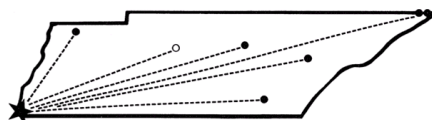


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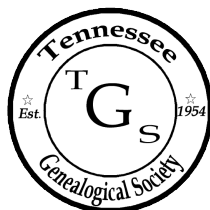
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President's Message



I have enjoyed working with the Publication Committee these past several months. It is a pleasure working with such a group of talented and enthusiastic people who meet their deadlines with interesting and informative material. We are also appreciative of the many members (and nonmembers) who submit material for publication.

As I wrote in the last issue, we intend to broaden our readership by: (1) continuing to solicit, from our readers, family histories and suggestions for articles; (2) publishing a regular column, "Tech Tips." See page 164 in this issue; (3) publishing material as current as the

mid-20 century; and (4) placing on our website those queries published in the magazine. Also, we will publish queries without Tennessee connections. Please help us identify our niche in this explosion of published genealogical data.

I have also found much pleasure in researching and writing for Ansearchin' News. A new found area of interest, for me, is the history of Tennessee railroads and the people who ran and rode them. The most disastrous railroad accident in U.S. history occurred in Tennessee. (See page 134 in this issue.) I will share more Tennessee railroad history with you in the future.

Tennessee State Senator Mark Norris presented TNGS with a reproduction of the Great Seal of Tennessee to hang in the entry foyer of the Germantown History and Genealogical Research Center. See the picture below.

As I write this message, Dorothy and I are cruising the eastern Caribbean on the Royal Caribbean ship Mariner of the Seas. As our ship sails around and through hurricanes Gustav, Hannah, and Ike, I can't help but think of our ancestors on the comparatively tiny ships for months at the mercy of the Atlantic storms. Our cabin contains space equal to 20 percent of the total space on some of the early immigrant ships. There must have been some desperation in their desire to migrate. If I had been the original immigrant, my family probably would still be dirt-farming somewhere in southern France.

We extend our thanks to long-time member Helen Tice. Helen is downsizing her abode and has donated her library—about 600 books—and her loose papers to TNGS. This is a significant addition to the collection.

Isn't genealogy a great hobby?

James E. (Jim) Bobo



Pictured left to right Byron Crain, Friends of the Library President, Jim Bobo, TNGS President, Germantown Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy, Senator Mark Norris, Clark Doan TNGS, Tom Cates, Chairman of the Germantown Library board.

Portrait of Cordell Hull



Among the works of art in the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center is a portrait of U.S. Senator and statesman **Cordell Hull**. Tennessean **Hull** (1871-1955) was a U. S. Congressman, 1907-1931 and U. S. Senator, 1931-1933. He later served as Secretary of State to President **Franklin d. Roosevelt**, 1933-1944 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945.

The portrait, an oil on canvas, was painted in 1949 by **G. Edwin Shofner** (1899-1993), a resident of Memphis, from a photograph. It was donated to the Germantown Community Library in December 2006 by **Aimee Shofner Barksdale**, a resident of Germantown and daughter of the artist. This painting was on loan to U. S. State Department, 1950-1951 and exhibited in South American cities on tour in conjunction with Pan-American Union affairs.

The Great War, Du Pont & The Dutchman's Grade Train Wreck



Nashville Union Station

by James E. (Jim) Bobo

As usually happened during the first two-hundred years of American history when faced with war, the country was not prepared. Nineteen-hundred and seventeen was no exception.

With its entry into World War I in April 1917 it was obvious that the U.S. quickly needed to increase production of war material including munitions. In the fall the federal government contracted with the Du Pont Company to construct and manage five major projects to make explosives for Allied forces.

The project at Old Hickory, TN, a suburb of Nashville, was to be the world's largest smokeless powder plant. Construction did not begin until March 1918, but production of sulfuric acid began 67 days after ground-breaking, nitric acid nine days later, and guncotton, the raw material of smokeless powder, two weeks later. The first of Old Hickory's nine smokeless powder units went into operation on 2 July 1918. By the war's end, Du Pont engineers had built what amounted to an entire city for 30,000 workers, with 3,867 buildings and 7.5 miles of double-tracked railroad.

This project was competing for labor with local employers as well as all of the war time activities, including the draft. Wage scales put into effect by Du Pont on 23 March 1918 paid unskilled laborers 30¢ per hour and, depending on their skills, carpenters were offered between 40¢ to 55¢. Again, depending on their skill levels, workers with specialties, i.e., pipe fitters, millwrights, electricians, and plumbers, were offered between 55½¢ and 72½¢ an hour.

In June the Nashville city government, which had paid unskilled workers 27¢ an hour prior to the beginning of the construction, considered raising its scale to 37 ½¢. Nashville Mayor **William Gupton** opposed the raise and the city commissioners raised it to only 30¢ an hour.

The employment department at Du Pont opened on Sunday, February 10. By the following Saturday, the first payday, 1,178 laborers were on the job. Many thousands more were needed, and many thousands more were available from the large pool of unemployed or underemployed in the Mid-South. By mid-summer crops were laid-by and a great number of unskilled farm laborers were available until picking-time. For some, thirty cents an hour for two months work would be more income than they normally made in a year.

By June most of the men coming to the plant were sent by government and private

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employment agencies from western and middle Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois. Du Pont also operated its own employment agencies. One of them, located at 28 North Front Street, Memphis, TN, was managed by **M. M. Glidewell**.

Monday, 8 July 1918: Mr. **Glidewell** had a group of 113 ready for transport to Old Hickory. This group would be conducted by a Du Pont employee, **Arthur Windhorst**. Traveling with the group were 30 men and 3 women being forwarded by the U. S. Employment Service to Mason & Hanger Co., a subcontractor of Du Pont. All were scheduled to depart Memphis' Union Depot on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway passenger train #1 at 8:20 p.m. that night. (See Commercial Appeal column reprinted at end of the

article.)

The NC&StL #1 was made up of locomotive 281, one baggage car and five coaches of wooden construction, one Pullman sleeping car of steel construction and one Pullman sleeping car with steel underframe and ends. It was in the charge of Conductor **Tucker** and Engineman **William F. Floyd**. All 146 Memphis laborers were in the forward wooden coaches. Running late, #1 passed through McKenzie, Tennessee at 3:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

There were nearly 300 passengers on board #1, including military recruits and others who had boarded the train at several west Tennessee towns, when it passed Bellevue, 12.6 miles west of Nashville, at 7:09 a.m. Scheduled to arrive at Nashville's Union Station at 7:10 a.m., #1 was 30 minutes late and running at a speed estimated to be 50

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miles an hour.

Tuesday, 9 July 1918: Activity at Union Station (today a Wyndham Historic Hotel) reflected the booming war time economy. Activity at the Shops, two and one-half miles west of Union Station, was even more frantic. All of the organized chaos of a railroad yard with switch engines and repair shops was in evidence. Records indicated that “during the month of June, an average of 23 trains daily were operated into and from Nashville over this division, and the number of yard movements materially increased the density of traffic between Nashville and Shops.”

The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway passenger train #4, made up of locomotive 282, one combination mail and baggage car, one baggage car and six coaches, all of wooden construction, was scheduled to leave Union Station, Nashville at 7:00 a.m., bound for Memphis. It was in charge of Conductor **Eubank** and Engineman **Dave C. Kennedy**.

NC&StL #4 left Union Station seven minutes late at 7:07 a.m. At Nashville the crew had received train order No. 29 directing that “No. 4 engine 282, hold main track, meet No. 7, Eng. 215, at Harding. No. 1 has engine 281.” As #4 approached the control tower at Shops Junction, tower operator **J. S. Johnson** showed a clear signal from the tower's train order signals, indicating all was clear. Even so, it was the responsibility of the crew of # 4 to confirm that #1 had passed onto the 2.5 mile stretch of double

track between Nashville and Shops, or to wait until it had done so.

(The NC&StL time table designates passenger train #1 as “southbound” and #4 as “northbound.” Southbound trains are “superior” to northbound trains and therefore have the right of way.)

At about 7:20 a.m., NC&StL train #1 collided head on with NC&StL train #4 at Dutchman's Grade near White Bridge Road, 2 miles west of Shops and 4.5 miles from Nashville.

In his report dated 16 August 1918 to the Interstate Commerce Commission, **W. P. Borland**, Chief, Bureau of Safety stated: “This accident presents a more appalling record of deaths and injuries than any other accident investigated by the Commission since the accident-investigation work was begun in 1912.” This statement is still true today. No other train wreck in U.S. history has caused so many deaths and injuries.

Mr. **Borland**, in his report to the ICC, gives the number of deaths as 101; eighty seven passengers and fourteen Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway employees.

The News Scimitar of Memphis in its July 9 afternoon edition headlined 50 dead and 70 injured.

The Commercial Appeal of Memphis on Wednesday morning, July 10, headlined 90 dead and 78 injured.

The Nashville Tennessean on Wednesday, July 10, headlined the number of dead at 121 and 57 injured The paper listed the names of 74 dead, and reported 43

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unidentified dead
A total of only 117. Apparently in its rush to go to press, it listed several people twice, and in some cases listed the same person as both dead and in hospital.

Within 3 days, battle reports and casualty lists from the Great War had pushed the Dutchman's Grade train wreck off the front pages. And too, train wrecks were not uncommon. Just 3 weeks earlier, on June 22, a circus train at Ivanhoe, Illinois, had been rammed by a troop train, killing 68. On the same day near Hammond, Indiana, a circus train wreck killed 89 and injured 127.

In the Friday, July 12, issue of *The Commercial Appeal* on page 4, there was one short article on an inside column, below the fold.

Following is a compiled list of the dead and injured from several sources including articles from *The Nashville Tennessean*, *The Commercial Appeal* of Memphis, and *The News Scimitar* of Memphis, published 9-12 July 1918. This is not a complete list and its accuracy is only as good as were the skills of harried news reporters working frantically in the aftermath of a major human tragedy.

It is generally accepted that the death toll at Dutchman's Grade was 101. The number injured exceeded 150.

At the end of The Great War at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of



1918, Du Pont was producing 700,000 pounds of smokeless powder per day.

The Dead

An unidentified soldier, address unknown.

Alexander, US Marine.

John T. Arm(n)er, Trenton, TN

Alexander H. Ash, address unknown.

Douglas T. Bates, Centerville, TN.

Melville Caldwell, Seventeenth Street and Chadwell Avenue, 60 year old mail clerk.

Private **Daniel W. Johnson**

Thomas W. Dickerson, baggage man on # 4.

Tom Dickinson, baggage master No. 1.

W. M. Farriss, Sr., Park Ave. West, Nashville, TN.

William F. Floyd, engineer on train #1, 904 Russell Street, Nashville, TN.

David W. (John?) Gardner, 1122 Cherry Avenue. NC&St.L

Frank Hammond, Nashville, TN.

Joe Hammond, Nashville, TN.

Wilson b. Harris, Navy Reserves # 2.

Wilson b. Harris, Covington. US Marines

Private **John F. (P.?) Hussey**, US Marines, Uhlman, IL.

W. Johnson, Silver Lake, TN.

Thomas Kelley, 503 Sixteenth Avenue, Nashville, fireman # 4.

John W. Kelly, fireman, Nashville, TN.

Dave C. Kennedy, engineer #4, 6 Aberdeen apartments, Nashville, TN.

William Knoch, 1509 Beechwood Avenue, Western Union Telegraph operator. (Son-in-law of **Josiah Shaffer**)

W. W. Lawrence, address unknown.

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Robert Long, son of Lieut. **Long** of the Nashville, TN. police.

Milton Lowenstein, salesman for, and nephew of, **L. Jonas**.

R. H. Lynch, Cookeville (Hickman), TN.

Mr. Mayes, Kingston, TN.

_____ **Mayers**, Nashville, TN.

Lige McClanahan, Caruthersville, MS.

Luther L. Meadows, fireman #1, 1617 Church.

John T. Nolan, Nashville, TN.

F. T. Payne, Nashville, TN.

John H. Peebles, engineer NC&StL

F. E. Pell, YMCA

Floyd Richards, USN, Newbern.

John Reed, Jackson, TN.

W. H. Rogers, 719 W 13th St.

W. A. Schameron, Jackson, TN.

Josiah L. Shaffer, postal clerk, Dickerson Road, Nashville, TN. (Father-in-law of **William Knoch**)

R. C. Timmons, Brentwood, TN, rod-man in employ of NC&StL Ry. Co.

N. M. Vanderbrook, USN, Jackson, TN.

S. J. Vaughn, Dukedom, TN.

S. J. Vaughn, Greenville, SC.

John T. Whitfield, Boscobel street.

J. T. Whittaker, Paducah, KY.

W. M. Winstead, Dukedom, TN. US Army

Otto Wolfe, 757 Demonbreun, Nashville

Louis Woods, Marvell, AR.

Two unidentified dead.

Colored.

Nine unidentified women

Thirty unidentified men.

Unidentified woman, 40 years old.

_____ **Allen**, Memphis, TN.

Arbel Beck, Kingston Springs, TN.

W. Ernest Beck, Kingston Springs, TN.

George Codd.

Matthew Coles.

Bess Dunn, Kingston Springs, TN.

Hubert Freeling, Newsom Station.

George Hall, train porter, Nashville, TN.

J. J. Hall, 1616 Jackson Street, Nashville, TN.

Fred Harris.

Lem Hudson, Memphis, TN.

Joe Hunter.

Frank Hunter.

_____ **Johnson**, Missouri.

Susan Miller, 1513 Hawkins Street, Nashville, TN.

Joe Morse, address not known.

J. B. Murphy, Kingston Springs, TN.

Oliver Peck, Craggie Hope, TN.

John Reid, Jackson, TN.

Andy Robinson, NC&StL shops.

Roger Stone, Whitlock, TN.

George Turner, Burns, TN.

Marshall White, Pegram, TN.

Walter White.

Mat Wilson, Nashville, TN.

The Injured

At City Hospital. Dr. **W. F. Fessey**, Superintendent

(Among the physicians who voluntarily went to the hospital were : Dr. **Otterson**,

Dr. **Sharpel**, Dr. **John W. Gaines**, Dr.

Henry Litterer, Dr. **Whitfield**, Dr.

Buckner. Dr. **Dake**, Dr. **Crockett**)

Ben Allen, colored, Second Avenue, Station E. Memphis, TN.

Annie Brooks, colored, Memphis, TN.

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Thos. Carney, colored Pegram's Station.

Cash, colored, race track,
Memphis, TN.

James Charleston, colored.

Wrene Churchill.

Richard Crawford, colored, Memphis,
TN, 1117 Kentucky Avenue.

Van Davis, colored.

John Davis, Viadoha, LA.

Arthur Faulkner, colored.

F. M. Glasgow, Dresden, TN.

Bennie Griffin, colored.

Mary Lee Griffin. 290 North Front
Street, Memphis, TN.

Reedy Hall, colored.

Ellis Harris, colored.

Wiley Hill, 342 Callahan Street,
Memphis, TN.

Albert Jones, colored, Cable Avenue,
near Fairgrounds, Memphis, TN.

Arthur Kuykendale, colored, Memphis.

Willie Lee, 209 North Front Street,
Memphis, TN.

Goodie Mason, colored, 636 King Street,
Memphis, TN.

Mrs. Mollie Mays, Kingston Springs,
slightly injured.

Dave McKinney, colored, 108 East
Carolina Street, Memphis, TN.

Frank Messenger.

John Moore, colored.

John Moulton, colored.

John Partlow, 913 Thompson Street,
Memphis, TN.

Willie Perkins, colored Moscow, TN.

George Phillips, colored.

Wiley Pope, colored, rear 150 South
Third Street, Memphis, TN.

Warner Price, colored, Scott and
Howard Streets, Memphis, TN.

Chris. Robertson, colored.

Clarence Rose, 142 Monteverde Street,
Memphis, TN.

J. W. Smith, Cort City, TX, slightly
injured.

Bertha Spriggs, 420 South Second
Street, Memphis, TN.

Ad Lee Thomas, colored.

Gus Todd, colored.

Matthew Tole, colored, unable to give
address.

Claiborne Wesley.

Matthew White. 903 South Fourth
Street, Memphis, TN.

Layman Whittilow, Memphis, TN.

Albert Woods, colored, 67 Adams
Street, Memphis.

W. b. Yates, 183 Jackson Avenue,
Memphis.

At Vanderbilt Hospital.

A large number of the injured were also
taken to Vanderbilt Hospital.

A list of the injured follow:

DeWitt Cash, colored, 945 Watkins
Street, Memphis, TN.

Roy Dallas, Little Rock, AR.

R. A. Davis, Hickman, KY. white man
slightly injured will recover.

Robert Foster, residence unknown.

Anthony Gillette, Memphis, TN.

Luke Graham, Kingston Springs, will
die.

John Kilbreath, colored, Memphis, TN.

Thos. Lampkin, Earl, AR.

William Lukes, colored, Kingston
Springs, TN.

Lem McKinney, Monroe, LA.

Warren Mitchell, Memphis, TN.

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A. C. Mussey, Altoona, PA. white man, slightly injured will recover.

Callor Walker, colored, Kingston Springs.

Lucy Womack, colored, Argenta, AR.

Ed Williams, colored 160 Commerce Street, Memphis, died shortly after arrival.

Shoffner Hospital.

Lige McClannahan, Caruthers, MO, slightly injured; notify **James H.**

Denning, East Ferry, MO.

Woman's Hospital.

J. W. Smith, Cort City, TX, slightly.

Fort's Hospital.

Arbel Beck, Kingston Springs, TN.

Mrs. Mollie Mays, Kingston Springs, TN, slightly.

From *The Commercial Appeal* of
Memphis, July 10, 1918

Many Laborers Injured

143 Men From Memphis on Wrecked
Train

Twenty-five white men and 88 negroes, who were employed by the DuPont Employment Agency at 28 North Front Street for work at the new powder plant at Nashville, were in the forward coaches of Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Train No.1 when the train departed from the Union Depot at 8:20 o'clock Monday night.

Reports indicate that the loss of life was heaviest in these coaches, but several days may elapse before a complete list of the dead and injured is compiled.

The men were under the charge of

Arthur Windhorst, whose fate was not known at a late hour yesterday at the DuPont offices here. It is feared that he was killed.

M. M. Glidewell, in charge of the Du Pont office, said yesterday he had forwarded on the ill-fated train 18 white laborers, 86 negro laborers, four white carpenters, one white millwright, two white pipefitters and two negro kitchen helpers.

Many of the negroes employed Monday, he said, were farmers who had laid by their crops and were planning to work two months at the powder plant. The list of men he forwarded was as follows:

White - **Charley N. Anderson, Collie Carter, William Chaney, James E. Cook, John L. Dixon, Oscar L. Gardner, Erec E. Garner, Leonard L. Gately, Eugene H. Goodwin, Everett J. Hannon, Francis M. Kennedy, Lloyd J. Love, Dewey Lowell, Henry Manley, Dewey Moore, Riley J. Patillo, Frank Peace, Burt Pierce, Albert E. Raef, Frank b. Ramsey, Joe Reins, Bruce B. Scott, Elvis R. Tucker, Andrew J. Tucker, Ben F. Woodford.**

Negroes - **Will Adams, James Allen, Bennie Allen, America Anderson, Louis Anderson, Coleman Barbory, Richard Belt, Sam Bradford, Walter b. Branch, Richard Branch, Osborn Brooks, Ray Brooks, Henry Burney, Earnest Butler, Odell Butler, Tom Carter, DeWitt Cash, Harry Churchill, Odell Clark, Alonzo Cox, Richard Crawford, Will Criss, Cal Cumings, Walter M. Davis, Lee Davis, John Davis, Samuel Davis, Earl Douglas,**

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Turner Drake, Frank J. Duckett, Author Faulkner, Robert Foston, Alaska Gergason, Dock Gevin, Oscar Gill, Will Glover, Sonny Hardeman, Sherrod Harris, Booker Harris, John Hawkins, George Hicks, Wiley Hill, John W. Holeman, Lindsey Jenkins, Will Johnson, John L. Jones, Albert Jones, Tom Joyner, John Killebrew, Tom Lamkin, Sam Mabry, Sherrod Mam, Jesse Martin, Issaac J. Martin, Eugene Martin, Goodie Mason, John A. McCray, Dave McKinney, Tilden J. Meadows, Frank Messenger, William Miles, Terry Miller, Holsey Miller, Richard Milton, Warren Mitchell, Rob Nelson, Humphrey Nevels, John Partlow, Johnny Pepper, Willie Perkins, Warner Price, Willie Reddic, William J. Richardson, Tom Robertson, LeRoy Robinson, Clarence Rose, Milton Sharp, Willie Simpson, Mat Toles, Willie B. Tomlison, Ed Walker, Walter White, Lyman Whitelaw, Albert Woods.

Aboard the same train were five white men, 25 negro laborers and three negro women who were being forwarded by the United States Employment Service to Mason & Hanger Company (a subcontractor of Du Pont) at Nashville. The list given out is as follows:

White Carpenters - **N. C. Brown**, Ellendale, Tenn., **T. M. Carruthers**, Collierville; **Hugh Minard**, Batesville, Ark. and **Herman Moyse**, Batesville, Ark., **P. A. Robins**, 315 South Dunlap Street

Negroes - **Horace Brown, James**

Charleston and wife, Robert Douglas and wife, John Henry Douglas, Arthur Euginan, Oscar Gill, Anthony Gillett, Bennie Griffin, Reedy Hall, Samuel Hollins, James Hudson, Willie Lee and wife, Duffie Long, Ben Longstreet, L(?)ou Nichols, Willie Perkins, Johnson Sayle, Bob Scott, Ben Smith, Lee Thomas, Rogers Walker, Jack Walls, John Wesley, Ed Williams, Will Yates.

SOURCES

Interstate Commerce Commission.

Investigations of railroad File Number 535

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Date 07/09/1918 Location Nashville, TN. Accident Type N.E.

Report dtd August 16, 1918.

heritage.dupont.com/sitemap

Powder Plant Life-Dupont 200 years

<http://oldhickoryrecord.com/powder4th.htm>

http://www.oldhickorychamber.org/about_old_hickory/history5.html

The Nashville Tennessean, Nashville, TN, Wednesday, July 10, 1918

The News Scimitar, Memphis, TN, July 9 & 10, 1918

The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tn, July 10-12, 1918



Jonesborough—Tennessee's Oldest Town



By Rebecca C. Williams



Located between the Watauga and Nolichucky Rivers, the oldest town in Tennessee is surrounded by the low hills and ridges of the Appalachian Mountains. About 100 miles east of Knoxville, Jonesborough lies between Greenville to the southwest and Johnson City to the northeast. Today Jonesborough draws tourists because of its status as Tennessee's oldest town and its significant preservation efforts in the 1970s. The Eureka Inn, one of Jonesborough's oldest buildings and a stop on the Tennessee Heritage Trail, offers the best of the past and present with amenities available at only the finest hotels.

The first town in Tennessee to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Jonesborough is a thriving and pleasant town with an active interest in arts and crafts. Among its commercial residents is the International Storytelling Center that has sponsored the National Storytelling Festival for more than thirty-five years.

Visitors to Jonesborough quickly understand why it is listed by National Geographic as a not-to-miss town on its Appalachian Map. But visitors may just as quickly wonder how this quaint town set in the rolling hills of Tennessee was established and who were its original settlers.

Early History of East Tennessee

The earliest recorded history of what is

now east Tennessee can be traced to Spanish explorer **Hernando de Soto** (1496/1497 – 1542). **De Soto**'s expedition crossed the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina in 1540 to find Native tribes of Muskogee and Yuchi people. Descendants of the mound builders of the Mississippian culture, these tribes consisted of many ethnic groups, including Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek and Shawnee. They lived in villages in river valleys throughout the areas that became the states of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama and spoke distinct and different languages.

There is little written history of this frontier region or the Native people living there during more than two hundred years that followed **de Soto**'s exploration until 1752, when **Daniel Boone** followed an old Indian trading trail to cross through what became known as the Cumberland Gap. He quickly began clearing and building a trail to allow wagons and caravans to pass.

As word spread that **Boone** found a way over the mountains, **Captain William Bean** and his wife **Lydia Russell Bean** moved from Pittsylvania County, Virginia in 1769, to settle on one of the tributaries of the Watauga River. **Bean**'s settlement became the first permanent settlement in Tennessee and later a part of the semi-autonomous Watauga Settlement. The **Beans** traced their ancestry to the **MacBeans**, a Scots family of ancient origin from the same province as the **MacBeths** of Shakespearean fame. The **Bean**'s tenth child **Russell** was born in 1769. **Russell** was the first child of white European descent born in the first

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The Christopher Taylor House in downtown Jonesborough, Tennessee. The cabin was built around 1777 a mile or so southwest of Jonesborough and moved to the city's main district in 1974.

settlement in what is now Tennessee.

Scots, Irish, English and German settlers from Virginia, North and South Carolina, and later Pennsylvania, began to follow. **James Robertson** led his family and others over the mountains to the **Bean's** settlement. Next came settlers with names like **Carter** and **Brown**. **Isaac Shelby**, the first governor of Kentucky, and **John Sevier** came later. The origins of the leaders were mixed **James** and **Charles Robertson** were Scots Irish, **John Sevier** was French Huguenot, **Evan** and **Isaac Shelby** were Welch, and **John Carter** and **Jacob Brown** were English.

By 1775 **Daniel Boone** had blazed the trail across the Cumberland Gap creating a route to the new settlements. The settlers on the Watauga and Nolichucky Rivers were purchasing land from the Cherokee Indians. And the area was organized into the Washington District, a part of North Carolina. But the settlers desired their own government and began to petition the provincial Council of North Carolina to be annexed as an official entity. In 1777, North Carolina annexed the land and

formed the County of Washington—one of six counties on the western frontier and the first county west of the mountains.

Jonesborough Established

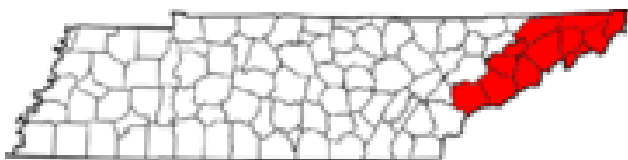
Little is known of the earliest history of Jonesborough. The site of the town was selected in 1778. In 1779, one hundred acres was purchased from **David Hughes** and laid out in lots to form the Town of Jonesborough, named for North Carolina legislator **Willie Jones** of Halifax, North Carolina, who supported North Carolina's westward expansion over the Appalachian Mountains. Jonesborough became the county seat of Washington County, and the lots were offered for sale in a lottery.

At about the same time, the British were overrunning the Carolinas. Long involved in protecting the south, Washington County volunteers helped defeat the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain on 7 October 1780. This victory was to become a major turning point in the Revolutionary War. Six Washington County volunteers who participated in the Battle of Kings Mountain, **Nathaniel Evans**, **Charles Holloway**, **David Hughes**, **Robert Sevier**, **Christopher Taylor** and **Jessie Walton**, were also purchasers of some of the original lots in Jonesborough. However, **Robert Sevier**, brother of Col. **John Sevier**, was mortally wounded in the battle, never claiming his property in Jonesborough.

Some veterans of the Revolutionary War, having been paid for their service in the Continental Army in the form of tracts of land in the unsettled regions, immigrated to the east Tennessee area. In short order, Jonesborough became the center of political activity for the territory west of the mountains. Frontier life in the 1780s

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was hard and dangerous, and many settlers of the Western District of North Carolina felt they were not fairly represented or sufficiently protected by the state of North Carolina.



The State of Franklin

In 1784 the settlers banded together and convened in Jonesborough to approve the formation of the State of Franklin, naming the new state after founding father **Benjamin Franklin**. General **John Sevier**, who served in the war as a North Carolina citizen, was elected Franklin's first governor in 1785; and Jonesborough, one of the towns that created the new state, served as the first capital until a new one was established at Greeneville.

Franklin survived as the nation's fourteenth state for four years, adopting a constitution and establishing laws to govern the territory. But North Carolina never accepted the arrangement, and Congress never recognized the State of Franklin. Washington County was reclaimed by North Carolina in 1788. While the attempt at statehood failed, the controversy was not in vain. It prompted the new American government to consider national growth and led Congress to pass laws to allow territories to join the United States.

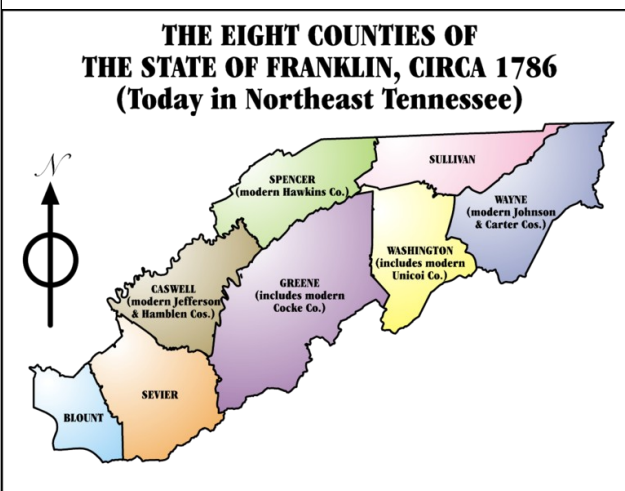
Earlier in 1787 North Carolina had a road cut to take settlers into the Cumberland settlements. Called the "North Carolina Road" and sometimes "The Wilderness Road," it carried travelers from east Tennessee to what is now Nashville. The road brought to Jonesborough a famous

visitor, **Andrew Jackson**, who came to Jonesborough in 1788 to await a caravan traveling to the Cumberland. During his five month wait in Jonesborough, **Jackson** lodged in the home of **Christopher Taylor**, a two-story, two-room home. The **Christopher Taylor Home**, Jonesborough's oldest building, was restored and moved to Main Street's historic district.

Statehood for Tennessee

In 1789 North Carolina ratified the new U. S. Constitution, and it ceded its western counties to the federal government. Washington County and Jonesborough were placed under a territorial government—The Territory of the United States south of the River Ohio—with land speculator **William Blount** serving as its first and only governor. By 1791, there were almost six thousand residents in Washington County, Tennessee, including free white men, women and slaves.

The first church established in



Jonesborough was a Presbyterian Church established by Rev. **Samuel Doak** and Rev. **Hezekiah Balch** in about 1790. The church building was located about four miles from town, and the church numbered fifteen to twenty members including

Samuel Mitchell, Sr., Samuel Fain and John b. McMahon. Methodists organized a congregation in Jonesborough early in the new century, but the exact date is not known. The Baptist Church was not instituted until mid-century.

By 1793 **Blount** began the drive to statehood with proof that five thousand free males had moved to the territory. When Tennessee adopted its constitution on 6 February 1796, it provided for universal male suffrage, including the right of free black men to vote. When Tennessee became a state on 1 June 1796, it was the first American territory to become a state. With eastern boundaries from the top of the peaks of the mountains and western boundaries in the middle of the Mississippi River, it entered the Union as the sixteenth state. **John Sevier**, recognized as one of Tennessee's founding fathers, was elected its first governor. In the same year, Jonesborough's first post office was established, and **John Waddell** served as its first postmaster.

A Period of Growth

In 1797 Jonesborough was growing. **William Chester**, a medical doctor, constructed the Chester Inn, the oldest original building in Jonesborough's commercial district, to capitalize on those traveling through Jonesborough on the Great Stage Road. Among its famous guests are Presidents **Andrew Jackson** and **James K. Polk**. Now fully restored, the building is owned by the State of Tennessee and houses the Storytelling Foundation International. Around 1800 a post route was started and mail was carried by horseback twice a week. Demands for passenger travel and mail delivery resulted

in more stage lines, beginning with once a week service in 1825 and increasing to three times a week service in 1834.

Though part of a slave-holding state prior to the Civil War, Jonesborough was the home of *The Emancipator*, the first regularly published American periodical devoted exclusively to abolishing slavery. Quaker **Elihu Embree** published and funded *The Emancipator*. The periodical was printed in **John Howard**'s print shop, and circulation began in 1820. The original print shop was destroyed, but it stood at the corner of Main Street and First Avenue, now in Jonesborough's Historic District.

In 1838 the original brick courthouse burned, but the 1840s generally saw the town experience a boom. Many Federal style brick structures were built during this period. One prominent resident and entrepreneur, **Dr. Thomas Cunningham**, an internationally known physician, surgeon and writer, saw the need to bring a new and efficient railroad transportation system to Jonesborough. **Cunningham** put his medical practice on hold for ten years to serve as president of the Tennessee and Virginia Railroad from 1849 to 1859. With 29 other men, called "The Immortal Thirty," **Cunningham** used personal property as collateral to bring the railroad to Jonesborough.

With the coming of the railroad and the building boom, Jonesborough continued to grow. According to the 1834 *Tennessee Gazetteer*, Jonesborough had a population of about 500, including eleven lawyers, four physicians, two clergymen, four carpenters, three cabinet makers, two bricklayers, one blacksmith, two hatters, four tailors, four shoemakers, one silversmith, two tinnerns and two wagon

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makers. In addition, there were houses, one printing office, four taverns, a mill, a number of stores, two churches, two academies and four schools. By the 1850s, there were traders, brokers, doctors, dentists, druggists, tanners, blacksmiths, silversmiths, cabinetmakers, carpenters, masons, tanners, saddlers, wagon makers, shoemakers, seamstresses and tailors, manufacturers, printers, merchants, millers, bakers, corn and tobacco farmers, and laborers. In addition, Jonesborough was home to a Congressman, a Chief Justice, judges, magistrates, jurists, lawyers, teachers, ministers, pastors, and along with the boom in population, a constable, a sheriff, and a jailer.

Jonesborough's main street and commercial district included homes, boarding houses, hotels, hardware stores, drugstores, a bakery, saloons, livery stables, schools, churches, a jail, and a courthouse. Missing from the services provided in the city was fire protection. In 1854, when a fire broke out, several wooden businesses and homes on West Main Street burned.

The Civil War Years and Reconstruction

Tennessee began as a border state—the border between the east and west. With the Civil War, Tennessee again found itself a border state. This time, it was between North and South. The land was not suited for large-scale agriculture, so few east Tennesseans owned slaves. Tennessee joined the Confederacy, and there were Jonesborough residents who joined Confederate Infantry units. For example, Confederate General **A. E. Jackson** made his home and is buried in the old cemetery in Jonesborough. Yet many east

Tennesseans had Union leanings. In several writings and family genealogies and histories, there is evidence of divided sentiments among the residents of Washington County and Jonesborough.

Hard times came to Washington County and Jonesborough during the Civil War. A number of skirmishes were fought in the county, and Jonesborough served as headquarters for both Union and Confederate troops. After the Confederacy lost control of upper East Tennessee, parties of both Confederate and Union Calvary robbed fields of the little corn there was and stole horses. A Tennessee House Bill passed 21 February 2007, designating March 10 each year as “Harriet Tubman Day” mentions the **Bell-Herrin** House in Washington County as one of the stations along the Underground Railroad.

While many colonial documents were lost throughout the years, the most notable loss for Tennessee history scholars can be attributed to the Civil War. **J. G. M.**

Ramsey (1797 – 1884), a physician, public official, religious leader, banker, railroad advocate, scholar, historian, author and staunch secessionist, was the son of Colonel **Francis Alexander Ramsey** and **Peggy Alexander Ramsey**, who migrated to the North Carolina frontier in 1783 from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In 1834, **Ramsey** supported the organization of the East Tennessee Historical and Antiquarian Society. As recording secretary for the society, **Ramsey** catalogued and stored the documents and relics owned by the Society at his home on the Tennessee River. In 1863, **Ramsey's** home was burned during the Union occupation of Knoxville. **Ramsey** and his family fled to North Carolina, but the fire destroyed the museum collection and thousands of

volumes. Published by **Ramsey** in 1853, *The Annals of Tennessee to the End of the Eighteenth Century* is what little remains as a summary of the history of Tennessee from its beginnings as part of North Carolina west of the mountains until it became the sixteenth state in the Union.

Tennessee was not officially readmitted to the Union until 2 July 1866. It was the first ex-Confederate state to be officially readmitted. Both blacks and whites worked to rebuild the region. In 1871, lightning touched off a series of fires that claimed many buildings, including the railway station that housed the telegraph office. Again in 1872, many brick and frame buildings burned. Following these fires a volunteer fire department was organized and equipment was purchased and housed in a small structure behind the Banking and Trust Company. **Guy E. Sabin** was the first fire chief. The original fire pumper is on display in the Jonesborough Visitors' Center.

Jonesborough was spared the Asiatic

cholera that started in this country in the Mississippi Valley in 1832 for about forty years. However, by 1873, Jonesborough saw its first cases of the epidemic.

Jonesborough was recovering from the Civil War and experiencing a period of growth when sixty percent of its population became infected. Growth came to a halt as doctors and others cared for the sick and dying and carpenters and laborers built coffins and dug graves.

Jonesborough Today

Jonesborough survived the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, fire, and a cholera epidemic in its early years, and came through the depression and modern wars to emerge with a well-deserved pride in its heritage. In 2000, Jonesborough's population was listed by the U. S. Census Bureau at 4,168. Its population while predominately white now includes African Americans, Native Americans, Asians, Hispanics and Latinos, and residents of two or more races.

Stitchery Sampler.

Perhaps you claim the young lady who created a beautiful teal, ivory and beige textile sampler in the possession of a TN Gen member? What a shame that no location is given in the embroidered work, only that "**Frances M. Malone** was born July 4th, 1817. Worked this sampler in her 16th year." It includes floral and herringbone borders around numbers and letters and the stitched quotation, "From low pursuits exalt my mind From evry (sic) vice of evry (sic) kind, Nor let my conduct ever tend, To wound the feelings of a friend (sic)." The present owner of the sampler has no provenance for the piece, but it was acquired in Rutherford Co., TN and may or may not have any connection to that location.





by Vince Hughes

I first became interested in Genealogy at the age of twelve when my uncle told me the frequently repeated family story of my great uncle, **Charles Beverly Hughes**. According to the legend, **Beverly Hughes** went by his middle name and grew up in Cabel County, West Virginia. When his mother died he was just becoming a young man, ready to seek his fortune. The newspapers were full of exciting tales from California. The free land, the fertile soil, the climate and of course the discovery of gold just a decade or so earlier. The pull was too great. He talked his younger brother (my grandfather) into going with him and they set out for the Golden State.

Charles Beverly Hughes made it to California. My grandfather, however, met a young girl (my future grandmother) in Arkansas and that was as far as he went.

Charles Beverly settled on a piece of land and was known as quite the outdoorsman. An avid hunter, he established a hunting camp and picked up a few dollars helping the U.S. Forestry Service clear surrounding land.

As a 12 year old boy, I sat in amazement as I heard the story re-told of how one day **Charles Beverly Hughes** set out on a hunting trip. He took his trusty dog as he always did. During the outing, **Beverly** took a fall, the gun discharged and he was seriously wounded. Alone and unable to walk, he tied a note around his dog's neck and sent him off for help. Two days later he was found and taken to the closest doctor. Unfortunately, he did not recover from the wound and shock of exposure.

The county officials notified the family

back in West Virginia of the tragedy and told them they needed to send someone to claim **Beverly's** homestead. No one responded and the land was turned over to the County and quickly developed. It became known as Beverly Hills, California.

I was hooked on family history after hearing that story. At 12 I wrote the Chamber of Commerce (C of C) in Beverly Hills to confirm the story. The response did not give me the information I was looking for. The C of C obviously had never heard our family's version of the origin of Beverly Hills.

Time flew forward and 45 years later I was still trying to determine what really happened to **Beverly Hughes**. Then, finally, I hit pay dirt. An old letter from Beverly was discovered in a trunk that belonged to my grandmother. It was from Beverly to his brother and was postmarked Idyllwild, CA. Idyllwild! That's not close to Beverly Hills! Could it be that the old family story was changed a little in the generations of re-telling? More digging, a trip to Idyllwild, CA and finally I had my answers almost fifty years after the first hearing of the story.

Beverly had settled in Banning, CA. He homesteaded a large piece of land in the San Jacinto Mountains, overlooking Banning and Palm Springs. The hunting accident and the dog story turned out to be true but "Beverly Hills," not a chance.

So when I encountered the family story of my third great grandfather, **Spottswood H. Hughes**, I had reservations about buying it hook, line and sinker. The story related the

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Civil War events surrounding **Spottswood's** death. It seems he was wounded in some unnamed battle and was last seen fatally wounded, crawling into the bush, dragging his musket behind him. His body was never recovered. Another family story, is this one true or will it turn out like **Beverly's** legend? I started to dig for the documentation to prove or disprove this story. I found the facts were off just a little. First, it was not the Civil War ; it was the War with Mexico in 1847. He was not shot in battle, he died of a really bad case of diarrhea. Montezuma's Revenge, perhaps? His body was found and buried in Mexico City.

You can imagine the doubt with which I approached the story about another third great grandfather, **Alexander H. McKinnon** of McNairy Co., TN. The story goes that **Alex** was off fighting the Civil War when he came home on furlough to plant his crops. There were roving bands of rogue Union soldiers in the McNairy Co., TN area and one night they came to the **McKinnon** home in Montezuma, TN. Pounding on the front door, they demanded for him to come out and show them where he buried his gold and silver. He refused. Again, they beat on the door, this time saying he would be shot if he did not show them where the gold was buried. He stood his ground and refused their demands. The family story then tells the sad ending that **Alexander McKinnon** was shot by those plundering northern troops and the gold was never found.

In my search for the truth, I found that **Alexander McKinnon** and his family did live in Montezuma, TN. This was just north of the area known as the "Hurst

Nation." **Fielding Hurst** was a resident of McNairy County that joined the Union forces and had a reputation of commanding a ruthless group of thugs. His group certainly could have committed the atrocity described in the family story. Another group of rogue Union forces was found in the adjoining county. They were known as the Buttermilk Rangers and lead by **Elias Thrasher**. The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion show many letters exchanged between Union commanders all disavowing any knowledge of **Thrasher's** shenanigans. No one seemed to know (or admit) which command he was associated with.

I was unable to find any documentation on either **Hurst** or **Thrasher** being in the area of Montezuma at the time of **Alexander McKinnon's** death. I started to put this story in the same category as the other family legends. And then I found that after the Civil War , **Alexander McKinnon's** son, **Alexander (Sandy) McKinnon, Jr**, open a jewelry store in Henderson, TN. Hummh, I wonder where he got the raw materials to make the gold and silver jewelry? Maybe this one is fact!

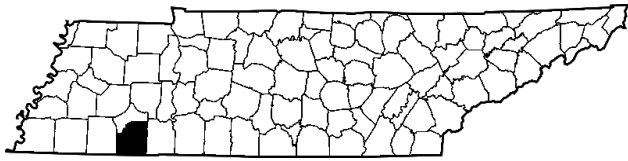
We all have colorful family stories. Researching them is just as rewarding as finding our ancestors. There is information out there and you may end up proving or disproving the story. Either way, it's part of your family history and needs to be recorded and documented.

Oh, one more tidbit, our youngest daughter now lives in a house located a couple of miles north of Montezuma. It's an old, pre-Civil War home they have restored and the previous owner says he was always pestered by treasure seekers digging on the property looking for some buried gold!



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This indenture made Feb 25, 1832 between **Abraham Booth** and **Jas. Ash** both of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$165.00, **A. Booth** sold a parcel of land containing 25 acres to **J. Ash**. The land being in McNairy Co. on the waters of the So. Fork of Forked Deer River. Survey district 3, Range 4, and Section 5. The deed was ordered to be certified for registration, March term 1832.

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On Feb 24, 1832, **Wm & Jas Bishop** sold 120 acres to **Tobias Long** for the sum of \$600.00, all parties being in McNairy Co. The land (120) acres being in 9th district, Range 4 & Section 6 on the waters of Tennessee. The deed was certified for registration March term 1832.

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On Feb 22, 1832 **Mason Bishop** sold 25 acres of land to **Tobias Long** for the sum of \$50.00. The land lying on the waters of Tennessee in the 9th district, Range 4 and Section 6. All being McNairy Co. The deed ordered certified for registration March term 1832.

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Know all men by these present that I **James Mige** sold 25 acres of land to

Wm. Murkerson for the sum of \$140.00. The land 25 acres by survey bearing the date April 16, 1827, in the 9th district on the waters of the Little Hatchie, 2nd Range and 4th Section. The deed was certified for registration March 1832 term.

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This indenture made March 12, 1832. **William Wisdom, S.D Pace** and **Maclin Cross** commissioners of the town of Purdy of the one of the other part and **Wm Hoskins** of the other part of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$150.00 one lot in the town of Purdy known & designates as lot 11, was sold to **William Hoiskins** by the commissioners. The deed was ordered to be certified for registration March 1832 term.

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Know all men by these present that I **Thompson M. Prince** of this state and county have this day nominated and appointed and by these present do nominate and appoint **Maclin Cross** my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name to transfer to **John Bartwell** a certain occupant claim of the plat and certificate lying in county in one mile of Purdy say for ninety and one half more or less as the case may be, to the said **Bartwell & I Prince** do hereby notify all my said attorney may lawfully do in my name. Given under my hand and seal this day November 28, 1829. **S. d. Pace, T. M. Prince**. County court term Dec 1831.

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The power of attorney from **T. M. Prince** to **Maclin Cross** was produced and ordered to be certified.

Indenture made Sept 7, 1831 between **Thomas Scott** of the one part & **Anderson Cox** of the other part both of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$300.00 **Thomas Scott** sold a tract of land in McNairy Co. situated on **Anderson Cox** on the Snake ?? In district 9, Range 4 & Section 5, containing 50 acres to **Anderson Cox**. In witness hereof I the said **Thomas Scott** hath hereunto set his hand and affixed is seal this Sept 7, 1831, signed, sealed & acknowledged in the presence of **Limory Landreth, & Wm T. Landreth**.

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This indenture made Dec. 29, 1831 between **Wm Wisdom, Samuel d. Pace & Maclin Cross** commissioners of the town of Purdy of the one part and Samuel N. Pryor of the other part being of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$100.00 sold to **Samuel N. Pryor** one lot known as lot #28 in the town of Purdy. In testimony we the commissioners have set our hands and

affixed our seals. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of **Wm S. Wisdom, M. Cross, and S.D Pace** McNairy County Court Dec Term 1831 the deed of conveyance for one town lot was produced in open court and was ordered to be certified for registration. **Wm. S. Wisdom** clerk

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This indenture made March 23, 1832 between **Austin Miller** of Hardeman Co., Tn of the one part and **John Brooks, Elisha S. Powell** of McNairy Co, trustees of the Methodist Church in the town of Purdy of the other part. **Austin Miller** for the sum of \$450.00 sold to the trustees for the use and benefit of the Church and their successors, a lot known as lot 71 lying north of the lot where the jail is situated and it being the same lot where the M.E. Church is now erecting a house of worship. In testimony whereof the said **Austin Miller** has set his hand and seal this day. Test **J. Gerish**. March term 1832 the deed of conveyance was ordered to be certified for registration **Wm S. Wisdom** clerk.

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Bible Record of William H. Kirkland and Philena Miller is published in the *Northeast Alabama Settlers*, Volume 47, Number 1. Both **William** and **Philena** were from Hamilton County, Tennessee. They were married 27 April 1891, by **Squire Ellis** (city not shown). The record includes a list of marriages (does not list a spouse), children's names (parents not shown) and dates of deaths.

Death Certificates of White People Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery 1908 – 1916 published in (North Alabama) *Valley Leaves*, Volume 42, Issue No. 3, Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc.

Quarterly, includes the following with a Tennessee connection: **William Earle Fears** died 30 July 1912, cause of death: "Marasmus", parents: **Wm. A.** and **Annie Fears**, both born in Tennessee; **Infant Fider** (female), died 14 June 1909, cause of death: "Stillborn", parents: **Fannie W. Fider**, born in Tennessee, and **Wm E. Fider**, born in Pennsylvania; **Chapman L. Ford**, died 9 December, 1911, cause of death: "Erysipelas", age one month, parents: **Marion Ford** (born in Tennessee) and **Sarah Ford** (born in Alabama); **Mrs. Joseph Ford**, age 48 years, died 13 February 1914, in Huntsville, Alabama, where she had lived for 12 years, cause of death: "Carcinoma of liver", marital status: Widow; **Infant Freeman** (male), died Huntsville, Alabama, 26 September 1914, cause of death: "Stillborn", parents: **James T.** and **Mai Freeman**, both born in Tennessee; **Wm. R. Friend**, died in Huntsville, Alabama 2 November 1908, duration of illness: 3 years, cause of death: "Tuberculosis of lungs," marital status:

single, parents **David H. Friend**, born in Tennessee, and **Elvira Gay Friend**, born in Alabama; **Oscar Fulgham**, died 13 January 1915 in Birmingham, Alabama, born Fayette, Tennessee, age 64 years, marital status: single; **Louis Fullington**, died 29 June 1909 in Huntsville, Alabama, cause of death "Diphtheria" and contributory cause "Heart Failure," parents **Monroe Fullington**, born Alabama, mother **Myrtle Fullington**, born Tennessee; **Ola Funston**, died 20 March 1912 in Huntsville, age 47 years, born Tennessee, occupation, housewife, resided 20 years at place of death, marital status: married, father: **George Stonebreaker**, born Tennessee; **Susie Garry**, born in Tennessee, died 3 September 1910, age 33 years, occupation: Housewife, cause of death: "Tuberculosis", both parents (not named) born in Tennessee; **Infant George** (sex not shown), died 10 January 1909, age 3 days, parents **John** and **Nannie George**, both born in Tennessee; **Margaret P. Gilbert**, born in Tennessee, died 13 May 1909 in "Just outside corporate limits of Huntsville", cause of death: "Tuberculosis," occupation: Housewife, age 63 years, marital status: Widow, parents, **William** and **Nellie Sorells**, both born in Tennessee; **Mrs. A. E. Giles**, died 4 March 1915, Huntsville, born in Tennessee, Occupation: Housewife, cause of death: "Influenza," age 76 years; **Mollie Allison Giles**, died 21 January 1910, Huntsville, born Alabama, cause of death: "Carcinoma of umbillieus", age 41 years, parents: **Samuel H. Allison**, born in Tennessee, and **Martha Allison**, born in Alabama; **Heusker (Hensker?) Glenn** died 8 December 1911 in South Huntsville, born Tennessee, occupation: Blacksmith, cause

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of death: "Organic heart trouble", age 29 years, marital status: married; **Hugh T. Glenn**, died 14 January 1912 in Nashville, Tennessee, had lived lifetime at place of death, cause of death: "Convulsions," age 10 days, parents: **H. G. Glenn**, born Tennessee, mother **Marcie Glenn**, born Alabama; **Claude Green**, died 28 March 1913, born Lewisburg, Tennessee, place died: 10 Marion St., Lowe Village, had lived there two weeks, occupation: Mill Hand, cause of death: "pulmonary tuberculosis," age 22 years, marital status: single, parents, **John Green** and **Amanda Purdun**, both born Lewisburg, Tennessee. Remarks: This party had no physician; **John W. Griffith**, died 25 July 1898, born Tennessee, died: Dallas Village; cause of death: "Cirrhosis of Liver", occupation: farmer, age 70 years, parents: **Moses** and **Annie Griffith**, both born in Tennessee.

The John Howard Bible - John Howard's Obituary states he was born in Jackson County, Tennessee, August 23, 1800; and died in Tuskegee, Alabama, February 21, 1878. He married on March 24, 1809 to **Lucinda Jennings** (born 12 August 1809), and they had twelve children: **Louisa Malinda** (1826-1859), **Elizabeth Jane** (1827), **Rebecca Polk** (1829), **Martha Elizabeth** (1832-1873), **Nancy Howard** (1834-1878), **William Moore** (1836-1863), **John Jackson** (1838-1863), **Sarah Victoria** (1840), **Mary Eugenia** (1842), **Ellen Howard** (1844), **James Madison**, and one not listed It is unknown where **John** is buried, but **Lucinda** is buried in the Tuskegee City Cemetery. **John** married briefly **Mrs. Martha Edwards** in 1853. Additional information including spouses of children published in *Tap Roots*, Volume 45. No. 4, published by the Genealogical

Society of East Alabama, Inc.

The Murder of William Riley Seaboalt, Jr. (1851-1874) and Seaboalt Origins

John Seaboalt (aka Sibolt/Sebold) was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania on August 11, 1785. He served in the Tennessee Militia during the Creek Indian War and for his service was awarded a land bounty in Henry County in Western Tennessee. He headed there from Pennsylvania Dutch country in 1808. Marriage bonds for Wilson County, Tennessee show he married **Mahaly Kelly** in 1810. He lived in Henry County between 1824 and 1836 when he moved again to Jackson Township, Carroll (later Newton) County, Arkansas. His son **William Riley Seaboalt** was born in Henry County on July 30, 1831.

William Riley Seaboalt married **Sarah Jane Rowland** in Newton County, Arkansas about 1849. Their oldest son, **William Riley Seaboalt, Jr.**, known as "**Riley**" to family members, was born about 1851. **William (Sr.)** served the Union cause during the Civil War where he was a member of the 1st Arkansas Infantry Volunteer Regiment. After the War, he was Sheriff of Newton County for one two-year term. About 1871 he moved near Edom in Van Zandt County and then in 1873 to Hill County, Texas, where he built a house on 320 acres.

After bringing in their first crops, **Riley** (the son) decided to go back to Arkansas for a visit with his relatives and friends. He had married **July Elizabeth Holt** in Newton County, Arkansas on March 3, 1867, when he was 17 and she was 14 years of age. They divorced in February 1870, when he brought suit against her for "just cause."

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Some time before reaching the Red River he met another traveler **Daniel Evans** and they rode together and entered the Indian Territory. Unknown to **Riley, Daniel** was a member of one of the most notorious outlaw gangs of the "Old West." Two years earlier he had assisted the husband of **Belle Starr** and **W. D. Wilder** in the torture and robbery of \$30,000 from old **Matt Grayson** in the Oklahoma Territory. An Indian found **Riley's** body with a bullet hole in the back of the head. His boots, horse and saddle were missing. **Evans** was given a quick trial in late December 1874 or early January 1875. A hung jury could not decide on a verdict. **Evans'** re-trial came off on May 10, 1875, just ten days after the arrival of **Judge Isaac C. Parker**, "The Hanging Judge," in Fort Smith. On September 3, he was one of six men to meet their Maker at the end of the hangman's rope.

The article titled *The Murder of William Riley Seaboalt, Jr. (1851-1874)* is contained in *Searchers & Researchers*, Ellis County, Texas, Volume XXXI, Issue 1. It was written by **William d. Gorman** and includes information on various spellings of the surname and emigrant ancestor, **Johannes Seybolt**, a Palintate (from the Bavarian area of Germany) who arrived in the Port of Philadelphia on October 21, 1754 aboard the "*Friendship*" from Rotterdam, Netherlands and his direct descendants.

Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Rufus Perry Allen, son of **Alexander Allen** and brother to **Thomas B.** and **William Riley**, was born in September 1843 in Dekalb County, Tennessee. The family moved to Texas, and by 1850 they were living in Upsur County. They arrived

in present-day Bedford, Texas in 1853. Official records in Washington show his enlistment date as February 2, 1862, at Grapevine, Texas. **Rufus** served as a Private in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, and later in the infantry of **Polignac's** Brigade. The entire brigade disbanded at Hempstead, Texas about the 1st day of May 1865.

Thomas b. Allen, brother to **Rufus** above, was born in Dekalb County, Tennessee in August 1839. He was a member of Co. F, Capt. **W. G. Welsh's** Texas Cavalry. His name appears on a regimental return for March 1865, at which time he had been detailed as a beef drover while stationed in Houston County, Texas. **Thomas** married twice, his first wife (not named) died about 1879, and his second wife (not named) died in childbirth in 1897. He died June 5, 1915 and is buried in the Smithfield Cemetery in an unmarked grave. He was survived by three sons by his first wife: **Thomas, Allen** and **James**. None of the children by his second marriage reached adulthood.

The Civil War Veterans records published in *Footprints*, Quarterly Journal, Volume 51, No. 1, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society.

Descendants of the Honorable Samuel Tanner is the sixth installment in a series of articles published in the *Limestone Legacy*, Volume 30, Number 3, by the Limestone County Historical Society, Athens, Alabama. **William Pressley Tanner**, tenth child of **Samuel** and **Margaret Elizabeth (Kitchens) Tanner**, was born January 28, 1831, in Athens, Alabama. He died February 24, 1888 in Montgomery, Alabama. He served as Mayor of Athens for ten years during the Civil War. **William "Press" Turner** married **Sophronia M. Ragsdale** on March 31, 1852 in Limestone

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County, Alabama. They were the parents of seven children and the following two had a Tennessee connect:

William Pressley Tanner, Jr. was born about 1853 in Athens, Alabama. He died before June 4, 1900 in Nashville. He married **Margaret Cantrell**, daughter of **George Clinton Cantrell** and **Ellen Catherine Jennings** on December 9, 1854 in Nashville, Tennessee. **Maggie** was born December 9, 1854 in Nashville, Tennessee and died May 22, 1949 in Los Angeles, California.

James Donnell Tanner was born June 1857 in Athens, Alabama. He died 1910 of "Pellagra", in Mannsville, Oklahoma. **James** married (1) **Susan Goodbar**, daughter of Major **Andrew J. Goodbar** and **Mary White** in Edgefield, Tennessee. **Susie** was born November 28, 1860 in Tennessee, and died February 1, 1883, in Nashville, Tennessee. She is buried in the Goodbar family cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee. **James** married (2) **Maude Kennerly**, about 1890 Gainesville, Texas.

Other children listed in the article include: **Frederick Nelson Tanner** (1855-August 26, 1885), **Lura Tanner** (Feb 8, 1859-Apr 23, 1859), **Kate Bell Tanner** (Jul 1863-Mar 12, 1912), **Margaret Tanner** (born about 1864), **Mary E. Tanner**.

The Coffman Family of North East Texas which appears in *Footprints Quarterly Journal*, Volume 51, No. 1, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, includes the following: **Lovell Coffman** was born 22 August 1800 in that portion of Eastern Tennessee which was claimed by North Carolina prior to 1790. His father, **Jacob Maryon Coffman**, was a farmer and Primitive Baptist Preacher married to

Nancy Walker of Fauquier County, Virginia. A neighbor and friend of General **Andrew Jackson**, **Jacob** served in the East Tennessee Militia in the War of 1812-14, for which he received a land grant.

On 20 November 1820, **Lovell** married **Cathryn Howard**, daughter of **Baldwin** and **Elizabeth**, who were claimed to be of Dutch descent. The family moved to Texas before or near the time that Texas declared her Independence.

Lovell and **Cathryn** were the parents of ten children. The first eight children listed below were born in Alabama: **James** (1821), **Lusiaza** (1823), **Nancy** (1825), a baby (1827) which lived only a few days, **Seabern Joseph** (1828), **Martha Jane** (1830), **William Washington** (1832), **Andrew Jackson**, (1835), **Amanda** (1837 could have been born in Tennessee, Arkansas or Texas), **Mary Francis** (1839, Texas), **Jacob Warren** (1842, Texas).

James Coffman was born in Eastern Tennessee on 14 March 1802. He married **Anne Elizabeth Robertson** in Madison County, Alabama, circa 1824, and they moved to Eastern Tennessee where they farmed and built a log home. After some years, he went to Nashville to homestead his property and found someone else had already claimed the land, so he lost his improvements, packed and moved to Texas. There were ten children born to this union: **Nancy** (1825), **Lovell** (1827), **Teressa** (1829), **James H.** (1831), **Elizabeth Jane** (not shown), **John H.** (1835), **Jacob** (1837), **Caswell** (1839), **Aletha** (1841), **Amanda** (1843), **William Jasper** (1846), and **George W.** (1850).

Another branch of **Coffmans** also moved to Northeast Texas. They are descendants of **Lovell** and **James'** uncle,

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Markham Marshall Coffman, born in 1798 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. They settled in Bowie County near New Boston.

Lovell and **James'** great-grandfather **David** was the first to spell his name with a "C". His father was **John Andreas Kauffman** of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, an early Mennonite Elder. It has been postulated that the name change occurred because of the Revolutionary War, when survival meant fighting for the cause, in violation of the Mennonite Pacifist creed.

The article includes additional information including **Lovell Coffman** Bible Record Transcription.

Obituary for Noah Kenneth Lewis is included in *Gleanings from "The Kinmundy Express"* 1908 and printed in *Footprints in Marion County, Volume 32, No. 3, published by the Marion County Genealogical & Historical Society, Salem, Illinois.*

30 January 1908: An Aged Citizen: **Noah Kenneth Lewis** was born in Jefferson, Tenn., October 15, 1834, where he resided until 18 years of age; he then removed to Indiana with his father, mother, 4 sisters and 4 brothers where they lived three years; and then they moved to Illinois and settled in Christian County. In 1864, he enlisted in the 31st Illinois Regiment as a Private; he served one year and was discharged at Louisville, Ky. He then returned to Illinois and in 1866 he married **Nancy Ritter**. To this union six children were born: **Wesley, Elizabeth, Ada, Austin, Viana, and James**. His wife and five of the children preceded him in death and he lived with a son until death.

The Founder of the Macy Family in America is **Thomas Macy** and his wife

Sarah Hopcott who came from Chilmark, England, and settled at Newberry, Massachusetts about the year 1631.

Thomas died April 19, 1682, aged 74, and his wife **Sarah (Hopcott) Macy** died in 1706. They had descendants that lived in Lost Creek, Tennessee.

William Macy born at Guilford County, North Carolina, October 4, 1786, married **Hannah Hinshaw** at Lost Creek, March 1, 1809. The family removed to Indiana in 1820, living near Economy.

Jonathan Macy born at Guilford County, North Carolina, May 6, 1791. He married **Hannah Pierce** at Lost Creek in 1809. There were eight children: **Eunice (Macy) Jones, Ezra, Henry, David, Mary (Macy) Luellan, Isaac, Jethro** and **Aaron**. **William's** second wife was **Anna Rogers**.

Ann Macy born at Guilford County, North Carolina, September 15, 1793, died at Wayne County, Indiana, 1842. She married **Isaac Wills**, son of **Jesse** and **Sarah (Copeland) Wills** at Lost Creek. Their children were: **David, Kachel (Willis) Thornburgh, Lydia Willis Beeson, Henry, John, Jonathan, Hannah, Harvey, Cynthia Ellen, and Lindsay**. Most of the children lived at Perry, Iowa.

Isaac Macy born at Lost Creek, April 2, 1803, died at Wayne County, Indiana, February 16, 1847.

John Macy born at Lost Creek, July 3, 1806. He married **Alice Mills**. The family moved to Illinois and later to Oregon where **John** died.

Lydia Macy born at Lost Creek, November 5, 1808, died May 2, 1875, at Perry, Iowa. She married **Lewis Thornburgh**.

The article *Various Families and Individuals with Guilford Connections* is in

The Guilford Genealogist, Quarterly Journal of the Guilford County Genealogical Society, Greensboro, North Carolina, Volume 35, Issue No. 120. The article also contains information that **Thomas** was a merchant, a planter and held positions of honor in the settlement, his involvement in the founding of Salisbury, and he and nine others bought Nantucket Island.

The following are excerpts from articles printed in *Tri-County Genealogy*, Volume 23, No. 2, Marvell, Arkansas:

Abstracts of Wills, Will Book C, Monroe County, Arkansas

Will of **Caleb Baker Jones** – Date of Will: 11 Apr 1895, Date Proved: 23 Apr 1895 Shelby County, Tenn., Residence: Shelby County, Tenn., Recorded: Book C, p186, Witnesses: **John b. Hays, W. C. Stiule (?)**, Executors: **John Walker Jones, Caleb Baker Jones, Jr., Thomas Bars Jones**

Will of **George Frick** – Date of Will: 29 May 1898, Date proved: 19 July 1898, Residence: Brinkley, Recorded: Will Book C, p198-199, Witnesses: **O. M. Norman, D.. W. Grothe**, Sister: **Caroline Cloth**, now a resident of Memphis, all worldly estate & to be executrix.

Golden Wedding Anniversary was celebrated by a wide circle of friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. **Jefferies** of Clarendon, Arkansas, on November 6, 1926.

William Ladson Jefferies, son of **Samuel Smith Jefferies** and **Mary Jane Carruth Jefferies**, was born in Marshall County, Mississippi, and spent the early part of his life in Holly Springs. **Mary Virginia Vaughan**, daughter of **A. J.** and **Martha Hardaway Vaughan**, a native of Mississippi, spent her girlhood in Memphis and was one of the belles of that time.

The wedding of Mr. & Mrs. **Jefferies** was one of the social events of the season, uniting, as it did, two of the south's oldest and most prominent families.

The children who joined the happy couple on their golden wedding day were: **W. L. Jefferies, Jr.**, Richmond, Virginia; **Mrs. J. R. Hobart**, Homestead, Florida.; **Mrs. Estes W. Mann**, Memphis; **S. S. Jefferies**; and Misses **Lucile** and **Eleanor Jefferies** of Clarendon.



compiled by Wanda James

Published in the *Yalobusha Pioneer*, Volume 33, Number 1 is a history of Jeff Davis School 1920-1958. Interviews of former students are interspersed with photos from the annuals. **Elizabeth Hardy Camp**: "When we moved back to Water Valley from Memphis in and around 1927. . . ." **Oyer Olline Cofer Brower**: "I left home and went to work for Sears in Memphis for \$15.00 a week. I got laid off and came back home when Pearl Harbor was bombed I took a government test and as a result was hired (at) the depot there in Memphis. This was in 1942."

The Book and Media Review in *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume 34, Number 1 includes *Our Wilson Family: Being some of the Descendants of William and Ann (Mackey) Wilson*, by **Duane W. Wilson**. The paternal ancestry of the author has a number of descendants who lived in . . . TN . . . Related maternal lines are given (**Burkhead, Epps, Gaddy, Hughes, James, Muse, Olinger, Overby, Stovall, Terry.**)

John Marr Hardeman, 1936 Centennial Grave Marker, Location: 300 block North

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Couch St., Italy, (TX) A soldier in the arm of Texas 1836. Born in Tennessee February 2, 1804, died October 15, 1891. His wife **Mary Hardeman** born in Tennessee February 12, 1812. This memorial is recorded in *Ellis County History and Records, Ellis County, Texas*, Volume 31, Number 2

Several Veterans are found in *Footprints*, Fort Worth Genealogical Society, Volume 51, Number 2.

William Riley Allen is a Civil War Veteran of Northeast Tarrant County, Texas. He is the son of **Alexander Allen** and a brother of **Rufus Perry Allen** and **Thomas b. Allen**. **William Riley Allen** was born in Dekalb County, Tennessee on February 16, 1854. About 1844 **Alexander Allen** moved his family to Texas, and by 1850 they were living in Upshur County, Texas. They arrived in present-day Bedford, Texas in 1853. **Riley Allen** was a private in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry after enlisting on October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves for twelve months, and there follows information on his military duties and assignments. **Allen** married **Mary Elizabeth “Molly” Sansom** of Bedford on September 17, 1865. More information is included about her family and the land on which she and her husband settled **Riley Allen** died near Bedford on June 9, 1884 and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery.

George W. Ash, a Confederate Veteran, lived near present-day Euless. He was born in Tennessee on October 1, 1836 and arrived in Tarrant Co., Texas by 1860. About 1861 **Ash** married **Margaret J. Crowley**, daughter of **Isham Crowley**. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, and her headstone reads – born

March 17, 1843 – died January 23, 1899. **George** died May 19, 1902 and is also buried at Oakwood Cemetery. **George Ash** served in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, CSA after enlisting June 30, 1862 at Ft. McCulloch. More military and land, information is given. On the 1900 Tarrant County, Texas census **Ash** states that he did not know where his father was born, but his mother was born in TN. On the 1880 Tarrant County, Texas census three children are listed: **Hyrum M. Ash** (b c1863), **Balsora A. Ash** (b c1873), **Ira A. Ash** (b c1875).

James A. Autrey was born August 1, 1828 in Richland County, South Carolina, a son of **Philip** and **Elizabeth Autrey**. By 1840 the family was in Abbeville County, South Carolina, then Walker County, Georgia by 1850. **James** married **Christianity “Christy” Walker** in the late 1840s. He enlisted in the CSA in the fall of 1861 at Knoxville, Tennessee as a member of **Barry’s** Battery of Tennessee Confederate Artillery and was discharged with a disability in 1864. His brother, **Rayford Autrey**, attested to **James’** service, but a pension was denied In 1870 **James’** family moved to Ellis County, Texas, then on to the Smithfield Community in Tarrant County, Texas. They were both alive on the 1910 Tarrant County, Texas census. **Christy’s** and **James’** children include **William A., Elizabeth J., Esther L., John Nathan, McDuffie N.B “Mack”, James Sterling, George Marion E., Marshall L.** and **Sarah C. Autrey**, and at least three others (names unknown.)

Rayford E. Autrey is a younger brother of **James A. Autrey** (previous entry.)

Rayford first served in the Confederate Army – volunteering in **Barry’s** Tennessee

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Light Artillery Co. He volunteered July 1, 1862 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Some records say that on that date he transferred to 2nd Co., I, **Barry's Co.**, TN Light Artillery (Lookout Artillery) from Co. H. of the 26th TN Infantry. He married **Mary Elizabeth Garrett**, daughter of **Benjamin Franklin Garrett** of Walker County, Georgia. She was born November 11, 1852 and died February 20, 1918. **Rayford** was born April 4, 1842 in Abbeville County, South Carolina and died of senility on November 17, 1922 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Both are buried at Smithfield Cemetery. Their issue are **Cecilia Ida (Seelie) Hukill**, **Sarah E. (Sallie) Scott**, **Martha V.J. (Mattie) Cowart Hedges Perry**, **William Lee Autrey**, **Melissa Alice West**, **Virgil Clark Autrey**, **Robert Alexander (Bob) Autrey**, **Cora Bell Shaw**, **James Gilbert (Doc) Autrey**, **Thomas Floyd Autrey**, **Cecil Elbert Autrey**, **Guy Buckner Autrey**, **John Willis Autrey**, and one other child. More military information is conveyed along with migratory and settlement details. **Rayford's** obituary gives other family data.

Daniel Barcroft, a Peters Colonist, arrived in Tarrant County, Texas from Missouri in late 1840s. He was born September 19, 1812 in Tennessee. He married c1832 **Mary Ann Allen**, daughter of **Parmelia Allen** who was born c1818 in Tennessee. The 1850 Tarrant County, Texas census shows five children in the house of **Daniel** and **Mary Ann**, the oldest born in Missouri and the youngest born in Texas: **William G.** (b ca.1836), **Charles E.** (b ca.1838), **Elizabeth A.** (b c 1843), **Parmelia M.** (b ca 1844), **Gabriel L.** (b ca.1846) and **Abigail** (b c1849). Further military, land, family and church information is given. **Daniel** died

August 4, 1881. His wife preceded him by a few years.

Charles E. Barcroft, son of **Daniel** and **Mary Ann (Allen) Barcroft** (previous entry), was born c1838 in Cole County, Missouri. He arrived in the Mount Gilead Baptist Church neighborhood (northeast of Keller) with his father's family about 1846. **Charles** served in Co. K, 7th Texas Cavalry with enlistment October 26, 1861. Muster rolls and equipment are given, but no other information is available.

The next five entries are from *Texarkana USA Journal*, Volume 5, Number 1.

From the *Texarkanian* August 17, 1898: **Mr. Gus Henry** is back from Pulaski, Tennessee.

Jacob G. Bickly, one of the founders of Texarkana, was born in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana on December 8, 1860, the son of **Jacob J. Bickly** and **Catherine C.R. Hooker**, the latter of Tennessee. **Catherine** passed away in Miller County, Arkansas on February 19, 1880 at the age of forty-eight. Children: **Jacob** and his older sister, **Mittie** (wife of Judge **Thomas Orr**) were the only two living in 1880. A son **Samuel C.** died in Louisiana at age 9, **Joseph R.** died during the Civil War and **Matthew** died at eleven years. Young **Jacob** married **Miss Remica Kirby** of Bowie County, Texas and they had one son **Edgar**. Church and political affiliation and more information about **Jacob's** father and **Jacob's** life are included.

Judge **L. A. Byrne**, native of Texas and a founder of Texarkana, was born in Lewisville, Arkansas on April 12, 1852. He was the son of **Alexander** and **Frances (Price) Byrne**, both natives of middle Tennessee who emigrated to Arkansas in

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1844. **L.A. Byrne** died in 1882, but his mother was still living, and of her nine children, only one other, **Cassius L. Byrne** of Seattle, Washington was living in 1882. Much more of the Judge's legal profession is detailed

William T. Ferguson, a founder of Texarkana and leading citizen of Miller County, Arkansas, was born May 13, 1847 in Bowie County, Texas. He was the son of **Joseph and Margaret (Johnson) Ferguson**. They were married in Miller County (then Lafayette,) Arkansas. **Margaret** came from Tennessee to the area with her parents. Six of the **Ferguson** children of **Joseph and Margaret** were living in 1889 when **Joseph** died at the age of seventy-seven. **Margaret** died in 1874 at forty-five years of age. Their children are: **Martha A., Joseph G., Hannah C., Peter R., Lewis E.**, and the **William** of this article. More information on the children's spouses, children's businesses and some military details are included in the article. On June 22, 1866 **William T. Ferguson** married **Eliza Ingram** of Ouachita, Arkansas. They had been married twelve years when she died leaving five children: **Margaret Ida, Susan M., Mary Eliza, William J.**, and **John d.** A year later **William** married her sister **Mary** and they had one child who died in infancy. She passed away four years after her marriage. **William Ferguson III** married December 10, 1884 **Sarah E. Bartlett** of Miller County, Arkansas.

James Goodwin married September 24, 1864 **Louisa Mays**, daughter of **R.F. Mays**. She was born near Clarksville, Tennessee January 7, 1847. She and **James Goodwin** have one son, **Joseph W. Goodwin**. More details on **James Goodwin's** siblings,

business partner, his military career and his father's life are given.

Pioneer Trails (The Birmingham Genealogical Society, Inc.), Volume 50, Number 2 contains a query that may be of interest to Tennessee researchers: **Charles Jones** from the Wales/England border was born late 1850s and moved to the United States between 1860-1885. He and five brothers were brick/stonemasons working in KS, PA, TN, settling in Birmingham. The brothers are **Edward, Eli Henry, Samuel, Jackson, and James**. Sisters **Harriet** and **Alice** were left in Great Britain. Steve Marshall, plutomanuk@topenworld.com

The Prospector Clark County, Nevada Genealogical Society, Volume 28, Number 3 has two queries with related Tennessee connections: Looking for birth parents and siblings of **Cora Jean Smith** (adopted name) who was adopted as an infant, b. October 21, 1934 in Tennessee. Adoptive parents are **Earnest Smith** b. 30 Sep 1895 in Tennessee d. July 17, 1978 in Memphis, Tennessee. He married December 26, 1931 **Hattie Julia Gaskins** b. April 9, 1899 in Lake City, South Carolina d. May 1961 in Hamburg, Arkansas. *Linda d. Turney*, 1708 Cheddar St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89117-1290, 702-341-6891, Jtcheddar@aol.com.

Also from *Linda Turney*: Seeking data on **Earnest Smith, Jr. b. ca. 1920 – d. in his twenties in car accident**. He was a guitar entertainer in Nashville, Tennessee. Mother is unknown. Father is **Earnest Smith** b. September 30, 1895 in Tennessee (see above query)



NEWS FROM THE MEMPHIS EVENING HERALD
(continued from Vol. 55 #2)
Abstracted from microfilm



by Jean Belser

Wednesday Evening, January 23, 1878

Herald Notes:

Mary Winfield has filed in the Chancery Court, a petition for divorce from her husband, **Henry Winfield**. The parties were married in Fayette County on the 7th of January, 1870.

Miss **Emma Essig**, one of our city belles left yesterday on a brief visit to friends in New Orleans.

Miss **Clara Weber** takes her departure this morning for Kansas. Her many friends will regret her leaving, but we wish her a bon voyage and a speedy return.

Mr. **Thos. H. Allen** leaves our city to-day, on a short business trip to New Orleans.

We are pleased to notice among the visitors at our beautiful Cotton Exchange rooms, the names of Miss **Phelan**, of this city, Miss **O'Neal** and Miss **Rassman**, of Florence, Ala. Also Mr. **L. L. Prince**, of St. Louis, and **P. Dunn** of Forrest City, Ark.

Personals:

Mr. **E. H. Cooper**, a former Memphian, but now with Messrs. **Morris, Cox and Co.**, pork packers, St. Louis, is in our city on business, and will remain only two or three days.

Mr. **Chas. Dougherty**, for many years connected with the jewelry house of **J. S. Wilkins**, was yesterday united in marriage to one of Chelsea's fairest daughters, Miss **Lizzie Foley**. The ceremony was performed at St. Bridget's Church at 5 p.m. The Herald joins good wishes with their many friends



for "a long life and happiness."

We are pleased to notice the increase of visitors at our Cotton Exchange rooms. Today's list shows: Mr. **W. J. Phillips**, Chulahoma, Miss.; Mr. **J. d. Steep**, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mr. **A. G. Ragland**, Stanton, Tenn.; Mr. **R. W. Jack**, Coldwater, Miss.; Mr. **R. W. Ferguson**, Troy, N.Y.; Mr. **Fred Maay**, Richmond, Ind.; Mr. **N. D. Edwards**, Valpariso, Ind.; Mr. **Ed S. McKee**, Richmond, Ind.; Mr. **b. V. Hubbard**, Mooresville, Ind.

Hotel Arrivals - Peabody Hotel - C. R. Galloway, Manager:

A. Ellis, Helena, Ark.; **Jas. Y. Tate**, **George W. Lee**, Texas; **George W. Hughes**, Cincinnati; **M. W. Rosenthal**, N.Y.; **M. Wendell**, Chicago; **C. Wheeler**, Milwaukee;

W. F. Keenan, Phila.; **W. E. Futrell**, Miss.; **E. H. Dibbs**, St. Louis; **A. T. Estel**, N.O.; **Harry Keightly**, Louisville; **H. G. Gordon**, Pulaski; **Wm. Crump**, Jno. Calhoun, **H. Falcon**, **Wm. Roberts**, **W. H. Holland**, Holly Springs; **R. W. McCoy**, Chicago; **M. P. Illing**, **J. Inches**, N.Y.; **W. H. O'Neal**, Pittsburgh; **E. b. Maynard**, Springfield, Mass.; **S. Hill**, Trenton, La.; **L. B. Coop**,

Crockett Co. Texas; **W. J. Phillips**, T. P. Hill, N. Pritchard, H. Perkins, Miss.; **J. N. Orr**, Plymouth; **L. Randles**, D. W. Brenneman, Rochester; **E. H. Burdsy**, N. E. Black, A. J. Peed, New Castle, Ind.; **J. E. Freestone**, R. W. Fancher, David Turner, Y. Hubbard, Ed S. McKee, Malvo R. Smith, S. Stalcup, Ed Everligh, T. Alford, John H. Higgs, C. Simpson, A. Reday, Chas E. Amsden, Jno. Hoop, Fred Houg, F. B. Thomas, W. H. O'Brine, J. W. Week, N. W. Holaman, J. Darnell, A. C. Copeland, James Mc-D Hays, Miss Annie Bence, R. W. Bowmn, N. D. Edmonds, E. C. Field, Wm. Kimbell, W. E. McClaine, C. W. Ainsworth, James W. Tebbs, Indiana; **George W. McRae**, Ill.; **T. Walston**, Florence, Ala.; **H. D. Shriver**, Baltimore, Md.; **F. C. Stalk**, N.Y.; **J. H. M. Morris**, Louisville; **W. Canevan**, N.Y.; **H. D. Glass**, Miss.; **W. H. Rogers**, Ark.; **N. C. Tichenor**, B. Goodrich, Little Rock; **N. E. Sholes**, Tenn.; **Wm. H. Remain**, N.Y.; **Jno. Ankerbreak**, Cincinnati.

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J. W. Fitzpatrick, Bowling Green, Kentucky; **L. DeHaleat**, Friars Point, Miss.; **William Wheeler**, Jackson, Miss.; **Chas Collins**, Jackson, Tenn.; **T. J. Gibson**, Newcastle, Tenn.; **R. W. Gibson**, Whiteville, Tenn.; **T. C. Harvey**, L&N RR; **S. W. Shrum**, Cleveland, Ohio; **Geo. b. Fleece**, County; **Robert Caldwell**, L&N RR; **Jas. S. Smallwood**, So. Ex. Co.; **F. P. Turner**, Miss.; **S. M. Warwick**, Kansas City; **T. Hicks**, Ark.; **G. J. Pegler**, St. Louis; **L. W. Gilbert**, Horn Lake, **Wm. McDonald**, Ark.; **Tom Holeman**, County; **Jno. b. Howard**, Holly Springs, Miss.; **W. Goodlett** and lady, Louisville; **T. M. Brooks**, Little Rock; **T. E. Adams**, Capleville, Tenn.; **D. A. Ramsey**, M&C RR; **Ed Sayers**, County, **A. H. Balfour**, Nashville; **Chas. Lord**, Tenn.; Prof. R.

Wallace, Brownsville; **S. A. Taylor**, Somerville.

Saturday Evening, January 26, 1878

Visitors at the Cotton Exchange rooms this morning were: Mr. **J. M. Paromell** and Mr. **W. R. Allen** of St. Louis; Mr. **A. Rafalsky**, Grenada, Miss; Mr. **Ed F. Sisson**, Chattanooga and **S. S. Savage**, Ashland, Ky.

Mrs. Dr. **Cutter** has kindly consented to deliver a free lecture at the Navy Yard Mission, 98 Promenade Street, on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, subject: "Anatomy and Physiology of the Human Body," illustrated by a life size manikin. Ladies interested are cordially invited.

Yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, thieves effected an entrance into the residence of Mr. **S. M. Jobe**, on Court Street extended, and stole a large amount of silverware. Mr. **Jobe** and his family are absent from the city and two young gentlemen sleep in the house at night. The silverware is all marked S.M.J.

Miss **Maggie E. Daly**, who has been visiting friends in Cincinnati, returned to our city yesterday and will be warmly welcomed by her large circle of acquaintances.

Monday, January 29, 1878

Yesterday, the jury in the case of **Cull Henson**, lately tried for counterfeiting, were discharged by Judge **Trigg**. They could not agree to a verdict.

Chief **Athy**, yesterday afternoon, sent officer **Wm. Harman** to Arkansas City, who will bring back to justice, **Dick Owens** and **Sam Raines** who are wanted in this city for stealing some logs from Williams & Co's saw mill on Wolf river.

At Forest City, Arkansas, on last Sunday, Rev. **Rabbi Samfield** united in marriage

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Mr. **A. Becker** and Miss **Fannie Lewis**. The bride was a former resident of Memphis.

We regret to learn that Mr. **Pat Burns** a popular officer in the sanitary police is lying dangerously ill at his residence in north Memphis.

Mr. **Shields Daltroff** of the firm of L&N Block & Co., Whitesburg, Ark., is in the city, enroute home from a visit to New Orleans.

Mr. **Joseph Specht, Jr.**, who received a broken leg from a fall on the slippery sidewalk during the early part of this month, is able to be on the street with assistance of crutches.

Wednesday Evening, January 30, 1878

Herald Notes:

Willis Radford, the colored Councilman, from the Tenth Ward, gave as his reason, yesterday, for changing his vote from Dr. **Goodyear** to Mr. **Kartrecht**, that Mr. **Kartrecht** was a Republican and so was the Councilman.

Among the many names that are mentioned for the position of County Court Clerk, that will be filled at the August election, is that of **R. J. Black**, Esq., the obliging Deputy Clerk, and Master of the Chancery Court.

A musical entertainment will be given at the residence of Mrs. **James Flaherty**, 228 Union Street, on Friday evening, February 1st, at eight o'clock, by the Ladies Aid Society of the Central Methodist Church. Admission: fifty cents.

A telegram received yesterday afternoon from Washington City, stated that Captain **Alf G. Tucker** had or would receive appointment of United States Marshal for the District.

Col. **M. P. Jarnigan** is setting as special Chancellor, hearing the case of **Dinsmore vs. Boyd**, to settle priorities as to funds in court, arising from the sale of **Vollentine Weaver's** property.

Mr. **Jno. S. Toof**, Secretary of the Cotton Exchange, has received a communication from Mr. **T. L. Durant**, Assistant general district and passenger agent of the Memphis and Charleston railroad, that his road will issue excursion tickets for Mardis Gras from all stations from the 2nd to the 5th of March enclusive, good to return until the 10th of March.

Mrs. Dr. **Cutter's** class in Electricity will meet every day this week at 11 o'clock at room No. 8, Waldron Block, 450 Main Street.

Personal:

A telegram received this afternoon by Mr. **W. A. McCloy**, brought the intelligence of the death of his sister **Irene**, which sad event occurred last evening near Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. **Pat Burns**, the well known sanitary officer, died last night at his residence in north Memphis. Mr. **Burns** was an old resident of Memphis, and his death will be generally regretted by a large circle of acquaintances.

Visitors at the Cotton Exchange today were: Sir **Peter Coats**, Scotland; Capt. **H. H. Brown**, Battle Creek, Mich.; **J. C. Thompson**, Brownsville, Tenn.; Major **J. R. Stevens**, Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. **H. R. Hobson** has removed his office, to Dr. **S. A. Pool's** corner of Beal and Mulberry streets.

Thursday Evening, January 31, 1878

Herald Notes:

A. R. Reid, of Jackson, Tennessee, has filed

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his petition in bankruptcy.

IMPORTANT ARREST: **Calvin Houston**, who robbed Mr. **Hughes** near Sommerville, Tenn., in custody. (This was a long article.) Names mentioned: **Calvin Houston**, **Solomons Mill**, Chief **Athy**, Policemen **Huber** and **McGrath**, **James Whitley**, **Willis Bishop**, **Pricilla Bishop**, **R. D. Wallace**, Messrs. **T. L. Dickinson**, and **I.**

W. Gasser, Paine City, Marshall **W. A. Gillim**.

Visitors at the Cotton Exchange today were: Mr. **J. W. A. Jones**, Macon Depot; **W. T. Chapman**, Randolph; **A. J. Janin**, New Orleans.

Tech Tips

By Jimmie Willis

Flash Drives, Thumb Drives: These drives are becoming very popular because of two basic reasons. First the floppy drives are no longer standard on new computers and second the quantity of data that can be saved. It is a great device to keep your working documentation and it's very portable to carry in your purse or pocket. You should always keep backup copies on your computer in case the drive is lost or damaged. It's handy to carry your data with you as you do your research for quick reference and updating. You can usually purchase a 2 Gigabyte drive for less than \$20.00 and is the recommended size.



CD/DVD: These are great for archiving your genealogical data. They are available in several varieties as shown below:

Standard CDs store up to 700 Megabytes

+R and -R (Write once, Read many)

R/W (Write and Re-write) but is more expensive than +R or -R

DVDs store up to 4.7 Gigabytes

+R and -R (Write once, Read many)

R/W (Write and Re-write) but is more expensive than +R or -R

Family Tree Maker: Family Tree Maker 2009 has been released. I will obtain a copy and evaluate it and give you my opinion. Hopefully it will be better than FTM 2008.

By Beverly Crawford

New Tennessee database on Ancestry.com: Ancestry.com recently added a new database, *Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*. Entries may be searched by the names of either member of the couple as well as by county and year. The number of available records varies by county. For example, the database contains few records for Davidson County after 1864, but is much more complete for some other counties. Ancestry.com is an online subscription genealogy database that is available in many community libraries.



The Goff Family



Data in this article was reproduced from information submitted by the Goff family and has not been proven by TNGS. The following information was donated to the Tennessee Genealogical Society by Margaret (Inabinet) Erickson along with all of her genealogical papers.

Announcement in the Memphis, Tennessee newspaper (handwritten date was 14 July, 1909. I believe the date should have been July 12th because a perpetual calendar shows the Sunday prior to 14 July, 1909 to be 11 July 1909.)

Eloped in Auto to Get Married– Sped to Hernando to wed – Young lady was on way to teach Sunday School – Runaway affair was carried out with great velocity and accuracy – Parents as Witnesses – Consternation in the Church.

Pretty Miss **Harrel b. Sandling** was on her way to LaBelle Baptist Church early yesterday morning to take charge of her class in the Sunday School. She was accompanied by her younger sister and her cousin, a young man, **A. Boone**. As they turned off Laclede Avenue onto Wellington Street, they saw a large automobile approaching, in which was seated a young man, a chauffeur being in charge of the machine. "I am going to get into that automobile," declared Miss **Harrell**. Her sister and cousin of course thought she was joking. But it was no joke. The automobile slackened speed and drew up to the curb. The door flew open, the young lady leaped into a seat beside the young man, speed was turned on, and the next instant the automobile was disappearing around the nearest street corner in a cloud of dust.

The sister and cousin made an effort to run after the auto, but they were soon distanced, and then they paused to realize that they had been witnesses to one of the best planned and



James Kennerly H. Inabinet (b 1882-d 1936)
Richard Kennerly Stowers (b 1930)

executed of modern automobile elopements. The young man in the auto was **Earl Goff**, son of **George E. Goff**, a well known contractor living on the Hernando Road near Kirkland Avenue. He had long been known as the devoted admirer of the young lady, and his attentions had been so pronounced that those who knew the families were not surprised when they heard of the exciting episode of the automobile match.

More excitement ensued but the excitement and interest of the affair did not end with the escape of the young couple. The sister who had witnessed the flight, Miss **Lenore Sandling**, hurried to the church, where Miss **Harrell's** Sunday school waited for her in vain, and broke the news that her sister had been carried away. This caused consternation among the Sunday school people, young and old, and the pastor expressed the liveliest interest and sympathy in the affair on behalf of the young lady, who was esteemed as one of the most valuable and talented workers in the church and among the young people of

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the congregation.

Miss **Lenore** did not stop at the church, but hurried to her home, 378 Laclede Avenue. Her father **Edward Sandling** was absent, having gone out to Binghamton to hold special services in a missionary church of the Baptist denomination out there, in which he had taken a deep interest. He was telephoned for and hurried home. He got busy with the telephone and called up many of the ministers of the city with whom he had acquaintance, asking them not to marry the couple. He had, some two weeks previously, gone to the courthouse and instructed the marriage license clerk not to issue license for the marriage of his daughter and **Earl Goff**.

All Obstacles Overcome. With such obstacles thrown in the way by the bride's father, it appeared that the Lochinvar of the auto and his fiancé would have much trouble in getting the knot tied. But those obstacles never touched them. Their plans were so well laid that they were superior to any trifling obstacles that might be interposed here in Memphis. The auto sped over well paved streets till it came to the **Goff** residence on the Hernando road, where Mr. & Mrs. **Goff, Sr.**, who were apprised of all the arrangements, leaped into the machine and again the flight was taken up, this time southward over the Hernando Road. On rattled the auto, clipping off the miles almost in minutes, the wedding party enjoyed every moment of the swift ride in the bracing morning air. Hernando, Mississippi was reached. The Methodist minister, **Rev. W. C. Wendel**, was all ready to perform the ceremony, for the arrangements had been made in advance, and without loss of time the matrimonial knot was tied as tight as bell and book could do it, the principal witnesses being the father and mother of the bridegroom, who heartily and lovingly embraced



Four Generations

George Edward Goff
(1859-1937)

Ella Byrd (Goff) Inabinet
(b1889)

Adria Byrd (Inabinet)
Stowers (b 1909)

Richard Kennerly
Stowers (b1930)

Of Memphis, TN

their new and charming daughter when it was all over. Then into the auto again, and the return to Memphis was made. Hernando is distant some twenty miles from this city, and much of the road runs over hills precipitous and rough. The young lady entered the car at the time in the morning when the Sunday schools usually open, and by 2 o'clock in the afternoon they had made the trip to Hernando, were married and were back in Memphis, ready for a fine wedding dinner at the **Goff** home, after which the parties prepared to break the news to the parents of the bride with the hope that they would accept the situation gracefully and extend their forgiveness and congratulations to their daughter.

Mother was Prostrated Mrs. **Sandling**, mother of the bride, has been in poor health of late, and when she heard of the flight of her daughter she was so overcome that medical aid had to be summoned.

Edward Sandling, father of the bride, is a wood carver of unusual talent, whose services are in great demand in the factories of south Memphis. The family occupy a pleasant cottage on Laclede Avenue. Mr. **Sandling** is a member of the Baptist persuasion, and is a leader in church work in his part of the city.

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Her daughter Miss **Harrell**, aged 19, has been brought up in the Baptist faith, and is also a diligent and consecrated church worker. She is highly esteemed in that part of the city for her piety as well as for her beauty.

Conscientiously she has tried to obey her parents, as enjoined by the Scriptures, but if in this matter of her elopement and marriage with **Earl Goff** she disobeyed her father's behest, it is only another illustration of the irresistible power of love.

Earl Goff is spoken of by those who know him as a young man of good habits, and an excellent business capacity, and with fine prospects in life. He is 23 years of age. But he is not a communicant of any church, and for that reason the father of Miss **Harrell** objected to him as a suitor for the young lady's hand. Several weeks ago he charged her directly not to continue her intimacy with him. She tried to obey. But the young man was ardent and would not be denied. At a church lawn party two weeks ago the young people met. They conversed for only a few minutes, but that was enough for them to lay the plans for their elopement. One or two notes passed between them subsequently, and the young lady was prepared to meet the automobile when she started for Sunday school yesterday morning. The smoothness with which the arrangements were carried out was due to the planning of the young man.

Mr. **Sandling** was not without suspicion that something was brewing between the young people, and recently he made an effort to prevent the issuance of a marriage license for their wedding here in Memphis. The arrangements for the automobile, with a skilled chauffeur in charge, were made on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. **Earl Goff** will take up their residence with the young man's aunt, Mrs. **Inabinet**, on the Hernando Road, where all preparations were made for the reception of the young couple. (Note:

This was in error, it should have read: with the young man's sister, Mrs. **J. H. Kennerly Inabinet**, nee **Ella Byrd Goff**. Ed.)

All to be Forgiven. Last evening there were strong indications that forgiveness and reconciliation on the part of the bride's parents would soon bring this automobile idyll to a happy conclusion. Early in the evening the bridegroom and bride then at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Goff**, telephoned over to the **Sandling** home to announce that the wedding had been performed and to ascertain how this piece of news would be taken by the girl's parents. The result was that the bride and bridegroom were invited to go over to the **Sandling** home. Once there the curtain fell on the little family disturbance, with the presumption strong that all would end well.

The marriage ceremony performed at Hernando was as simple and hasty as it could be, consistent with propriety. The Methodist Minister, Mr. **Wendel**, had been apprised of the affair on the preceding day and knew what was coming. When therefore, the automobile drew up before the parsonage soon after he had returned from the morning service, he knew what was expected of him. He went out on the road, and there, with the wedding party retaining their seats in the auto, he spoke the words that made the couple man and wife, the license having been procured in due form the previous day. As soon as the last words were spoken the auto was wheeled about and the trip back to Memphis began. It was a merry party on the way back, somewhat in contrast with the anxiety that pervaded the group on the outward journey. On the way to Hernando there was continual fear that something would happen in the shape of pursuing parent in an airship, maybe, that would prevent the wedding, and many a glance was cast on the road back to Memphis to see if pursuers were on the road. But after the ceremony was

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performed all anxiety was at an end The bride was dressed in most becoming gown of pure white, with a large, elaborately trimmed hat.

Notes Re Above News Item: Labelle Baptist Church was located at the corner of Edith Avenue and Welling Street, rebuilt here ca. 1920 by **George Edward Goff**, father of the above **Earl Goff**. ca. 1952, the church was sold to a negro church group and then removed to a new location at Neely and Raines Roads in Whitehaven, Tennessee where it remains today. Miss **Lenore Sandling** graduated from Normal State Teachers College (now Memphis State University). She taught Physical Education at South Side High School, Memphis, Tennessee until ca.1935 when she retired because of her health. Under physician's care at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota until her death in 1941. She is buried in Memphis Memorial Park.

The Goff Family Tree

First Generation

Aurelius Littleton Goff b.19 March, 1821 at Chesterfield County, Virginia d. 19 July, 1899 at Whitehaven, Shelby County, Tennessee. Buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. m. **Martha (Minor) Daniel** b, 1828 in Kentucky d. 21 Nov. 1876 in Whitehaven, Shelby County, Tennessee. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

Children:

- **Sarah Goff** b. 1851 d. 25 Dec. 1855
- **William T. Goff** b. 1855 d.1855
- **George Edward Goff**
- **Mattie Lee Goff** b. 1861 d. 17 Feb 1865
- **Bertie b. (Nannie) Goff** b. 1862 d, 23 Aug. 1879
- **J. E. Goff (Eugene or Eugenia)** b. 20 Jun. 1867 d. 20 Dec.1867



George E Goff & Emily Howells Pollard
Taken in Memphis, TN 1882

- *Unnamed*
- **Lucy Minor Goff** b. 19 Feb 1869 in Tennessee d. Oct. 1923 m. **Edward Cummings Strait** of Batesville, Mississippi.
- **Bertie b. Goff** died of Yellow Fever. All of the first five children who died are buried at Elm Hill Cemetery.
- **Aurelius Littleton Goff** was in the Civil War . The Tennessee State Library & Archives stated that he was a First Sgt., Co. L, 154 Senior Regiment, Tennessee Infantry in Capt.. **A. Cole's** Company, General **N. Bedford Forrest's** Command Reason for discharge as "overage". He had signed up for one year on March, 1862 and was mustered out on 6 May 1863 at the age of 42 years.
He was a contractor, having built many large buildings, churches and homes in both Memphis and Whitehaven, Tennessee. He was a Deacon in the Baptist Church and a Choir Director.

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Also, it was told that he had been a music and violin teacher in Memphis. He was also a Justice of the Peace at Whitehaven.

- **Martha (Minor) Daniel Goff** died in 1876 so it was impossible to learn much about her. The Old Central Baptist Church (of which she was a member) had been destroyed by fire, and all records were burned. She must have been a religious, wonderful mother, for my grandfather, **George Edward Goff**, was a very good and loving man.

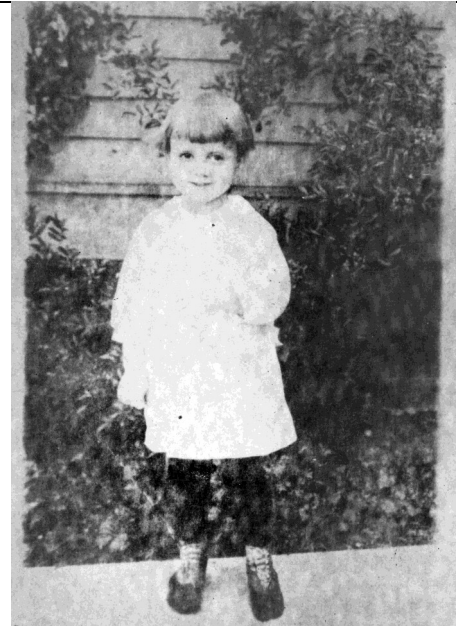
Second Generation

George Edward Goff b. 24 Feb 1859 in Kentucky d. 14 Mar. 1937 in Memphis Tennessee m. 1st 20 Jun, 1882 **Emily (Howella) Pollard** b. 19 Nov. 1857 d. 8 Sep. 1893.

Married by Rev. **E. E. King**, Pastor of the Senatobia, Tate County, Mississippi Baptist Church in Spring Port, Panola County, Mississippi, Second District, Marriage Bk. 1 Pg. 77. She was the daughter of **Emily Antoinette Tripp** and **Howell Tatum Pollard** 2nd 9 Jul. 1895 in Memphis, Tennessee, **Martha Frances Indiana Howard** b. 29 Jan. 1875 in Panola County Mississippi d. 12 May 1970 in Memphis, Tennessee. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. She was the daughter of **Mary Elizabeth Young** and **Nevill Green Howard**.

Children by 1st wife

- Mina Earl Goff** b. 04 Jul. 1886 m. **Belle Harrell Sandling**
- Ella Byrd Goff** b. 13 Mar. 1889 m. **J. H. Kennerly Inabinet**
- James Littleton Goff** b. 3 Apr. 1891 d. May, 1892
- Emily Howella Goff** b. 1893 d. 7



Margaret E. (Inabinet) Pillow Ericksen
b 1915 of Memphis, TN

Sep. 1893

Said to be buried with her mother who died from childbirth.

Children by 2nd wife

- Mildred Frances Goff** b. 1897 d. 3 Oct. 1901
- Madeline Goff** b. 7 Oct., 1902 m. **George Maclay Crewdson** m. **Guy W. Bell**

Third Generation

- **Mina Earl Goff** b. 04 Jul., 1886, in Batesville, Mississippi d. 27 Apr., 1958 in Memphis, Tennessee m. 14 Jul., 1909 in Hernando, Mississippi, **Belle Harrell Sandling** b. 29 Jun., 1890 at Union City, Tennessee. Daughter of **Edward** and **Belle Sandling** of Memphis, Tennessee d. 15 Oct., 1963 in Memphis, Tennessee. Both are buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

Children

- **George Edward Goff II** b. 16 Jun. 1910

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d. 10 Mar. 1935 Augusta, Ga.

- **Mildred Goff** b. 7 Feb 1912 d. 24 Oct. 1931 m. **Cecil O. Graves**
- **Thelma Belle Goff** b. 19 Apr. 1915 m. **Lawrence Porter Martin**
- **Harry Earl Goff** b. 7 Mar, 1919 m. **Bobbie Andrews**
- **John Harrell Goff** b. 7 Mar. 1919 m. **Joyce ?**
- **Thomas Leonard Goff** b. 18 Feb., 1923 m. **Blanche Saltz** d. 16 Aug. 1949 at Memphis, Tennessee

Mina Earl Goff was a building contractor. Their home was in Highland Heights, a suburb of Memphis, Tennessee. She was an expert seemstress. See elopement story.

Ella Byrd Goff b. 13 Mar., 1889 in Springport, Panola County, Mississippi. Living in Memphis, Tennessee on 20 Sep., 1976 m. 9 Dec., 1908 at her home on Hernando Road at Kirkland Avenue, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee m. **James Henry Kennerly Inabinet** b. 26 May, 1882 in Limestone Community, Orangeburg County, South Carolina. d 10 July, 1936 in Memphis, Tennessee, is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

Children:

- Adria Byrd Inabinet** b. 13 Sep. 1909. m. **William R. Stowers**
- Robert Mallard Ingenet** b. 21 Nov. 1913. m. (1) **Carolyn Champer** (2) **Betty Myers**
- Margaret Elizabeth Inabinet** b. 25 Aug. 1915. m. (1) **William Hunt Pillow** (2) **Wm. Arthur Ericksen**
- Madelyn Louise Inbenet** b. 17 Sep. 1919. m. **Clifford Lee Deem**

Ella Byrd Goff was always known as **Byrd**

She was a graduate of Nelson's Business College, Memphis, Tennessee, was a bookkeeper at Orgill Bros. Hardware Co. and Lowenstein's Bros. besides other business places in Memphis, Tennessee prior to her marriage and for some time afterward During World War II, she worked with the U. S. Government in Newark, N. J. and Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was a Baptist, a member of the Peabody Baptist Church. Her husband, **James Henry Kennerly Inabinet**, was known mostly as **Kennerly** and "**Ab**". He was an engineer, after having been a fireman for many years for the Illinois Central Railroad (later Illinois Central Gulf Railroad) and died as a result of a train wreck which occurred just south of Covington, Tipton County, Tennessee on the night of July 9, 1937 just before midnight.* He was the son of **James Henry Mallard** and **Annie (Walsh) Inabinet**, Orangeburg County, South Carolina and a descendant of **John (Hans) Inabinet** who migrated from Switzerland in the year 1735 along with his mother (**Maria**) and three brothers, **Andrew**, **Christian**, and **Peter** who settled first at Orangeburg. **John Inabnit (Hans) in Aebnieh** (German Spelling) m. **Margurite/ Margaret Negley** and they had sons to serve in the Revolutionary War. **Margaret** serviced as a Patriot since she supplied troops with food and other supplies. **Margaret Elizabeth (Inabinet) Pillow Ericksen** is the genealogist whose papers were donated to the Tennessee Genealogical Society.

*Interstate Commerce Commission report states this wreck occurred at 12:10 a.m., July 10, 1936



The Sansone Family



By Tina Sansone

During the mid 1800s, Italians immigrated to the United States in great numbers. Some of these were actually Sicilians from Termini Imerese, Sicily, province of Palermo. Descendants of these immigrants still make visits to the homeland of their ancestors. They settled in such cities as St. Louis, Memphis, Chicago, Cleveland and New York City.

They made their living with produce stands, liquor sales, laundry, fishing and the restaurant business. Some of the Sicilians who settled in Shelby County, TN immigrated to St. Louis, MO first. The annual Italian Festival shows the impacts of Italians in Memphis. Common Sicilian surnames in Tennessee are **Sansone**, **Comella**, **Lombardo(i)**, **Cavasino**, **Iannarino**, **Spicuzza** and **D'attilo**. Currently in Shelby Co. there are two groups of **Sansones**: one that descends from the vegetable sellers and the other a liquor business.

Here are the first three generations of my husband's **Sansone** family in the Shelby Co., TN area.

First Generation to America

Domenica "Mamie" Iannarino was born 10 September 1833 in Termini Imerese, Sicily. She was married to **Giovanni "John" Sansone** on 5 March 1853 in Termini. **John** was born and died in Termini. After becoming a widow, **Mamie** traveled to live with her son, **Andrew Sansone**. She arrived at Ellis Island 18 September 1904 at the age of 71, on the ship Pannonia. She died eight years later on 15 November 1912 in Memphis, TN. At the time of her death she resided on South Second Street in Memphis. She is buried at Calvary Cemetery in the older section of the Singles Area.

Mamie and **John** had the following children, based on the obituary of their son, **Andrew**.

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Sansone's in Downtown Memphis selling their fruits and vegetables

- G. Sansone**, female, married Mr. **Pierre**
- Andrew Sansone** (4/25/1854-8/6/1922)
- Vittoria Sansone** died 11/21/1858. She lived in Tennessee.
- Vittoria Sansone** (12/31/1858-2/7/1928) died in Memphis, TN. She married **Michael Lombardi**.
- Maria Sansone** was born 5/23/1862 in Termini.
- Giuseppa Sansone** (5/1861-2/13/1862 in Termini)
- Giuseppa Sansone** (born 1862)
- Giuseppa Sansone** (1870-1935)

It is a common Italian/Sicilian custom to name a child after another baby who died as an infant. The times were hard for these immigrants, and many newborns died at birth or within the first few years of life. You will find, in many families, several siblings having the same name.

Second Generation to America

Andrew Sansone was born 25 Apr 1855/1854 in Termini Imerese, Sicily. He died 6 Aug 1922 in Memphis, TN. The cause of death was cardiac disease. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Memphis, TN. Based on the 1920 Shelby County, TN Census, citizenship was awarded in 1884. He worked at a fruit stand in downtown Memphis, TN. According to **Andrew's** Tennessee Death Certificate No. 303, he lived at 435 Vance at time of death and was 68 years old.

On the website ellisland.org we find **Andrew** and his family friends, **Brugnone**. Since the year is 1905, this must have been a visit home, as we know from earlier immigration records, **Andrew** and his family had already been living in the St. Louis, MO area. On the manifest of the ship, Slavonia, page #0292 we find **Andrea**

Sansone left Palermo, Sicily, on 20 August 1905. Below is a portion of that passenger list showing **Andrea Sansone** and others on the manifest with their names, gender, age, marriage status, ethnicity and place of residence.

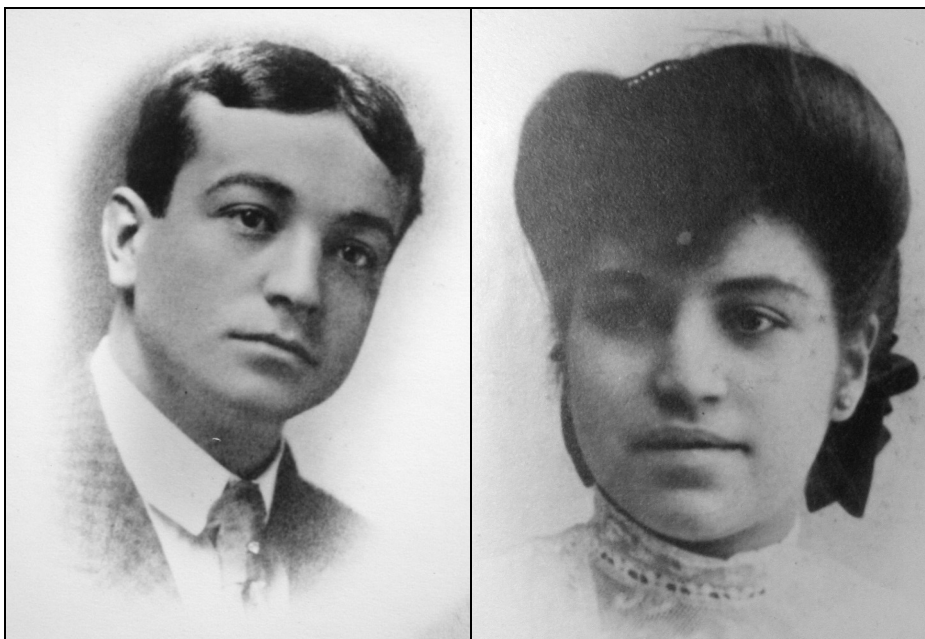
- 0020. **Johnstone, T. F. m.** US cit
- 0021. **Monti, L. G. m.** US cit
- 0022. **Monti, Helen F** US cit
- 0023. **Wringht, Alice F** US cit
- 0024. **Geraci, Antonina F** 31y S Italy, Italian South Termini
- 0025. **Sansone, Andrea m.** 60y m. Italy, Italian South Termini
- 0026. **Brugnone, Agostina F** 19y m. Italy, Italian South Termini
- 0027. **Brugnone, Giovanni m.** 11m S Italy, Italian South Termini
- 0028. **Sinatra, Rosina F** 33y S Italy, Italian South Termini
- 0029. **Lobianco, Vincenzo m.** 31y S Italy, Italian South Palermo
- 0030. **Ravi, Vincent m.** US cit

Andrew married **Vincenza "Virginia" Comella**, daughter of **Ignazio Comella** and **Giuseppa "Donna" Lombardo** in 1872 in Italy. **Vincenza** was born 17 Sep 1856 in Italy. She died 19 Oct 1933 in Memphis, TN and was buried 22 Oct 1933 in Calvary Cemetery in Memphis, TN. Based on her Death Certificate, **Virginia** lived at 524 Pontotoc in Memphis, TN. Undertakers at **Virginia's** funeral were **McDowell & Monteverde**, of Memphis, TN. (Death Certificate # 21925) The 1920 Shelby County, TN Census lists her citizenship as awarded in 1884.

Andrew and **Vincenza** had the following children:

- Mamie "Domenica" Sansone** was born 19 Dec 1880. She died 24 Mar 1967.
- John Sansone** was born on 2 Mar 1881 in

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Fred Sansone and Katie Lombardo

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Termini, Palermo, Sicily. **John** married "**Josie**" **Josephine Cavasino** in 1906 in Memphis, TN. "**Josie**" was born in 1888 in Termini, Palermo, Sicily. **John** and "**Josie**" had the following children, all born in Tennessee: **Virginia Sansone** was born in 1910; **Pete Sansone** was born in 1914; **Mary Sansone** was born 29 Oct 1915 and died in Nov 1978; **Andrew Sansone** was born in 1918.

•**Fred Ignazio Sansone** was born 15 Aug 1888 in St. Louis, MO. He died 21 May 1923 in Memphis, TN. The cause of death was uremia, chronic nephritis. He was buried 23 May 1923 in Calvary Cemetery in Memphis, TN. In the 1920 Shelby County Census **Fred Sansone** lived at 435 Vance Avenue. He lived there until time of death. He was a merchant. **Fred** married **Katie Lombardo**, daughter of **Salvatore Lombardo** and **Marie "Mary" Spicuzza-Salia** about Feb 1910 in TN or MO. It has been said this was an arranged marriage. **Katie** was born 6 Jan 1892 in Mo. She died 21 Feb 1969 in

Memphis, TN. Most of her children were christened at St. Patrick's in Memphis, TN.

•**Lebora Cecilia Sansone** was born 17 Mar 1891 in TN. She died 1 Feb 1962 in Memphis, TN and was buried 3 Feb 1962 in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, TN by National Funeral Home with the funeral at Little Flower Church. In the 1930 Census they were living on Vance Street. **Lebora** married **Michael Andrew Cianciolo**, son of **Francisco Cianciolo** and **Anna Matraccia**. **Michael** was born 5 Jun 1886 in Palermo, Sicily. He died 15 Jul 1943 of cerebral hemorrhage in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He was buried 17 Jul 1943 in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, TN by National Funeral Home.

•**Margaret "Marguerite" Sansone** was born in 1896 in Georgia. She died 17 Sep 1920 in Memphis, TN and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. The cause of death was valvular heart disease and bronchitis. Margaret never married. She is listed on the 1920 Shelby County, TN census.

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Sansone Truck

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•**Tony A. Sansone** was born 1 Jul 1898. He died 20 Feb 1969 in Memphis, TN. He worked as a Salesman of Fruits and Vegetables. **Tony** married **Camille D'amore**.

•**Joseph "Pip" Sansone** was born 5 Oct 1901. He died 21 Sep 1968 in Memphis, TN. He worked as a taxicab driver. He never married. The following appears on his US WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946:

Name: **Joseph Sansone**

Birth Year: 1901

Race: White, citizen

Nativity State or Country: Tennessee,
County or City: Shelby

Enlistment Date: 31 Aug 1942

Enlistment State: Georgia; Enlistment
City: Fort Oglethorpe

Branch: Branch Immaterial - Warrant
Officers, USA

Grade Code: Private

Term of Enlistment: Enlistment for the
duration of the War or other emergency,
plus six months, subject to the discretion
of the President or otherwise according to
law

Component: Selectees (Enlisted Men)

Source: Civil Life

Education: Grammar school/ Marital

Status: Single, without dependents

Height: 63/ Weight: 138

•**Mary Sansone** was born 26 Feb 1903.
She died 20 Jan 1994 in Tennessee.

•**Maria Sansone** was born 23 May 1861 in
Termini Imerese, Sicily. **Maria** married
Francesco D'attillo. **Francesco** was born
in 1853 in Termini Imerese, Sicily.
Francesco and **Maria** had the following
children: **Giuseppe D'attillo**, born in
1889 in Termini Imerese, Sicily and
Filippo D'attillo, born in 1899 in Termini
Imerese, Sicily.

•**Giuseppa "Josephine" Sansone** was
born in 1870 in Termini, Sicily. She died
in 1935 in Memphis, TN. **Giuseppa**
married **Michele Comella**, son of **Ignazio
Comella** and **Giuseppa "Donna"
Lombardo** 16 Jan 1886 in Termini,
Sicily. **Michele** was born 4 Jan 1854 in
Termini, Sicily. They had the following
children: **Fred Comella**, born 9 Nov
1886 and **Tony Comella**, born October 1,
1893 in Memphis, TN. **Tony** died 6 Jun
1945 in Memphis, TN.

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Third Generation to America

Mamie "Domenica" Sansone was born 19 Dec 1880 in Sicily. She died 24 Mar 1967 in Memphis, TN and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, TN. She immigrated to US in 1884. **Mamie** married **Severio Maskine Cianciolo**, son of **Dominico Diego Cianciolo** and **Girolama "Mamie" Mascari** in 1897 in Memphis, TN. **Severio** was born 21 Oct 1872 in Palermo, Sicily. He died 30 Jun 1947 in Memphis, TN. The family was Catholic and attended St. Patrick's Church in Memphis. Ellis Island records list **Saverio** with his family:

Cianciolo, Saverio

Italy Italian South

Termini, Palermo

11 May 1910

38y

Carpathia

Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Severio and Mamie had the following children:

- Girolama Cianciolo** (b.1899 Italy)
- Virginia Marie Cianciolo** (10/3/1902 – 4/14/1971)
- Andrew Cianciolo** (b 1908 Termini)
- John Cianciolo** (b 1911 in New Jersey)
- Joseph Cianciolo** was born on 5 Dec 1912 in Memphis, Shelby County, TN. He died 31 Dec 1912 in Memphis, Shelby County, TN. The cause of death was bronchopneumonia (Duration of 2 days). He was buried 1 Jan 1913 in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, TN with McDowell & Monteverde Funeral Home.
- Margaret Cianciolo** born 9 Oct 1913, died 10 Oct 1913 Memphis, Shelby

County, Tennessee. The cause of death was home birth of twins, premature births. She was buried 11 Oct 1913 in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, TN with McDowell & Monteverde Funeral Home. Catholic Baptism at St. Patrick's in Memphis, TN.

- Josephine Cianciolo** born 12 Oct 1913 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. She was christened in St. Patrick of Memphis, TN. She died on 16 Oct 1913 at 270 Pontotoc, Memphis, TN. The cause of death was premature birth of twins at home birth. She was buried on 16 Oct 1913 in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, TN, McDowell & Monteverde Funeral Home.

- Mike Cianciolo** was born in 1920 in TN.

For more information on the **Sansone** family or any of the above, please email **Tina Sansone** at gtownma@yahoo.com or call (901) 413-7995.

My Genealogist Lament

By Lorane Senter Sutphin

Old dusty books and pictures are a delight
They cause me to sit up with them all night.

I cipher and I ponder could it really be,
The picture of that Horse-thief is related to me?

I know not the circumstance of the time
And set about to prove and disprove the crime
The trail grows dim as I keep looking back,
To see if I really am on the right rack.

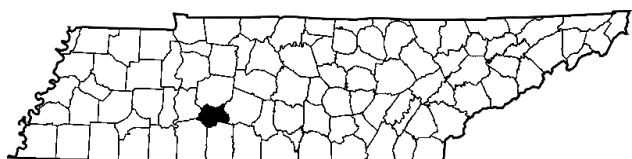
The words of mouth can be direly stretched,
And upon the yellow pages tis finely etched.

Many names, dates and places are put in a file,
to be recorded in my own inimitable style.

Search and research, my motto shall be,
To ascertain the facts that I, am really me.

Written at Denver, Colorado, February 1986

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The Horton Family Association



The **Horton** Family Association was established in 1998 and their first annual meeting was held in Raleigh, North Carolina in July 1998. It is a national group of diverse people interested in genealogy and dedicated to furthering their knowledge of their **Horton** ancestors and how they might be related to other Horton descendants. The Association is open to all those interested in **Horton** genealogy, history, and allied families.

Many of the members are descendants of the Horton family that settled in the Hanging Rock area of the Lancaster and Kershaw Counties, SC. **Amos Horton** (born ca. 1710), his wife **Sarah Peebles**, and family migrated from Surry County, Virginia to the Hanging Rock area, near the present town of Heath Springs, SC, in the later part of the eighteenth century before the American Revolutionary War. Other families that lived in the same geographical area of Virginia, known as Southside Virginia, also migrated to Kershaw and Lancaster Counties during the same period of time as the **Hortons**. Some of these families included the **Cato** or **Catoe**, **Brewer**, and **Peebles**.

Horton Family Association members have been able to determine who their **Horton** ancestors were with the help of other members and by sharing information. Because many public records were destroyed during the war of Southern Independence (1861-1865) and other records never existed, it can be difficult to prove one's ancestry, therefore some members have undertaken DNA testing, and there is an ongoing DNA research project.

Last year's meeting or "gathering" was held in Hopewell, Virginia which is in the Southside Virginia area and close to Surry, the county seat of Surry County. The Surry County Clerk of Court Office contains public records on the early **Hortons**. The estate settlement of **Daniel Horton** who died in 1718 can be found here. **Daniel Horton** is believed to be the father of Amos Horton born about 1710. The next annual gathering of the **Horton** Family Association is scheduled for Oct. 2-4, 2008 in Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee, at the Best Western Franklin Inn, 1308 Murfreesboro. Rd (Tel. No. 615-790-0570). Some of the Hanging Rock **Hortons** migrated to Williamson County from South Carolina including Rev. **Henry Cato Horton**'s family, his brother **Claiborne Horton**'s family, **Elizabeth Horton** (widow of **John**) and some of her children. **Amos Horton** (1778-1860), the son of **William Horton** and grandson of **Amos Horton** (born ca. 1710), first moved to Williamson County and eventually settled in Franklin County, Tennessee.

The families of Rev. **Henry Cato Horton** (Methodist) and his brother **Claiborne Horton** settled in Bethesda community south of Franklin in 1825-1826. **Claiborne** and his wife are buried in the old Methodist church cemetery in Bethesda. **Claiborne**'s great grandson was Tennessee Governor **Henry Hollis Horton** (1866-1934). Rev. **Henry Cato Horton** and family left Williamson County in 1848 for Panola County, Mississippi and eventually settled in Memphis about 1858.

The **Horton** Family Association now has a web site, which is <http://mwarren.homestead.com/horton.html>, and Myra H. Warren is the Web Page Administrator. Yearly membership is ten dollars (\$10.00) and can be paid to the treasurer, Garland Horton.

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Do you have a quilt maker in your ancestry?



By Wanda James

After twenty-two years, it is remembered that brief historical family information exists in a beautiful book, The Quilts of Tennessee, Images of Domestic Life Prior to 1930 by **Bets Ramsey** and **Merikay Waldvogel**. The photographic and textual data is a survey of quilts made in Tennessee between about 1850 and 1930 including data on the owner, and the maker of the quilt, the quilt's provenance and physical characteristics of the bedcover.

The book was published in 1986 by Rutledge Hill Press of Nashville, Tennessee, which has since sold to another publisher. The index contains Tennessee counties, the quilt makers' names, and titles of quilts. **David Luttrell**'s photographs of each quilt is presented and a photograph of the quilt maker is included when available from the family. All family information collected for the book was presented to the Tennessee Archives and is available for research.

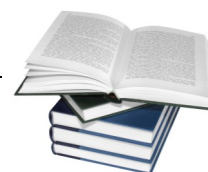
The authors were concerned about saving the acquired information in a more communal manner and protecting the owners of these magnificent textiles. Quilt owners "bringing quilts to the survey (sites) quickened their interest in history and genealogy." A good amount of data on the **Blair** sisters of Roane County, Tennessee sets a fine example of "savers" of fabric, paper receipts, letters, tools, clothes,

photographs and magazines which allow us to share the Blair ladies' lives and the history of the age and location. Also, **Ozella Angel** from Chattanooga and **Bernice Schultz Mackey** of Athens in McMinn County are quilters who are celebrated in the book.

Some album (signature quilts) are presented, but without a listing of the names written on each quilter's contributed block (in case you were looking for an ancestor's name and handwork in a group effort.) Upon discovering the location of the quilt and quilter, one might search for the owner of the quilt and request the names signed on the blocks, or study the detailed photos with a magnifying glass to discern the names embroidered onto the blocks. The detail photos may not show the entire quilt. Good luck with either endeavor.

Look online for the Alliance of American Quilts for quilt images and quilter's name (click on Quilts Index.). Other states have compiled Surveys and Quilt Projects and the publications may contain family history in those locations, so check the local library or look online for The Quilts of (insert State.) Also, consider Southern Quilts, Surviving Relics of the Civil War by the same authors. Please check out The Quilts of Tennessee if you are a lover of quilts or if you are the family historian who is looking for some vintage quilters in the Volunteer State.

Book and Compact Disk Reviews



Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during The War of the Revolution April, 1775 to December, 1783

by Francis b. Heitman. Cc. 1914,1932, reprint 2008 by Clearfield Company. 698 pages indexed, paperbound \$49.95 plus s&h.

The compiler put together an alphabetical listing of some 14,000 officers of the Continental Army. These officers served during the Revolutionary War from April 1775 until December 1783. Included for each listing is the soldier's rank, dates of service, when and where wounded, taken prisoner, exchanged, or killed, etc., with the name of the state in which service was rendered and a designation of company and command Also included is a listing of officers by state, a listing of French officers serving the American army, both a chronological and alphabetical listing of battles, actions, etc, and an addendum. This is not a complete listing of all the Officers who served during the Revolution but it is very extensive.

Dutch Colonists in the Americas, 1615-1815 by David Dobson. Cc. 2008 by Clearfield Company. 97 pages, paperbound \$15.00 plus s&h.

David Dobson's new book is based on European records that often elude those in North America. Included are some 1300 Dutch inhabitants of North America, many of whom we have not heard from before now. The listing is alphabetical by surname, each entry includes date and place of residence in the New World, occupation, and a citation. Some entries include much more. For example: "**Kuch, Philip**, from Richmond County, New York, a loyalist soldier who died on 14 September 1778, father of **Peter Kuch** who settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia"

Early Quaker Records in Virginia by Miles White, Jr. Cc. 1977 Reprinted 2008 by

Clearfield Company. 64 pages indexed, paperbound \$10.95 plus s&h.

An exact transcription of birth, death and marriage records of the Quakers beginning in 1673 in Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties in Virginia. A few of the entries related to events earlier than 1673. The birth and death records give the names and dates. The marriage records include names of the bride and groom, parents' names, and a list of witnesses. Often times the witnesses are related to the couple marrying. This reprint includes an eight page index of the names within the pages.

Surry County [Virginia] Tithables, 1668-1703 by Edgar MacDonald and Richard Slatten. Cc. 2008 by Clearfield Company. 278 pages indexed, paperbound \$32.50 plus s&h.

Brought together for easy reference are 13 separate works previously published in magazines beginning with an article written by Richard Slatten for the National Genealogical Society Quarterly in 1987 entitled "Interpreting Headrights in Colonial-Virginia Patents: Uses and Abuses." Reading this article is a must for anyone using the headright lists to build a case for an immigrant ancestor.

Next are 11 articles transcribing the tithables from 1668-1703. Tithables or tax lists often give the name of the assessor or compiler, his parish, date compiled, name of the individual taxpayers, and a numerical representation of the assessment. Many of the articles include explanations of factors in play during the years in question. The laws changed often governing who was taxable and who was not. Having this span of 35 years of tithables allow a researcher to track various individuals

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of interest. There are a few years missing from this time span: 1671, 1672 and 1676.

Finally there is an article on "The 1704 Quit Rent Roll: Misreadings (and Omissions?)", explaining how names were often spelled many different ways according to the person writing the name. Difference in penmanship, faded ink, lack of spelling rules made the task of this transcription very challenging at best.

Included is an index of the nearly 20,000 entries, making it easier to find specific names throughout these works. Surry County is in southeastern Virginia.

Kentucky Colonization in Texas: A History of the Peters Colony by Seymour V. Connor. Published: 1953-54, Reprinted 2007 by Clearfield Company. 153 pages, paperbound \$20.00 plus s&h.

The Peters Colony was founded by **W.S. Peters** and a group of Kentucky businessmen between 1842 and 1848 in North Eastern Texas. Present day Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Grayson, and Tarrant counties make up the primary land involved. Of the two thousand persons settling this area, the majority were from Kentucky and surrounding states. History of the Peters Colony is very detailed here and comprises half of the pages. The remainder of the pages list the positively identified 2000 individuals including name, marital status, occupation, age, year of migration to Texas, county of settlement, state of birth, and state from which they migrated.

Quaker Arrivals at Philadelphia 1682-1750: Being a List of Certificates of Removal Received at Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends by Albert Cook Myers. Published: 1902, Reprinted 2007 by Clearfield Company. 131 pages, paperbound, indexed \$18.50 plus s&h.

Philadelphia was the most well known city in

Pennsylvania abroad. There was a steady stream of Quakers moving to this area during 68 years covered by this book. The certificates of removal contained much useful information for the genealogist, including place of origin, parents' names, date of 'removal', marital status. The date of removal is particularly useful because it gives the date they left their original meeting before coming to the Philadelphia. Originally published in 1902, it has been republished with an added index.

Early Lutheran Baptisms and Marriages in Southeastern Pennsylvania: The Records of Rev. John Casper Stoever from 1730 to 1779 Published: 1896, Reprinted 2008 by Clearfield Company. 107 pages, paperbound, indexed \$16.50 plus s&h.

John Casper Stoever maintained a ministry in southeastern Pennsylvania for a period of 50 years from 1730 until 1779. **Stoever's** journal of baptisms and marriages performed during his travels was written in German. In 1896 it was translated and published in limited edition without an index. Included now is a 28 page index of all the names found within **Stoever's** journal. Baptismal records include name of person baptized, date of birth, date of baptism, and sponsors of the person. Valuable information, highly sought after information for this time period.

American Vital Records from the Gentleman's Magazine, 1731-1868 by David Dobson. Published: 1987, Reprinted 2007 by Clearfield Company. 310 pages, paperbound \$31.50 plus s&h.

Over the course of 137 years, *The Gentleman's Magazine* was published in London. From its inception, the magazine published notices of births, deaths and marriages. About six thousand notices relate to individuals in North America and the West Indies. Included in the notices is valuable

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information for those researching ancestors. Death notices often included date or year of birth, place of birth, and place and date of death. Useful information to the genealogist given in the notices include father's name or a deceased spouse's name.

The Burlington Court Book: A Record of Quaker Jurisprudence in West New Jersey, 1680-1709 by *H. Clay Reed and George J. Miller, editors. Published: 1944, Reprinted 1998 by Clearfield Company. 427 pages, hardcover. \$40.00 plus s&h.*

New Jersey was originally two colonies, West Jersey and East Jersey. In 1702 the two colonies were unified under royal charter. West Jersey was the first Quaker colony in the new world, predating Pennsylvania by six years. Quaker justices in Burlington held court to decide all manner of matters in this almost forgotten colony. The index is comprised of 15,000 references, indexing not only individuals, but also terms and types of cases contained within. As one might expect minutes from Court Sessions make for interesting reading not only to the genealogist, but to any history buff.

Roster Of Ohio Soldiers In The War Of 1812, *Published under the authority of Law by the Adjutant General of Ohio, 157 pp., paper cover, cc 1916, repr. 2008 Order No. 4300, Cost \$19.50 plus s&h.*

In April 1812, Governor **Meigs** of Ohio was requested by President **Madison** to assemble the militia at Dayton, Ohio and have them ready to march to Detroit. These men were drilled, had chosen officers, and ready to go on June 1, 1812. All of the men in the Ohio militia for the War of 1812 are listed The militia consists of three infantry regiments, 249 companies; unassigned Infantry, 185 companies, assigned to US Infantry, 5 companies, mounted Infantry, 25 companies, cavalry, 13 troops, artillery, 1 battery, 1,759

officers and 24,521 enlisted men are named Each segment listed shows the officers of each company, the county, if known, and the period served You need look no further if your ancestor served in the War of 1812 from Ohio.



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Finding your ancestor among the 100,000

individuals covered by this compact disk would be a very daunting task in the original written format. Now a simple search by surname will bring up the entire list of everyone with a given surname. Covering 150 years of Kentucky history, much useful information can be found here. Including number of acres owned in Kentucky, entry date of record, nearest watercourse, and landholder's official place of residence. If an individual was granted land based on military service, then information pertaining to that service is also included A very valuable volume for anyone searching for ancestors who may have owned land in Kentucky.

Included on this CD are the following publications:

- *The Kentucky Land Grants: A Systematic Index to All of the Land Grants Recorded in the State Land Office at Frankfort, Kentucky, 1782-1924*
- *Early Kentucky Landholders, 1787-1811*
- *A Calendar of the Warrants for Land in Kentucky, Granted for Service in the French and Indian War*
- *Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds: A Complete Index to All of the Earliest Land Entries, Military Warrants, Deeds and Wills of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*

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A variety of information can be found within the 2000 pages of these volumes, including marriage records, indexes to estates, will abstracts, death, cemetery, and divorce records, indenture and apprenticeship records, baptisms, land grants, ministers' licenses, minute books, deed abstracts, partition records, guardianships, and naturalization records. *Ohio Vital Records #1* was originally published as *Gateway to the West* by Genealogical Publishing Company. Images of the original published works are found along with a digital index to the 93,000 individuals to be found within, covering 76 of Ohio's 88 counties.

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Digitally indexing over 130,000 individuals covering three centuries of historical information in Virginia, this compact disk combines all four volumes of *Genealogies of Virginia Families from Tyler's Quarterly* and the multi-volume *Virginia Colonial Abstracts* by **Beverley Fleet**. From 1919 until 1952 Tyler's Quarterly published 350 family histories, which are now compiled on this CD. Included in the introduction are tips on how to write a proper bibliography when citing the sources found. An enormous variety of genealogical information pertaining to Tidewater Virginia, including vital records of birth, marriage, and death, tax lists, court orders, militia lists, wills, and deeds, is found within *Virginia Colonial Abstracts*.

CD #7651 Ohio Land and Tax Records 1787-1840 Copyrighted by Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. \$29.99 plus s&h.

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some 93,000 individuals with a digital index this compact disk is exceptional. The three publications by **Ellen T. Berry** and **David A. Berry** contain such valuable information as, name of purchasers, date of purchase, residence, range, township and section of land purchased. *Early Ohio Tax Records* contain names of 50,000 individuals across 75 counties of Ohio. *First Ownership of Ohio Lands* includes names of original proprietors of The Ohio Company, giving place of residence, name of agency, number of slaves owned, etc. Also included in this volume is a history of Early Ohio, worth reading.

It contains 5 publications as follows:

- *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southwestern Ohio, 1800-1840*, by **Ellen T. Berry** and **David A. Berry**
- *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in East and East Central Ohio, 1800-1840*, by **Ellen T. Berry** and **David A. Berry**
- *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800-1840*, by **Ellen T. Berry** and **David A. Berry**
- *Early Ohio Tax Records*, by **Esther Weygant Powell**
- *First Ownership of Ohio Lands*, by **Albion M. Dyer**

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QUERIES



Ree(s/c)e - Woodward - Binyon

Need information on **Susan Ree(s/c)e** (b ca. 1801-03 VA, alive 13 Dec 1873 Decatur, Meigs Co., TN) m. **John Woodward** (29 Jul 1818 Rhea Co., TN). His will proven 3 May 1824. She m. 2nd **Isaac Binyon** (20 Sep 1831 Rhea Co., TN). Want her parents, siblings, birth location

Barbara Brommer Freshwater, 3650 Murray Rd., McKinleyville, CA 95519-9728, 707-840-0927

May

Seeking any information on **George Washington May**, (b c18335 TN-d Attala Co., MS) Parents are **Daniel May** and **Mary "Polly" May**

Nancy Burdette Thomas, 2549 School Ave., Memphis, TN 28112, 901-320-3053, nbthomas@memphis.edu

West – Levens

Looking for parents/grandparents of **Basil West** (b NC) & **Rebecca Levens** (b SC). They m. in Wilson Co., TN (1808), lived Rutherford Co., TN (until Dec 1828), moved to Independence Co., AR (1828), **Basil** died there (1844)

Mary Marquess, 810 NW 9th St., Bentonville, AR 72712

Todd – McIver

Please help me with **Roderick** and **Susan Todd McIver** (or **Duncan McIver**, brother to **Roderick**). I am trying to find out where they came to TN from NC – then connect them to the **McIvers** from Scotland.

Ann Snell, 7934 Burntwood Cv., Germantown, TN 38138, (901) 757-5227

Smith

I am looking for any information on **Joseph Hoard Smith**, place of birth Tullahoma, TN, also located in TX

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