866. Little Rock Public Library, Little Rock, Arkansas. (Hereinafter cited as *Arkansas Gazette*.)

¹⁶ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Pulaski, Jefferson, Lonoke, Faulkner, Grant, Saline, Perry, Garland, and Hot Springs Counties, Arkansas*, Pages 451-452. The Goodspeed Publishing Company, Chicago, Nashville, and St. Louis, 1889.

¹⁷ 1870 Census, Population Schedules, 2nd Ward, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 49.

¹⁸ 1880 Census, Population Schedules, 2nd Ward, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Enumeration District 142, Sheet 10.

In October 1885, President Grover Cleveland rewarded Thomas Fletcher for his political support with an appointment to the office of United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas. He held that post through 1888. Soon thereafter, much to the consternation of his family, Thomas Fletcher changed his political allegiance to the new Populist Party. He served three terms as the chairman of the State Central Committee as well as national committeeman from Arkansas.

By 1890, Thomas Fletcher was one of the largest land owners in Pulaski County, owning altogether about 2,500 acres. He owned about 1,000 acres in Owen Township that he thought contained valuable copper, lead, and silver deposits. He continued to work these deposits and expected to realize considerable profit from this endeavor. He owned a granite quarry near Little Rock that did prove to be a good investment. He also owned considerable residential and business property in Little Rock.

On September 5, 1891, "*Uncle Tom*" as he generally was called and his wife Lucinda celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.¹⁹ The gala affair was hosted by his brother John Gould Fletcher in his home at 411 East Seventh Street. The celebration featured elaborate floral arrangements, a Bavarian Band, and an elegant supper which began at 11:00 PM. The host presented a gold pin to Lucinda and a gold headed cane to Thomas. In addition, the generous host presented a gold souvenir to each guest present. As only the second golden anniversary to occur in the city, it was a special occasion indeed.

Lucinda Fletcher died on October 19, 1892. Her death was noted in the local newspaper.²⁰

"Mrs. Lucinda Fletcher, wife of Col. Thomas Fletcher, died yesterday afternoon at their residence on Ninth and Cumberland streets, at the advanced age of 68 years. She had been suffering from rheumatism for seven long years, which lately became complicated with other diseases, and during the past six months had been in exceedingly poor health. The immediate cause of death was heart failure.

"Mrs. Fletcher's maiden name was Lucinda Beaver, she having been born February 12, 1824, in Henderson County, Tenn. She emigrated with her brother-in-law to Saline County, Ark., in 1840, where on September 5, 1842, she was married to Thomas Fletcher, who survives her and is 73 years of age, and still in vigorous health, mental and physical.

"On September 5, 1891, the venerable couple celebrated their golden wedding, an event still fresh in the minds of the people of this city, and at which was a family gathering of a very remarkable character.

"The fruits of their marriage were nine children, but three of whom survive, Richard Fletcher, Hugh L. Fletcher, Jr., and John Fletcher, all honored citizens of this city. This happy and venerable couple had traveled the thorny pathway of life, hand in hand, fifty-one years, one month, and fourteen days, and lived to see their union surrounded at its closing days, not only with honored sons, but grand children and even great grand children.

"The funeral will take place today at 8 p.m. from the First Christian Church, at Tenth and Louisiana streets, Rev. Heddick officiating."

¹⁹ Pulaski Review, Volume XXI, Number 1, March 1973, Pages 19-22.

²⁰ *Arkansas Gazette*, October 20, 1892.

Dr. E. D. Ayers attended her and signed the city death **register**.²¹ No probate was made on her estate. She was buried in the family plot at Oakland Cemetery. Lucinda was described as a devout Christian lady, but she abandoned her Baptist heritage to become an active and long-time member of the First Christian Church. She was of considerable help to her husband, in his active public life, with her valuable advice.

The children of Thomas and Lucinda (Beaver) Fletcher were:

104. i. Henry Lewis, born circa 1844 in Arkansas.
105. ii. James H., born circa 1845 in Arkansas.
106. iii. Richard, born circa 1848 in Arkansas.
107. iv. John, born March 10, 1849 in Pulaski County, Arkansas.
108. v. Nancy A., born circa 1851 in Pulaski County, Arkansas.
109. vi. Caleb Lindsey, born circa 1853 in Pulaski County, Arkansas.
110. vii. Stephen B., born 1855 in Pulaski County, Arkansas. He died in 1870 and was buried in the family plot at Oakland Cemetery.
111. viii. Mary, born circa 1857 in Pulaski County, Arkansas. She died in 1870 and was buried in the family plot at Oakland Cemetery.
112. ix. Martha, born 1859 in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

One is tempted to opine that the middle name of their son Stephen was Beaver after her father. One also is tempted to opine that Caleb Lindsey was named after his father's maternal grand father. The 1890 City Directory listed Thomas Fletcher as a capitalist and planter with offices at 318½ Main Street. The city directory of 1893-94 listed him as the Treasurer of the Farmers' Alliance and International Union, Central Alliance No. 48. He continued his law practice, farming, and other business pursuits until his death on February 21, 1900. His death was noted by the local **newspaper**.²²

*"Col. Thomas Fletcher, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Little Rock, died at 2:30 yesterday **afternoon** at his residence, 303 East Ninth street, aged 83 years. The **funeral** will take place from the Christian Church, Tenth and Louisiana streets, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, the services being conducted by Rev. J. N. Jessop, pastor of that church. The interment will be in Oakland cemetery.*

*"Uncle Tom, as he was **affectionately** called by nearly all who new him, was a familiar figure on the streets of the city, and had his **office** at 513 1-2 Main street, which building he owned. He was a man of most generous nature and every one was attracted by his strong personality. For the past two years he has been in bad health due to his extreme old age, though he had a very strong constitution and did not appear to be as old as he really was. **About** two weeks ago he was attacked by the grippe and gradually succumbed to it until yesterday morning it*

²¹ Death Records, Little Rock, Arkansas, Register of Deaths, Volume 3, 1890-1898, Page 76. Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

²² *Arkansas Gazette*, February 22, 1900.

was seen that he could not live very long. His sons and brothers and several of his grandchildren went to his bedside and stayed with him until the end came about 2:30 in the afternoon. His remains will be interred by the side of his wife, who died about four years ago at an advanced age. The three sons surviving are all residents of this city and among the best known citizens. They are: Richard Fletcher, the real estate dealer; John, the lawyer; and H. Lewis, Jr., the latter residing with his father. There are two brothers, Col. John ti. Fletcher of the German National Bank and Jeff L. Fletcher the well known planter, who lives on Thirteenth and Izard streets."

Conclusion

The foregoing article presents nearly all of the public and private records that have been found concerning Lucinda Beaver, her husband Thomas Fletcher, and their family. The author regrets never having met any of his cousins from this particular branch of the Beaver family tree. The reader should be cautioned, however, that two significant record sources have been neglected. Both the Pulaski County tax rolls and deed books were consulted but briefly and their contents were not included in the foregoing account of the family. Both record sources contain numerous references to the family, but the author believes that little new or interesting information may be gleaned from those records. Perhaps the present article will spur another researcher to look for a few nuggets of new and interesting information from those records.

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 Arkansas History Commission, Saline County Courthouse, Pulaski County Courthouse, and the very kind ladies at the Mid-Continent Public Library and Little Rock Public Library. Also, many thanks are due to our cousins Orpha Jewel Weaver and Billy B. Lassiter who generously shared their research with us. Hopefully, others will step forward with new information as well as suggestions for further research.

* 5427 Mission Road, Fairway, Kansas 66205. Member, Tennessee Genealogical Society.

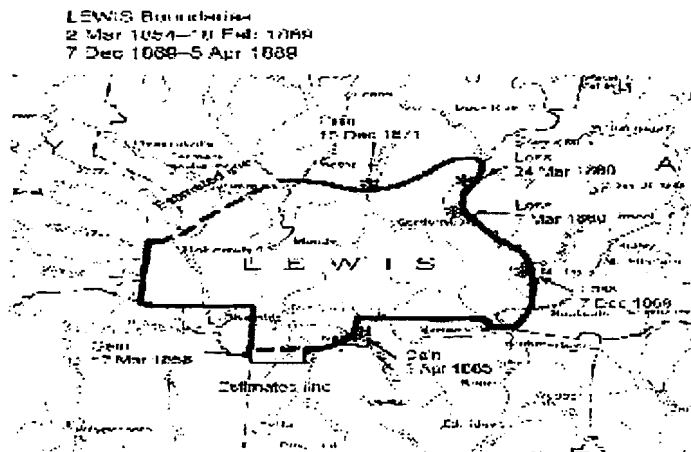
Lewis County Wills

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Lewis County was established on 23 December 1843 by the Tennessee legislature from portions of Lawrence and Wayne counties (to the south) and Hickman and Maury counties (to the north and east). Hohenwald is the county seat.

**County Clerk – Records of Wills Inventories Administration and Letters
Testamentary Settlements of Administrations & Guardianships
Sept. 1842 – Oct. 1856**



JOHN BLAKLEY ESTATE

Inventory and Account of Sale

Purchaser's Name	Articles Sold	Amount
WILLIAM BLAKLEY	2 saddle trees	\$ 2.00
	1 sheep skin	2.56
	1 deer skin	.75
	1 coffee mill	.57
	1 (illegible)	2.75
	1 pair spatts	.50
WILLIAM BLAKELY continued	1 Lot sundries	.62
	1 chum	.37
	2 saddle trees	3.00
	3 saddle trees	3.00

G. W. SESSOMS	1 Lot corn	2.50	
	1 (illegible)	.25	
	1 saddle tree	1.62	
	1 pad lock	.35	
	1 girt	.20	
	1 razor strop	1.50	
	1 set saddler's tools	1.56	
	1 box & contents	.50	
	1 saddle tree	1.50	
	1 Lot fodder	.50	
	2 sheep skins	.50	
	1 Lot leather	1.12	1.12
	" " "	.50	
	4 saddle trees	5.00	5.00
SAMUEL JAMES	1 Lot tools	.20	.20
WILLIAM BLAKLEY, JR.	2 beds & furniture	5.00	5.00
A. BROWN	1 sorrell horse	36.12	
J. R. KINGSTON	1 barrell corn	2.00	38.12
JOHNATHAN JAMES	Amount		79.69

WILLIAM BLAKLEY

Administrator

Confirmed and ordered to be recorded Feb term 1845

JACOB BIFFLE ESTATE

Inventory & Account of Sale

Purchaser's Names	Property Sold	Price Amount
A. B. AKIN	1 pair gees	\$.87
	1 auger	.37
	1 sack and cotton	.50
	1 umbrella	.15
	1 Lot oats	3.44
JAMES BLACKBURN	1 pair gees	1.72
	4 chairs	.40
	4 plates	.12
	1 sorrell horse	15.05

W. B. MADDEN	1 pair gees	1.12
	1 dish & c	.37
	1 70 lbs bacon	7.80
	1 Lot sundries	.25
WILLIAM B. ROACH	350 bundles oats	3.40
	1 pair (illegible)	1.61
	2 pair hip straps	.50
	1 box	.25
	1 table cloth	.50
L. S. AKIN	2 boxes	.20
	1 pair bucken	1.95
	1 bar shear plow	.85
	1 Lot books	.85
L. S. AKIN & J. AKIN	21 head sheep	16.00
W. BIFFLE	1 bed quilt	2.50
	1 Lot (illegible)	.18
	1 felling axe	.95
	1 sythe & c	.18
	1 barrell vinegar	1.55

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W. BIFFLE Account brought forward	1 wheel	1.80
	1 calender	.10
	1 clock	1.10
	1 counter pane	1.45
	1 table cloth	.25
	1 Do Do	.15
	1 stack fodder	3.00
	1 bag	.20
	3 (illegible)	.35
	1 (illegible)	.50
JACOB R. BURNS	1 oven & hooks	.85
	2 candle sticks	.55
	1 bed & furniture	10.25
	1 bag dried apples	1.05
	1 counter pane	.31
	1 Do	2.00
	1 Do	1.50
	1 table cloth	1.25
	1 bed quilt	2.60
	1 Do	.50
WILLIAM RICKETTS	1 croscutt saw	2.00
	1 hand axe	.45
	1 old Do	.5
B. BIFFLE	1 axe	.50
A. B. KILLPATRICK	1 axe	.5
	1 Do	.70
	1 Bee stand	.62
	1 Do Do	.75

A. B. KILLPATRICK Account brought forward

W. H. PARKER	1 gray mare	17.00
	1 clock	4.37
	1 Barshear plow	2.05
	1 bull tongue Do	1.00
	1 pair sheep shears	.15
	1 cedar stand	.05
	22 candles	.15
	1 water pail	.55
	1 bottle	.55
	1 Lot bee gums	.15
	8 barrells corn	3.97
	7 plank ?	.15
	8 Do	3.84
JAMES M. GRIMES	1 brashear plow	.85
	1 bell	.70
	2 pails & 1 table	.25
	1 broom	.20
WIDOW BIFFLE	1 sow & pigs	2.10
	1 plow & 2 hoes	1.00
	1 single tree	.25
WILLIAM BIFFLE	1 oven & c	.25
	1 Lot Rye	1.80
	1 plow & 2 hoes	1.85
	1 bread tray	.25
	1 Fire Shovel	.25
WILLIAM RALSTON	1 apple(illegible)	2.10
	1 shovel	.75
	1 grid iron	.25
ROBERT JONES	1 bull tongue plow	1.00
	2 hoes	.75
	5 pewter plates	.90
	2 hoes	.37
	1 wire sieve	.50
JAMES R. GARNER	1 jar	.40
	1 smoothing iron	.75
	1 (illegible)	.10
	1 bed & c	8.50

JACOB GARNER	1 hammer	.60
	1 pan	.21
ANDREW AKIN	1 log chain	2.10
JEFF FARRIS	1 basket & c	.50
JOHN J. AKIN	1 chiselle & c	.15

JOHN AKIN

1 skillette	.37
1 heifer	4.00
1 collar	.10
1 3 quarter auger	.55
1 bee gum	.40
1 mall	.10
1 jar	.25
1 table	.65
1 wheel	1.25
1 coffee mill	.60
1 tea kettle	1.00
1 Flax hackle	.25
1 crock	.25
5 head sheep	5.00
1 suguar dish	.30
1 pitcher	.35
1 (illegible)	.50
1 chest	.10
1 half bushel	.5
1 set bed clothes	.45
1 sheet	.25
1 counterpane	1.00
1 tablecloth	.50
1 sheet	.25
1 black colt	10.06
1 heifer	2.75
1 chair	.5

JOHN AKIN continued

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C. VICK

2 sickles	.30
9 barrells corn	4.50

W. H. ENGLISH

1 basket	.50
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A. S. STRONG

1 trowell	.25
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JOEL LEFTWICH

1 pair stutyards	.95
1 pair (ellegible)	2.40

1 oven	.25
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1 pair candle moulds	1.00
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1 large jug	.55
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1 trunk	.25
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1 stack fodder	1.55
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W. BEGRAM

1 iron wedge	.25
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1 coffee mill	.75
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1 (illegible)	1.95
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P. A. KIRK

1 side saddle	2.60
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1 drawing knife	.15
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1 pot	1.12
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1 wheel	.50
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1 pair (illegible)	.35
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J. J. BIFFLE

1 chair	.35
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1 bell	.65
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A. J. DONALDSON	1 book case	6.50
JAMES D. HINES	1 iron wedge	.45
JOHN SHARP	Basket	.15
	1 double tree	.62
	3 bushels irish potatoes	.35
	8 barrells corn	3.76
	1 stack oats	2.95
JAMES W. NEELEY	1 single tree	.35
	5 plates 1 bottle & c	.35
	250 bundles fodder	2.50
	200 bundles (illegible)	2.18
	1 cupboard	7.00

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J. J. RAINS	1 single tree	.25
	1 table waiter	.40
W. ROYSTON	1 single tree	.10
N. CURREY	1 single tree	.10
D. SMITH	1 Lot plank	1.60
A. M. WILEY	1 bee stand	.60
	1 Lot plank	.90
	1 table server	.10
JAMES A. JOHNSTON	1 goose neck	.12
	1 pot	.40
	1 over pail & piggin	.25
	1 cow	.25
	6 windser chairs	1.10
JAMES A. JOHNSTON continued	1 bottle	.10
	1 blanket	.15
	1 saddle blankett	.65
JAMES PATTON	128 lbs (illegible)	6.40
H. BIFFLE	1 pot rack	.50
	1 pair waffle irons	.80
	1 flesh fork	.10
	1 chum	.20
	1 Loom	5.16
	2 pair (illegible)	.50
	1 jar of Honey	1.25
	2 boxes	.25
	1 (illegible) barrell	.75
	1 chair	.25
	1 press	3.00
	1 trunk	3.00
	1 Lot & (illegible)	6.00

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H. BIFFLE brought forward

	1 bed furniture & c	20.00
	1 bee stand	.75

	1 Do Do	20.18
	1 kittle & hooks	3.00
	1 baskett &	.75
	1 quilt	.25
	1 counterpane	.40
	1 saddle	15.25
	1 umbrella	.15
	1 trough & hogg shed	1.00
	2 (illegible)	.37
	4 ewes w/lambs	4.62
	1 sow & pigs	2.75
	2 bridles	.57
	1 pot	.75
N. BIFFLE	1 pewter dish	1.10
	1 3 gallon jug	.80
	1 bee stand	.51
	1 table	5.05
	1 Secretary	17.00
	2 whetstones	.10
	2 fly brooms	.20
	1 bed stead	4.15
	1 carpet	5.35
	1 stalion horse & hy	126.20
	2 razor strops	1.50
	1 (illegible) gun	5.00
GUS KANADY	2 tin pans & basin	.65
S. GLASS	1 pair (illegible)	3.00
	1 Jug Honey	.45
	1 barrell soap	2.85
B. B. SMITH	1 wheel	.85
	1 pair cords	.35
	1 Red cow	5.15

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WILLIAM MINAKIN	1 bee stand	.30
	2 barrells	.15
	1 chick reel	.50
J. B. AKIN	1 bee stand	.40
	1 fly broom	.25
	1 sow	1.40
W. GARNER	6 chairs	1.55
GEO. W. FERGUSON	1 bee stand	1.05
	1 Do Do	2.10
	1 pair andirons	.15
	1 Lot sundries	.30
	1 chest	.55
	1 bag	.25
	32 ½ lbs raw hides	4.14
	2 calf skins 22 ½ lbs	.50
	balance corn	10.05

MILLEY AKIN	1 sythe & cradle	1.00
	3 pair harnesses	1.00
	1 Jugg Honey	1.60
	1 Lot sundries	.20
	1 Set Knives & forks	.67
	1 pair (illegible)	.25
	1 (illegible)	1.25
	1 pair illegible)	.12 1/2
S. V. AKIN	1 set plates	.15
	3 (illegible)	.50
	1 tea trunk	.60
	1 waggon	35.25
P. HUSTON	1 Lot (illegible)	.20
	1 shovel	.30
JAMES N. BIGHAM	1 bag	.22
	1 candle stand	.55
	2 sheep (illegible)	.12
	1 bag	.22
H. W. WEST	25 barrels corn	12.50
	6 cups plates	.20
	525 bundles oats	2.84
G. W. ISHAM	1 dish & c	.30
	3 glasses	.20
D. MCKANNON	1 tea pot	.15
W. HATTIMS	1 shaving pot	.5
A. AKIN	1 set knives & forks	.75
	1 looking glass	.50
T. L. PORTER	1 (illegible)	.37
G. T. EDWARDS	1 yoke oxen	21.00
T. E. KINGSTON	1 yoke oxen	10.10
ELIAS PAYTON	1 bay horse	40.15
JAMES BRYAN	1 sorrell mare	15.35
J. W. DICUS	1 shot gun	1.60
	1 bay horse	2.75
R. CARTER	1 cow & c	3.00
T. COLEMAN	2 bushels green apples	.40
	8 bushels sweet potatoes	4.50
	1 heifer	2.00
	1 Do	2.00
	2 steers	4.00
	1 heifer	1.95
	Do	1.30
L. S. AKIN	1 tanned sheep skin	.35
	1 Lot books	.85
S. PATTON	1 man's saddle	4.55
R. BIFFLE	1 (illegible)	.10
	1 Lot flax seed	.40

C. HARRINGTON	300 lbs cotton	6.00
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W. J. COX	139 lbs cotton	2.80
E.T. GRAHAM	100 lbs cotton	2.10
R. L. FARRIS	17 lbs cotton	8.34
W. B. MADEN	170 lbs bacon	7.80
JASON SMITH	62 lbs bacon	3.19
JAMES RAMSEY	1 pad lock	.20
G. W. SMITH	1 wheat fan	12.95
A. G. COOPER	1 hen straw	.25
	50 barrels corn	25.00
P. HUBBLE	300 bundles fodder	3.00
W. ACUFF	8 barrells corn	4.00
W. FLOWERS	8 barrells corn	3.92
JORDON POGUE	8 barrells corn	3.76
P. HINES	1 Dunn cow	3.62
JOHN MADREY	1 cow & calf	10.00
JOSEPH WALKER	23 geese	4.14
JOHN DICUS	4 sheep	5.40
W. J. BROWN	1 sow & pigs	2.75
	1 tub	.15
DR. MOORE	1 sow & pigs	4.30
J. W. KILLPATRICK	2 pigs	2.00
	900 lbs hay	2.25
E. HENSLEY	2 shoats	2.60
WILLIAM CLAYTON	1 boar	2.40
E. DICUS	2 jars	.25

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Inventory and Account of Sale of THOMAS E. MOSE Estate as returned by JAMES K. STRAYHORN, Administrator

Name of Purchaser	Property	\$ cts
JOHN AKIN	1 saddle	\$6.35
	2 quires paper	.55
JOEL LEFTWICH	1 umbrella	.25
THOMAS D. CATHEY	2 quires letter paper	.20
JOEL LEFTWICH	1 jar camphor	.10
	1 bottle sweet oil salt peter	1.20
	2 bottles (illegible) & laudenum	1.30
	2 Do (illegible)	.25
	(illegible)	.6
	4 vials med	.5
	1 Lot Do	.5
	1 Lot Do	.5
JOHN AKIN	1 syringe	.25
JOEL LEFTWICH	1 Lot instruments	.12
	1 Do med	.10
	1 Do	.5

	1 tooth drawer	.25
	1 lot medicines	5.00
	1 pill plate	.25
JOHN AKIN	1 spring lance	. 5
SAMUEL W. KILLPATRICK	1 box vials	.65
	Cash on Hand	1.50
	Feb 1 st 1845	

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JAMES BELL'S WILL

JAMES BELL of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee being some watt debilitated in body but sound in mind calling to recollection the mortality of my boddy and that is is appointed for all men **anst** to die Do make this my last will and testament first I will that all my just debts shall be paid and the remaining part of My Estate be distributed in manor following unto my sister DORCUS'S son JAMES **PAYTON** I give and bequeathe the Land whereon I now live containing one hundred and sixty acres the plantation an all belonging thereto. Unto my sister ELIZABETH I give my negro man by the name of Abie and also that she have maintainence upon the land that I above willed to JAMES **PAYTON** during hur life the use of the house and all the buildings at hur pleassure which she may live also all the farming tools and stock of every kind household and kitchen furniture with all the ready money I now have in my possession at the present time, not meaning any part of that money I have **heare** after receive from the State of Virginia and at hur death She may dispose of the negro man Abie and the Household and Kitchen furniture as she may think proper But be it understood that all that I have above willed to my Sister ELIZABETH is upon the conditions that she doth not marry and alter hur way of living but provided She Should alter her Way of living the above willed property to Sister ELIZABETH I will that it be Sold at public Sale and all the money ariding from said Sale be Equally divided amongst the following heirs to whit Brother **STARLING**'s Children and Sister **SARAH**'s Children and Sister **POLLY**'s Sons and sister **FLORENCE**'s Sons and my Brother THOMAS and STEPHENSON sisters DORCUS and brother JOHN But if in case that ELIZABETH should not marry the will to hur is to stand as above written for hur to Dispose of the negro man Abie and the Household and Kitchen furniture as she may think proper at her death and all the loos property that May be at her death such as horses and Hogs sheep and farming

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tools of Every Disscription to be Sold at public auction Sale and the money ariding from the said Sales be Equally Divided amongst those last heirs mentioned above in my will and my Uncle JOSEPH BELL that Lives in the State of Virginia is the Uncle what pledged to give me one hundred and fifty acres of land in that State near **Stanton**. I will that what ever sum of money said land may bring that after all expenses are paid toward selling the land and getting it brought to me that the remaining part be Equally divided amongst my brothers and Sisters to wit ELIZABETH, MARY, FLORENCE, SALLY and DORCUS and THOMAS, STEPHENSON and JOHN and (illegible) of my brothers and sisters that is dead I will that their children have there part and I do nominate and appoint my brother JOHN BELL and my brother-in-law JOSEPH

PAYTON to Execute this my last will and testament wherein unto I set my hand and affix my seal this 18th day of July 1846.

Witt
WILLIAM C. PARKS
SAMUEL B. LUSK

JAMES BELL (Seal)

Proven and ordered to be recorded See minutes of County Court September term 1845

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WILLIAM WEST GUARDIAN BOND

State of Tennessee Lewis County Know all men by these presents that we **WILLIAM WEST, ISAAC PICKARD, ROBERT M. COOPER** all of this County and State upon said are held and firmly bound unto **C. Y. HUDSON** Chairman of said Court and his successor in office in the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to be paid to said Chairman or his successor in office as assigned to in payment of which will and truly to be made we bind our selves each and every one of us our heirs. executors and administrators jointly severly and firmly by these presents witness our hands and seals this 2 day of June 1845.

The condition of the above obligation is such that where as the above named and bound **WILLIAM WEST** was this day chosen and appointed guardian of **WILLIAM G. JOHNSTON**. Now if said **WILLIAM WEST** does well and truly perform and discharge his duties of guardian toward the said minor orphan and does in all respects discharge his duty faithfully according to law then the above obligation is to be void otherwise to be and to remain in full force and effect.

WILLIAM WEST (Seal)
ISAAC S PICKARD (Seal)
ROBERT M. COOPER (Seal)

This the second day of June 1845 Witness: **J. K. STRAYHORN**, Clerk

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SEBASTIAN PATTON EXECUTOR'S BOND

State of Tennessee Lewis County Know all men by these presents that we **SEBASTIAN PATTON, JOSEPH PAYTON** and **JAMES L. PAYTON** all of the County of Lewis and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound bound unto **JAMES C. JONES**, Governor of said State at the time being and his successor in office in the sum of Six thousand dollars to be paid to said Governor or his successor in office as assigned to the payment of which will and truly be made we each bind our selves and each one, each of our heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severly and firmly by these presents witness our hand and seal this 5th day of September 1845.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound **SEBASTIAN PATTON** has been this day duly qualified according to law, executor of the last will and testament of **JAMES BELL**, deceased. Now if the said **SEBASTIAN PATTON** makes or causes to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels, rights and

credits of the said **JAMES BELL** deceased which have or shall come to the knowledge or possession of said **SEBASTIAN PATTON** or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made exhibit or caused to be exhibited in the Court of said County within 31 days from the date of these presents and said goods, chattels and credits and all other goods chattels and credits of the deceased at the time of his death which at any time hereafter may come into the hands or possession of the said **SEBASTIAN PATTON** and shall well and truly execute the will of said deceased according to law and make (illegible) then the above obligation to be void or otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

SEBASTIAN PATTON (Seal)
JOSEPH PAYTON (Seal)
JAMES L. PAYTON (Seal)

Witness: **J. K. STRAYHORN** Clerk of County Court of Lewis County this 1st day of Sept 1845

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WILLIAM FLOWERS ADMINISTRATOR BOND

State of Tennessee, Lewis County Know all men by these presents that we **WILLIAM L. FLOWERS, WILLIAM B. MADDIN, WILLIAM K. JOHNSTON** all of the County and State affore said as held and firmly bound unto **JAMES C. JONES**, Governor of said State for the time being in the sum of eighteen hundred and twenty dollars to be paid to the said Governor his successor in office or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves each and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severly and firmly by these presents sealed with our seal and dated this 7th day of July 1845.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound **WILLIAM FLOWERS**, Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of **FRANCIS GRAHAM** deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattel, rights and credits of said deceased which have or shall come to his hands, possession or knowledge of said **WILLIAM FLOWERS** or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and then to exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the County Court where orders for administration be posted within ninety days after the date of these presents and the same goods, chattel and credits and all other goods chattel and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time hereafter shall come to the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him to well and truly administer according to law and further to make or cause to be made a true and just account of said administration with two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and residue of

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the said goods, chattel and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrator's account the the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively and the sum shall be distributed pursuant to the true intent and meaning of the Court.

(illegible) provided and if it shall appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same (illegible) unto the Court making request to honor it and (illegible) accordingly the said **WILLIAM FLOWERS** the above named being bound therein unto required to render and deliver the said letters of Administration approbation of such testament being first (illegible) made in the said Court then the obligation to be void and (illegible) effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Clerk of County Court

WILLIAM FLOWERS (Seal)
WILLIAM B. MADDIN (Seal)
WILLIAM K. JOHNSTON (Seal)

Examined and approved by this Court **C Y. HUDSON**, Chairman

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THOMAS B. CATHEY EXECUTOR'S BOND

State of Tennessee Lewis County Know all men by these presents we **THOMAS D. CATHEY, JAMES D. CATHEY** and **JOSEPH ESIDIN** all of the County of Lewis and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto **JAMES C. JONES** Governor of the said State for the time being and his successor in office in the sum of eighteen thousand dollars to be paid to said Governor or his successor in office or assigns to the payment of which well and truly to be made we each bind ourselves and each and every of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severly and firmly by these presents witnesses our hands and seals the 1st day of Sept. 1845.

The conditions of the above obligation is such that where as the above bound **THOMAS B. CATHEY** having been this day duly qualified according to law executor of the last will and testament of **HONOR B. CATHEY** deceased. Now if the said **THOMAS D. CATHEY** made or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said **HONOR B. CATHEY** deceased which have or shall come to the knowledge or possession of him, the said **THOMAS D. CATHEY** or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same to made exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the County Court of said County within 40 days from the date of these presents and the same goods chattels and credits and all other goods chattels and credits of the deceased at the time of his death which at any time hereafter may come into the hands or possession of the said **THOS. D. CATHEY** and shall well and truly execute the will of said deceast according to law and returns then the
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obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

THOMAS D. CATHEY (Seal)
JAMES D. CATHEY (Seal)
JOSEPH ESIDIN (Seal)

Examined and approved by the Court **C. Y. HUDSON** Chairman

News from The Christian Endeavor Evangel, Memphis

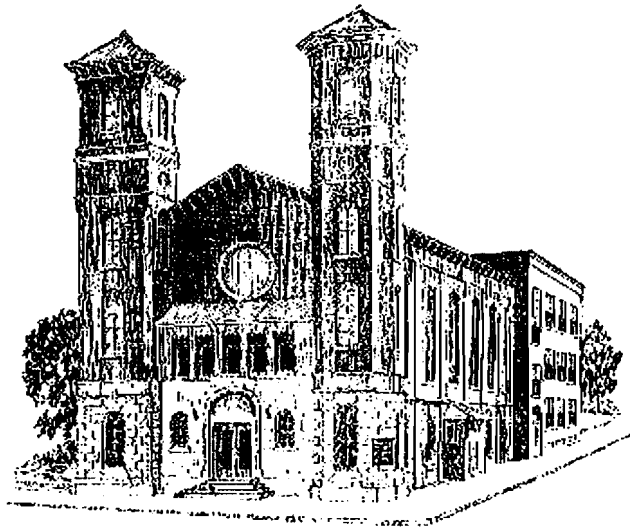
The Christian Endeavor Evangel was a weekly bulletin published by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Linden Street Christian Church, which later became Lindenwood Christian Church. The first issues date from 1903, and also contain news of events and people at the two other Christian churches at that time in the Memphis area, Mississippi Avenue and Third Christian Church. Fifteen volumes of The Endeavor Evangel, from April 5, 1903 to December 22, 1917, were microfilmed and are now in the Tennessee State Archives, thanks to A. Owen Guy, Associate Pastor at Lindenwood, and through the agency of David McWhirter, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville.

Most of each issue was devoted to announcements of church services, speakers, and meetings of various church groups, interspersed with inspirational writings and the advertisements of local merchants. There was also a column, first known as Locals and later called Personal Pointers, which covered the comings and goings of church members. It is delightful to imagine life in Memphis in the early twentieth century as reflected in this commentary. Some items from the first year of the Evangel:

April 5, 1903

Miss Irma Taylor, of San Francisco, Cal., the charming and accomplished niece of Bro. W.H. Bates, is visiting at the latter's home, 303 Linden.

Dr. Lorin A. Green has returned after several days' visit to Port Arthur, Beaumont and other Texas points. The Doctor was well pleased with Texas.



Mrs. Jessie Pardee and son, Raymond, united with the church, by letter, last Sunday morning.

April 12, 1903

The Ladies Aid Society and Daughters of Linden will serve lunch at the Mississippi Avenue Church on Wednesday April, 15th for the West Tennessee Convention. They invite every member of the congregation to assist with money or provisions. The other two Churches will furnish the lunch Tuesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Rosa Zimmerman is on the sick list.

Miss Mamie Buck spent the past week visiting **Miss Blanche McFadden** at Oakland, Tennessee.

Mrs. R.L. Brown, after a long illness, has gone to Biloxi, where we all hope she will soon regain her strength, and come home to continue her earnest work in the church.

April 19, 1903

The Best Convention ever held in West Tennessee.

Mrs. C.A. Moore would only accept young men as delegates. Remember she has two daughters.

Don't mind the weather, it is always cold when you have an Easter dress.

Miss Myrtle Moore was very busy before the convention, making cakes. The young preachers at the Moore residence said the cakes were fine.

Bro. Chester Smith went to the jail meeting, and one good lady came up to him and asked when he got in; she was so sorry he had to be put in jail

April 26, 1903

Mrs. C.A. Boswell, who recently united with the church, lives at 348 Lauderdale street.

Miss Ann Elizabeth Beasley, of Brownsville, Tenn. was the guest of her sister, **Mrs. Guthrie**, last week.

May 3, 1903

Dr. H.L. Farris is now circulation manager of the Evangel, having succeeded **Mr. Harry L. Gatchell**. **Mr. C.C. Smith** is his assistant.

Bro. W.E. Ellis, of Nashville, formerly pastor of this church, spent a few hours in the city last week. Many of his friends were disappointed in not getting to see him, but he has always a royal welcome in our midst.

Bro. Victor R. Smith preached at Raleigh last Sunday, and many of our members were there.

May 10, 1903

Rev. Francis E. Clark of Boston, Mass., President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, will speak Monday night, May 11 at the Court St. C.P. Church.

May 17, 1903

We are indebted to **Mrs. L.E. Boswell** for the flowers on the pulpit today. **Mrs. J.M. Ray** and **Mrs. C.D. Wailes** furnished them last Sunday.

Bro. J.E. Gorsuch of Bells. Tenn. has accepted the call from the Third Christian Church of this city and will be here as soon as he can leave his present charge.

A.L. Krewson, well known by many of us, has secured room 38 Peabody Hotel and will practise healing without medicine or surgery. He has a national reputation, having been operator at Wellmer Institute and proprietor of an Institute in Pittsburg, Pa. and is here by the earnest solicitation of several persons wishing to take his treatment. His cures are quick and permanent.

May 24, 1903

Miss Irma Taylor, who had been visiting her aunt, **Mrs. Bates**, left last Friday for Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Battle M. Brown entertained **Mr. W. Waugh Lauder** during his engagement in Memphis.

Bro. Fred Storey has left the city for a few weeks, on a trip through the West.

Mr. Horace Smith always did like to be on the water; he is now thinking of taking a trip to the Great Lakes. The doctor says it is best for him not to stop in Chicago.

May 31, 1903

Our Girl Graduates

Two maids stand in the garden of life, as they trip past the fountain of knowledge, a spray of snowy whiteness falls over them, and they are arrayed in graduation garments. Each is waiting to receive that treasured proof of diligence, a graduation diploma. May the lives of these two young ladies, **Misses Floy Wilson and Ethel Skeene**, be as beautiful as their school girl days were gentle and fair.

June 6, 1903

Mr. W.C. Robson united with the Endeavor Society last Sunday evening. His address is No. 12 Porter Building.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Apperson left on the Stacker Lee for a ten days' trip to St. Louis.

June 14, 1903

Master Toof Brown was very sick for a few days last week.

Mrs. B.M. Brown and son, **Toof**, leave Friday evening for the East. They will visit for several weeks in Boston.

The Music Committee has secured **Mr. Heber Coleman** for the Christian Endeavor meeting tonight. He will sing "Over the Stars There is Rest" by Abt. It is worth coming to Endeavor to hear him.

Miss Bessie Lancaster of Wynne, Ark. spent Friday and yesterday with **Mrs. Wm. Kennedy** on Linden street.

June 21, 1903

Brother A.C. Lee and wife and his sister, **Mrs. Rice**, united with the church last Sunday morning. Their address is No. 80 Market. **Mrs. N.T. Toney** also united with the church last Sunday morning. Her address is No. 183 Third street.

A new little girl visitor came to the home of **Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Wailes** last week. We congratulate them.

June 28, 1903

Master Chesley Robertson, one of our Bible School boys, had the misfortune to stick a nail in his foot, which we hope will not result seriously.

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Owing to the fact that we had to get the Evangel to press so early this week we are unable to give the exact number of Fourth of July accidents.

July 12, 1903

Mrs. B.M. Brown and son, **Toof**, have returned home after a pleasant visit in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds and daughter, **Miss Mychelle**, attended the wedding of **Mr. Alexander Edmonds**.

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Judge Flippin and his good wife are away on a vacation. Have a good time; you deserve it.

Mrs. B. M. Draper and daughters, **Misses Jessie, Margaret and Mary**, left Monday for Monterey, where they will spend the heated term enjoying the mountain breezes.

Miss Zula Robertson has left the city, with her family, for the summer months.

Mr. Chas. Bartholomew and **Miss May E. Swan** will be married next Tuesday night in the church. We wish them a long and happy union.

July 26, 1903

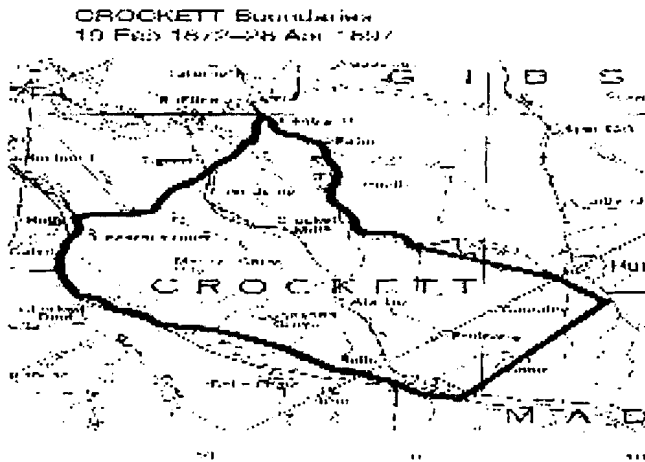
We miss the presence of our beloved Sunday school superintendent, at the Mississippi Avenue church, **Bro. J.A. Moss**, very much. He is in New York on business, and will return to us very soon.

The contest for new members between the Reds and the Blues closed last Sunday at Mississippi Avenue church, with a total of 140 new members added to the Sunday school, making the enrollment of our school 225. Hurrah for the winners, the Blues, and hurrah for their captain, **Miss Grace Toof**.

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F.J.WOOD having been duly elected Clerk of the County court his four several bonds three of ten thousand dollars each and one of Fifteen thousand dollars with **A.G. NORVILLE** and **C. BEST** as securitys which bond was received and approved by the Commissioners and the oath of office was duly administered to him by said **POSTON**.

R.G. HARRIS having been duly elected sheriff of Crockett County having presented his bond in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars with **T.J. HICKS**, **D.H. JAMES** and **S.S.WATKINS** his securitys which bond was received and approved by the Commissioners and the oath of office was duly administered to him by said **POSTON**.

After which the Chairman announced that the County Court of Crockett County was duly and constitutionally organized.

On motion the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Monday April 11, 1872.

Attest: **F.J. WOOD** Sec.
Pres.

J.F. SINCLAIR

Whereupon under the supervision and direction of the said board of Commissioners the following Justices of the Peace being called came forward and took their seats. To wit: **JNO. E. PEARSON, T.B. CACY, S.S. WATKINS, JOHN W. ROSEMAN, D.H. JAMES, SHADY HOPPER, J.J. FARRON, L.W. DANIEL, ISAAC W. JOHNSON, G.W. BOND, J.C. COOK, N.F. STALLINGS, J.C. BEST, Z.P. WARREN, J.F. ROBERSON, HENRY BUCK, B.H. HARMON, J.H. PERRY, J.H. DAVIS, J.F. SINCLAIR, W.N. BEASLEY and J.A. NUNN.** When the following proceedings were had to wit: The election of Chairman being first in order on the third ballot **ISAAC M. JOHNSON** was declared to be elected Chairman of the County Court of Crockett County. On the first ballot **S.S. WATKINS** and **J.H. DAVIS** was declared to be elected as Associate Justices of the County Court.

The next business being in order was the qualifying and taking bonds of the Constables elect of the different districts

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of Crockett County. When **R.J. HAYNES** Constable of district no. 1 came forward entered into Bond in the sum of Eight thousand dollars with **J.E. PEARSON, S.S. WATKINS** and **T.J. HICKS** as security who severally acknowledge said Bond in open Court which was approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was then administered to the said **R.J. HAYNES**.

C. VANPELT Constable elect of District 3 Crockett County came forward and entered into Bond in the sum of Eight Thousand dollars with **R.G. HARRIS** as his Security which Bond was acknowledged in open Court approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office being duly administered to the said **VANPELT**.

N.A.MCMILLIN Constable elect of District no. 4 of Crockett County came forward entered into Bond with **A.C. MCMILLIN** and **HUGH MCCOY** as his Securitys in the sum of Eight thousand dollars which Bond was seerally acknowledged in open Court approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **MCMILLIN**.

J.C. SMOTHERS Constable elect of 5 District Crockett County came forward and entered into Bond with **J.C. NORVILLE** and **F.G. CATES** as his securitys in the sum of Eight thousand dollars which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court, approved by the Court, and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **J.C. SMOTHERS**.

J.W. CATES Constable elect of District 6 came forward and entered into Bond with **E.D. NORVILLE, A.G. NORVILLE** and **F.G. CATES**

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as his securitys in the sum of Eight thousand dollars which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court, approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **J.W. CATES**.

W.H. ROBERTS Constable elect of District no. 7 came forward and entered into Bond with **S.G. BOOTH, F.G. CATES** and **J.C. COOK** as his securitys in the sum of Eight thousand dollars which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court, approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **W.H. ROBERTS**.

W.R. HAY Constable elect of District no. 9 came forward and entered into Bond with **JIMMY HAY** and **S.G. BOOTH** in the sum of Eight thousand dollars which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court, approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded the oath of office was duly administered to the said **W.R. HAY**.

G.T. EASON Constable elect of District no. 10 came forward entered into Bond with **J.E. GREGORY** and **J.A. NUNN** as his securitys in the sum of Eight Thousand dollars which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **G.T. EASON**.

J.H. REDDICK Constable elect of District no. 11 came forward entered into Bond with **J.H. PERRY, B.H. HARMON, J.H. DAVIS** as his securitys in the sum of Eight thousand dollars in open Court approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **J.H. REDDICK**.

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J.H. FARMER Constable elect of District no. 13 came forward and entered into Bond with **W.N. BEASLEY** and **J.A. NUNN** as his securitys in the sum of Eight thousand dollars which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **J.H. FARMER**.

R.F.D. FOUCHE Register elect for Crockett County came forward entered into Bond with **J.G. YANCY, S.G. BOOTH** and **W.J. LAMBERT** as his securitys in the sum of Five thousand dollars which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **R.F.D. FOUCHE**.

R.G. HARRIS Sheriff elect for the County of Crockett came forward entered into Bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars with **T.J. HICKS, S.S. WATKINS** and **D.H. JAMES** as his securitys which bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **HARRIS** Sheriff of Crockett County.

F.J. WOOD County Court Clerk elect came forward with C. BEST and A.G. NORVILLE as his securitys 4 in number with an aggregate of Forty five thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his several dutys which Bond was severall acknowledged in open Court Approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said F.J. WOOD as County Court Clerk of Crockett County.

JOHN SMOTHERS Tax Collector elect come forward and entered into Bond in the sum of Twenty Thousand

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Dollars to faithfully pay over to the State of Tennessee all the Taxes by him collected for the State also entered into Bond for the sum of Twenty thousand dollars to faithfully pay over to the County of Crockett all of the Taxes collected for said County with F.G. CATES, ED NORVILLE and A.G. NORVILLE as his securitys on both Bonds which be recorded and the oath of office was administered to the said JOHN SMOTHERS.

The next business was nominations for County Surveyor of Crockett County when on the first Ballot W.H. JOHNSON was declared to be duly elected to said office until the next regular election.

CLINTON BRIYANCE was then first in nomination for Ranger of Crockett County and was elected on the first ballot.

On motion Court adjourned to meet on March the 13th, 9 AM----ISAAC M. JOHNSON Chairman, J.H. **DAVIS, J.P.**, S.S WATKINS Associate

Cageville Wednesday Morning 13th March 1872

Court met pursuant to adjournment ISAAC M. JOHNSON presiding, J.H. DAVIS and S.S. WATKINS associate, T.J. WOOD, C. Clerk, and R.G. HARRIS Sheriff, J. FRANK ROBERSON, B.H. HARMON, **N.F. STALINGS**, J.C. COOK, **Z.P. WARREN**, J.C. BEST, J.W. **ROSEMAN**, JAMES H. PERRY, THOMAS CACY, L.W. DANIEL and S.D. HOPPER Justices of the Peace of Crockett County being present when the following proceedings were had to wit: F.M. THOMPSON one of the Magistrate elect of Crockett County in district no. 2 came forward and the oath of office was administered to him by the Clerk of this Court

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in open Court and he took his seat.

W.A. JOHNSON County Surveyor elect came forward and gave his Bond for Two thousand dollars with J.W. CATES and H.M. FARRON as securities, which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was then administered W.H. JOHNSON by the Clerk of this Court.

The Free and accepted Masons together with the independent order of Odd Fellows have tendered to this Court the Free use of their Hall in Cageville for holding County

Circuit and Chancery Court until the County seat of Crockett is located and the public building is erected.

CLINTON BRIYANCE Ranger elect for the County of Crockett came forward and gave his Bond for one thousand Dollars with **R.W. FLEMING** which Bond was acknowledged in open Court severally and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was administered to **CLINTON BRIYANCE** as Ranger of Crockett County.

On motion the Court stands adjourned till the first Monday in April next Court in Counce. J.M. JOHNSON Chairman, J.H. DAVIS J.P., S.S. WATKINS associate.

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Cageville Tenn Monday April 1st 1872

State of Tenn, Crockett County Court, April Term

The Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present and presiding, **J.M. JOHNSON**, Chairman, **D.H. JAMES**, **S.S. WATKINS**, **J.H. DAVIS**, associate Magistrates Present **J.F. ROBERSON**, **B.H. HARMON**, **JAMES H. PERRY**, **G.W. BOND**, **Z.P. WARREN**, **J.C. BEST**, **F.D. HOPPER**, **W.N. BEASLEY**, **J.F. SINCLAIR**, **N.F. STALLINGS**, **J.C. COOK**, **J.J. FARROW**, **F.G. CACY**, **L.W. DANIEL**, **J.W. ROSEMON**, **J.A. NUNN** and **R.G. HARRIS** Sheriff, **F.J. WOOD** Clerk when the following proceedings were had.

DENNIS TATUM and **HENRY WYSE** Magistrates elect of District nos 9 and 10 came forward took the oath of office prescribed by law and took their seats as Members of the Court.

ASA DEAN Trustee elect of the County of Crockett came forward and entered into Bond of Five thousand dollars with **J.A. NUNN**, **W.A. GRAHAM**, **G.W. DEAN**, **J.F. ROBERSON**, **J.L. PERRY** and **JAMES H. PERRY** as securitie which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered.

A.G NORVILLE, Coroner elect of the County of Crockett came forward and entered into Bond of Twenty five hundred Dollars with **MILES PRIVETT**, **BAKER HARRELL** and **T. LAYMAN** as his securities which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to him.

W.J. OVERTON Constable elect of district no. 8 of Crockett County came forward entered into Bond of Eight thousand Dollars with **JAMES MOORE**, **J.C. BEST** and **J.L. EPPERSON** as his securities which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered.

C.H. BOWEN Constable elect of District no. 12 came forward and entered into Bond with **W.H. CREGG**, **W.M. WALKER**, **J.F SINCLAIR** and **W.R. BOWEN** as his securities

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which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to him.

CALVIN VANPELT Constable elect for District no. 3 having been qualified and given Bond at the organization of this Court in the sum of Eight thousand dollars came into Court and gave **R.E. ARMSTRONG** and **WILSON WILLIAMS** as additional securities on said Bond which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be recorded.

J.M. JOHNSON Chairman introduced and had read the following Paper. To Wit" different Counties in this state. This Court which was organized according to law on the 12th day of March last for Crockett County by the Commissioners of said County have convened for the purpose of transacting such business as may be necessary for the welfare of the Citizens of said New County. Since its organization a Bill has been filed against said Commissioners by one **E.B. MASON** enjoining them from further proceedings as Commissioners but their work was completed and therefore this Bill of injunction does not operate on us as a County Court we have been advised and directed by disinterested Judicial officers of ability to hold this County Court and to transact such business as might be necessary to put Crockett County in full operation in the mean time I wish to say as presiding officer of the Court and feel I can say as much for each Member of the Bench that we must do so in Contempt of the Judicial authorities of our County But to protect the interest and assert the

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Rights of more than two thousand citizens residing the bounds of Crockett County and in this behalf we will now proceed to business. **J.M. JOHNSON** Chairman of Crockett County Court.

On motion of **J.H. DAMS** Esqr. And seconded it was ordered that the above Communication be spread upon the minutes which was voted for unanimously.

Ordered by the Court that **F.B. CACY** of District no. 1, **D.H. JAMES** of District no. 4, **J.W. ROSEMAN** of District no. 3, **L.W. DANIEL** of District no. 5, **G.W. BOND** of District no. 6, **N.F. STALLINGS** of District no. 7, **J.C. BEST** of District no. 8, **DENNIS TATUM** of District no 9, **HENRY BUCK** of District no 10, **B.H. HARMON** of District no 11, **J.H. DAMS** of District no 12, **W.W.M. BEASLEY** of District no 13. Be and they are hereby approved and elected Tax assessor for the Civil districts in which they reside for the year 1872 which several Tax assessor came forward and filed their affidavits with the Clerk of the Court as required by Law.

History of Montezuma, Tennessee

The following document was transcribed from the handwritten version taken from the collection of Mr. Clayton Skinner of Montezuma, Tn.

In about 1810 or 1812 Josiah Wamble entered a lot of land upon which Montezuma is now built. He put up a store and very soon other settlers began to settle around him. For a number of years it was called "Wamble's Store". By 1820 the settlers were so many that a town was laid out and was given the name "Montezuma" after a Mexican Indian chief. The name means "Bright stream at the Foot of the Mountain".

Among the settlers were the Wades, Randolphs, Casons, Hollises, Burkheads, and later Skinners, Perkins, Rowseys, O'Neals, Claytons, Barretts, Ozments, Pattersons and others. Then came their first mistake. They refused to let the M & O Railroad come through their town. The old R.R. cut and dump can still be seen in the area where it was started. They switched around Montezuma and Henderson was begun.

The people of Montezuma felt a need for a place to worship. Therefore, about 1830, the Methodist Church South was organized. The first building was a log house near the old Montezuma Cemetery. The dedication of its members, and the need for a larger place to worship caused the log house to be supplanted by a frame building. The location of this building is believed to be near the present day Church. Just how long this building served as the place of worship is not recorded. Therefore, we have to assume it was used until about 1875 when it burned.

In 1874 or 1875 the Memphis Conference located the Jackson District High School at Montezuma. At this time most schools were operated by churches. The Conference moved the school away about 1885.

When the frame Church building burned, it was rebuilt by the hard working members. A good two story brick building was built. The bricks used in the construction were baked in a field near the construction by



some of the members. The County helped to finance the building and a County school occupied the two rooms upstairs while the church occupied the downstairs.

In those days the Church was the center of action. Sunday School was first started in 1866 and has continued to the present time. Singing conventions were held regularly and Children's Day was observed annually. Quarterly Conferences also met here.

When Chester County was organized, Montezuma was in the 4th District of McNairy County on the road between Old Purdy and Jackson. Motezuma was the oldest settlement in Chester County. It was a close second for the County Seat. The Commissioners met first at Montezuma on June 13, 1879 to determine whether to form the new County. The two-thirds majority vote was needed from Madison, Henderson, McNairy and Hardeman



Counties to form a new County. On June 3, 1882 the permanent organization of Chester County was completed at the Baptist Church in Henderson. When the vote was taken for the location of the County Seat, Henderson won by a large majority.

Historians may think it was a mistake to prevent the R.R. from coming through Montezuma but citizens of this

Community think otherwise. It's true that some of the industries that thrived in the past have closed or moved on.

There was once two saloons, four General Merchandise stores, a drug store with two physicians, a barbershop, two blacksmith's shops, a cotton gin, telephone exchange, grade school and U.S. Post Office.

Montezuma now has one of the best Food Markets, Repair Shop and garage, two modem Beauty Shops and a modem ceramic shop.

In modem days, Montezuma means, "The Garden Spot of the World".

This information was gathered from several authentic sources by --

Mabel O'Neal Tarpley, And D.W. Bulliner, Great, great, great grandchildren of Josiah Wamble.

The McNairy County, TN - 1876-1877 Business Directory contains the following article:

(Taken from Roots Web Search of TN archives.)

Montezuma

A village of 150 people. Settled in 1820, in the north-western part of McNairy County, 18 miles from Purdy, the county seat. There are three stores, hotel, steam grist mill, various artisans, shops, a Methodist church and mixed school. Cotton, wheat, corn and dry hides are exported.

Mail, semiweekly. J. B. McKinnon, postmaster.

Business directory: A. H. Bevel, carpenter, G. W. Bulliner, general store; Miss. Sallie Bias, dressmaker; J. M. Cunningham, teacher; A. H. McKinnon, jeweler; J. B. McKinnon, cabinetmaker; Mrs. Pollie McKinnon, hotel; Muse & Co., druggist; Jesse Overton, carpenter; D. J. Ozment, blacksmith; J. W. Perkins, physician; J. P. Randolph, grist mill; J. L. Rodgers & Son, saddlers; W. F. Rowsey, general store; W. B. Skinner, blacksmith; Clayton Skinner & Co., general store; Robert Spindle, saloon; W. T. Weaver, shoemaker.

The U.S. Post Office of Montezuma, Tennessee

Alexander H. McKinnon and his son, John Bethune McKinnon, both served as Post Masters of the Montezuma, Tennessee Post Office.

While on a "genealogy expedition" in September of 2005, I was fortunate to locate Mr. Clayton Skinner of Montezuma whose father was the last Post Master to serve that area. Mr. Skinner continued to run the general store for many years after the Post Office was moved to Henderson. When he sold the store, he removed the old Post Office station and carefully restored it in his home. The photos to the right were taken in Mr. Skinner's home and is believed to be the actual Post Master's station used by the McKinnon's.

Many thanks to Mr. Skinner for preserving this part of history!



Post Master Appointments for Montezuma, McNairy County, Tennessee

Josiah R. Wamble	26 Feb 1839
Elliott Burkhead	1 Nov 1845
John L. Rogers	14 Jan 1848
Samuel M. Fry	10 Nov 1848
<u>Alexander H. McKinnon</u>	27 Dec 1850
John L. Rogers	20 Mar 1860
Aquilla Q. Simmons	30 Apr 1868
<u>John B. McKinnon</u>	26 Apr 1870
Absalom W. Skinner	22 Nov 1878
George W. Brown	13 Jan 1880
John P. Hollis	3 Feb 1880
William W. Senter	21 Dec 1880

In April of **1882**, Chester County was formed and the town of Montezuma became a part of Chester County.

Chester Co. Appointments

William W. Senter	Apr 1882
Washington L. Deberry	15 Dec 1884
George W. Brown	13 Feb 1886
William P. Weaver	1 Dec 1886
Charles D. Moore	14 Nov 1888
John S. Smithson	10 Feb 1890
George C. Burkhead	18 Jun 1894
Joseph H. Sarwill	17 Sep 1898
Albert C. Wamble	7 Dec 1911
Charlie Thomas Skinner	1 Jun 1924
Mary Tatum Wamble	1 Apr 1935
Charlie Skinner	30 Jan 1951

The Montezuma Post Office was discontinued and moved to Henderson, Chester Co, Tn.

Our thanks to B. Venson Hughes for permission to reproduce this article from his website, <http://bellsouthpwp.net/b/v/bvh>

GLEANNINGS

Tennesseans Mentioned in other Publications

JAMES C. J. KING was born in Wilson County, Tennessee March 4, 1842, son of Alan C. King, native of Tennessee and a prominent businessman. In 1846, his father settled in Washington County, Texas for a short time, then moved to Crockett County, Texas.

In 1861, James left school and entered the Confederate service. After the surrender, he went to Henderson County, Texas and taught school one term; he then went to Milford, Ellis County, Texas, where he attended school and began reading medicine. He graduated from Tulane University, New Orleans in 1871.

James was married in Milford March 3, 1868 to Mrs. **Bettie** L.T. Zollicoffer, also a native of Tennessee. They had four sons, James C. J., Jr, William E.B., Lacy H, Collins, and one daughter, Rosa. James was a leading physician in Waco, Texas, where he died on March 21, 1906.

This article on James C.J. King appeared in Searchers & Researchers, Volume XXVIII, issue number 3, published by the Ellis County, Texas Genealogical Society.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY OF ELLIS COUNTY – This list is derived from the 1910 U.S. Census of the colored population of Waxahachie, Texas. The Ellis County Genealogical Society is interested in hearing from anyone who may have ancestors on the list. The following were born in Tennessee: Lee Campbell, m., b. abt. 1886; Willie Carr, m., b. abt. 1846; Lewis Childs, m., b. abt. 1875; Walter Clark, m., b. abt. 1861; Thomas Cross, m., b. abt. 1869; Eugene Dabny, m., b. 1901; James Dates, m., b. abt. 1893; Indiana Davis, f., b. abt. 1843; Henry **Dickson**, m., b. abt. 1878; Andy Farris, m., b. abt. 1836; Wash. Fleming, m., b. abt. 1845; Edmond Flemming, m., b. abt. 1838; John Flowers, m., b. abt. 1869; King Flowers, m., b. abt. 1858.

Source: Searchers and Researchers, mentioned above; same issue.

OBITUARY OF JOHN C. SWOFFORD was originally published in The Conservator on January 22, 1891 and reprinted in Rhea County Reflections, Vol. XIV #3. John was born in Bledsoe County, TN March 4, 1818 and died in 1891. A widow and six children survived him, but their names are not shown.

J.M. WESTER was born in Tennessee in 1837 and moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas in 1862, immediately enlisting in the 23rd Regiment and serving till the close of the war. He became one of Sulphur Springs' most aggressive merchants in 1866. Mr. Wester fought bravely, almost alone, to banish the saloon from Sulphur Springs, and he lived to see his dream come true. His good work continued until his death in 1917.

The article on Mr. Wester is published in Hopkins County Heritage, Volume 22, Number 3.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF DR. ASA BRUNSON, JR. were found in an antique shop in Bryant, Arkansas. He was born in July, 1871, probably in Jefferson County. Arkansas. Asa and his brother Edgar followed in their father's footsteps and became doctors. Asa married Zoe **Simpson** on September 19, 1900, and their known children were Zoe and Asa. By 1921 he was living in El Paso, Texas, where on July 23, 1921 he married Josephine **Dillow**. He continued his medical practice and worked on a cure for tuberculosis. His parents were Dr. Asa Brunson and Louisa Murdough Fowler.

Dr. Asa Brunson, Sr. was born in Tennessee about 1822, the son of Jesse Brunson and Louisa Shelby. Jesse lived in the Clarksville area and was a pig manufacturer by occupation. Jesse died in 1836, leaving Louisa to manage his estate. She later married Robert Tompkins.

Jesse and Louisa had the following nine children, all born in Tennessee: Sarah (believed to have married Allen Johnson), Dr. Asa, born about 1822, Elizabeth. m. **Thomas/Thompson** Greenfield, Dr. Atherton, born about 1825, Penelope, m. John Quarles, Dr. Clark S., born about 1829, Dr. Jesse, born about 1834, Dr. Thomas, born about 1832, Dr. John Randolph, born about 1836.

"The Orphaned Photo" appeared in The Arkansas Family Historian, Volume 43 #3. Any descendent of this Brunson family who is interested in these old photographs should contact [McLaugh103\(ii\)>.aol.com](mailto:McLaugh103(ii)>.aol.com).

MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS FROM THE RALEIGH REGISTER appeared in The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Volume XXI No. 4. The following had a Tennessee connection:

Sunday, 22 November 1851 – Died On October 10th 1851 in Henry County, Tennessee, Rev. Jonathan Stephenson, formerly of this County, aged seventy one years. The deceased had been an exemplary member of the Baptist Church for fifty years, and has been an ordained minister of the gospel for thirty years.

November 26, 1851 – Married In Brownsville, Haywood County, West Tennessee, on the 4th November, by the Rev. T.C. Collins, Mr. Henry L. Taylor of the County, to Miss Georgina Wood of Brownsville, formerly of Louisville, N.C.

Saturday, 29 November 1851 – Married – At Bolivar, Tennessee, on the 3rd inst. at half past 9 o'clock, Mr. Charles I. Miller, to Miss Emma M. [Janson], eldest daughter of the Rev. Louis Janson, of that place.

EDENS CEMETERY is located southeast of War Eagle, Arkansas on Sharp Ford Road (County Rd. 752). The stones were originally read in April, 1976 by **Raymond Jeffries**, and his readings were published in Volume IX of *Cemeteries of Benton County*, p. 62. **Stacy Davis** recorded the cemetery in May, 2005 and has completed some additional research. Though some stones are badly damaged, all stones from the earlier reading remain on the list. Her findings are published in *The Backtracker*, Volume 34, #3. Persons buried in this cemetery include **Landon C. Edens**, born TN 1812, died May 24, 1878; and his wife, **Mary**, born TN 1814, died 1853. The article includes information on their descendents. Census records used in the author's research include 1840 Walker County, GA, 1850 Washington County AR, and 1860, 1870 and 1880 Benton County, Arkansas.

THE PEARCE FAMILY: Descendents of Arthur Davis Pearce and Elizabeth Bizzell. **Arthur "A.D." Pearce** was born November 1, 1794 in Johnston County, NC. **Elizabeth Bizzell** was born ca. 1798 in Wayne County, NC. About 1804, A.D., his parents and siblings migrated to Rutherford County, Tennessee. **Elizabeth and A.D.** married August 17, 1815. Their three oldest children were born in Williamson County, Tennessee: **William Bizzell Pearce** (b. October 10, 1816), **Stokley Pearce** (b. ca. 1818), and **Isaac Newton Pearce** (b. February 2, 1823). The four youngest children were born in Union County, Illinois: **Rayford Charles Pearce** (b. 1827), **Mary Ernaline Pearce** (b. March 19, 1824) **Garner Pearce** (b. March 6, 1829) and **Elizabeth Pearce** (b. ca. 1833). The article contains additional information on A.D. and Elizabeth's ancestors, as well as their children. **A.D. Pearce** died January 6, 1872 in Johnson County and is buried at the Fraternal Cemetery in Vienna, Illinois.

DESCENDENTS OF JOHN BRIDGES – The genealogy report for **John Bridges, Sr.**, the founder of the Bridges clan of Johnson County, Illinois was developed for those studying the history of Bridges Settlement and its connection to the Cherokee Trail of Tears in 1839. **John Bridges** was born ca. 1770-75 and died ca. 1830-40. His wife, **Elizabeth (?)** was born in North Carolina about 1777 and died after 1850; they were the parents of eight children. Their son, **Alfred Bridges**, was born in Tennessee in 1799.

Others mentioned in the article with a Tennessee connection include **William Bizzell Pearce** (see previous entry), **Adeline Badget**, born ca. 1831, **Mahalia Hacker**, born ca. 1842, and **Eli S. Chapman**, born ca. 1841, all in Tennessee.

Pearce, Bridges articles appear in *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Volume XXXII, Issue 2.

JOSEPH SMITH was born in 1807 in Adair County, KY and died in Bradley County, TN after June 9, 1880. He married **Mary** (maiden name unknown) in Tennessee in 1830. Mary was born after 1811 in Tennessee and died after June 9, 1880 in Bradley County. To them were born nine children: **Catherine** b. 1832, **Mary B.** b. 1835, **Martha** b. 1838,

Rebecca b. 1840, John b. 1842, Rachael b. 1844, Joseph b. 1846, Christian b. 1851, and Paul b. 1854. In the 1850 census of Bradley County Joseph's occupation is given as "mill wright;" in a later census, his occupation is given as "farmer." In the 1880 census Joseph (age 74), Mary (age 69) Rachael (age 35) and Paul (age 27) are counted in the household of son Joseph (age 31) and his wife Elizabeth (age 22). The younger Joseph is listed as "miller."

It appears that the elder Joseph Smith and his new bride, Mary were residing in McMinn County, Tennessee in 1830, based on census records, and that they were still there in 1840. McMinn borders Bradley County, created in 1835. Bradley borders Hamilton County, where Joseph Smith's first cousin, James Pafford, settled about 1835.

This information is contained in an article "From Walden Ridge and Chickamauga to Wiregrass, Suwannee and Beyond" published in *Huxford* Genealogical Inc. Magazine, Volume XXXII, No. 2, by the Homerville, GA Genealogical Society. Also mentioned: Rachael Pafford, daughter of John Pafford of Surry County, NC, her husband Christian Smith and their migration from North Carolina.

GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1836-1879 appeared in The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Volume XXXI, No. 3. The following individuals have a Tennessee connection: Elder **Sherwood** Reese, Morgan County, May 13, 1837; William Croom, Madison County, Dec 23, 1837; Daniel Webb, Henderson County, Jan 27, 1838; Asa **Newport**, Roane County, Feb 10 1838; Isaac Lane, McMinn, County, Sep 22 1838; Wm. S. Smith, Franklin County, Jan 11 1840; Samuel Haggard, Bedford County, Nov 14 1840; C.H. Sevier and his uncle, Thomas Hill, Sr., State of Tennessee, Oct 23 and Nov 13, 1841; Robert R. Caldwell, McMinn County, Jun 11 1842; Shadrach **Mustain**, Marshall County, Feb 10 1844; Thomas Hill (obituary, submitted by Araunnah Hill), Sevier County, Apr 12 1845; Alfred B. Low, Greene County, Apr 4 1846; L.W. **Marbury**, Tullahoma, Feb. 11 1860; B.H. Gilliam (in Nov 1841 joined church in Franklin County, living in Hopkins County, Texas, Aug 11 1860; Clarisa and James Wilder, Haywood County, Feb 24 1861.

FAMILY LAND HERITAGE PROGRAM, which was started in 1974 in Hopkins County, Texas, honors farms and ranches which have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100 years or more. The following founders were from Tennessee: Calvin of Hawkins County, who moved to Texas in 1848, and Henry A. **Gillis** of Carroll County, who moved to Texas with his parents in 1851. Additional information on these two families can be found in Hopkins County Heritage, Volume 22, Number 2.

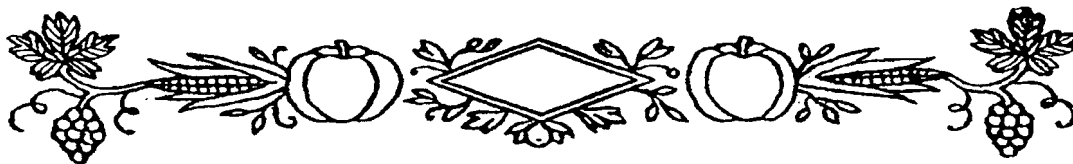
JACOB **WELKER**'s estate was recorder in Montgomery County, Tennessee in 1844. The census records show that he had one son and two daughters. The son was most likely George W. Welker (born ca. 1823) who married Louisa Brown (b. Sept 1835), daughter of David and Louisa Brown, on 8 January 1857. The children of George and Louisa were: George(b. c. 1860), Jane (b. c. 1864) David (b. c. 1867), Nettie (b. July 1872), Frank (b. May 1871) and Jacob (b. July 1876).

The younger of the two daughters, Sarah J. Welker (b. c. 1827) married William R. Brown (b. c. 1825) son of Robert and Mary Brown in Montgomery County on 9 Feb 1852. Sarah appears to have died by 1860. William Brown is listed on the 1860 census with their children: Texana Brown (b. c. 1850, perhaps an illegitimate child of Sarah, since she appears in 1850 with her unmarried mother and grandmother as Texana Sabine; William Brown, b.c. 1852), Lunetta Brown (b.c.1854) Jilenia Brown (b.c. 1856) and Eury Brown (b.c. 1858).

Jacob's other daughter was probably Phoebe **AnnWelker**, (b.c. 1820-23), who married Alfred Bledsow on 25 December 1839 in Montgomery County. A.G. Bledsow and his wife, ages 20-30, appear in the 1830 Montgomery census with a daughter under the age of five. This could be Evalina Bledsow, who remained unmarried in Montgomery County through at least 1870. Presumably Phoebe Bledsow died soon after 1840.

The article "The Other Welkers of Brick Church Community" is in the Greensboro, North Carolina Genealogical Society quarterly journal, The *Guilford* Genealogist, Volume 32, No. 2.

FIRST FAMILIES OF **BEXAR** COUNTY, TEXAS FOR 2005 includes Martha Lou (Hugh David) **Potts**, Sarah Catherine Sanders, David Stephen Sanders, Julius Sanders. Martha's great-grandfather, David Sanders, was born 12 October 1817 in Davidson County, TN and died 16 August 1902 in Sevier County, AR. David's father, Julius Sanders, was born 1793-194 at NC; died March 1861 at Uvalde County, Texas; he married Parthenia "Penny" Fields on 9 February 1815 at Wilson County, Tennessee. She died 1827-28 at Davidson County, TN. Additional information on this family may be found in Our Heritage, Volume 46, Numbers 3 and 4.



BOOK REVIEWS



THE MARRIAGE LICENSE BONDS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA FROM 1765 TO 1810, *originally abstracted in 1928 by John Y. Hutcheson. Listed and indexed by Stratten Nottingham, 71 pp. soft cover, reprinted 2003. Cost \$8.95 plus \$4.00 for first book and \$1.50 for each additional book. Order from: Clearfield Company or Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. Call toll-free: 1-800-296-6687.*

In south central Virginia, Mecklenburg County was formed from Lunenburg County in 1764 and today adjoins Granville, Vance and Warren Counties in North Carolina. This volume contains the only official record of nearly two thousand marriages from Mecklenburg County. It was compiled from loose papers in the County Clerk's office, and is particularly important since there was no marriage record prior to 1850. Each entry gives the names of the contracting parties, date of bonds, and names of sureties; occasionally the names of parents are also given. The index concludes with a list of brides' names. This book would be useful to researchers interested in this part of Virginia at this period.

THE STORY OF WILKES COUNTY, GEORGIA by Eliza A. Bowen, *edited, annotated, and indexed, with introduction by Louise Frederick Hays, State Historian of Georgia. Paperback, 192 pp., name and place index, reprinted 2003. Cost \$24.50 plus \$4.00 for first book and \$1.50 for each additional book. Order from: Clearfield Company or Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. Call toll-free: 1-800-296-6687.*

Eliza Bowen's history of Wilkes County, Georgia was first printed in the Washington Gazette and Chronicle in a series of articles from 1886 to 1897. which were edited, consolidated and then published in 1950 by Louise F. Hays. These articles are considered the best introduction to the history of Wilkes County, Georgia, which originally included parts of Talliaferro and Warren counties. The articles are written in an easy to read style, starting with the earliest known history and giving accounts of treaties with Indians, the first settlements, and Wilkes County during the American Revolution. Also covered is the settlement and laying-out of Washington, the courthouse and schools. Eight articles are devoted to the establishment of the first Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches in the area. The twelve-page index includes over 2,000 entries of residents of the county as well as place names. Anyone researching Wilkes County would benefit from reading this book.

TRACING ANCESTORS IN BARBADOS: A PRACTICAL GUIDE by Geraldine Lane, *171pp., indexed, paperback, © 2006. Cost: \$18.95 plus \$4.00 for the first book and \$2.00 for each additional book. Order from: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. Call toll-free: 1-800-296-6686 or www.genealogical.com*

No matter if you are a beginning or professional genealogist, this book contains the information you need to trace your ancestors in Barbados, including information on how to locate sources on English planters, indentured servants and Africans brought over as slaves. You will find records of baptisms, marriages and burials for Anglicans and for other denominations, as well as birth and death records. Also included: where to find wills, deeds, census, military, and cemetery records; records of slaves, and plantation owners. DNA information and testing, Internet sources and various publications are mentioned. This book presents the most comprehensive sources of records of Barbados I have found, and anyone doing

research on family in Barbados should have a copy.

GERMAN-AMERICAN NAMES, 3RD EDITION by George F. Jones, 354 pp. hard cover, © 2006. Cost: \$29.95 plus \$4.00 for the first book and \$2.00 for each additional book. Order from: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. Call toll-free: 1-800-296-6686 or www.genealogical.com

The third edition of this book has several thousand more entries than earlier editions. Prof. Jones has covered such topics as origin and significance of given names, the need and origin of surnames, and Christian names. The author explains how German names developed, their sources, variations of the names and some special characteristics of German-American names. Approximately 18,000 German names are listed alphabetically, and numbers take the reader back to the paragraph in the introduction which explains the source, meaning and special characteristics of that name. This is a great book for anyone who has German ancestors or anyone who is interested in names and their origins. The introduction alone contains a wealth of information.

ROSTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA PATRIOTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION by Bobby Gilmer Moss. 1046 pp., maps, cloth cover, originally published in 1983, reissued 2006. Cost: \$65.00 plus \$4.00 for the first book and \$2.00 for each additional book. Order from: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. Call toll-free: 1-800-296-6687 or www.genealogical.com

This list of over 20,000 names of rank and file soldiers from South Carolina who served in the American Revolution was compiled from many sources, including both state and federal records. Included are South Carolinians who served as soldiers as well as those who performed other services. Many of the names

came from pension records, land warrants, annuitants' claims, audited accounts, and muster rolls, pay lists, guard reports and publications. The names are listed alphabetically and include dates of enlistments, service, battles and skirmishes, commanding officers, military unit, rank and whether the individual was wounded, killed or taken prisoner. The information taken from pension files or annuity claims might contain date and place of birth and death, names of wives and children, and place of residence before and after the War. When seeking your ancestor in this book, remember to check all spellings of the name since during this period the name might have been written the way it sounded rather than the way it should have been spelled. This is probably the most complete list available of South Carolinians in the Revolutionary War.

ABSTRACTS OF HAYWOOD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA DEEDS, BOOKS A-B-C (1808-1838), abstracted by Bill Eddleman, Pub 2005, ISBN #089308-807-2. Southern Historical Press, Inc. PO Box 1267, 375 West Broad Street, Greenville, SC 29602. Price: \$35.00 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. Hardback 6"x 9", 282 pages, with complete index, including slaves.

Haywood County was part of the Cherokee Nation during the Revolutionary War. When formed in 1808 it was part of Burke County; many of those deeds were burned during the Civil War. The county later included parts of Buncombe and the present-day counties of Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee. The introduction includes definitions and a numbering system as well as history of the area. A few of the earliest deeds are from 1792, the bulk after the official founding of the county. Haywood County was a gateway to TN, GA, SC so there is much valuable information; all names are indexed, including many marriages, heirs, widows, remarriage etc. There is also a slave index that could be helpful to any one tracing their African-American lineage. I found this book interesting reading even though I did not find any of my line listed.

Queries

ROBINSON - ATKINS

Need info on Joseph ROBINSON, born 1827 in Hardin County, TN, who married Louiza ATKINS, born 1824-5 in Hardin County. They appear on the 1850 census in Miss. and on the 1860 Census in Texas. *Hilton Robinson. 2018 Trailwood Drive, Burleson, TX 76028-1702*

GOSSETT - POGUE - SEAT

Seeking information regarding parents and siblings of Mary POGUE, born about 1800 (possibly Tennessee), died 1839 in McNairy County, TN. She married Isaac GOSSETT before 1820. Known children from this marriage: Melinda, Eliza Ellen, Mindy, Cindy, Nancy, Rachel, Martha, Mary, William, Levi, **Barnett**, Anderson and John. Additional children from Isaac's second marriage to Louisa SEAT; Isaac, Jr. and Celia.

Jean Garren, 2204 W. Moss, W. Peoria, IL 61604-5444

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ELROD - MCDONEL - HILL

Seeking information on the parents and siblings of WILLIAM M ELROD. Wm. and his first wife DOLLA MCDONEL were in the 1880 census of Fayette County, TN. At that time Wm. was age 30, born in Virginia. The 1900 and 1910 census also indicate that he was born in Virginia, as were his parents. His eldest son said the Elrods came from Port Royal, Caroline County, Virginia. History of the county and census records indicate that no one with the surname Elrod, black or

white, ever lived in the county. William's children, by Dolla McDonel and by his second wife, MILLY HILL, were Mary, Winney, John, Isabella, Margaret, Dancy, Horace, Fanny, Jim, Stonewall, Kit, Etta Lee, Thomas, Will, Pearly, Tornmie, **Bettie**, Joseph, Ednice, William, Ella and **Melroy**. William was the founder of the Pine Hill Baptist Church in LaGrange, TN in 1910 and was the pastor of the church until his death in 1919. A HATTIE ELROD (born 1885, died 1906) is buried in a cemetery on the Arnes Plantation, Hardeman/Fayette County, TN.

Jimmie T. Jones, 8349 South Perry Avenue, Chicago, IL 60620 - 1235

STEPHENSON - KELSEY

Seeking information on Luther STEPHENSON, who married Armon Herron KELSEY; both were born in 1829. Lived in Maury County or Giles County, TN.

Madalyn Teal, 17078 Vinland Drive, Addison, TX 75001-5052

COULTER

Need information on James Addison COULTER, born 1827 in TN or SC, and wife Martha L (or A) COULTER, their parents and siblings. James appears in 1850 census in household of Thomas W.C. Coulter (26), Tabitha (20), L.F. (19), Harriet (45) and several children: relationships ? Need maiden name of Martha; census and obituary listings are all "M.L." James and Martha lived in Fayette County, Morning Sun, Bartlett and Memphis. Their children were Helen (born in Hickory Withe) Lee, Ernest. *Mrs. Demetra Patton Quinn, 177 N., Highland, Apt. 202, Memphis, TN 38111.*

BRUTON – ROLAND – HARVEY – WHITWORTH

Need data on James B. BRUTON, b. 1847-d. 8 Feb. 1875 at Mulberry, Bedford County, TN. Wife, Nancy A. ROLAND. Children: Nancy Edna (b. 1864) Mary F. (b. 1865 or 66), Susie E. (b. 25 Mar 1868), Catherine C. (b. 25 Jan 1872), James (b. 1874), Susie's husband was HARVEY. Catherine's husband was WHITWORTH. Lived in Madison County, Alabama. Nancy ROLAND's second husband was Thomas Calaway BUNN.

Kenneth Bruton, 109 Simpson Drive, Sherman, TX 75092-8601

HERBERT – PETTIS

Will exchange information: Nathaniel HERBERT who married Frances O. Wilburn PETTIS, 25 October 1836, Madison County, AL. In Marshall County, MS in 1840 census; owned land in Marshall Co. MS and Fayette Co. TN. Sons: Claiborne C. Herbert, William J. Herbert, Oliver Ewing Herbert. *Henrietta H. Cragon, 8600 Skyline Dr. #1102, Dallas, TX 75243-4168*
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ANDERSON – COX – HAMMOND/HAMMONS – WHARTON – HICKLIN

Need parents Samuel COX born 1779 VA, died Haywood Co, TN 1878; married in Williamson Co. TN: (1) Clotilda DARDEN (2) Polly REYNOLDS (3) Elizabeth HOPKINS (4) in 1830 my ancestor Barbara HAMMOND. Need

Barbara Hammond's parents. Samuel and Barbara's son, Henry A. COX, married 1871 Gibson Co. TN (also had marriage contract in Haywood Co.) the widow FEDELIA WHARTON (ANDERSON) PENDER. Fedelia was the daughter of Elizabeth A. _____ born 1804 VA, died after 1880 census in Haywood County. Who was Fedelia's father? Who were Elizabeth A's parents? Elizabeth married (2) A.W. HICKLIN. Is there a family connection to Jesse WHARTON, b. VA, died 1833, buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville?

Joanne Cullom Moore, 1 Corona Road, Frenchmans Bayou, AR 72338

MILLS – CALDWELL-STANDFIELD

Gr-gr-grandfather Robert H. MILLS married Elisabeth CALDWELL b. 5/30/1833 Maury Co. TN. She was raised by an aunt, Mary STANDFIELD. Her sister (Dollie) Dorothy was b. 12/19/1828 Maury Co. TN. There are court records there concerning their guardians. Any information would be appreciated. *Leighnae Hubert, P.O. Box 852, Livingston, TX 77351*

WALL

Wish to exchange any family information about WALL family, especially Williamson and Maury Counties. *Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901*

CROSS – JOHNSON

Searching for information on these two families: (1) Duncan JOHNSON and family from Wilson Co. TN 1823. Some

children moved to Madison Co. TN and then to Tippah Co. MS. (2) Burrell CROSS family from Hardeman Co. TN 1850. Burrell/Burwell came to this area ca. 1845 from Dinwiddie Co. VA. Need parents of Burrell and maiden name of wife Candice. Any correspondence will be appreciated. Will gladly share anything I have on these lines.

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BAXLEY – ROBERSON

Researching James (Jim) BAXLEY and Ruth Campbell Baxley. Last known in Tipton Co, TN. Born abt. 1815. Children: John, Robert, Madison, Mary Jane, Elizabeth (Betty), Margaret and Hiram. Mary Jane m. William G.S. ROBERSON of Bucksnot, MS 7-23-1868 in DeSoto Co. MS. Children: William O, Melville, Dallas, Thomas, Sarah, Martha, Archibale and Ruth.

*Ruth Young Reed, 6396 Blenheim,
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AUSTIN – BARNES – ELLINOR

Seeking information on John AUSTIN, born about 1835 in TN, married 1857, living in Benton Co. TN in 1860 with wife, Anne Mariah BARNES Austin and daughter Sarah, age 2. Another daughter, Martha Jane, born in 1862. John possibly captured at Battle of Ft. Donelson in Feb. 1862. Second husband of Anne Mariah (1870's): Frank ELLINOR.

Was Mourning AUSTIN (born ca. 1800, VA) of 1840 and 1860 Benton County census, the mother of John? Is a Mariah AUSTIN in the 1850 census of Sumner

Co, TN with five children the same person? Is a John ASTTEN, deceased, mentioned in Benton County court records from 1836, John's father? Please send information to:

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MANGUM – WALL

Need parents of James A. MANGUM born 1823 Granville Co. NC died 1890 Dresden, Weakley Co. TN. m. 1850 Catherine Husted.. Seeking parents of Clement WALL born 1777 NC, lived in Guilford Co NC; was on 1803 tax list in Williamson Co. TN; in Fayette Co. TN by 1829; died in 1854, Marshall Co. MS. Wife, Margaret (Brown?) d. 1843 in Fayette Co.

*Joanne Cullom Moore, 1 Corona Rd.
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CALLIS – BATTLE

Am seeking information about the marriage date of Wilkens CALLIS to Mary BATTLE.

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TILLER

Seeking any information on the TILLER line in and around Fayette County, Tennessee and Madison County, Alabama.

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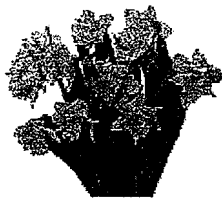
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