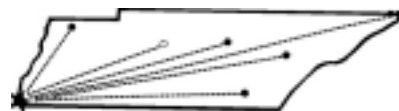
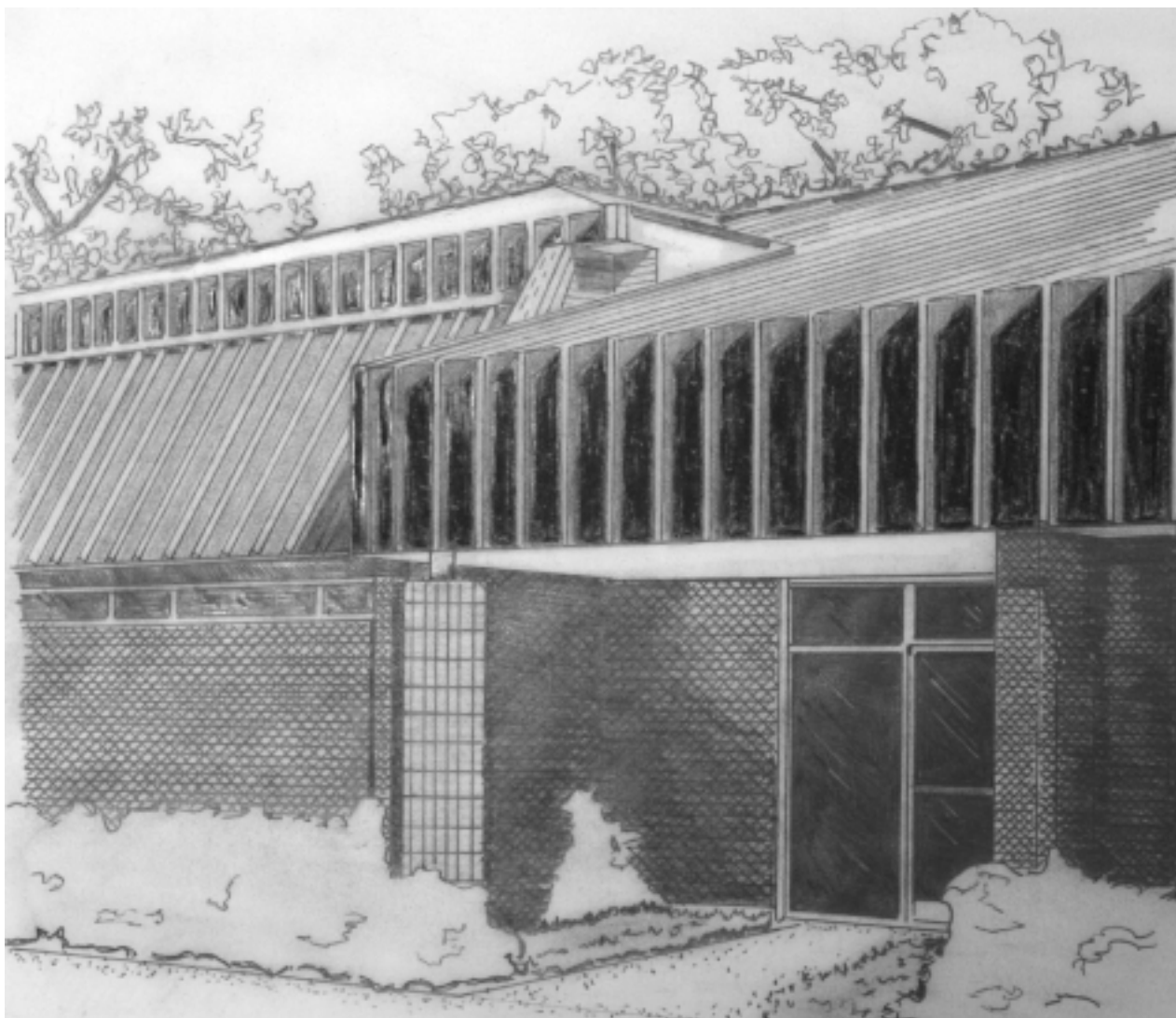

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FROM THE EDITOR

Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me.
Be still, they say. Watch and listen.
You are the result of the love of thousands.
--Linda Hogan, "Walking"

As I write today, I have just returned from three days in West Kentucky, visiting with cousins I had never met before. My 79-year-old cousin in Paducah and her husband welcomed me for supper and shared family pictures; she had already sent me documents containing over 300 names on our maternal great-grandmother's side of the family, and shared addresses of other family members to contact.

After visiting with musician friends in the morning, I drove to Mayfield, where a younger cousin works in a drug store. She took a few minutes off from her busy schedule to give me directions to the cemetery where my grandparents are buried, and told me more about the family of one of my father's older sisters, who was her grandmother. I drove out to Golo and took pictures of the white clapboard church (built in the 1880's) and the graveyard, with its iron fence around it, as the sun was going down.

The next morning, I met a spunky 83-year-old lady who looks much younger; she and one of her sons took me riding around the county in a big, comfortable pick-up truck. It was sunny and brisk, and large snowflakes were coming down as we went to cemeteries and farmhouses, admired lovely horses and chicken barns, and crossed Panther Creek, not far from where my father grew up. We went back to her house for a bowl of hot soup before I drove back to Memphis.

And, wonder of wonders, when I checked my e-mail at home, I had heard from yet another cousin, on the other side of the family, also in Mayfield, with several documents on our common relatives. Queries in journals do work—that is how he knew to contact me in Memphis. I have quite a bit for him, too.

On November 1, we celebrate All Saints' Day and remember the "cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us. How appropriate, as the days darken and winter comes, to feel them around us.

—Ann Kendall Ray

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center,
home of the Tennessee Genealogical Society**

From its beginning in 1954 as Tennessee's first chartered genealogy society, TNGS has been operated by volunteers. All funds generated have been spent for acquisition and management of the collection. These funds have been generated internally through membership fees, sales of published material and gifts from individuals. The TNGS is a Federally recognized 501(c) 3 educational organization, therefore gifts of money or materials are tax exempt.

The merger with the Germantown Library System frees thousands of dollars in our funds to be allocated to the acquisition of research material and the purchase of equipment to publish research material. The Germantown Library System also budgets for the acquisition of genealogical and historical research material. We are considering several acquisitions for the collection, and your suggestions are solicited.

These funds, combined with your gifts, will make it possible to acquire significant additions to this fine research center. Talk to your Tax Accountant and determine what you can give.

As we schedule events for 2007 we are able to add new services because of our new class room and electronic training devices. *The Daughters of the American Revolution*, *The Sons of the American Revolution*, and the *Sons of Confederate Veterans* are all scheduled to use our facilities for at least two how-to-join sessions in '07. *Early Shelby County Settlers* and *The Manakin Huguenot Society* will use it for meeting/training sessions. We will consider other ancestral and historical groups as users. We have scheduled training sessions on basic and advance internet research and how to build your web-site. We have begun scheduling speakers for membership meetings and we have some

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE

The city of Germantown, located about sixteen miles east of the Mississippi River, is now a suburb of Memphis. The first settlers came to this area in the 1820's, settling along the Cherokee Trace on a strip of high ground between the Wolf River and Nonconnah Creek known as Pea Ridge – which also became the name of the community. Town lots were laid out in 1834 by surveyor N.T. German, and the name of the town was changed to Germantown in 1836, perhaps because many German families were settlers in that area. Incorporated in 1841, the Memphis and Charleston Railroad was built through the community in 1852, and the first of several train depots was built at Germantown Road.

An important event during the early days of Germantown was the establishment of Nashoba Plantation between 1825 and 1830. Frances Wright, a wealthy woman of English and Scottish origins, received several federal land grants and purchased additional land for this utopian community, which was to be the home of emancipated slaves and a communal farm. Nashoba Plantation did not last for many years, but the name has survived both as a city street in Germantown and as the temporary name of the community during the years of World War I.

Germantown grew and thrived until the outbreak of the Civil War and the Union occupation of the area. Today, replicas of Howitzer cannons mark the place where 250 Union troops built an earthwork redoubt as part of a series of forts guarding the Memphis and Charleston Railroad during the Civil War. Fort Germantown is located just south of Poplar Pike on Honey Tree Drive, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

After the war and the yellow fever epidemics of the 1860's and 1870's, the population dropped to the point that the town temporarily lost its charter. However, people gradually began to return over the next twenty years, and churches, stores and homes were rebuilt. Germantown attracted well-to-do landowners who were looking for a large estate in an attractive rural setting not far from the city and the river. Soon, to quote one writer, "Germantown settled into a peaceful hamlet occupied by more horses than people."

A sleepy, upscale community through the 1950's and 1960's, the population of Germantown has skyrocketed since then, increasing from a few thousand to over 40,000 people in the year 2006. New residents have come from all over the nation and abroad with international companies, and there has been major growth in the business community. The average value of homes is the highest in the suburban Memphis area, and there is a rush to keep pace with the dramatic growth of the schools in this area.

Today a vibrant blend of old and new, the city of Germantown is moving forward with plans for its future. The Tennessee Genealogical Society is excited to be a part of these plans as we move into the former Germantown Public Library/Morgan Woods Children's Theater building near the Pickering Center in the C.O. Franklin Park, not far from the arena where the annual Germantown Charity Horse Show is held.

This recently renovated facility will be known as the Germantown Community Library, Regional

History and Genealogy Center, and will in the near future become an important regional center for genealogical research. The Tennessee Genealogical Society library of over 50,000 books, family histories, microfilms, compact discs and vertical files will now be available for library patrons and members, and the latest in internet access for online research will soon be in place.

—Ann Kendall Ray

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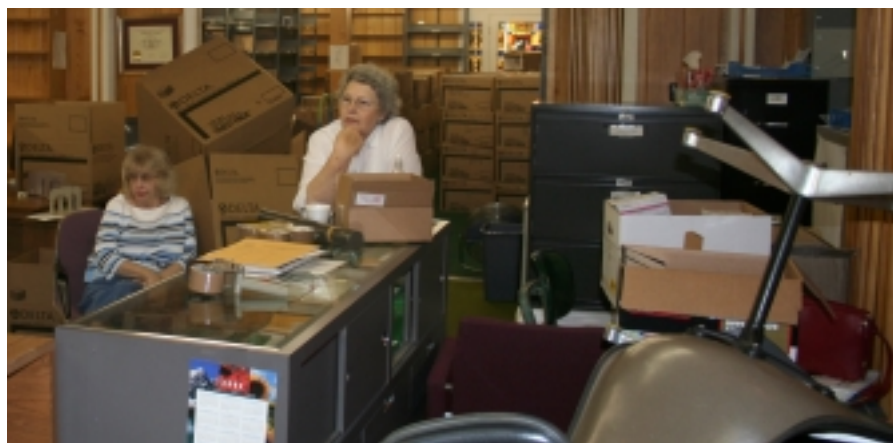
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interesting ones. Mark Lowe is scheduled as our first speaker for a full day seminar. (*See information on back cover of this issue.*) We have also scheduled our *First Annual TNGS Genealogy and History Fair* for October 12 and 13.

Please go to the TNGS website, www.tngs.org. It is full of interesting and informative information. Tina continues to share with us little blurbs of pertinent family information in “articles.” Click on “interactive map.” Vince Hughes, our tech-guy, has created a street map to assist in finding our location. Click on “Click here to locate the Tn Gen Building.” Check the site often for current information about TNGS and the Regional History and Genealogy Center.

Membership dues are again due. This is first year that I can say unequivocally that the bulk of our income will be spent to add value to the membership and not to maintain a repository for the collection. Weather you are an active local member, a subscriber, or an institution you need to “hang around another year to see where this thing of ours is going.” Look at your mailing label on this issue. If the date says anything other than2008 then your dues are due. Please send your check for \$25.00 (\$35.00 for a family) to P.O. Box 381824, Germantown, TN 38183-1824. Thanks for your continued support.

Carol Mittag and Joanne Wheeler take a break from packing for the move. Thanks to both of them and to the many other members who cumulatively contributed more than 800 (wo)man-hours to this move.



—James E. (Jim) Bobo, President

KIRBY FARM: THE BROOKS, KIRBY AND WILLS FAMILIES OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Twin brothers from the Piedmont region of North Carolina, **Joseph Brooks** and **Wilks Brooks** (b. 1785) were among the first settlers in the eastern part of Shelby County, just west of present-day Germantown, Tennessee. **Joseph**, who had married **Jemima Cannon**, left North Carolina for the Western District on February 23, 1829, and settled at Big Creek in present-day Shelby County. His brother, **Wilks Brooks**, and son, **Joseph Brooks**, came on horseback to the area on October 15, 1834. **Wilks** had served a term in the state General Assembly, and was a delegate to the North Carolina Constitutional Convention of 1823. He bought a portion of a six hundred and forty-acre land grant from **Tignal Jones**, assignee of **John Rice**, in Civil District 11 at Pea Ridge, later known as the Ridgeway area, and started building his plantation home, Woodlawn. On December 4, 1835, his wife, **Martha (Patsy) Tucker Brooks**, and his family arrived from North Carolina and moved to the plantation, thirteen miles east of Memphis on the State Line Road, on February 20, 1836. "Woodlawn" stands today on the same property but in another site and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Wilks Brooks soon purchased additional property, including the present-day location of Kirby Farm, which in 1838 was owned by **Col. Eppy White**, Justice of the Peace. This spot was the first polling place and post office at Pea Ridge, which later became known as Germantown. [The property adjoined the Nashoba Plantation of **Frances "Fanny" Wright**, established in the 1820's.] Brooks also acquired the land grants of **Thomas Harrelson** and **Henry Harrelson**, and of **Charles McClung** (later sold to **Col. Greenlaw**).

A devout Baptist, **Wilks Brooks** donated land for the construction of the Germantown Baptist Church (in its original location, near the railroad station and the Germantown Presbyterian Church). He died on March 6, 1849 and was buried near his plantation home.

Joseph Brooks, oldest son of **Wilks** and **Patsy Brooks**, was born in Greenville, North Carolina on March 31, 1819, came west with his father in 1834 and worked with him to build Woodlawn Plantation: the "home, log houses, farm buildings, a country store, miles of fencing and a brick train station." The plantation overlooked the Cherokee Trace, later known as the Old Plank Road and still later as Poplar Pike. Joseph married **Agnes Nelson Dandridge** (1828 – 1911) on February 25, 1847 at Bolivar, Tennessee. Her parents, **Robert Ambler Dandridge** and **Ann Overton Goodwin**, had come from Richmond, Virginia to Hardeman County.

"**Jo** bought Germantown city property from **Nicey B. Shepherd** and **F.A. Hurt** on which was a cotton gin manufacturing company. The **Hurt** house was at 7510 North Street and adjoined the Brooks lot. **Jo** also bought additional adjoining Shelby County farmland from **Cogbill, Rutherford, Henderson, [Frazier] Titus, Callis, Plunkett, Hewett** and **[Robert] Fearn**."

During the Civil War and Federal occupation, a Kansas regiment "used the Brooks home for a hospital, dug breast works on the grounds and plundered the Brooks' personal belongings (and) their livestock, feed, lumber and wagons. **Joseph Brooks** strongly urged **Agnes** to play the piano, hoping the house would not be burned. Once a soldier rode by on his horse and threw fire at the front door. It was quickly put out."

When **Joseph Brooks** died on October 20, 1897, a special railroad car was chartered on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad to carry the funeral party from Woodlawn Plantation and Brooks Station to Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis.



Thomas A. Nelson purchased the property and began construction of the present house in the Italianate Revival style, ca. 1869.

Ann Eliza Brooks, the only child of **Joseph** and **Agnes Brooks**, was born February 28, 1848. She married **John Anderson Kirby**, born July 26, 1842, on October 12, 1870 at Woodlawn. **John**, the son of **Anderson Kirby** (1796 – 1884) and **Rebecca Miller** (b. 1797), “enlisted with the Shelby Greys in Company A, 4th Tennessee Infantry Regiment and was mustered in at Germantown May 15, 1861. He saw action at Belmont, Shiloh and Missionary Ridge, where he was captured on November 25, 1863. Imprisoned at Rock Island, Illinois, he was paroled on May 21, 1865 – one of the last surviving members of the Shelby Greys.”

John and **Ann Eliza Kirby** lived for a short time at 210 Vance Avenue in Memphis, and later at Woodlawn. In 1898, they bought the place now known as Kirby Farms, the **Thomas A. Nelson**, **James Brett** and **John Louis Ebling** home, which had been the property of **Wilks Brooks**, **Ann Eliza**’s grandfather, in 1838.

The two children of **Ann Eliza Brooks** and **John Anderson Kirby** who reached adulthood were **Joseph Brooks Kirby** (1877-1950) and **Agnes Rebecca Kirby** (Mrs. **Walter Davis May**). **Joseph Brooks Kirby** conducted the business of the Brooks and Kirby families, working lands of his great-

grandfather. On October 12, 1920 he married **Dorothy Gordon Walker**, daughter of **Richard Gordon Walker** and **Olive Blanche Lyles** of Memphis. Both of the daughters of **Joseph** and **Dorothy (Dorothy G. Kirby)**, 1923 – 2006, and **Louise Ann Kirby**, b. 1928) were born at the Kirby House on Poplar Pike.

“**Joseph Kirby**, a third-generation member of the Germantown Baptist Church, attended Sunday School and church every Sunday. He was a member of the Civic Club, the Chickasaw Guards, an early member of the Memphis Country Club and a director of the Commercial and Industrial Bank.”

On March 27, 1947, **Dorothy Gordon Kirby** married **Walter Douglass Wills, Jr.** (1915 – 2000). Her sister, **Louise Ann Kirby**, married **William James Ellis** of Knoxville. **Dot**

and **Walter Wills** had one son, **Walter D. Wills, III**; the Ellis children were **W.J. Ellis** and **Joseph Kirby Ellis**.

Walter Douglass Wills, Jr. was the grandson of **Edwin Francis Wills** and **Ida Douglass** and the son of **Walter Douglass Wills, Sr.** (1886 – 1971) and **Caroline Haskell Duval** (1877 – 1979). The family business was the E.F. Wills Insurance Company. **Walter Douglass Wills, Sr.** was an active member of First Methodist Church of Memphis, serving on the Board of Stewards from 1910 until his death; he was also a charter member of the Lions Club.

Family members no longer live in the farmhouse, and the suburbs of Memphis and Germantown crowd around it, but this property stands today as a small island of West Tennessee history: an image of nineteenth-century life, lovingly restored by **Walter D. Wills, III** twenty



**Kirby Farm today stands as a small island of West Tennessee history,
as the suburbs of Memphis and Germantown crowd around it.**

years ago. Civic and historical groups hold meetings there today. The old Brooks home, Woodlawn, was formerly located at 6388 Brooks Manor Cove, at the end of a long driveway leading north to Poplar Pike and the railroad tracks. It was moved to 2000 Old Oak Drive in 1973, where it has been preserved and rebuilt by the family. The house now faces west, with back porch enclosed; additional living areas have been added, and a new back porch uses some of the original columns.

Kirby Farm, Woodlawn, and the families who lived there are an important part of the history of this area. We thank the current generation of descendants for their public-spirited generosity.

—Ann Kendall Ray

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**Today, in this pastoral setting just yards from busy city streets,
civic, ancestral, and historical groups hold meetings.**



Introduction

The following article is the fifth installment in the series of articles on the twelve children of **Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver** of Henderson County, Tennessee. For this article, the focus is on their daughter **Nancy**, her husband **John Milner**, and their family. The article attempts to place the subjects in some historical context. Additional articles are planned and underway. It is hoped that the following material will be of interest to other researchers as well as members of the family.

The story of **Nancy Beaver** is one of pioneering determination, tragedy, and ultimately success. After a brief time in Alabama, the young **Nancy** and her husband brought their family to southwestern Arkansas. There they began the long and difficult task of carving a large plantation out of the wilderness and raising a family. The tragedy came with the untimely death of her husband. But, that did not deter the plucky widow. She continued her husband's work, developed their plantation, and lived to enjoy the fruits of their labors as well as her numerous grandchildren.

The Early Years

Nancy Beaver was born August 26, 1803 in Franklin County, Georgia, the daughter of **Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver**. **Nancy** was only about five years old when her family moved to the Mulberry Creek neighborhood in Lincoln County, Tennessee, where she grew into adulthood. Just how and where she met her husband is uncertain. Of course, she may have known him in Lincoln County. While no specific record of her husband has been found in Lincoln County, he may have been related to **William Milner**, veteran of the War of 1812, who lived nearby. Just as likely, she may have met her husband after moving with her family to Henderson County, Tennessee circa 1823. No record of their marriage has survived; but, based upon the ages of their children, she married **John Milner** circa 1822. John, the son of John and **Elizabeth Milner**, was born August 29, 1803 in North Carolina. Thus, both the bride and groom were approximately nineteen years old at their wedding.

Sojourn in Alabama

Soon after their marriage, they moved to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama near his father's family. In 1830, **John Milner's** household consisted of seven souls.

Males

Two, less than 5

One, between 5 & 10

One, between 20 & 30

Females

Two, less than 5

One, between 20 & 30

The ages for both **John** and **Nancy** agree with other known records. Yet, the number and ages of their children do not. Of course, they could have married earlier than 1822, but that seems unlikely. It also seems unlikely that they had four children all under five years of age. It is presumed that one of the two youngest boys was their son **Thomas** and the two youngest girls were their daughters **Elizabeth** and **Louisa**. Perhaps some of the other children were nephews or nieces. **John Milner** owned no slaves. On January 12, 1833, **John Millender**, Junior of Tuscaloosa County sold a tract of land to **Daniel Burgin** for \$500. The tract consisted of the NW¼ of Section 7, Township 21, Range 5 West and contained 61.97 acres. A quarter of a section normally consists of 160 acres, plus or minus a small fraction. Perhaps the court clerk erred in transcribing the original deed into the record book and the tract actually contained 161.97 acres of land. No record has been located indicating how **John** obtained that tract of land.

On November 21, 1836, John Milener of Bibb County, Alabama sold a tract of land to **Samuel N.**

Houston for \$1,500. The tract of 239.76 acres consisted of the NW¼ of Section 14 and the E½ of the SE¼ of Section 15, both in Township 21, Range 6 West. **John** signed his name to the deed. His wife **Nancy** also signed the deed to release her dower rights. Again unfortunately, no record has been found of **John** ever obtaining title to that land. He probably purchased the land from **Robert Woods** of Bibb County, who obtained patents on that land in 1823 and 1824. On April 3, 1837, **John Milner** sold another tract of land to Samuel Houston for \$3,000. The tract of just 39.83 acres consisted of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 15, Township 21, Range 5 West. Again, no record has been located of **John** acquiring that tract of land. Perhaps he never obtained title to it as **James Ray** obtained a patent for that tract in 1849.

Moving to Arkansas

John Millner moved his family to Saline County, Arkansas in 1837. He purchased two tracts of land there at public sale from **Rebecca Collins**, the administratrix of the estate of **William Collins** on December 23, 1837. The E½ of the SW¼ and W½ of the SE¼ of Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 15 West drew his high bid of \$1,000. **John Millner** first appears on the tax rolls there in 1838. That year he paid taxes on his two tracts of land amounting to 160 acres valued at \$640, four slaves valued at \$3,000, other personal property valued at \$3,300, and one horse. On February 24, 1838, **Charles Caldwell** sold another tract of land to **John Milner** for \$300. The tract, consisting of the W½ of the SW¼ of Section 29, was adjacent to his other two tracts. That purchase brought his total holdings to 240 acres of land.

Surprisingly, his name does not appear on the tax rolls for 1839. But, on July 1, 1839, John purchased two more tracts of land consisting of the NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 29 and the SE¼ of the SE¼ of fractional Section 19, all in Township 1 South, Range 15 West. He paid **Richard and Mary Brazil** \$200 for the two tracts, enlarging his total land holdings to 360 acres. On October 11, 1839, **John Milner** completed the purchase and obtained patents on a tract out of the public lands for sale from the federal government at Little Rock. The tract consisted of the NE¼ of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 15 West containing 160 acres. On that same date he obtained a patent for another tract consisting of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 15 West of 40 acres. His land holdings then amounted to 560 acres.

Yet, in 1840, **John Millner** paid the poll tax for himself and property taxes for 600 acres of land worth \$1,800, four slaves worth \$2,000, five horses worth \$300, and ten cattle worth \$125. Just why he paid taxes on 40 more acres of land than he owned is uncertain. There are three possible explanations. First, the tax assessor may have erred in calculating the exact quantity of land. Second, **John** may have purchased another small tract of 40 acres but failed to record the deed. Third, one of the foregoing deeds may have been transcribed incorrectly. Also, on the tax rolls for the first time is **Lewis Milner**, who paid his poll tax and property taxes for 200 acres of land. In just a few short years, John Milner enjoyed significant success as a planter in Arkansas. His planting operations were profitable enough to pay cash for 560 acres of land. In addition, he had acquired four more slaves.

In 1840, John Milner, a resident of Saline County, headed a household of thirteen individuals.

Males

Two, less than 5
Two, between 5 and 10
Two, between 10 & 15
One, between 15 & 20
One, between 30 & 40
One, between 60 and 70

Females

One, between 5 & 10
Two, between 10 & 15

One, between 20 & 30

The oldest male may be his father, **John Milner, Sr.** The next oldest male probably is **John** and the oldest female his wife **Nancy**. It is interesting to note that the listings for the next five oldest children agree precisely with the listing in the previous census. Thus, the census schedule implies that **John** and **Nancy** were the parents of ten children all born between about 1823 and 1840! It is presumed that one of the two boys between 10 and 15 was their son **Thomas** and the two boys between 5 and 10 were their sons **James** and **John**. It also is presumed that the two girls between 10 and 15 were their daughters **Elizabeth** and **Louisa**. Of course, it is possible that at least some of the unidentified children were nephews, nieces, or other relations.

In addition, **John** owned seven slaves, two males and five females. On September 1, 1840, **John Milner, Sr.** sold "*a certain negro woman Charity 30 years old*" to his son **John Milner, Jr.** for \$600.

Fortune smiled on **John and Nancy Milner**, at least economically. During the year 1842, they purchased significant additional land. On August 23, 1842, **John Millinder, Jr.** purchased a single tract of 80 acres from **David G. McDaniel** and **John S. Black** as executors of the estate of **George A. McDaniel** deceased. **John** paid \$200 for the S½ of the SE¼ of fractional Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 15 West. On September 5, 1842, **John Milner** obtained a patent from the federal government for 40 acres of land. The land consisted of the NE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 15 West. On December 27, 1842, **Green B. Hughes** and his wife **Louisa** sold nine more tracts of land to **John Millinder, Jr.** for \$821. The nine tracts were the NE¼, E½ of the NW¼, E½ of the SW¼, E½ of the SE¼, NW¼ of the SE¼, SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 15, NW¼ and E½ of the NE¼ of Section 14, and SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 10, all in Township 2 South, Range 15 West and contained 760 acres. For the first time, John did not pay cash. Rather, **Mr. Hughes** accepted a mortgage for the full purchase price plus interest at ten percent. The three transactions increased his land holdings by 880 acres, bringing the total to 1,440 acres if one accepts the deeds or 1,480 acres if one accepts the tax rolls.

On November 10, 1845, **John Milner, Jr.** loaned \$222.52 to **William Brents**. In return, **William** placed 360 acres of land in trust. If he did not pay back the loan with interest before January 1, 1848, then he would forfeit the land to **John**. Apparently, he satisfied his debt in cash, as **John** never took title to the land. In 1846, **John Milner, Sr.** was taxed for 80 acres of land, one horse, and two cattle. Because he paid no poll tax, it may be concluded that he was older than 60 years. His son, **John Milner, Jr.** paid his poll tax that year. In addition, **John, Jr.** paid taxes on 560 acres of land worth \$1,680, ten slaves worth \$3,600, six horses worth \$180, and eight cattle worth \$40. Based upon that tax record, John may have sold a significant portion of his land, but no deed was recorded to document the sale. Perhaps **John** was unable to pay off the mortgage and had to relinquish title to his 880 acres of land. On March 11, 1846, **John Y. Lindsey** sold "*a certain negro boy Jack, about 21 years old*" to **John Milner, Jr.** for \$500.

John Milner again failed to make the tax rolls in 1847. His father was assessed for 80 acres of land. In 1848, John Jr. was assessed for 600 acres valued at \$1,800. He owned twelve slaves assessed at \$3,600, six horses assessed at \$240, and sixteen cattle assessed at \$80. On December 16, 1848, **John and Nancy Milner** sold 600 acres of land to Comfort Peck and J. R. Richards for \$1,800. Unfortunately, the extant deeds are unclear. John had acquired most of the 600 acres in 1837 or 1839. But, there is no record of him having acquired 80 of the 600 acres sold. In any event, that sale probably marks their departure from Saline County. Both **John and Nancy** signed the deed.

Pioneering in Ouachita County

Soon thereafter, **John Milner** moved his family to Harrison Township, Ouachita County, Arkansas, where he immediately began to acquire land. **John** first appears on the tax rolls there in

1849. That year he paid his poll tax and was assessed for 320 acres of land valued at \$1,000, fourteen slaves valued at \$4,500, two horses valued at \$80, five mules valued at \$120, and fifteen cattle valued at \$90. The 320 acres was comprised of the E½ of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 20 West. By 1850, he had increased his land holdings to 440 acres assessed at \$1,500. He also was assessed for twelve slaves worth \$6,000, two horses worth \$80, three mules worth \$120, and ten cattle worth \$50.

In 1850, **John Millinder** was farming his land in Harrison Township. The 47-year-old native North Carolinian valued his real estate at \$2,000. His wife **Nancy** is listed as 47 years old and born in Georgia. Living with them were their children **James, John, Nancy, and William**. **John** owned twenty slaves, ten males and ten females. The six adult men ranged in age from 42 to 21 years. The four boys ranged in age from 8 to 3 years. The six adult females ranged in age from 40 to 18 years. The four girls ranged in age from 8 to 1 year. His farm consisted of 200 acres of improved land and 400 acres of unimproved land and was valued at \$1,000. It is unclear why the size and value of his farm does not agree more closely with the county tax rolls. **John** owned farm implements valued at \$430, a substantially higher amount than anyone else in Harrison Township. Perhaps he owned a cotton gin and enjoyed the profits from ginning his neighbors' cotton. His livestock, valued at \$830, consisted of six horses, two mules, ten cows, four oxen, ten cattle, forty-five sheep, and one hundred swine. In the previous year, his farm had produced sixteen hundred bushels of corn, three bales of ginned cotton, one hundred pounds of wool, one thousand bushels of peas and beans, five hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, three hundred pounds of butter, \$100 worth of home manufactured goods, and \$255 worth of slaughtered animals.

On March 30, 1850, **John and Nancy Milliner** of Ouachita County sold the last of their property in Saline County to **James Richards**. They received \$300 in cash for the S½ of the SE¼ of fractional Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 15 West containing 80 acres. In 1851, **John** paid his poll tax and was assessed for 440 acres of land valued at just \$1,320. His 440 acres consisted of four tracts of land, the same two tracts for which he was assessed in 1849 and two other tracts. The two other tracts were the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 22 and the W½ of the NE¼ of Section 34 both in Township 15 South, Range 20 West. He also was assessed for seventeen slaves valued at \$8,500, five horses valued at \$200, two mules valued at \$80, and fifteen cattle valued at \$100.

According to his tombstone, **John Milner** was born August 29, 1803 and died November 28, 1851. He was buried in the Milner family cemetery, located approximately one mile west of Highway 79 and four miles north of McNeil, Arkansas. His obituary was published in the newspaper.

"Departed this life, very suddenly, on his premises, in Ouachita co., Arkansas, on the evening of the 28th ultimo. brother John Milner, aged 48 years and 4 months. His death was caused by a tree falling on him. His negroes cut down a large oak tree, which fell upon a small pine, breaking it entirely off and then fell upon Bro. Milner, fracturing his scull bone, breaking his right shoulder bone, and dislocating his neck, which killed him so dead that he never struggled. The subject of this notice professed faith in the Son of God, in Bibb co., Ala., and attached himself to the Cumberland Presbyterian church in 1835. He moved from there in the fall of 1837, to Saline co., Arks., where he resided until the fall of 1848, when he moved from there to the place of his departure. The deceased was a man of very industrious habits, and managed his affairs well. He was a consistent and orderly walking christian, was beloved by his family, and esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances. He has left a dear wife, 8 children, of whom 4 are married, and a large circle of friends to mourn his life."

Because the Ouachita County Courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1875, no records from the probate of his estate have survived. In 1852, the year after his death, **John Milner's** estate is listed on the tax rolls. His land, consisting of the same four tracts, had increased in value to \$1,400. The estate was assessed for eighteen slaves worth \$9,000, four horses worth \$200, three mules worth

\$150, and twelve cattle worth \$80. Later that year, Columbia County was formed from portions of Lafayette, Hempstead, and Ouachita Counties. Harrison Township became part of the new Columbia County.

Widowhood

Before his death, **John Milner** of Ouachita County began the process of obtaining two land patents from the federal government. But, the official process was not completed until after his death. On November 1, 1852, the government issued a patent to him for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 15 South, Range 20 West, containing 40 acres. On the same day, a second patent was issued for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 20 West, containing 80 acres. It is worth noting that John had paid the taxes on these two tracts since 1850, two years prior to perfecting the title to the two tracts. In 1853, **Nancy Milner** was assessed for the same four tracts of land then valued at \$1,320. In order to make ends meet, Nancy was forced to sell some of her slaves. She paid taxes for eight slaves valued at \$3,600, two horses valued at \$100, two mules valued at \$100, and seven cattle valued at \$42.

Perhaps **Nancy** used the proceeds from the sale of her slaves to purchase additional land, another slave, and more livestock. Perhaps, her fortunes simply had improved. In 1854, **Nancy** was assessed for 560 acres of land valued at \$1,680. She also paid taxes on nine slaves worth \$4,500, three horses worth \$160, two mules worth \$100, and ten cattle worth \$60. **Nancy Milner** does not appear on the tax rolls for 1856. But, by 1857, she had sold some of her land. That year, she was assessed for just 320 acres of land valued at \$1,080. She also paid taxes on six slaves valued at \$3,000, two horses valued at \$100, three mules valued at \$150, and twelve cattle valued at \$75. By 1859, her economic circumstances had improved to the point that she could purchase more land and slaves. On July 1, 1859, **Nancy Milner** received a patent for a tract of land in her own name from the federal government. Her tract of land consisted of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 20 West and contained 120 acres. That same year, she was assessed for 800 acres valued at \$2,400, twelve slaves valued at \$6,000, one horse valued at \$60, four mules valued at \$200, and twelve cattle valued at \$75.

Nancy remained a widow and continued to operate and manage the family plantation. In 1860, **Nancy** is listed in the census as a “*widow farming*.” She was 56 years old and born in Georgia. She valued her real estate at \$6,400 and her personal property at \$22,000. Living with her were two of her children, **Nancy and William**, and her overseer **Franklin Weaver**. The widow **Nancy** owned twenty-one slaves who resided in five slave houses. The ten male slaves ranged in age from 46 to 8 years old. The eleven female slaves ranged in age from 40 years to just 4 months. Her plantation consisted of 200 acres of improved land and 300 acres of unimproved land. She placed a value of \$2,500 on her plantation and \$100 on the farming implements. Her livestock, consisting of two horses, six mules, five cows, twenty cattle, and forty swine, was valued at \$900. The plantation produced one thousand bushels of corn, fifty bales of ginned cotton, seventy-five bushels of peas and beans, five bushels of potatoes, two hundred-fifty bushels of sweet potatoes, and \$96 worth of home manufactured goods. **Nancy** kept some of her personal property hidden from the county tax assessor. That same year, she paid taxes on 800 acres of land valued at \$2,400, which grossly understates the amounts recorded on the census schedules. Moreover, she paid taxes on only ten slaves valued at \$7,000, six horses valued at \$400, and twelve cattle valued at \$100.

Economically, the ravages of the Civil War were not kind to the widow. The 1863 tax roll indicates that the value of her 800 acres remained relatively high at \$2,400, the value of her eleven slaves had

dropped to just \$4,400. Moreover, the aftermath of the war was crippling. Her 800 acres were then valued at just \$1,200. Of course, her greatest economic assets, her slaves, had been freed. Difficult times continued for her during Reconstruction, but **Nancy** was not so discouraged that she could not continue to manage her plantation.

By 1870, the widow **Nancy** was living alone. At 68 years of age, she was still farming. Curiously, Tennessee is listed erroneously as her place of birth. She valued her real estate at \$1,500 and her personal property at \$1,000. Her plantation, consisting of 300 acres of improved land and 400 acres of unimproved land, was valued at \$1,500. Her farm implements were valued at just \$25. Her livestock, valued at \$300, consisted of one horse, six cows, four oxen, fourteen cattle, fifteen sheep, and thirty swine. The plantation produced one thousand bushels of corn, twenty-one bales of cotton, one hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, and \$200 worth of slaughtered products. The total farm production was valued at \$3,000.

Nancy died January 23, 1879 and was buried next to her husband in the old family cemetery. According to her tombstone, she was born August 26, 1803. Thus, she was just three days older than her husband. On February 1, 1879, her son **Thomas L. Milner** filed his application to the county court for letters of administration on her estate. The letters were granted after he posted a \$3,000 bond with the court. **J. G. Kelso** and **T. J. Bolger** were his sureties. On February 10, 1879, he filed the inventory and appraisal of her estate. In addition to her personal property and \$180 cash on hand, her estate included seven promissory notes.

W. W. Craig	\$115.97	W. H. Murphy	127.23	J. R. Sulivant	10.00
Gabe Milner	40.00	Robert White	55.08	Bill Milner	46.64
Manen M. Specie	38.40				

It is presumed that at least some of the aforementioned men, especially **Gale Milner**, **Bob White**, and **Bill Milner**, may have been her former slaves. **Gabe Milner**, a black man born circa 1847; **Robert White**, a black man born circa 1847; and, **William Milner**, a black man born circa 1834, were living nearby in Harrison Township in 1880.

Her personal property was appraised as follows.

4 bales of cotton \$120.00	1 set of cups and saucers \$.50	1 sorrel horse 55.00
6 pc. China ware .50	100 bushels of corn 50.00	1 set China ware 5.00
1000 lbs dry salt meat 50.00	3½ set glass tumblers 1.75	4 dry cows 30.00
2 glass pitchers	11 hd. of 1&2 yrs. Cattle 22.00	1 cruit stand .50
14 shoats 14.00	3 preserve & 1 molasses stand 1.00	
2 4 yr. old steers 12.00	9 dishes 3.00	1 yoke oxen 13.00
2 set plates 1 pitcher & dipper 2.75	2 cows & calves 12.00	
1 wash bowl & pitcher .75	12 bee hives 12.00	8 salts & 5 cup plates .40
100 lbs. sugar 12.50	3 6 gal. jars 1.80	60 lbs. coffee 12.00
4 crocks & 1 lot tinware 2.05	1 wagon 10.00	1 set silver spoons 6.00
125 bu. Cotton seed 10.00	2 bedsteads 5.00	1 sow & 6 pigs 6.00
1 rifle gun 5.00	2 quilts 2.00	2 mirrors 1.25
sythe & cradle .50	1 bureau 7.50	20 barrel & box .50
2 trunks 2.00	2 shovels & spade 1.00	1 chest .50
50 lbs. bacon hams 3.00	1 set chairs 6.00	150 lbs. bacon 7.00
set butts & screws .25	150 lbs. large 9.00	desk & table 1.25
1 pr. Steel yards .75	clock 2.50	1 pr. Balances 1.75
lot of books 1.00	75 lbs. nails 3.75	tool chest & contents 2.50

<i>1 demijohn & bucket 1.50</i>	<i>side saddle 5.00</i>	<i>2 drop leaf tables 2.00</i>
<i>sausage grinder 1.00</i>	<i>1 safe 3.00</i>	<i>lot cooking vessels 2.50</i>
<i>1 set knives & forks 1.00</i>	<i>sieve & half bushel .50</i>	
<i>1 set teaspoons & 3 lg. spoons .50</i>	<i>large wash pot 2.50</i>	<i>1 set cups & saucers .50</i>
<i>6 beds & bedding 90.00</i>		

The entire inventory of her estate was appraised at \$649.00. The inventory includes typical agricultural products, livestock, implements, and other household and kitchen items. It is presumed that she could read because of the books that she owned.

On March 8, 1879, **T. L. Milner** filed a sale bill for the personal property of the estate. Then, on May 10, 1880, **T. L. Milner** filed his first annual account of his administration of the estate. On November 10, 1886, he filed his second and final account for his administration of the estate of his mother. He was charged \$2,216.65 from his first annual account. He then was charged for the following:

Amount paid J. Jennings for monument 175.00
Amount paid for iron railings 118.80
Amount paid Banner Com. Notice 5.00
Amount paid Freight bill 24.35
Amount paid Hauling monument etc. 30.00
Amount paid J. R. Sullivant fix grave fence 5.90
Amount paid Dixon fees in Probate Court 20.00
Amount paid Dixon & sheriff fees in Chancery Court 29.00
Amount paid H. P. Smead Com. To make deed 10.00
Amount paid Kelso & Meadows fees in Chancery 50.00
Admr fees on 853.47 at ten percent 85.34
Admr fees on 1387.83 balance fully administered at five percent 69.39
Amount paid T. L. Milner heir 227.74
Amount paid J. B. Milner heir 227.74
Amount paid Louisa Hays heir 227.74
Amount paid T. L. Milner a Guardian of Estella Milner legatee in right of her father J. C. Milner dec'd. 227.74
Amount paid T. L. Milner as Guardian of Chas. McLaughlin heir in right of his mother born Milner 227.74
Amount paid Wiley Fletcher heir in right of mother born Milner 227.74
Amount paid James W. McAlister heir in right of his Father 32.53½
Amount paid Nancy Malier legatee in right of her father S. A. McAlister 32.53½
Amount paid John E. McAlister legatee in right of her father S. A. McAlister 32.53½
Amount paid Martha A. Smart legatee in right of her father S. A. McAlister 32.53½
Amount paid Mary J. Blair legatee in right of her father S. A. McAlister 32.53½
Amount paid Sarah F. McAlister legatee in right of her father S. A. McAlister 32.53½
Amount paid Marian S. McAlister legatee in right of her father S. A. McAlister 32.53½

The early census schedules seem to indicate that John and Nancy were the parents of as many as thirteen children. In 1851, his obituary states that only eight children survived him. Thus it is presumed that as many as five of their children died young. The names of those unfortunate children have not been found.

The children of John and Nancy (Beaver) Milner were:

31. i. unknown son, born circa 1823 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.
32. ii. **Elizabeth**, born circa 1825 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She married **Martin F. Fletcher** April 4, 1842.
33. iii. **Thomas L.**, born January 10, 1827 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He married **Margaret Davis** in 1847 probably in Ouachita County, Arkansas.
34. iv. unknown son, born circa 1829 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.
35. v. **Louisa**, born circa 1830 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. She married **Jesse E. Hays** August 27, 1846.
36. vi. **James B.**, born circa 1832 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.
37. vii. **John C.**, born circa 1834 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He married **Elizabeth Edwards** circa 1850 probably in Ouachita County, Arkansas.
38. viii. unknown daughter, born circa 1835 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.
39. ix. unknown son, born circa 1837 in Saline County, Arkansas.
40. x. unknown son, born circa 1839 in Saline County, Arkansas.
41. xi. **Hannah E.**, born circa 1840 in Saline County, Arkansas.
42. xii. **Nancy C.**, born August 31, 1841 in Saline County, Arkansas.
43. xiii. **William B.**, born October 21, 1844 in Saline County, Arkansas.

Conclusion

From the foregoing, it is evident that **Nancy Beaver** was a pioneering woman determined to fulfill her late husband's dream of building a successful cotton plantation out of the Arkansas wilderness. Her husband **John** began the process, but died in a tragic accident with his dream only partly accomplished. But, the widow **Nancy** did not despair. Instead, she worked hard, raised her children, managed the plantation, and saw it grow to become one of the largest and most successful cotton plantations in the county. **Nancy** was the mother of as many as thirteen children, seven of whom survived, married, and produced grandchildren to **Nancy's** delight.

This presents all of the public and private records that we have found concerning **Nancy Beaver**, her husband **John Milner**, and their children. We are indebted to the staff of many public and private institutions for their patience, cooperation, and assistance. Special mention is due the helpful staff at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Arkansas History Commission, Henderson County Courthouse, Tuscaloosa County Courthouse, Saline County Courthouse, Ouachita County Courthouse, Columbia County Courthouse, and the very kind ladies at the Little Rock Public Library and Mid-Continent Public Library. Also, many thanks are due to our cousins **Orpha Jewel Weaver**, **Billy B. Lassiter**, and **John B. Milner** who generously shared their research with us. Hopefully, others will step forward with new information as well as suggestions for further research.

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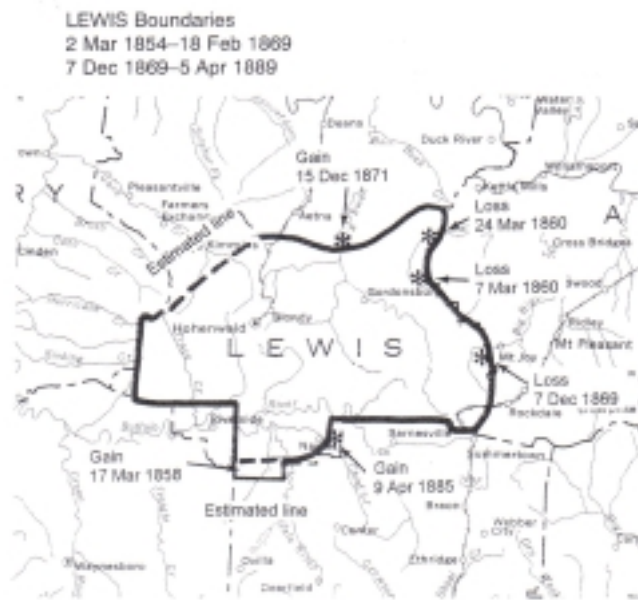
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*[editor's note: unless otherwise specified,
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Inventory of Property of **JAMES BELI**
reported by **SEBASTIAN PATTON**,
Executor

Property included one Tract of Land 160 acres and one Negro man, age 56. Notes payable to **HAYWOOD OAKLEY** include \$500.00 due the 1st of March 1842, \$250.00 due the 1st of March 1843 and \$250.00 due the 1st of March 1844. The interest on the above notes is to be deducted out for one year credit on the 500 dollars. Note entered December 25, 1843; \$5.00 entered December 23, 1843.



WILLIAM GRAY Receipt (Bedford County) for two notes on hand on **WILLIAM PRIMROSE** for \$265.72 and due the 5 April 1839 credit on the first note for \$100.00 entered the '7 June 1841. Also another credit on same note the 16 December 1841 for 5 dollars credit the 2nd of September 1844 for \$70.00.

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WILLIAM T. SHARP (Rutherford County) Note for \$307.36 Due the 14 February 1841

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JAMES PATTON & THOMAS PATTON Note for \$80.96 due January 2, 1838
Cash on hand amount: \$355.60; cash money .75 .

JAMES LOVE'S Note for \$10.00 (West Tennessee) due the 5 November 1822
Doubtful

JOHN D. SPAIN Note for 31.50 Due the 19 January 1829 Doubtful and cannot be found

ANDREW GRAY Note for 4.50 Due the 27 October 1831 Very doubtful

A list of the property of **JAMES BELL** Deceased, in the hands of **SEBASTIAN PATTON**, Executor October the 6 1845. Included are 5 horses, 6 cattle, 14 sheep, a wagon, two plows, 10 barrels corn, various farm implements and tools, and 6 bee stands.

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Inventory and account of sale of the property of **JOHN GOODMAN**, Deceased, by **ROBERTSON GOODMAN**, Administrator, Sold on the 28 October 1845. Property included 1 steer, 1 bull yearling, 2 cows and 1 calf, 1 yoke oxen, 2 sows and 7 pigs; also, 1 bee stand, 5 barrels corn, and a side saddle, and purchasers were **JESSIE GOODMAN, H.H. GOODMAN, DREWRY GOODMAN, WILLIAM GOODMAN, WILLIAM WHITESIDE, M. GOODMAN AND B. GOODMAN. AARON LINCH** and **H. FLOWERS** assumed two "doubtful" notes.

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An inventory of the personal property of which **HONOR B. CATHEY** died possessed but said property willed to her for life by her husband **JAMES CATHEY** & now belongs to the representative of **JAMES CATHEY**. An inventory has been returned to the County Court of Maury by the appointed Administrator.

A list of eight Negro men and boys and nine women and girls follows, with their ages. Next, a list of notes due at various times to **SAMUEL LUSK, STEPHEN MOSLEY, D.A. MOSLEY, THOS. S. PATTON, JAMES CARSON, A. WHITESIDE, WM. J. WEBSTER, ALBERT WEBSTER** and **F.G. WEBSTER**.

Next, livestock and farm implements, including 7 horses and mules, 17 cattle, 40 sheep, 100 head of hogs, 6 ploughs, 1 waggon, 2 side saddels and 6 hoes. Furniture include 5 bed steads and bedding, 2 beauros, 1 side board, 1 wardroab, 1 sugar chest, 1 dozen chairs, 5 spinning wheels, 1 loom and appendages, 4 looking glasses, 9 vessels coopers ware, a quantity of plates, glasses, cutlery, and two tea kittels.

A lott of turkeys, gees and chickens. Crop raised the present year, amount unknown, consisting of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, hay fodder & the above is true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattels rights and credits...to the best of my knowledge and belief this the 1st day of November 1845. **THOMAS D. CATHEY** Executor.

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ALMIN L. BAINES is appointed Guardian of **JOHN P. BAINES**, minor orphan, and posts bond 3 November 1845. Signed **ALMIN L. BAINES** and **A.P. BUCKNER**.

Inventory and Account of Sale of the property of **FRANCIS GRAHAM**, Deceased, as presented by **WILLIAM FLOWERS**, Adm. No property found; cash account for **MATILD FLOWERS** set up and clerk's fee paid.

Inventory and Account of Sale of the property of **JAMES BELL**, Deceased, Oct. the 23 1845, **SEBASTIAN PATTON** and **JAMES L. PAYTON**, Adms. Property included a wagon, a rifle, corn, barley, oats and fodder, with total value of \$175.00. Purchasers included **PARUKE HUBEL, PETER A. KIRK, WILLIAM L. GAINES**.

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This 5 day of January, 1846, **WILLIAM WEST** was chosen and appointed Guardian of **WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON** and **MARTHA E. JOHNSTON**, minor orphans. \$400 bond posted. Witnesses: **WILLIAM H. PARKS, SEBASTIAN PATTON.**

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JAMES LUSK, Guardian. Settlement of the property sale of **ELIAS LUSK** from the January term 1845 to the January term 1846.

Estate expenses included "the Hyre of Liddy and child" and "the Hyre of Saul" for the year, and disbursements for the minor heirs, **WILLIAM WEST, ELIZABETH A. LUSK** and **MARY T. LUSK**. Their expenses included tuition paid to **N.B. AKIN**, dressmaking, purchase of shoes and books. Accounts were paid to **E.D. SHIGOG, A.W. WALKER, JOHNSTON & COLEMAN** and **H. HOGUE**.

The amount of the estate in January, 1846 is \$3,758,07, to be divided among the three children.

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This 2nd day of February 1846, **ELIZABETH TALLY** was appointed Guardian of **ELLEN H. TALLY, SUSAN J. TALLY, NANCY A. TALLY, SARAH C. TALLY, MARTIN W. TALLY**, minor orphans. Witnesses: **J.G. HARRIS, J.W. STEPHENS.**

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This 2 day of March 1846 **JOHN CRAIG** was chosen and bound guardian of **SARAH A.E. LUSK**, minor orphan. Witnesses: **S.G. SHULL** and **WILLIAM B. CRAIG.**

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A settlement made with **JOHN AKIN**, Administrator of the estate of **JACOB BIFFLE**, Deceased. Here follows an account of collections for the estate from the sale of Negroes and personal property, less administration vouchers and disbursements.

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A settlement made with **JOHN CRAIG**, Guardian of **S.A.E. LUSK** the minor orphan of **THEODORAH W. LUSK** deceased from January, 1845 to January, 1846 Made June the 10th. 1846. Expenses included "the hyre of Alfred for the year 1845" and disbursements to **A.H. BUCKNER, PULLEM & ORR, JOHN C. JOHNSTON** (tuition), **WILLIAM P. STOCKARD** (medical?), and a guardian's fee to **JOHN CRAIG.**

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A settlement with **JOHN CLAYTON**, Administrator of the Estate of **GEORGE LENTZ**, Deceased Made May the 7, 1846 includes figures on the sale of land and property, solvent notes, administrator's and clerk's fees, and "Amount paid widdow for sugar and coffee."

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A settlement made by **JAMES LORANT STOMY** [on behalf of] **MARY T. DOYL(E)** Deceased Expenses incurred in 1843 included "hyring waggon and team and driver to move from Mississippi to Tennessee," expenses in attending to business in Mississippi and tuition of children. Family expenses

in the year 1844 included the purchase of a “milk cow and spinning wheel,” as well as legal fees and taxes. In 1845 and 1846 fifty-three acres of land was purchased, as well as food for the family, tuition, and attorney fees.

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A settlement made by **N.S. DAVIS**, Administrator of **WILLIAM C. GOODWIN** Deceased, on the 11th day of May 1846. Income and disbursements listed.

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A settlement made on the 1st day of June 1846 by **ROBERTSON WHITESIDE**, Administrator of the Estate of **MARGARET WHITESIDE** Deceased. The amount of notes receipt and sale of property, and general expense, are listed.

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A settlement made on the 24th day of December 1846 by **JAMES LUSK**, Guardian of the property of the minor [children?] of **ELIAS LUSK**, Deceased. Listed are the expenses of **WILLIAM J. LUSK**, **ELIZABETH J. LUSK** (now **ELIZABETH KINZER**) and **MARY J. LUSK** for that year and the amount due to each of the three.

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Inventory of the property of **WILLIAM P. BRADSHAW** Deceased. List includes notes due to **WILLIAM ACUFF**, **F.S. MCDONEL** and **ELIJAH G. EPHLANO**, and notes on **ALDO KING**, **JAMES TURNER** and **JAMES WEAVER**.

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Inventory and Account of Sale of property of **WILLIAM P. BRADSHAW**, deceased, Sold on the 31st day of December 1846. Purchasers included **THOMAS HAWKS** (livestock), **REBECCA BRADSHAW** (household goods) and **WILLIAM F. MCCLAIN** (a pair of chains).

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A settlement of the estate of **JOSEPH CLARK** deceased by **G.S. ARNOLD** (administrator). Claims filed for disbursement included those of **A.H. BUCKNER**, **STEPHEN COVENDER**, **WILLIAM F. MCCLAIN**, **PULLUM & ORR** and **F. PRICE**.

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A settlement of the Estate of **WILLIAM S. JOHNSTON** from the 7 day of April 1846 up to the June term of the County Court 1847. Listed are the principal of the estate, interest accrued, rent paid, and court costs.

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A settlement made by **SEBASTIAN PATTON** relative to his Executorship of the estate of **JAMES BELL**, Deceased. There is a detailed listing of payment on the notes of **WILLIAM PRIMROSE**, **JAMES PAYTON**, **___ PORTER**, **___ OAKLEY** and **___ SHARP**.

Vouchers filed together with the General Expenses include fees to **WILLIAM GUY** Agent of Bedford County to sell land, to **DOC LEFTWICH** for medical expenses, to **P. HUBBLE** for making

coffin, to **D.D. JOHNS** for funeral expenses, to **FRIERSON & CO.** for attorney fee, to **BLACKBURN**, auctioneer at sale, and a sum of cash on hand to **ELIZABETH BELL**.

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A settlement made by **JOHN L. FARRIS**, guardian of the Estate of **JAMES R. WALKER**, minor heir of **JOHN WALKER**, deceased, from the November term of 1846 to the November term of 1847. Listed are notes on **ENOS ROBINSON** and **JAMES ROBINSON** and an attorney fee due to **J.W. THOMAS**.

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A settlement made by **JACOB R. BURNS**, Administrator of the Estate of **HENRY J. MAXWELL**, deceased, on the 1st day of November 1847 lists general expenses, including food and clothing for the widow.

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HARVEY HOGE & V.D. FRIERSON, Executors

Inventory sale notes Sept. 29/47 and due Sept. 29/48

The names which follow are **THOMAS HAWKS**, **DAVID DOBBIN**, **K.L. TUNE**, **SAMUEL COOPER**, **GEO. W. SMITH**, **DANIEL C. FOKE**, **SAMUEL STEWARD**, **JOHN CAGE**, **ROBERT B. HOWARD**, **MOSES HOGE**, **JAS. H. COLEBURN**, **SAMUEL J. INGRIM**, **WM.W. CHUCKNY**, **J.M. GORDON**, **JAMES ROBINSON**, **JAMES H. BARR**, **H. HOGE**, **JAMES M. SMITH**, **RICHARD LANSUM**, **D.J. CRAIG**, **A.S. PICKARD**, **JAMES W. JENNINGS**, **SAMUEL S. GRIFFITH**, **JOHN M. SMITHART**, **WILLIE WOOD**, **WM. STEWART**, **B.B. GRIFFITH**, **JESSIE HINTON**, **S.W. EDMISTON** and **JNO. ORR**.

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List [of] solvent notes of Estate of **E.D. LANSUM**, deceased (December 1847) includes notes to **GUTHERD ROBINSON**, **A.H. BUCKNER**, **A.L. PICKARD**, **LUCINDA BISHOP**, **W.S. PICKARD**, **A.J. LEVY**, **E. VOSS**, **WILLIAM WOOD**, **ALUP ORR**.

List of bad notes includes note on **M.C. LEWIS**, 4 notes on **L.B. KING & JAMES LYON**, one note on **E. BALLARD** and one note on **JAS. K. DONERSON**.

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WILLIAM KEELIN, Administrator of the estate of **JOHN KEELIN**, lists the full amount of all monies collected as of April the 23rd 1848.

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On the 5 day of June 1848 **ALEXANDER L. PICKARD**, with **J.G. SHAW** as witness, posts bond as administrator of "the goods and chattles, rights and credits of **GEORGE M. PICKARD**, deceased," and promises to "make or cause to be made a true and just accounting within two years."

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Letters of Administration are issued by the County Court Clerk to **ALEXANDER L. PICKARD** to handle the affairs of **GEORGE M. PICKARD**, who "died leaving no will."

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On the 5 day of June 1848 **GIDEON G. CARTER**, with **SAMUEL WHITESIDE** and **ENOCH HENSLEY** as witnesses, posts bond as administrator of the estate of **WILLIAM C. BARNES**, deceased, and promises to make “a true and just account of his said administration within two years after the date of these presents.”

Approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded June the 5th 1848.

H.C. KIRK, Chairman

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Letters of Administration issued by **CHESLEY Y. HUDSON**, Clerk, to **G.G. CARTER** to administer the estate of **WM. C. BARNES**, who “died leaving no will.”

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Allowance made by the undersigned **BARBARY J. BARNES**, widow of **WILLIAM C. BARNES** deceased. We the undersigned freeholders of Lewis County after being duly sworn have preceeded to set apart to **BARBARY J. BARNES** widow of **WILLIAM C. BARNES** deceased somewhat of the crop and provisions on hand as will be sufficient in our opinion to support her and her family one year from the death of her said husband we set apart to her for said purposes the following articles (Wit)

25 barrels of corn	1 lb spice
5 [illegible] Do	crop of potatoes & garden
450 lbs. pork	25 lbs plant cotton
30 lbs. coffee	\$3.00 worth leather
30 lbs. of sugar	\$5.00 cash
10 bushels wheat	18 doz oats
3 bushels of salt	1 lb. of pepper

Claimed under the law by the widow – one sorrel mare & one cow and calf – six head of hogs – four head of sheep – one bed and furniture – wheal and cards – one pot skillet & lid, 1 plow & gear, Mattoch & ox – one hoe. August 5, 1848

KN CARTER
JAMES H. POLLARD
CHARLES AUSTIN

Recorded August 7th 1848 by **H.C. KIRK**, Chairman

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On the 5th day of June 1848 **FRANCES HARRIS** and **WILLIAM T. MCCLAIN** posted bond to administer the estate of **JOHN HARRIS**, deceased. **FRANCES** is to be the Administratrix, to prepare an inventory within 90 days, and to make “a true and just account of her said administration within two years.”

Approved by the Court June 5th, 1848

H.C. KIRK, Chairman

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Widow's allowance, **FRANCES HARRIS**

We the undersigned commissioners...set apart to **MISTRESS FRANCES HARRIS** the following property to wit.

50 barrels of corn	700 lbs bacon
1000 lbs. of Pork	20 bushels wheat

100 lbs coffee	100 lbs sugar
6 bushels [illegible]	two yearlings for beef
2 lbs of tea	1 lb of peper
1 lb. spice	1 lb. ginger
1 oz. camphire	\$10.00 worth of shoe leather
25 lbs. cotton	10 lbs. of wool
500 bundles of fodder	10 gal. of molasses

All of which is respectfully submitted this 13th day of May 1848.

ANDREW T. AKIN

JAMES FARRIS

D.W. STRAYHORN

Received by the Court and ordered to be recorded. **H.C. KIRK**, Chairman

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This 3rd day of July 1848 **GIDEON G. CARTER** was appointed guardian of **MARY ANN MAXWELL**, minor heir of **HENRY MAXWELL**, deceased, and \$500.00 bond was posted.

GIDEON G. CARTER

JOHN P. HOLMES

Approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded July the 3, 1848. **H.C. KIRK**, Chairman

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I **MOSES GORDON** have this day published this as my last will and testament. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be paid out of any money that may come into the hands of my executors.

Second I giveand bequesth to my wife **ELIZABETH GORDON** during her natural life or widowhood my plantation houses, orchard & all of my horses cows & hogs, my waggon & oxen all of my household and kitchen furniture all of my corn and fodder& hay all of my bacon and property of every description that I may die possessed of all of my money which I have on hand and all the money which is owing to me to be and remain at her disposal and for her benefit during her natural life or widowhood. But if my wife, **ELIZABETH** should marry I direct my executors to sell all of the property, land and property of every description which I have given or loaned to my wife **ELIZABETH** on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds to be equally divided between my children and my wife **ELIZABETH GORDON**.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my father **JOHN GORDON** and **JOHN CRAIG** as executors to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I do this my last will set my hand and seal this 25th day of January 1849

MOSES GORDON

Witnesses:

JESSE M. GORDON

ROBERT THOMPSON

Recorded in Court the 5th day of March 1849 by the Clerk

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On the 3 day of July 1848 **WILLIAM WEST**, with **ISAAC S. PICKARD** as witness, posts bond as administrator of the estate of **JOHN H. PICKARD**, deceased, and promises to make "a true and just

account of his said administration within two years.”

Approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded the same day **H.C. KIRK**, Chairman

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Letters of Administration issued on 3 July 1848 by **C.Y. HUDSON**, Clerk, to **WILLIAM WEST** to administer the estate of **JOHN H. PICKARD**, who “died leaving no will.”

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On the 7th day of August 1848 **ALBERT G. COOPER**, with **WILLIAM M. COOPER** as witness, posts bond as administrator of the estate of **HENRY J. MAXWELL**, deceased.

Approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded the same day **H.C. KIRK**, Chairman

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Letters of Administration issued the 7th day of August 1848 by **C.Y. HUDSON**, Clerk and **KING**, Dept. Clerk, to **ALBERT G. COOPER** to administer the estate of **HENRY J. MAXWELL**, deceased.

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On the 7th day of August 1848 **FRANCES HARRIS**, with **GIDEAN G. CARTER** as witness, posts bond as Administratrix of the estate of **CHARLES CLENDENIN**, deceased.

Approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded the same day **H.C. KIRK**, Chairman

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Idlewild School – Seventh Grade Class

Does this delightful picture include any of your relatives? Do you know what year it was taken?

Back row, left to right: Laurence Johnson, Willie Mathews, - ? – Russell, unknown, Slater Rogers, Hunter Phillips, Allen Patterson

Middle row, left to right: Virginia - ? - , Katherine Hunter, Olive Threlkeld, Gilmore Bicknell, Louise LeMaster, Charlotte Harris

Front row, left to right: Rose Lee Lynn, Louise - ? - , Frances Pope, Geraldine [Backers?], E. Harris, Martha Feltus, Laverne W. [Wiley?], B. Dee Wheeler.

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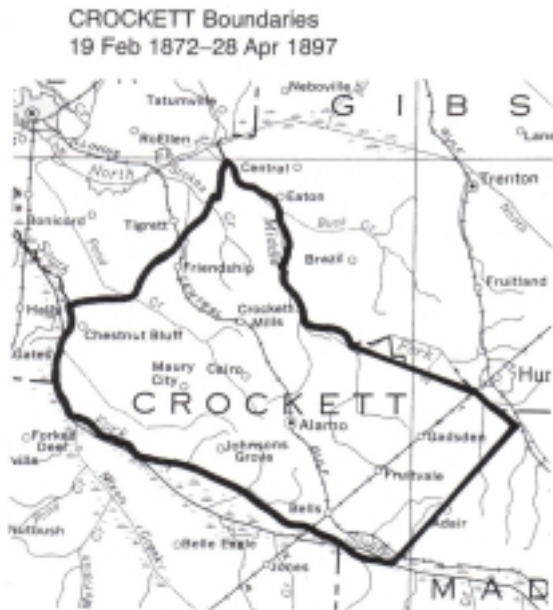
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CROCKETT COUNTY CLERK MINUTES QUARTERLY

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Ordered by the Court that an am't equal to the State Tax on property, privileges and polls Be and the same is hereby assessed for County purposes for the year 1872.

On motion it was ordered that a County Tax of two \$2 be and the same is hereby assessed on all persons prosecuted and fined for offences before Justices of the Peace for Crockett County under what is known as the small offence Law to be added in the Bill of Cast and Collected by the proper officers and paid over to the County Trustee of said County.

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Monday April the 1st A D 1872

SAMUEL H. WORK, Administrator of

HARRETT WORK Deceased

On motion **SAMUEL H. WORK** was appointed administrator of **HARRETT WORK**, Deceased whereupon the said **SAMUEL H. WORK** came into Court and entered into Bond in the sum of Seven hundred Dollars with **W.M. WALKER** and **THOMAS F. CONYERS** as his securities which Bond was severally acknowledged in open Court approved and ordered to be recorded and the said **WORK** duly qualified according to Law and it is further ordered that Letters of Administration issue to **WORK**.

[The above was the first non-organizational business transacted by the Crockett County Court.]

Ordered by the Court that the following Persons good and Lawful Men Citizens of the different Districts of Crockett County Be and they are appointed Jurors for the April term of the Circuit Court for said County. To wit:

ELISHA JACKSON, J.A. NANCE of District 1, **G.G. CONNATZER, JAMES EMMERSON, JOHN W. BAILEY** of District 2, **J.W. RASEMAN, D.H. JAMES** of District 3, **THOMAS KENNER, H.G. REAMES, E. HARRELL** of District 4, **R.G. CATES, J.P. BURNS, W.M. CRADDOCK** of District 5, **J.M. JOHNSON, NOAH STALLINGS** of District 6, **F.P. HALL, F.E. MALRON, RICHARD COOK SR.** of District 7, **Z.P. WARREN, F.F. N. MCLEWEN** of District 8, **W.M. TATUM, J.L. PERRY** of District 9, **W.A. GRAHAM, G.W. HAWKINS** of District 10, **THOMAS BELL, E.B. CURTIS** of District 11

Monday April the 1st A D 1872

R.W. BOND, G.W. BETTS of district no 12, **G.J. FLEMING** of district no 13

On motion the Court adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 A.M.

ISAAC M. JOHNSON Chairman, **J.H. DAVIS, S.S. WATKINS** associates.

CAGEVILLE, TENNESSEE TUESDAY APRIL 2, 1872

The court met pursuant to adjournment. Present and presiding **D.M. JOHNSON** chairman, **S.S. WATKINS, J.H. DAVIS** associates, **B.H. HARMON, J.F. ROBISON, L.W. DANIEL, J.W. ROSEMAN, J.J. FARROW, T.G. CACY, D.A. NUNN, H.S. WYSE, J.C. BEST, W.N. BEASLEY, JAMES A. PERRY** Justices **T. WARRIN, R.G. HARRIS**, sheriff **J.D. WOOL** _____. When the following _____ to wit **J.D. HOPPER, DENNIS TATUM**, on motion **J.R. MCDANIEL** duly elected Tax Assessor of District No 2 and was duly qualified according to law in open court. **R.G. HARRIS** sheriff of Crockett County introduced and brought forward **W.M. WALKER, J.H. REDDICK** and **J.W. CATES** and his deputies and the oath of office was duly administered to them.

Ordered by the court that **H.H. HAKIN, A.M. FARROW, JOHN COOK, THOMAS LAYMAN** and **W.A. JOHNSON** be and they are hereby appointed Jury of view to take into consideration the change of the public road leading from **H. RAYANS** to the Trenton and Brownsville Road at **JOEL NUNNS** and report to this court whether the said change is practicable and just and report to this term of the court.

Ordered by the court that **W.T. JONES, W.E. TUCKER** and **JNO CARTER** be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay off and set apart one years allowance and support to **MRS NANCY WHITE** and children exclusive of what the law allows. Ordered by the court that **PHIL CHOMISTRY, T.J. MANSFIELD, J.L. LEGGETT, J.T. SWAIN, C. JONES** be appointed jury of view to mark out a road beginning at Posser Creek....on the eastern and Chestnut Bluff Road thence on a line between **WM BEASLY, H. JONES**, thence between **J.T. SWAIN** and **H. REDDICK** thence the most practical route to intersect the Ch _____ and Dyers Burg Road at or near the _____ feed and report at the next Quarterly term of this court.

Tuesday April the 2nd A D 1872

DANIEL WHITE, administrator

BRINKLEY WHITE deceased

On motion **DANIEL WHITE** as appointed administrator of **BRINKLEY WHITE** deceased whereupon said **DANIEL WHITE** came into court and entered into bond in the sum of two hundred dollars with **H.H. MAHON** and **A.M. FARROW** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved and ordered to be recorded and the said **DANIEL WHITE** was duly qualified according to the law.

WILLIE R. WILCOX

apprenticed

J.W. MOORE

WILLIE WILCOX a minor eleven years old on the 31 of October next his father being dead and it appearing to the satisfaction [of the court] that the mother was unable to take care of said minor and that it was her wish that said **WILLIE R. WILCOX** be apprenticed to **J.W. MOORE** in the sum of

five hundred dollars with **H.S. WYSE** and **J.C. BEST** as his surties. Conditions for the faithful performance and requirements towards the said apprenticed according to the law on his arrival of twenty one years of age to give him the additional sum of fifty dollars, saddle, bridle and horse worth one hundred and fifty dollars and one suit of clothes which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved and ordered to be recorded.

State of Tennessee, Crockett County

Indenture of the apprenticeship between the State of Tennessee and by order of the county court of said county on one part and **JAMES W. MOORE** on the other part witnesseth that whereas it has been made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that **WM.R. WILCOX** a minor eleven years old on the 31st of October next has no father living and his

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mother is unable to support and maintain him and desires that he be apprenticed to **JAMES W. MOORE** therefore the State of Tennessee by said county court the estate of **WM. R. WILCOX** being too small to support or maintain him doth hereby bind him the said **WILLIAM R. WILCOX** to **JAMES W. MOORE** until he shall attain the age of twenty one years to learn the trade of and business of a farmer and state afore said covenants with **JAMES W. MOORE** that the said **WILLIE R. WILCOX** shall serve him faithfully and correctly _____ himself during the term of the apprenticeship and the said **JAMES W. MOORE** doth covenant with the state that he will provide **WILLIAM R. WILCOX** diet, clothing and accommadations fit and necessary and teach or cause to be taught to read and write and cipher as far as the fule of and at the experation of the apprenticeship, pay him the said **WILLIAM R. WILCOX** the sume of fifty dollars \$50.00 and furnish him with a horse bridle and saddle worth one hunmdred and fifty dollars \$150.00 and with one suit of clothes this the 2nd day of April 1872.

J.W. MOORE

I.M. JOHNSON chairman

The commissioners appointed into the _____ of changing the public road leading by **HASED RAGAN** and intersecting the Trenten Road near **JOEL NUNN'S** Reprt that the said road be discontinued from the said **RAGANS** to the said Trenten Road and that the said road opened out and traveled by way of **J.F. BABBS** and **THOMAS LAYMANS** and intersecting said Trenten Road at **JAMES BROWN'S**. It is therefore ordered by the court that said change be made and that the same is hereby declared to be a public road and that lands be assigned to work on same ordered by the court that **HENRY BABB, R.T.S. AVERY**,

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K.T. WILLIAMS, JOHN BABB and **WM ROBERTS** be appointed a jury Viss to report to present term of this court as to the propriety of changing the said from **F.P. HALLS** to Quincy so as to run the same from **F.P. HALLS** northward about two hundred yards to **R.T.S. AVERY'S** line thence west to Quincy and report as to whether said change will injure the public or any private person. The undersign Jury of Viss appointed to report as to the change of road from **F.P. HALLS** to Quincy and whether said change will injure any public or private interest beg leave to report that said change would not injure the public or any private interest and would be as good a road and pass over better ground than the present route. They therefore all recommend the change of said road so as to run from said **HALLS** yard gate northward by his garden to **R.T.S. AVERY'S** south boundry line than along a cross fence through some woods intersecting the Dyers Burg Road some two hundred and fifty yards from Tharp's Cross Roads. It is therefore ordered by the court that the change be made as above specified. Provided the said **HALL** puts the proposed dress road in a condition so it can be received by the present overseer.

On motion this County Court of Crockett County cheerfully certify that **C.A. GOODLAW** is twenty one years of age and is of good moral character and that a copy of this order issue to **C.A. GOODLAW**.

On motion this court stands adjourned til court in course.

ISAAC M JOHNSON chairman
S.S. WATKINS associate
L.W. DANIEL J.P.

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CAGEVILLE TENNESSEE MAY 6th, 1872

State of Tennessee
Crockett County

County Court
May Term

At a county court began and held in and for the County of Crockett in the Masonic Hall in the town of Cageville, Tennessee on the first Monday in May it being the 6th day of said month, A D 1872.

Present and presiding **I.M. JOHNSON** chairman, **J.H. DAVIS** and **S.S. WATKINS** associate justices of the Tennessee court and **J.W. ROSEMAN**, **J.J. FARROW**, **B.H. HARMON**, **S.D. HOPPER**, **JOHN E PEARSON**, **W.N. BEASLEY**, **J.F. ROBERSON**, **J.H. PERRY**, **N.F. STALINGS** and **HENRY BUCK** Justices, **R.H. HARRIS** sheriff and **T.J. WOOD** clerk when the following proceedings were heard to wit.

JOHN E. PEARSON
T.J. PEARSON
Executors of
H.J. PEARSON

A paper writing preporting to be the last will and testament of **H.J. PEARSON** deceased was this day produced in open court and the execution there of and the codicil there to duly proven by the oaths of **N.I. HERS** and **B.J. CHRISTIE** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the interliniation containing five words above the sixth line from the bottom so said will was duly proven by the oaths of **R.W. SIMS** and **JOHN MITCHELL** the subscribing witnesses to the interliniation and said will with its codicil and interlineation is ordered to be recorded.

Thereupon **JOHN E. PEARSON** and **T.J. PEARSON** the executors named in said will came into court entered into bond in the sum of fourteen thousand dollars with **J.F. ROBERSON** as their securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court, approved by the court and ordered to be recorded said executors was duly qualified and it is ordered that letter testamentary issue to them.

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W.H. ROBERTS the constable in district No 7 Crockett County this day tendered his resignation by the court and it is ordered that the sheriff of the county proceed to hold an election in said Civil District to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of said **ROBERTS** and that he make his return to this court at the first term held after said election.

HENRY BUCK
administrator of
JOHN BURRIS deceased

On motion and at the request of the heirs and distributees of **JOHN BURRIS** deceased **HENRY BUCK** was this day appointed administrator of the said **JOHN BURRIS** deceased. Whereupon the

said **HENRY BUCK** came into court entered into and acknowledged his bond in the sum of two hundred dollars with **T.F. CONYERS** and **ASA DEAN** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded. Said **BUCK** was then duly qualified and letters of administration issue to him.

E.L. GREEN
Gdn. of
EUGENIA GREEN
PARRIS WOOD
et.al.

On motion **MRS. E.L. GREEN** was this day appointed guardian of **EUGENIA GREEN**, **PARRIS WOOD**, **HENRY B. GREEN**, **B.J. GREEN**, **L.V. GREEN** and **S.D. GREEN** therefore the said **E.L. GREEN** came into court entered into bond acknowledged the same in the sum of two thousand dollars with **W.W. HALL**, **W.J. DAVIS** and **G.H. HARMON** as her securities who severally acknowledged said bond in open court which is approved by the court and ordered to be recorded. The said **E.L. GREEN** was qualified according to law.

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Ordered by the court that **F.F. CONYERS**, **JOSEPH I. SPEAKE** and **WM. TRAYLOR** be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay off and set aside one years allowance (exclusive of what the law allows) for the minor children of **JOHN BURRIS** deceased under fifteen years of age.

The commissioners appointed by the last term of this court to lay off and set apart one years allowance for **MRS. NANCY WHITE** widow of **BRINKLEY WHITE** deceased. Would respectfully report that they find nothing except what the law allows her.

Signed: **W.F. JONES**
W.E. TWEKES
J.F. CARTER

Which report was sworn to in open court and ordered to be recorded.

On motion it was ordered by the court a majority of the magistrates being present that a commissioner be elected as required by law to sell the lands bid off for taxes by the Tax Collectors of the different fractions compassing the County of Crockett and collect the state and county revenue on same and pay over as required by law. Where upon a ballot was had and **R.W. SIMS** was unanimously elected.

SAMUEL JONES col
Apprenticed to
N.T. PERRY

SAMUEL JONES colored minor orphan was this day brought into court and by the court apprenticed to **N.T. PERRY**. Wherein for the said **N.T. PERRY**, came into court and entered into an obligation for the faithful performance of his duties as master to said apprenticed as required by law and payment of one hundred dollars in currency at the end of his apprenticeship, with **J.B. TUSKER** and **J.H. REDDICK** as his securities who severally acknowledged said obligation in open court which was approved and ordered to be recorded.

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Ordered by the court that **W.M. WALKER, H.C. JONES** and **HENRY WHITE** be appointed commissioners to lay off and set apart one years allowance for **MARY JANE REDDICK** widow of **T.F. REDDICK** deceased, out of the assets of said estate exclusive of what the law allows and report to the next term of this court.

JAMES LOWRY

adm of

JOSEPH MCCORT deceased

Ordered by the court that **JAMES LOWRY** be appointed administrator of the estate of **JOSEPH MCCORT** deceased. Whereupon the said **JAMES LOWRY** came into court intered into and acknowledged his bond in the sum of twelve hundred dollars with **J.W. JENKINS** and **J.W. WILLETT** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded and said **LOWRY** was duly qualified and

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It was ordered that letters of administration issue to him.

On motion court adjourned til tomorrow morning until 10 o'clock.

ISAAC M. JOHNSON chairman

J.M. DAVIS

S.S. WATKINS J P

COUNTY COURT MAY 7, 1872

State of Tennessee

County Court Crockett County

May Term

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present and presiding **I.M. JOHNSON** chairman, **J.H. DAVIS** and **S.S. WATKINS** associate justices of the quar[terly] court also **R.G. HARRIS** sheriff and **F.J. WOOD** clerk the following proceedings were had to out.

P.J. BOWERS

adm of

V.L.MALLET

On petition **P.J. BOWERS** was this day appointed administrator of **V.L. MALLET** deceased. Thereupon **P.J. BOWERS** came into court was duly qualified entered into and acknowledged his bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with **PERRY FARRON** and **J.W. CATES** also his securities who severally acknowledged the same in open court and ordered to be recorded. Ordered that letters of administration issue to the said **P.J. BOWERS**.

Ordered by the court that **JOHN EVANS, WM.P.LEWIS** and **D.G. SMITH** be appointed commissioners to set apart for the use of the minor children under fifteen years of age of **V.L. MALLET** deceased all property exempt from execution and attachment as provided in 2288 and 2289 section of the code and 2284 and 2287 section of the code and report to the next term of this court.

It is ordered by the court that from and after the present term of the court that none of the attorneys practicing in this court shall be accepted and recorded as security or securities on any bond or bonds that may be taken in this court.

D.H. JAMES
adm of
J.L. TODD deceased

On motion **D.J. JAMES** was this day appointed administrator of **J.L. TODD** deceased thereupon **D.H. JAMES** came into court was duly qualified. Entered into and acknowledged his bond in the sum of One thousand dollars with **NEEDHAM MOORE** and **R.G. HARRIS** as his securities who severally acknowledged the same in open court which is approved by the court and ordered to be recorded, ordered that letters or administration issue to the said **D.H. JAMES**.

Ordered by the court that **S.S. WATKINS**, **J.W. ROSEMAN** and **R.G. HARRIS** be appointed commissioners to lay off and set apart to **MRS. MARY TODD** widow of **J.L. TODD** deceased, one years support for herself and family out of the personal assets of said estate in addition to what the law allows here as head of a family and that they report their action to the next term of this court.

Court adjourned til court in course.

ISAAC H. JOHNSON chairman
J.H. DAVIS associate
S.S. WATKINS associate

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State of Tennessee
Crockett County

County Court
June term

At a county court begun and held in and for the county of Crockett in the Masonic Hall in Cageville, Tennessee on the first Monday in June it being the 3rd day of said month A.D. 1872.

Present and presiding **I.M. JOHNSON** chairman, **S.S. WATKINS** and **J.H. DAVIS** Associate Justices of the Quarterly Court. Also **R.G. HARRIS** sheriff and **F.J. WOOD** clerk.

F.T. CATES constable elect of district No. 7 came into court and entered into bond of eight thousand dollars with **C.W. CATES** and **F.G. CATES** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **F.T. CATES**.

R.M. SIMS Revenue commissioner elect of Crockett County came into court and entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with **G.W. ALLEN** and **CLINTIN BRIGANCE** as his securities 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.W. SIMS**.

JAMES LITTLE
vs
ELIZA J. WINN

Ordered by the court that this cause be refind to the clerk to take proof and report to this term of this court, as to the title of the lands described in the pleadings—and whether it would be to the material interest of parties to have the same sold for partition, and the probable value therefore per acre.

HEALTH PEDIGREES

Health pedigrees are fast becoming an important thing to do in one's own family. People who are not particularly interested in Genealogy are finding themselves documenting their family for medical reasons. Here are some tips in organizing a health pedigree.

Most health officials recommend a 3-generation pedigree documenting as many health issues as possible. Include:

Generation 1: Self, spouse, children and their families

Generation 2: Parents, siblings and their families

Generation 3: Grandparents, siblings and their families

Information you should document:

Full names, birth, marriage, divorce, remarriages, deaths

Ethnic Backgrounds

Height & Weight

Average amount they drank/smoke/drugs

Health problems:

Headaches, asthma, colds, allergies, heart attacks, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancers, strokes, miscarriages, depression, suicide, High cholesterol, major surgeries. Note any other health issues that were not mentioned.

Try to date the events.

Death: Try to find out what caused the medical problem. If they died from a stroke, was it due to a blood clot? High blood pressure? Bleeding in the brain? Retain a death certificate that states the cause of death.

Knowing medical issues shown in family members does not mean you will definitely get this illness/disease. It is a guide for your medical checkups to aid in early intervention if you are prone to get the illness/disease. Geneticist say family medical histories should be documented and stored in a safe place as they are just as important as birth and marriage documents and wills.

Keep all medical records updated and share the information with family members. Make copies to take with you when you go to the physician.

The March of Dimes lists the following ills that are thought to be genetic or have a genetic component:

Alcoholism, allergies, arthritis, asthma, atherosclerosis, bacteria pneumonia, emphysema, cancers, birth defects, dwarfism, heart attacks, high blood pressure, liver disease, hemophilia, Huntington's disease, epilepsy, Down's Syndrome, mental illness, muscular dystrophy, obesity, myasthenia gravis, Rh disease, sudden infant syndrome, Tay-Sachs, Thyroid disorders, glaucoma, cataracts, sickle cell anemia, stroke, suicide, migraine headaches, systemic lupus erythematosus

Contributed by —*Tina Sansone*

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News from The Christian Endeavor Evangel, Memphis

*A weekly
bulletin and
newsletter
published by the
Christian
Endeavor Society
of the Linden
Street Christian
Church, The
Christian
Endeavor Evangel
also included news
from the
Mississippi Avenue
Christian Church
and the Third
Christian Church.
Fifteen volumes of
the Evangel, dating
from 1903 to 1917,
are available on
microfilm in the
Tennessee State
Archives thanks to A. Owen Guy, Associate
Pastor at Lindenwood Christian Church in
Memphis.*

*Some items from these early years
(continued from Vol. 53 #1 and Vol. 53#2):*

December 27, 1903

We are glad to see **Miss Ermine Baxter** again in her place at church after several weeks absence.

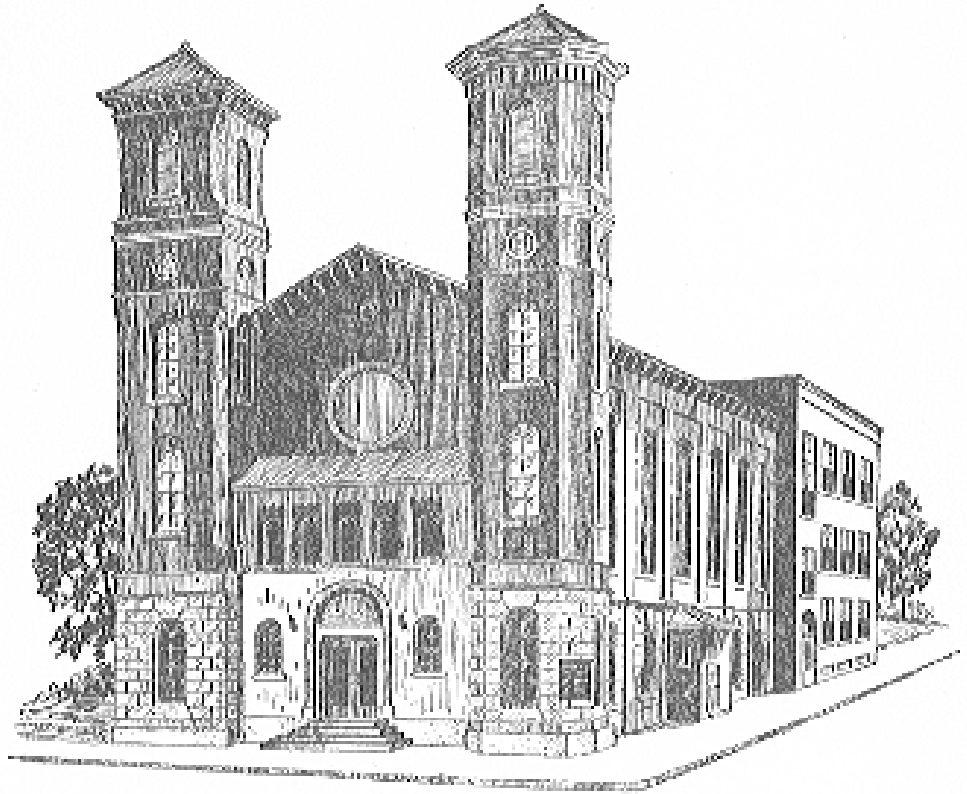
Bro. and Sister Sheffer had two good dinners Christmas. They dined at **Bro. J.H. Smith's** in the evening and **Bro. O.M. Peck's** at noon.

The beautiful violin solo by **Mrs. Arthur Falls** at the Christian Endeavor meeting last Sunday was one of the most distinctly artistic effects ever heard in our church.

January 3, 1904

Linden Ave.

Dr. H.L. Farris is entertaining his brother, **J.R. Farris**, of Lexington, KY. **Bro. Farris** will occupy **Bro. Sheffer's** pulpit at tonight's service.



Miss. Ave. Church

Mrs. F.E. Reynolds and daughter **Miss Fanna [Reynolds]** of Athens, Ala. are visiting **Brother Toof's** family during the holidays. **Mrs. Reynolds** is a very zealous and faithful member of the Christian Church at Athens.

Third Church

Bro. J.E. Gorsuch has returned from Crocket Mills, where he spent Christmas.

January 24, 1904

Miss Jessie Partee and **Miss Etta Partee** have returned from a visit to relatives in St. Louis.

L.E. Glass has gone to Mississippi for a two weeks hunting trip.

Bro. Tom Gale and daughter, **Mrs. A. Gale Horne**, left Monday for an extended Southern trip.

January 31, 1904

Mrs. Jennie Beauchamp, a member of the Christian Church in Little Rock, is visiting **Mrs. Emma A. Browne** at 289 Lauderdale street.

Miss Jessie Moore delightfully entertained about thirty guests Tuesday evening at her home on Union avenue. The hours were pleasantly passed with unique guessing contests, and at its conclusion delicious refreshments were served. It was a leap year party, and an amusing feature was an auction sale of the young men. As a warning to the girls, the announcement is made that **Horace Smith** and **Oakley Gale** "have been taken."

February 7, 1904

Bro. W.H. Bates and wife returned last Sunday from a cruise on the gulf. They were the guests of **Mr. Robert Galloway**, on his new yacht.

Sister Nina Smith and **Miss Myrtle Moore** have been on the sick list for the past week.

A "Want Column" has been suggested for the Evangel, for the benefit of some bachelors who want a girl.

February 14, 1904

Judge and Mrs. T.J. Latham will go this week on a visit to their ranch in Texas.

Miss Pearl Schulz, who has been the guest of **Miss Emma Carr**, at her home on Calhoun street, has returned to her home in Oakland, Miss.

February 21, 1904

On Tuesday night, February 23, "under auspices of Christian Endeavor" the oratorio "Bethlehem" by George Root was presented under the direction of **Mr. Heber Coleman**. Soloists included "Messrs. **Ben Carr**, **Geo. Matthews** and **Edwin Browne**" as the Magi, and **Miss Laura Gish**, soprano, as an angel. **Miss Leone Manker** and **Max Zimmerman** performed organ solos between the three parts of the oratorio.

Third Church

A social will be given Thursday evening at the residence of **Mrs. Wm. Middleton**, 155 Fifth Street. It is for the benefit of the new carpet fund.

Bro. Shaddack, the president, will lead the Endeavor meeting tonight. **Mrs. Ella Hoff** and **Miss May Burton** will serve on the welcoming committee.

February 28, 1904

Another immense audience greeted the choir Tuesday night at the second rendition of the oratorio "Bethlehem." These entertainments are greatly enjoyed. The next one they will give will be "Ruth."

Third Church

Little **Miss Amy Brown** is selling tickets for the entertainment for the Leath Orphan House and as she is working for a prize, church members should secure their tickets from her. The "War of Flowers" will be given March 11 and 12 at the Lyceum. These entertainments are always high class, and the cause deserves the patronage of all church people.

March 6, 1904

Two confessions were made Sunday morning at the close of Brother Sheffer's strong sermon. **Miss Edith Bunan**, of 786 Rayburn Ave. and **Mr. Kenneth Bell**, of 44 Beale St. They were baptized Wednesday night and will be cordially welcomed into the church.

The death of **Mrs. E.W. Curd** is recorded with much sorrow. The funeral was conducted by **Bro. Sheffer** last Sunday afternoon. She was the mother of **Mrs. E.L. Barclay** and grandmother to **Miss May Barclay**, of the Endeavor Society.

March 20, 1904

Miss. Ave. Church

Bro. J.H. Roulhac occupied **Bro. Riddell's** pulpit last Sunday morning. He is visiting his son, **Bro. K.L. Roulhac**, on Alston Avenue.

Linden Ave. Church

New Endeavor members (first quarter) were: Active: **Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Carr**, **Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mack**, **Mr. and Mrs. George L. Frank**, **Dr. and Mrs. L. Green**, **Miss Edith Burnan**, **A.Y. Allen**, **Kenneth Bell**, **G.A. Macon**, **C.B. Blackburn**. Associate: **Lucien D. Smith**, **J.B. Clark**, **Miss Inez Rogers**, **Edwin Smith**. Honorary: **Mrs. McLefresh**, **Mrs. Nina Smith**, **Miss Rutledge**.

April 10, 1904

Miss Mattie Burgess, of Indianapolis, will be the guest of **Mrs. Battle Brown** and **Miss Grace Toof** during her stay in the city.

The Easter meeting was unusually helpful. It was lead [sic] by **Mrs. Battle Brown** and was an attractive Meeting. A pretty idea was having the lesson read by several of the younger members. It was read in rotation by **Miss Zula Robertson, Miss May Barkley, Miss Mary Smith, Grover Connelly** and **Robert Gray**.

April 17, 1904

Work on the oratorio "Ruth" is progressing most favorably. It is a work of the highest musical merit and promises to be a greater success than "Bethlehem," the rendition of which placed our choir at the head of one of the best choirs in the South.

An interesting feature of our choir work lately is found in the organization of a male quartette by the four Browne brothers – **Messrs. Harris, Walter, Arthur and Edwin Browne**. They will rehearse regularly under Mr. Coleman's direction, and will be heard frequently in the choir.

April 24, 1904

Miss Clara Finne gave a magnificent rendition of the sacred song, "From Gloom to Glory" last Sunday morning.

A beautiful duet was given at Endeavor meeting Sunday evening by **Mrs. Kate Hainer** and **Mrs. Victor R. Smith**.

We regret very much that our accommodating and congenial organist and friend, **Mr. Max Zimmerman**, had to give up his position at our organ on account of other business engagements. Max is a fine Christian character and is one of us. We hope to see him with us often.

Miss Martha Trudeau has been secured to take charge of our organ. She is a finished musician and we are glad to welcome her in our midst.

May 8, 1904

Third St. Church

The Endeavor Society has elected new officers for the year. They are as follows: President, **Miss Nannie Norvell**; Vice-President, **Miss Lillie Scheibler**; Secretary, **Miss Irma Ikerd**; Treasurer, **Mrs. Root**.

Linden St. Church

The oratorio "Ruth" which will be given by the Choir on Tuesday night, May 24, was

composed by **Alfred R. Gaul**, who also wrote "The Holy City." It is a work of surpassing beauty, and its rendition by our splendid choir will be a notable event in musical circles. [editor's note: Under the direction of **Heber Coleman**, the soloists were: Ruth – **Miss Nellie Lunn**; Naomi – **Mrs. Eugene Holmes**; Orpah – **Mrs. L.C. Tindall**; and Boaz – **Mr. R. A. Neville**.]

May 22, 1904

Mr. Max Zimmerman left for St. Louis where he will play in one of the bands at the World's Fair.

An article under Department News: Despite the inclement looking weather on last Tuesday morning, it was a bright and happy company of Endeavorers and members of the choir (from old Linden Street Church) and **Miss Grace Toof's** class from Mississippi Avenue fifty-four strong, which completely filled two large wagonettes, and drove to "Graceland" for a day's outing.

The above mentioned place is a most ideal spot for a day's outing...they proceeded in various and numerous ways to enjoy the hospitality of a Southern Farm.

One of the most interesting features of the day was the first – the strawberry picking. Every one was provided with a box and permitted to enter the strawberry patch. It is needless to say that many boxes were never filled.

[these events were followed by a business meeting, a baseball game, and dinner]

June 5, 1904

Miss. Ave. Church

Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Toof and **Miss Grace Toof** spent several days of last week in St. Louis seeing the sights of the great Fair.

June 12, 1904

General News: **Bro. William Pearn** of Lubec, Ms. has been called by the church at Collierville, Tenn...He has the prayers and best wishes of the Evangel readers for the greatest success in his new field.

Locals: *Linden St.*

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Kennedy and **Miss Myrtle Kennedy** left Sunday night to visit the St. Louis Exposition. **Miss Zula Robertson** accompanied them. Before returning, Miss Kennedy will visit for several weeks in Missouri and Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Hainer and their two children arrived Thursday night from McComb City, Miss, to visit their mother, **Mrs. Kate M. Hainer**, at 82 Linden Street.

Third Church

The leader for the Endeavor meeting will be **Miss Nettie Scott** with **Miss Lillie Scheibler** as alternate.

At the close of last Sunday's services there were two confessions—**Miss Helen Shroyer** and **Miss Maggie Forbes**.

June 19, 1904

Announcement: ARE YOU GOING? (to) The Annual State Convention of Christian Endeavor at Mont Eagle, June 20-23. Memphis Endeavorers will leave on special car via NC&StL Railway, and meet the Jackson and West Tennessee delegations at Hollow Rock Junction.

Linden Street

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wailes and family have given up housekeeping and are living with her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Boswell**, at their home on Madison Avenue.

Miss. Avenue

Miss Birdie Chamberlain is doing excellent work at the organ, though she has made a study of it just a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Simpson spent last week in St. Louis visiting the Exposition.

Third Church

The leader for the Endeavor meeting tonight will be **Miss Lydia Thomas**, with **Miss Thelia Hubbard** as alternate.

June 26, 1904

Linden Street congregation was represented at the dedication of the Christian Church Pavilion at the Exposition, by **Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Simpson**. The last issue of the Christian Evangelist contains a picture taken in front of the Pavilion on that day, in which **Mr. and Mrs. Simpson** show up prominently in the front of the group.

Brother and Sister Sheffer and **Lynn** will leave about July 15th to spend two weeks at Monteaule.

July 3, 1904

Linden Street

Splendid music was furnished at Endeavor Sunday night by a choir composed of **Mrs. Victor R. Smith**, **Miss Effie Key**, **Mr. F.H. Cappa** and **Mr. Osville Finné**. The special feature of the evening was the rendition of 'Lead Kindly Light' by **Mrs. Smith** and **Bro. Cappa**.

Sunday morning **Mr. Hiram Cherry Partee** took membership with the Linden Street congregation. His sister, **Miss Etta Partee**, made the good confession and was baptized Wednesday night. **Mr. Partee** is cordially received and it is a special pleasure to welcome **Miss Partee**.

July 10, 1904

Linden Street

Prof. Heber Coleman left last Sunday night for a month's visit to St. Louis and other western cities.

Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Farris took membership with the congregation Sunday night. They were married last week at Bowling Green, Ky. Their residence is 1391 Overton Avenue.

Miss. Ave. Church

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wooten, **Miss Grace Toof**, **Misses Lillian and Victoria Wallace** [and **Mr. Joe Wallace**] left Friday for the Fair.

The meeting conducted by **Bro. W.E. Ellis**, of Nashville, has just closed at Collierville and was very successful. **Bro. Ellis** is a former pastor of Linden Street Church.

July 17, 1904

Third Church

Judge John T. Moss filled the pulpit last Sunday morning in the absence of **Bro. Gorsuch**, and **Bro. Riddell** occupied it at night. Both preached excellent sermons and the church feels very grateful to them for their willing service.

July 24, 1904

Linden Street

The hand of fellowship and welcome was extended Sunday night to **Miss Olin Hunt, Miss Lea Sample, Miss Greer and Mr. W.E. Campbell**, all of whom were baptized recently.

Mrs. Battle Brown and children and **Miss Myrtle Kennedy** will leave about the first of the month for Ocean Grove, N.J. where they will spend several weeks.

July 31, 1904

Linden Street

Misses Mary Smith and Myrtle Kennedy have returned from the Endeavor Convention at Monteagle.

Mrs. John Rice and Misses Aleen and Susie Rice have gone to Michigan resorts for the summer.

Mrs. J.R. Sample and Miss Lea Sample will leave soon for Bay View, Mich., where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

Bro. Tom Gale and Mrs. A. Gale Horn have gone to Battle Creek, Mich. for the heated term.

August 14, 1904

Linden Street

Little **Miss Winifred Wailes**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Wailes**, won first prize at the baby show in Waukesha! Congratulations.

Miss Bertha Mitchum is spending her vacation with relatives at Milan, Tenn.

August 21, 1904

Linden Street

Mrs. Jessie Partee and Miss Etta Partee have returned from a month's stay at Hot Springs. **Mr. Raymond Partee** has returned from Hot Springs, where he spent several weeks, and has resumed charge of the Evangel again.

Misses Edna and Maude Burton will leave in a short time for a visit to friends on Lookout Mountain.

Miss. Ave. Church

Misses Lillian and Laura Vaughan have returned from St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wooten, children, and **Miss Victoria Wallace**, are at Tate Springs, Tenn.

Miss Mary Taylor made the trip to the World's Fair City by boat last week.

August 28, 1904

Linden Street

Gen. W.J. Smith and Mrs. Kate Hainer attended the G.A.R. reunion in Boston.

Major J.H. Smith and Miss Donna Smith will leave in a few days for an extended visit to New York and Boston. Miss Donna will probably go abroad and spend a year in Germany.

September 4, 1904

Linden Street

Miss Olive Jackson left last week for St. Louis to spend two weeks visiting the Exposition.

Ask **Dr. Farris** what the particular advantages are of sitting on the back seat in a railroad coach, and who was the young lady.

Bro. Battle Brown has returned to the city after a visit to his family at Ocean Grove.

October 2, 1904

Linden St.

Dr. and Mrs. S.S. Terrill have moved to their new home corner of Rozell and York avenues.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heckle and children have returned from a very delightful visit to the Fair and to Dawson Springs, Ky.

Mrs. W.B. Burns and children, **Coleman** and **Mary**, have returned after quite a lengthy visit to relatives in Louisville.

(to be continued)

GLEANINGS

TENNESSEANS MENTIONED IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Compiled by Carol Mittag

JOHN WESLEY ROGERS, Sr. was born about 1802 in South Carolina and, according to probate records, died during 1857 in Itawamba County, MS. He married **Missiniah Nail** on September 4, 1833 in Lowndes Co. MS. The daughter of **Benjamin Nail**, she was born in 1813 in Robertson Co. TN. Children of **John Wesley Rogers** and **Missiniah** included **Ellen** "Ella," **John Wesley**, **James R. Elmira**, **Margaret**, **Franklin**, **Martha Jane** and **Sarah A. "Sallie."** Information on his estate records may be found in the quarterly journal of Itawamba County, Mississippi history and genealogy, *Itawamba Settlers*, Vol. 26 #2.

ZACHEUS HORN FAMILY of Itawamba – Between 1811 and 1815, **Zacheus Horn** appears on the tax lists for White County, Tennessee, along with his father **Richard Horn**, brother **Richard**, and other Horns named **Stephen**, **David**, **Sherod** and **Thomas**. During 1815 his father recorded a will there. Fifteen years later **Zacheus** appears on the 1830 census of Franklin County, TN, married with three small children. In 1836 he was on the tax rolls for Itawamba, and appears there in 1840, 1850 and 1860 census records. The 1850 census shows his wife's name as **Jane** and children as **Susan**, **James**, **Henry**, **Mary**, **Eliza Minerva**, **Margaret**, **Harriet** and **Letha**; the first three were born in Tennessee. The article in *Itawamba Settlers*, Vol. 26 #2 contains additional information on his military service, his death in the mid-1860's, and the children.

ALLEN CEMETERY – Eliba Allen was an early settler of Itawamba County who served on the first Board of Police in 1836. He was born 10 Nov 1799 in Giles County, TN, the son of **Nathaniel Nelson Graves Allen** (born 7 Feb 1755 in NC) and **Celia Bloodworth** (born 22 Sept 1775 in NC). Prior to moving to Mississippi, **Eliba** married **Nancy Walden**.

Their children included **Elizabeth**, **Parilee**, **Ann Tankersley**, **Mary Ellen**, **Telitha Cumi**, **Martha**, **Susan Horn** and **Catherine Nanney**.

The Allen Cemetery is located on land **Eliba** purchased in Itawamba County and contains several unmarked graves, including members of the Allen and Johnson families. **Eliba** and his wife are not buried there, since they had moved to Lavaca County, Texas before the Civil War. The lone monument today is that of **Belz Jane Mahan**, who died in 1853. (in *Itawamba Settlers*, Vol. 26 #2)

THOMAS CASEY was born about 1850 in County Galway, Ireland, the son of **Martin Casey** and **Margaret Mulligan**. Upon his arrival in America, he settled in Memphis, Tennessee, where he started his own wholesale liquor business. He married **Jennie C. Chambers** (1857 – 1928) in Memphis in 1879, and they had at least four children: **Martin** (died as a child) **Estelle** (married John F. Dickson), **Virginia** (married Joseph A. Gardner) and **Margaret**.

Thomas' parents and his known siblings (**Stephen**, **Martin**, **Teresa**, and **Margaret**) lived in Fort Worth and are buried there. Thomas died at the age of 41 on June 19, 1891 in French Lick Springs, where he had gone for his health. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis.

See article, "Martin Casey, a Builder of Fort Worth" in the Fort Worth Genealogical Society's quarterly journal, *Footprints*, Vol. 49 #2.

OBITUARIES - The following were abstracted from microfilm of *The Nashville Christian Advocate* and the *Louisville and Nashville Christian Advocate* and appear in *Piedmont Lineages*, Volume XXVIII, No. 2, published by the Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont Genealogical Society:

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

March 15, 1873 – Rev. **William Burns**, native of Rockingham Co., N. C., died

Williamson Co., Tenn. Jan 2, 1873 at age 73; came to Bedford Co., Tenn. when a child; md. **Keturah Rucker** and spent rest of his life in Williamson County; licensed to preach, MEC, 1838, deacon 1841; ordained elder 1846. A tribute of respect published on June 7, 1873 mentions that his wife **Keturah** died in 1862; he married Mrs. **Sallie A. Haynes** Jan 7, 1869 and she survived him.

September 28, 1854 – **John Baynham** died near Lafayette, Ky., August 31, 1854 in his 47th year; born Halifax Co., VA, May 1808; moved to Tenn. in 1834.

October 5, 1854 – **Susan Elliott Hurt** born Halifax Co., Va., Sept. 15, 1791; md the late **Bird S. Hurt**, Nov. 3, 1812; died Maury Co., Tenn., Sept. 4, 1854.

November 2, 1854 – **Jane Bond** w/o **Page Bond**; d/o **Kemp Holland**, dec., born Halifax Co., Va., Feb. 22, 1797; moved to Tenn. in 1804; md in 1819; joined MEC in 1820; sister of the late Rev. **John M. Holland** of the Tenn. Conf.; died Sept. 24, 1854.

July 12, 1855 – **Collen McDaniel**, Esq., born Halifax Co., Va., 1796; moved to KY. in 1796 also moved to Williamson Co., Tenn. Here he died May 3, 1855 in his 88th year.

August 11, 1911 – Bishop **Oscar Penn Fitzgerald**, Methodist Episcopal, South, born Caswell Co., N. C. August 29, 1829; son of **Richard** and **Martha Hooper Fitzgerald**; he was editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate for three four-year terms. He md. **Sarah Banks**; four children survived him: **Mrs. J. B. Robertson**, **Mrs. J. H. Nye**, **William Fitzgerald**, Tullahoma, Tenn., and **Oscar Fitzgerald**, Charleston, W. Va. He was elected as a bishop of the church May 19, 1890, retired in 1902, and died at Monteagle, Tenn. August 5, 1911.

ISAAC CURRY, SR. and his wife, **Rhoda (Gresham)** migrated between 1824 and 1826 from Jefferson County to Lincoln County, Tennessee where his sons **John** and **James** had previously settled, perhaps as early as 1810. The twelve children of **Isaac** and **Rhoda** in order of birth were: **John**, **Thomas**, **Anne**, **James**, **Catherine**, **Elizabeth**, **Nathan**, **Isaac**, **Leban**, **George**, **Israel**, and **Margaret**. **Israel** died in 1809 at age 3 years. **Thomas** migrated

to Indiana with his uncle **Israel Curry** before **Isaac, Sr.** removed to Lincoln County. Some other families allied to the **Curry** family (**Snow**, **Ellis**, **Dallas/Dellis**, **Cobb**, **Archer**, **Riggs**. and **Medkiff/Midcalf**) from Jefferson County also migrated to Lincoln and surrounding counties.

James Curry (II), the brother of **Isaac, Sr.** removed from Pittsylvania County, Virginia about 1817 and settled in Maury County, Tenn. **Nancy (Gresham) Curry**, widow of **Nathan Curry**, and her children, and her brother **Laban Gresham** also left about the same time and appear to have settled in Maury and Lawrence Counties.

The article "From Walden Ridge and Chickamauga to Wiregrass, Suwannee and Beyond" appears in *Huxford Genealogical Society, Inc. Magazine*, Volume XXXIII, No. 2, Homerville, Georgia. The article also contains additional information on family members, census records, land and court records.

NEEDHAM FAMILY – Some Tennessee **Needhams** can trace their lineage back to **Christopher Needham**, who received a land grant of 1,000 acres for transporting himself, his wife **Jane**, their two sons, **Edward** and **Thomas**, and six servants from England to America in 1651. Some of their descendants moved to Randolph County, North Carolina and some eventually into Tennessee which included the following:

Bailey Needham was born about 1771, Guilford County, North Carolina, died 1838, and his will was proved 9 Jan 1839 in Henderson, County, Tennessee. He married about 1794. His children were: **Isaac**, who probably married **Suzanne Addeman**, 1 Dec 1814, Maury County, Tennessee; **John**; **Martha (Patsy)** who probably married **David Eddlemon** 25 Jan 1821, Maury County, TN; **Enoch**, unknown child; **Samuel**; **Sarah**; **William Bailey**; **Suzanne** who probably married **Jacob Miller** 1 Jan 1816, Maury County, Tenn.; and **Felix**. **Baley** and **Lewis Needham** appear on the 1811 tax list for Maury County.

Garner Needham born about 1776, Guilford County, NC died 1852, Hardeman County, TN. He married about 1800. His will was dated 24

Feb 1852, and probated April 1852.

Jesse Needham born 3 July 1781, in Randolph County, NC, married **Aurey Eddleman** 7 July 1819, in Lawrence County, TN.

Martha Ann Needham born 14 Sept 1784, Randolph County, NC, died after 1870 in Lawrence County, TN. She married **William Tucker, Jr.** 20 Dec 1802, Randolph County.

Lemuel Needham born about 1797 went to Grainger County, Tennessee.

Milly Needham was born about 1798, Randolph County, North Carolina. She married **James Dyer**, 6 Dec 1821 in Grainger County, TN.

Alfred Needham, born 11 Feb 1806, Randolph County, died 9 Dec 1893, Crockett, Houston County, TX, married **Polly Dyer**, 15 Nov 1827, Grainger County, Tennessee.

"The Needham Family," published in *The Genealogical Journal*, Volume XXX, No. 2, by the Randolph County Genealogical Society, Asheboro, North Carolina, is the result of extensive research on the **Needham** families of Randolph County, North Carolina.

WILBORN ANCESTOR CHART published in *Northeast Alabama Settlers*, Volume 45, No. 2, list the following individuals born in Tennessee: **Laranzo Dow Wilborn**, born 1817, married **Lucinda Southerland Armstrong**, born 1819; **Nathaniel Middleton Wilborn**, born 1817, married **Ellener Rainey** (born 1825 in Alabama); **Lawrence Scott, Jr.**, born 1811 **Knox County**, married **Squattee Winnie Camp (Duck)** (born March 1823 in Kyuka, Duck Sp?) Descendants listed in the chart lived in Alabama.

THE GILL FAMILY – **John Taylor 'J. T.' Gill** and **Mary Jane 'Jennie' Hudiburg** were married at the Hardin County courthouse in Savannah, Tennessee on March 12, 1886.

Josephine Gill (nee Burdie) did not get to see her eldest son marry. She died March 19, 1883 and is buried in the Bethlehem II cemetery outside of Olive Hill, TN.

J. T. had received his teaching credentials and **Jennie** was a homemaker when their first child, **Evelean**, was born October 1887. She died at six months and is buried in the

Bethlehem cemetery. Their second child, **Blanche Gill**, was born March 13, 1889. The birth certificate shows **J. T.** was studying to be a lawyer. Between 1892 and 1893, **J. T.** and **Jennie** moved to Waxahachie, Texas, where their last child, a daughter, **Irene** was born on August 14, 1894.

J. T. and **Jennie** divorced on March 6, 1923. According to family gossip, **J. T.** ran off with his secretary, **Nattie Elizabeth Bowlin (or Nolan)** from Farris, Texas. They were married a year later and lived the remainder of their lives in Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas.

"The Gill Family" is published in *Searchers & Researchers*, Ellis County, Texas, Volume XXIX, Issue 2.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN ELLIS COUNTY – (in the same publication)

The list which follows has been extracted from the 1910 U.S. Census of the colored population in Waxahachie born in Tennessee and their year of birth: **Henry Mudd**, 1876; **Garfield Nelson**, 1886; **Vivian Nuckles**, 1899, female; **Basil Oliphant**, 1880; **Isom Oliphant**, 1857; **Lena Oliphant**, 1878, female; **Caroline Osborn**, 1831, female; **Dallan Patrick**, 1875; **Scott Patrick**, 1849; **Joseph Potts**, 1864; **Matilda Reagor**, year not shown, female; **Ollie Reed**, 1892.

WILLIAM F. CLINE was born in Kentucky, the son of **Aaron Cline**. His family moved back and forth between Hickman and Fulton Counties of Kentucky and Obion County, Tennessee. The 1850 Census of Obion County lists the family as **Aaron**, 44, a farmer, 2d wife, **Mary Tickell** (whom he married on May 17, 1849 in Fulton County, KY), son **William** 19, a farmer, a daughter, **Jane**, 15; **James**, 14, **Mary**, 12, **Albert**, 6, **George**, 3, and **Susan**, 2. All the children were born in KY except **Jane** who was born in TN. The family is listed on the 1860 Hickman County, Kentucky census with children **Sarah J.**, 22. (Most likely **Jane** from the 1850 Census), **Albert**, 14, **Susan F.**, 13, **Joel B.** 11 born in TN; **Victoria**, 6, born in TN, **Ellen M.** 2, born in KY.

William 'Billy' Cline married his step-mother's sister, **Saphronia Tickle** who was born in 1833 at Sparta, TN and died around

1871 in Fulton or Hickman County. They had four sons and two daughters all born in Hickman County, KY, who lived to adulthood and later died in New Madrid or Scott Counties, Missouri.

William F. Cline was listed in the Adjutant General's Report of the Roll of Company I, Seventh Regiment Infantry of the Confederate Army. **William** died in 1878 or 1879.

"The Life and Times of William F. Cline", appears in *The Hickman County Historical Society News Journal*, June 2006.

HASTEN FORREST NUNLEY (In the same publication) was born near McMinnville in Warren County, Tennessee on September 4, 1874, the son of **George W. Nunley** and **Ann Rogers Nunley**. When Forrest was eight, the family moved to Graves County, Kentucky, and later to Dyersburg, Tennessee.

On March 13, 1899, **George Nunley** married the former Miss **Nannie Jane Hendley**, the daughter of **Joe Hendley** and **Mittie Berry Hendley**. The **Nunleys** had four children. Mr. Nunley's sorghum molasses was in great demand in Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee.

FORMER ARKANSAS GOVERNOR

Elisha Baxter was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, on September 1, 1827. He received a limited education, and declined an appointment to West Point. After studying law, he was admitted to the bar in 1856. He served in the Arkansas Senate from 1854 to 1856, and from 1858 to 1860.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he refused to fight and fled to Missouri, where he was captured by Confederate General John Marmaduke. He was later taken to Little Rock and incarcerated in a filthy prison for five months. The article "The Escape" appears in *The Melting Pot*, Volume XXIX, published by the Genealogical Society, Hot Springs, Arkansas. The article also covers his appointment as chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court and his term as Arkansas 10th governor.

After leaving public office he returned to his farm near Batesville, Arkansas and practiced

law until his death on May 31, 1899. He is buried at the Oak Lawn Cemetery.

1900 ARKANSAS CENSUS, Garland County (in the same publication) includes the following heads of household born in Tennessee and their date of birth: Hale Township - **Richard Miller**, 12/1855; **Zack Phillips**, 11/1855; **Robert George**, 10/1831; **G Dillard**, 03/1873; **Charley Jackson**, 10/1873, **Mary Whisenant**, 12/1845; **W L Childerth**, 01/1862; **Tellie Jackson**, 04/1878; **William Seymour**, 09/1843; **John Jackson**, 09/1846; **Henry Phillips**, 08/1864; and **Sam W. Morgan** 10/1847. Ouachita Township - **Enoch Gillham**, 10/1872; **Phillip P. Gillham, Jr.**, 04/1875; **William A J Gillham**, 04/1854, **Robert Cunningham**, 10/1830; **Henry S. Smith**, 10/1870; **Joseph Houser** 10/1845; **Thomas F. Seaton**, 01/1870; **John E. Cockrell**, 12/1862, **Albert C. Ussery**, 12/1848; and **John Wheeler**. The article lists all residents and includes other household members born in Tennessee.

PROFESSOR R. F. MOORE, a native of Grainger County, Tennessee was chosen to fill the office of county superintendent of public schools in Tarrant County, Texas. Information from the *Fort Worth Daily Gazette*, August 17, 1887, published in *Footprints*, Volume 49, No. 3, the quarterly journal of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. Professor Moore began teaching school at the age of twenty. He taught eleven years in Tarrant County, instructing at Padenville, Double Springs, and at Keller.

WILLIAM G. VEAL (In the same publication) circuit preacher and businessman, was born 1831 near Knoxville, Tenn. By 1853 he had settled in Hopkins County, Texas. He served during the Civil War as a captain in Bass's Twentieth Texas Cavalry Regiment – Parson's Brigade. After the war he resumed his church activities. In 1875 he moved to Dallas County where charges were filed against him for improper conduct with a woman living there. He was vindicated of the charges but three years later he was arrested on similar charges in Ellis County and was suspended indefinitely from the Methodist Church. Two

months before his death he received death threats. A newspaper article at the time of his death reported he was shot and killed on October 25, 1892, by Dr. **R. H. Jones** of Dallas to avenge his wife. Dr. Jones was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. **William** is buried in Trinity Cemetery in Dallas. His only survivor was his wife.

The FREEMAN FAMILY of White County, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia is mentioned in "Background of a Freeman Family", published in the *Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County, North Carolina*. **William Freeman**, born about 1784, married 11 April 1806, **Elizabeth Campbell**. They were living in White County in 1831. The article contains a letter dated April 24, 1831, from the couple to his parents **Benjamin** and **Catherine Freeman** of Rutherford County, North Carolina. The article traces this family line back to **John Freeman**, who on 24 October 1701 received a land patent for 200 acres in Charles City County, Virginia based on the transport of six persons.

"Fayette County, Tennessee Marriages with ties to Monroe County, Arkansas" appears in *Tri-County Genealogy*, Volume 21, No. 3, Marvell, Arkansas. The first date is the date the license was issued and perhaps also the date of the marriage ceremony. The second date, in parentheses, is the date recorded if the license was returned.

Brown, Tho J. to **Francis Branch** Jan 14, 1846 (Jan 15, 1846)

Dyer, Beverly L. to **Sandra R. Branch** Oct 27, 1852 (no return). **Beverly** died in Fayette Co. and **Sarah** came to Monroe Co., where she remarried in 1871 to **W. J. Stafford**.

Green, Henry D. to **India M. Swift** Dec 21, 1859 (Dec 22, 1859) **Henry's** 1st wife **Martha Lambert** died in Monroe Co. He then married **Minnie India** and returned to Monroe Co.

Jackson, Bob E. to **Sophia S. Marshall** March 17, 1845 (no return).

Lynch, R. W. to **Mary Webb** June 3, 1854 (no return). **Mary** died in Fayette Co. **R. W.** then came to Monroe Co., where he married again.

May, P. A. to **Amy Branch** Dec 7, 1852 (no return)

Mayo, John W. to **Emily Winston** Feb 2 1842

Mayo, L. S. to **Mary E. Terrill** Dec 27, 1850 (Dec 28, 1850)

Mayo, Wm. M. to **J. E. Anderson** Dec 23, 1844 (Dec 24, 1844)

Mooring, Freeman to **Nancy J. Mayo** Dec 6, 1850 (Dec 7, 1850)

Newby, R. W. to **Nancy Jane Branch** Oct 27, 1852 (no return)

Wellborn, Henry E. to **Jane Talbott** Dec 5, 1853 (no return) After **Henry's** death, she married 1866 in Monroe Co. to **Henry Green Jackson** (who died 1872) She married 3rd **W. H. Govan**.

Lee County, Arkansas Administrative Records Book A 1873 – 1904 (also in *Tri-County Genealogy*) includes two former Tennesseans:

Pg. 30. **Pillow, Mrs. Mary E.**, late of the County of Maury, State of Tennessee, died _____ October 1862, having at the time of her death property in this state. **Gid J. Pillow** as Administrator with **J. H. Hodges** as Security, posted bond of \$500 on 24 April 1874. Heirs: **M. A. Brown** and her husband, **Thomas Brown** of Giles Co., Tenn. **Sallie P. Williams** of Murray Co., Tenn.; **Annie Wade** and her husband, **D. Wade** of Murray Co., Tenn.; **Lizzie Johnson** and her husband, **W. F. Johnson** of Georgia; **N. C. Mitchell** and her husband, **J. D. Mitchell** of Phillips Co., Ark.; **Gertrude S. Pillow** of Shelby Co., Tenn.; **Alice A. Ferguson** and her husband **D. B. Ferguson** of Shelby Co., Tenn.; **Robert Pillow** of Shelby Co., Tenn.

Pg. 35; **Mills, John F.**, late of Shelby Co., Tenn., died 18 March 1869. **Daniel C. Gowan** appointed as Administrator on 28 October 1875, and states that **John F. Mills** died leaving a will, as he is informed in the State of Tennessee which has never been probated in the State of Arkansas. Bond of \$5000 was posted with **J. S. Burford** and **Jared D. Lownsbery** as Securities. Devisees of said devisor are: **Thomas Archie Sales** of Monroe Co., Ark., and **Sue Turner Lanier** of Lowndes Co., Miss.

BOOK REVIEWS

ANCESTRAL TRAILS: THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO BRITISH GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY by Mark D. Herber.

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NEW YORK STATE CENSUSES AND SUBSTITUTES by William Dollarhide.

Published 2005, reprinted 2006 by Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. 284 pages, illustrated, paperbound. \$32.95.

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GETTING STARTED IN GENEALOGY ONLINE by William Dollarhide. Published

2006 by Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. 64 pages, paperbound. \$12.95.

This book begins discussing such basic topics as family interviews and organizing material at hand; it continues, explaining the use of census records, cemetery records and Social Security death records and how to find them online. The author lists resource centers in each state, with websites, and includes master forms to use in documenting your genealogical findings. A good work for the researcher just starting online, and a useful reference for the more seasoned genealogist.

INHABITANTS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

1776 by Emily S. Wilson. Published 1983, reprinted 1993 and 2006 by Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. 124 pages, paperbound. \$18.00.

In March of 1776, all men living in the state of New Hampshire were required to sign up to defend the cause of the Colonies and to report those who did not enroll – who were then to be disarmed. The result was a census of most adult males living in New Hampshire at the time. Information from a few towns is missing, returns for Exeter are not complete, and men already away in the Army were not listed by some towns. There is an index of towns included. The book is arranged alphabetically by surname, and over 9,000 names are included in this very good early “census” of New Hampshire.

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by Rosemary A. Chorzempa. Published 1993 and reprinted 2006 by Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. \$19.95.

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THURMAN, MAGRUDER, BISHOP, HUMPHREYS, HUMPHREY, ROBERTS

Seek parents of **HEZEKIAH BOWLES THURMAN** (ca. 1790 -1840), who m. **NANCY MAGRUDER** 1813 in Chesterfield Co. VA., d. of **ZEPHANIAH MAGRUDER**. Their son **WILLIAM DECATUR THURMAN** (b. 1816, VA) and his wife **PERMELIA CATHERINE ROBERTS** came to Fayette Co. TN in 1849. Also need ancestors of **SARAH BISHOP**, d. Hardeman Co. TN 1859.

Joanne Cullom Moore, 1 Corona Rd. Frenchmans Bayou, AR 72338

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WATKINS, WHITE, WOLCOTT, DONELSON, RAMNEY, STOKES, TWELVES

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Ann Kendall Ray, 15 Belleair Drive, Memphis, TN 38104; akrcello@bellsouth.net.

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MITCHELL

Seeking information on **STEPHEN ALEXANDER MITCHELL**. Show birth as 1767 in North Carolina. Married **DOROTHY WEST** in 1803. Both buried in Cannon County, TN in 1853. Have information on descendents but need info on his siblings and ancestors.

Especially interested in any connection to **WILLIAM MITCHELL**, buried in Rutherford County. Both had land on Stones River.

Kenneth L. Ross, 510 Richland Place, 500 Elmington Ave., Nashville, TN 37205. kenrosssr@hotmail.com.

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DAVIS, NORMAN, DIXON

URIAH DAVIS married **SABRE NORMAN**. Were **SABRE** and **URIAH** married in Tennessee? Eldest child was born in Smith County (later Macon County) TN. In Macon Co. 1850 census, wife **SABRE**; in 1860 census, wife **MARGARET DIXON** (marriage date?) Any information appreciated.

Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop. Hot Springs, AR 71901-8229

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