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From the Editor. . .

Fond memories of an old family home are cherished by many genealogists, but few have an octagonal house in their history. Don't miss Ann Goodpasture's article about Dr. Dawson's octagonal house in Montgomery County and the trend for building such houses that swept the country in the 1860s.

Finding an old letter is a thrill for a researcher, so we're hoping that descendants of the Bethell family of DeKalb County will enjoy the letter submitted by County Historian Thomas Webb. Everyone will enjoy reading the remarkably creative phonetic spelling and newsy style of Tillman Bethell's 1860 letter.

We wind up a long series in this issue with the final installment of Pardons and Paroles from the Tennessee Penitentiary. Although some readers may find this kind of information offensive (and a few have written to say so) others are fascinated to find information about the black sheep in their family.

Don't miss the information about this year's winners of the MTGS Awards, presented at the May meeting. You'll find it on page 24. And on the adjoining page the book reviewed by Shirley Wilson is one of the most important Tennessee research titles published in this decade.

As always – keep those articles coming. Your contributions help keep the *Journal* fresh and interesting.

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Search Old English Court Records in *Proceedings of the Old Bailey*

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org>

Genealogists tracking their Tennessee ancestral lines back “across the pond” will want to search the web site of records from The Old Bailey, London’s central Criminal Court. With records dating from 1674 to 1913, the Old Bailey site provides information about nearly 200,000 criminal trials.

The original source of the information is a series of published pamphlets issued by the court. Inexpensive, and targeted initially at a popular audience, these *Proceedings* were produced after each session and sold to a public curious to know what was happening inside the grand court buildings. Gradually newspapers took over the role of the *Proceedings* and they were published mainly for the use of lawyers and public officials.

The earlier records include brief summaries of the more interesting trials, but not every case was represented. After 1712 the *Proceedings* began to quote the testimony of witnesses whose remarks were shocking or amusing or otherwise of interest to the public.

A sample search for the surname Payton retrieved 38 entries. The earliest of those, dated 1686, shows that Humphrey Payton of St. James’ Parish, Westminster, was indicted for climbing through a window into Susannah Kemp’s home at midnight. He was seen coming back out and promptly arrested. Although Humphrey pleaded that he had been forced to break in by some unnamed accomplices, the court found him guilty and sentenced him -- to death.

The indexing on this well-designed web site digs deep into the text, retrieving every name and topic. In 1731 Henry Payton gave testimony in the trial of three men

who were indicted for “for assaulting Amy, Wife of John Rich , on the Highway, putting her in Fear, and taking from her a Gold Ring set with a Green Stone, value 10 s[hillings]. a Nutmeg-grater made of Silver, value 6 s. a Silver Thimble gift, and a Purse, value 2 s.”

Henry was apparently a friend of one of the highwaymen, Bernard Fink, who gave him the “Green Ring” as he was taken into custody. Payton finked on Fink and revealed a conversation in which Fink had told Payton about being involved in the robbery.

The names of ancestors who behaved respectably but were the victims of crime also appear in these records. William Payton was traveling from Buckingham-House to Chelsea one night in 1734 when he saw an old man asleep under a hay-rick. Payton was “benighted” and decided to lie down there for a nap. About 1 a.m. he realized someone was stealing his pocket-book from his coat pocket. When he protested, up came “Smoaky Jack” (also known as Samuel Steele) who assaulted him viciously with a stick. Payton said, “He wounded me so that my Skull might be seen in five Places, and I was almost blinded with the Blood that run down my Face. I found my self over power’d, and begg’d for my Life : You Dog, says he with a Knife, speak another Word, and I’ll shoot you thro’ the Heart, and with that he stabb’d the Knife against my Breast, but the Stroke falling upon the Button of my Coat, I received no hurt by it.”

Even if you haven’t traced your line back to England, you’ll want to explore the Old Bailey site for a fascinating look at life in centuries past. ■

Saving "Old Methodists and Pesperterians" in DeKalb County

Letter from Tilman Bethell to Chester Bethell, 1860

Contributed by Thomas G. Webb



The following letter recently came into the possession of DeKalb County Historian Thomas G. Webb. It was written in 1860 by Tilman Bethell (1788-1865) of Liberty, DeKalb County, to his younger brother Chester Bethell (1791-1869) in Jersey County, Illinois. Tilman and Chester Bethel were born in Spartanburg District, South Carolina. Tilman's wife was Sarah Dougherty (1793-1869), and they had 15 children. Chester's wife was Jane Jones, and they had ten children.

Tilman and Chester were two of the twelve children of Sampson Bethell (b. 1750) and wife Mary Cantrell (b. 1754) who were early Middle Tennessee pioneers. Sampson and Mary Bethell were among the 16 members who constituted the Brush Creek Baptist Church in Smith County in 1802.

Cantrell Bethell, another brother, helped form Salem Baptist Church in Liberty in 1809 and served as its first pastor. Salem Baptist Church will celebrate its 200th anniversary on Sept. 27, 2009, at the church in Liberty.

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County

September 25th /60 [1860]

Verry dear Brother & sister & children all

I received your letter yesterday & I also Red your letter that stated of the death of your soninlaw & the manner & etc. Well I was powerfull glad to here from you all. We are all up but Sally. She still remains helpless. Jane wanted to know her complaint part dropsy & that poison cold calomil taken when a girl has always ben in the sistem & took cold & has settled in her joints. Well I have not heard from Wm. Neal since I wrote to you last but I expect to go out to McMinvill before long & I will heare from him tho I see people from out there that now him. ² If anything had taken place I should have heard.

Well you speak of being a rone.¹ I am perfectly white & Sally two. Well I have shrunk in flesh untill I way about 168 or 170. Well my children is here some doing a little or you may say just living. I am still in the same hollow & have scraped these hillsides untill they are gitting verry bare some spots gone. Well when we laid by corn we had the best looking crop I have had in 20 year. Now if I gather one barrel & a half to the acre it will be as much. I have bin thinking about selling out & moving out to the flatwoods. That cuntry has beet us

making corn. George Givin lives out there & says he is better satisfied than ever he was in any cuntry. Well all our connection out there is well. That cuntry is improving – gits better every year. Well corn is selling here at \$4.00 per barrel. Well it will be \$5.00 by next March & some is asking that now & money scarce & it is titer living than ever I have seen. Well I went to the old graveyard this week, viewed the place where our old father lies, it makes me feel lonesome. I intend to go & see mothers grave before long. I shall soon be laid under the earth I know it, feel it two.



River Baptism

Well as to religion there has been considerable excitement around about in Warren & through our association but not much in old Salem tho our last meeting we had 6 or 7 mourners & some of the old Christians shouted & appeared to be a considerable feeling, I hope for good. Well one of our riding preachers in our association baptised 56 & 8 or 10 of the number were old Methodist & some Pesperterians.

*When I see Hall I will tell him & I think he will drop you a few lines. I do want you to come if you can & be shore to write oftener, it makes me so glad. Well if a man was able to buy a parcel of corn & bring it to Nashville or Murfresborough I think it would pay well even if he could. \$2.50 I think it would pay well per Barrell – Sally says she wants to be remembered to you & Jane & all the children & my best respects &c
Yours truly Tilman Bethell*

Chester Bethell

¹ This probably refers to the color roan, a term used to describe a horse with a reddish coat sprinkled with white and gray.

² Neal appears to have been a contemporary of the Bethell brothers and a fellow Baptist. The 1860 census of Warren County shows William Neal, age 82, born in Virginia. According to a Goodspeed's biographical sketch of his son, Hamilton Neal, William and his wife Hannah (Jones) were members of the Baptist Church. (Warren Co. TN 1860 census, p.470 household 938. *History of Tennessee – Warren County* (Nashville: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1887, reprinted 1979 by Southern Historical Press) p.911.

1835 Lecture Topic: Physical Love, "Ladies Not Admitted"

Doctor W. Byrd Powell, M.D. celebrated as a Phrenologist, we understand intends to deliver a short course of lectures on Phrenology.

On this evening he will deliver an opening address on the general principles of the science, in the basement room of the Presbyterian Church, to which the citizens generally are invited to attend. One of his lectures will be devoted to an examination of the head and natural character of John A. Murel.

His lectures tomorrow night will be on *Physical Love*. – Ladies not admitted. The gentlemen, especially the heads of families, would do well to attend.
(From the *Nashville Banner & Whig*, Aug. 19, 1835)



To The Honorable... Petitions to the State Legislature

Harpeth River Petition 1802 Davidson (now Cheatham) County

Based on Petition Number 32,
Legislative Records of 1803
Record Group 60, Tennessee State Library & Archives

The following petition for creation of a new county to include residents of the Big Harpeth River was signed by many men who lived in the western part of Davidson County.¹ The county they requested would have covered most of what is Cheatham County today. Since Cheatham County was not formed until 1856, the residents along the Harpeth waited a long time to have their own county. Most of these petitioners would have been dead by then.

It's obvious from the spelling in the petition that the men who crafted this document had little education; the spellings used in the names are also obviously not precise. "Enuk Doshier" is one example of phonetic spelling of the Biblical name Enoch. Genealogists should use care when looking for an ancestor in records from this early pioneer era, and investigate variant spellings.

Mero District, Decr. 18th 1802.

We the people Liveing on and near big Harpeth Creek River means to present to the next General Asembly Held for the State of tenessee a pettion For a new County to be Laid off in the folowing manner viz – Beginning at the mouth of Little Harpeth where the Williamson County Line Crosses, thence with sd line a south west Coarce to the Indian boundary line thence down the sd line untill it compleets a constitutional bounds. Thence a north East Cource unto Cumberland River. Thece up the sd River with its meanders to the Ridge that Divids Indian Creek and Overalls Creek thence up sd Ridge Continuing its Coarce by flatt Creek and Ritch land Creek to a constitutional bounds. thence a westardly Cource to the begining.

Clerk's notation on the outside of the petition:

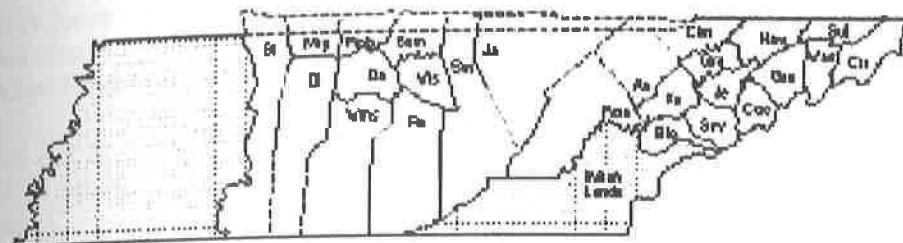
Petition praying a county on Harpeth River. Reported unreasonable 29th Sept. S. Love.

Ezekial Douglass
John Cash
James Douglass

John Cooper
John Conner
William Cash

William Heaven
Jas. Demost[?]
Zenes Baldwin

Map showing county boundaries in 1803.
The western and northern boundaries of Davidson County remained this way until Cheatham was created in 1856.



Siles Spree[?]
Samuel Bratshal
Jehu Davy[?]

[p.3, col.1]
William Joslin
Danniel Joslin, Juner.
Nathaniel Teel
Aron Cummingham
Neadom Hunter
Isaac Newland
Church Hooper
Thomas Hooper

John Harwood
Wm. Harwood
John Rourke
William Evens
Philip Cland
Jorge Edwards

[p.1, col. 2]
Joseph Hannah
John Douglas
Henry Cooper
Thomas Stuart
Saml. Boyd
Soloman Roach
Charles Kelly
George Stoutt
Neel Thompson
William Thompson
Allen Thompson
Andrew Patterson
Charls Simmons
Jms[?] D. Sharp
Leonard Liles
William Blyth

[p.2, col. 1]
Francis Newsom
Elisha Garling
William Reves
William Newsom
Burrel Zerels[?]
William Cass[?]
Henry Lils
Moses Land
Joleth[?] Land
Charles Robertson [or Robert, Senr.?)

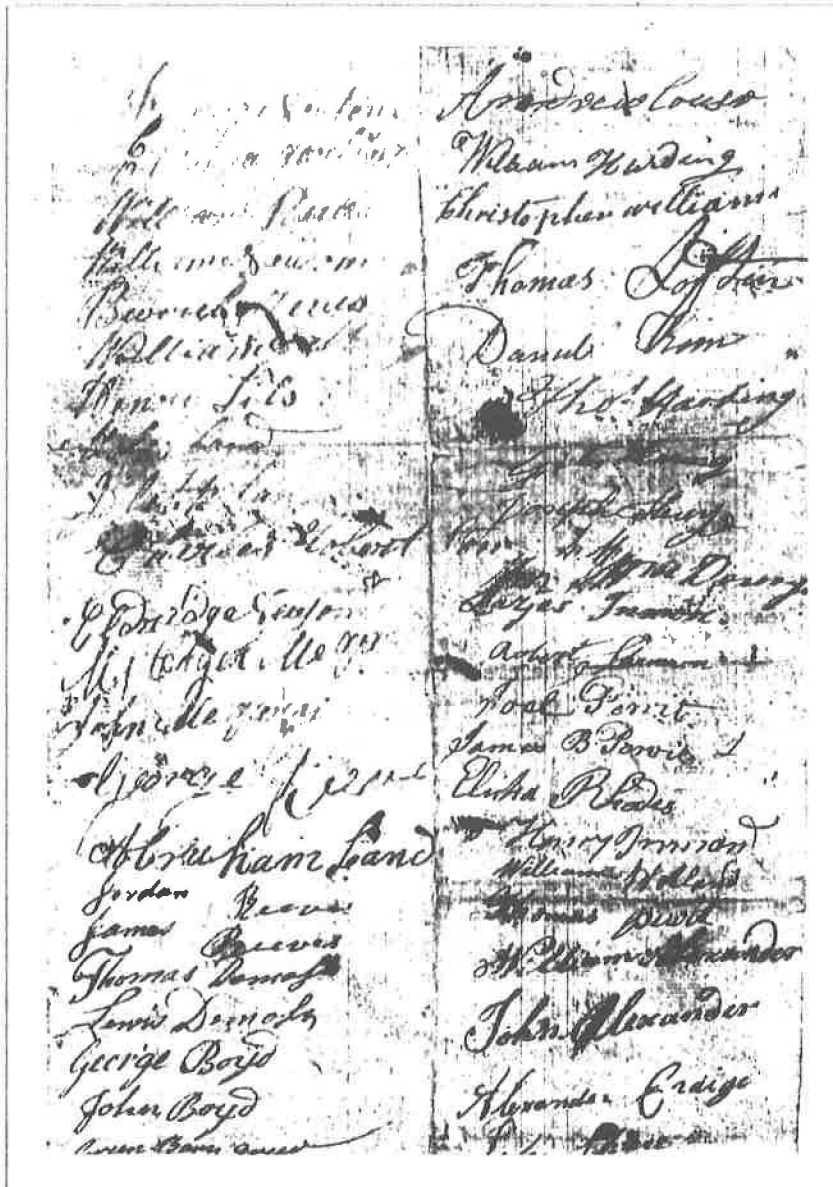
Eldridge Newsom
Mycager McQary[?]
John McQary[?]
George Reeve[?]
Abraham Land
Jordan Reeves
James Reeves
Thomas Demoss
Lewis Demoss
George Boyd
John Boyd
Green Bary Greer [Green?]
Silas Dillahunt
Deliverence Gray
Joseph Rosborough

[p.2, col. 2]
Andrew Couso[?]
William Harding
Christopher Williams
Thomas Loftin
Daniel Thom[?]
Thos. Harding
Giles Haring [Harding?]
Joseph Huey[?]
Wm. Dosery [Denny/Derry?]
Lazes[?] Inmon -
Robert Shannon
Joel Pewit
James B. Pewit
Elisha Rhodes
Henry Inman
William Holland
Thomas Pewit
William Alexander
John Alexander
Alexander Craige

Benjeman Pack
Jessee Garland
Charles Steward
William Gower
Thomas Russel
James Russel
Wm. Russel
John Reddin
Niclas Hall
George Hall
Thomas Little
Samuel Fieldind
Wm. Fielding
John Morrice
Jessee Hooper
James Hooper
Wm. Champen
Josiah Ship
William Colwell
Joseph Colwell
Andrew Colwell
Robert Dun
Drury Bonds
John Cockrill

[p.3, col. 2]
Simon Bekcom
Phil Beckcom
Abner Beckcom
John Neal
Charley Wall
Wm. Wall
George Gill
John Fudg
James Fudg
Henry Horton

Similar handwriting for groups of names on this page from the petition shows that not everyone signed his own name.



William Jonston
Craneshaw Duke
James Craneshaw
Joseph Craneshaw
Samuel Craneshaw
[?] Buckalew
William Marler
Thomas Marler
John Jonson
Samuel Jonson
James Marler

Larkin Parks
Danniel Pain
William Jones
Thomas Smart[?]
John Colley
Danniel Goodden
John Goodden
Arch Watson
Ned Watson
Travis Nixon
Thomas Duren

Enuk Doshier

[p.3, col. 3]
William Doshier
Wilterbel[?] Lewis
William Jonls[?]
Danniel Lile
Joseph Hutcheson
John Hutcheson
Isaac Baker
John Nixon
William Nixon
Baptis Coal
John Graham
Hugh Hiklin
William Connel
Is [?]aac Tillman
Jesse Tillman
William Connel
Isaac Tillman
Jesse Tillman
Arther Weikling [Hukling?]
Thomas Howze

p.4, col.1
David Ren
Joab More
Thomas Gillom
Thomas Pritchett
John Morres
William More
Robt. Warren
Thomas Warren
Abraham Denoss
John Demoss
Francis Hardgrave
Jurden Reys Junior
Drury Reeves
John Myres
Allen Brewer
Joseph Neely
Samuel Josten
John Jones
Robt. Warren
Thomas Warren
Abraham Denoss
John Demoss
Francis Hardgrave
Jurden Reys Junior

Drury Reeves
John Myres
Allen Brewer
Joseph Neely
Samuel Josten
John Jones
Jos. Jones
Allen Thompson

p.4, col. 2
[This column mostly by one
hand]
Thomas Lambert
John Lake

John Cornelius
Roll [Robt?] Cornelius
Deliverance Gray
Joseph Land
Phillip Land
Richard Phips
Micager McQuary
Mathew Cunningham
David Cunningham
Ebenezer Rice
Antheney Walk
Phillep Walk
Charles Hutton
William Kellum

Rowland Rice
Thomas Hubs
William Nicleson
Elisha Nicleson
Pleasant McQuary
Cornelius Derey [Pery?]
James Robrtson
John Ward
George Horner
Micager McQuary Junr
Danniel Joslin Sener
Gabriel Joslin
Thomas Joslin

Union Army Quartermaster at Nashville: Civilian Workers Died and Deserted

The reports of William A. Wainwright, Assistant Quartermaster in charge of the Federal Army depot in Nashville, show the following deaths and desertions among the civilians he employed. Many civilians from Nashville and neighboring communities found work in the Union-occupied city during the Civil War.

Name	Occupation	Rate of Pay	Dates of Work	Notes
Peter Urton	Wagoner	25 cents/day	Oct. 1, 1862 to Mar. 3, 1863	Deserted at Murfreesboro Mar. 13, 1863
John Carr	Blacksmith	40 cents/day	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, 1862	Deserted at Murfreesboro April 4, 1863
James Quinn	Laborer	\$45/month	Oct. 1 to Nov. 6, 1864	Died in hospital at Nashville, Nov. 1864
R. Lawson	Laborer	\$45/month	Oct. 2 to Nov. 10, 1864	Died in hospital at Nashville, Nov. 1864
Pat Marion	Laborer	\$45/month	Nov. 1 – 7, 1864	Deserted, circumstances unknown
Horatio Richards	Laborer	\$45/month	April 1 – 2, 1865	Deserted

*William A. Wainwright Papers, Tennessee State Library and Archives
Box 16, reel 12, Microfilm #1652*

Early Attorneys of Davidson County

by Gale Williams Bamman CGSM

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In Davidson County's earliest years a lack of attorneys made it common for cases to be heard without counsel before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, or at best by persons appointed as attorneys in fact.¹ For example, one William Gubbins, at the April Term 1785, was "admitted to appear and plead as an attorney in fact for such as may chuse to employ him and empower him by a special power of attorney for that purpose but shall not appear for any person as an attorney at law." Gubbins was also to "as soon as possible endeavour to obtain license as an attorney at law."²



The first attorney admitted to practice in Davidson County was a John Brown, who in 1785 "produced his Licence And Took the Oath of an Attorney."³ He was followed in 1788 by Josiah Love and Andrew Jackson,⁴ both of whom would take on large caseloads in the time period prior to statehood.⁵ By June 1796, nineteen attorneys had been admitted, with several of those being men who, in addition to Love and Jackson, would become prominent in the Middle Tennessee area. For biographical data on most of those, see Ely & Brown's *Legal Papers of Andrew Jackson*, especially the section, "Jackson's Legal Colleagues in Western North Carolina, the Territory South of the River Ohio, and Tennessee, 1787-1804."⁶

For a person desiring to enter the legal profession, there were a limited number of ways by which he could learn about legal matters:⁷

- Attend a university (which few could afford to do);
- Learn by self-study, if one had access to books or libraries (another path seldom available);
- Serve as a scribe or deputy in the office of a clerk of one of the courts, reading on the side whatever legal papers or books were at his disposal;

¹ Theodore Brown, Jr., "The Tennessee County Courts Under the North Carolina and Territorial Governments: the Davidson County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1783-1796, as a Case Study," *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 32 (1979): 390.

² Carol Wells, *Davidson County, Tennessee County Court Minutes 1783-1792* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1990), 26 (orig. p. 113).

³ Wells, *Davidson County, Tennessee County Court Minutes 1783-1792*, 36 (orig. p. 139).

⁴ U.S. Works Progress Administration [WPA], *Minutes, Superior Court of North Carolina, including Mero District, 1788-1803*. (Nashville: WPA, 1938), typescript, TSLA, p. 2 (orig. p. 2).

⁵ Brown, "The Tennessee County Courts," *Vandy Law Review*, 32 (1979): Table 17, p. 412.

⁶ James W. Ely, Jr., and Theodore Brown, Jr., editors, *Legal Papers of Andrew Jackson* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1987), 353-93.

⁷ Anton-Hermann Chroust, *The Rise of the Legal Profession in America, Vol. 1: The Colonial Experience* (Norman, Okla: University of Oklahoma Press, 1965), 30.



- Apprentice himself to work as a clerk in an attorney's office, reading law books there when there was time and also learning firsthand from the lawyer if that lawyer was willing to mentor him.

A law enacted by North Carolina in 1777 had stipulated that "all persons ... who shall hereafter apply for admission to practice as an attorney, shall undergo an examination before two or more judges of the superior courts of this state, and if such person shall be found to possess a competent share of law knowledge, and be a person of upright character, such judges shall give him a certificate ... to practice in any court of this state for which they may judge him qualified."⁸ The State of Tennessee reiterated the North Carolina requirements in its Act of 1798,⁹ and an Act in 1815 extended the privilege of interrogation to any two of the judges of the newly formed Supreme Court of Errors and Appeals.¹⁰

Prior to 1817, an attorney who removed to this state had only to submit a voucher stating he was of an unexceptional moral character and to take the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear, that I will truly and honestly demean myself in the practice of an attorney, according to the best of my knowledge and ability."¹¹

A brief summary of the type of oral questioning given by judges is described by Josephus Conn Guild, in his book, *Old Times in Tennessee*. The year was 1822 and the judge was Supreme Court Judge John Haywood. The examination included "a wide range of civil and criminal law..." and, as well "the difficult and abstruse law of contingent remainders, executory devises, the statute of uses, called the statute of *de donis*, fines and recoveries, entails, the laws of primogeniture, and the feudal system."¹² Guild successfully passed the interrogation and Judge Haywood signed his license.¹³

The following table lists men who qualified to practice law in the courts of Davidson County from 1783-1840. Their names were found in a study of:

- Davidson County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1783-1840¹⁴
- Mero District Superior Court of Law and Equity Minutes for Davidson and Sumner Counties, 1788-1803¹⁵

⁸ James Iredell, *The Public Acts of the General Assembly of North Carolina* (Newbern: Martin & Ogden, 1804), Ch.2, Section 7, November Session 1777.

⁹ "An Act respecting the admission and licence of persons to practice as attornies in the several courts in this state." *Acts of Tennessee, 1798* (Knoxville: Roulstone & Parrington, 1798), p. 22, Ch. 2, Sections 1-3. 20 December 1798.

¹⁰ *Acts of Tennessee, 1815* (Nashville: T. G. Bradford, 1815) pp. 244-45, Ch.166, Sections 3-8.

¹¹ *Acts of Tennessee, 1817*, Chapter 134, Sec. 2. This Act reversed the portion of the 1777 North Carolina Act that required only a voucher of good character. See *Acts of North Carolina, 1777*, Ch 2, Section 8, November Session 1777.

¹² Josephus C. Guild, *Old Times in Tennessee, with historical, personal, and political scraps and sketches*, (1878; reprint, Knoxville: Tenase, 1971), p. 79.

¹³ Guild, *Old Times in Tennessee*, p.80.

¹⁴ Davidson County's County Court Minutes, 1783-1840, called the Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions), using Carol Wells' published abstracts for the period of 1783-1803, and the original records on microfilm for the years 1804-1840 (Davidson County microfilm numbers 1602-1612).

- Davidson County Circuit Court Minutes 1803-1840.¹⁶

The list below does not contain names of attorneys commissioned by the early governors of Tennessee unless their names were also recorded in the court minutes. It proved to be too difficult to determine which of those men were from the Davidson County area. The commissions can be found in:

- Papers of the Territorial Governor, William Blount, 1790-1796.¹⁷
- Papers of the first governor of the State of Tennessee, John Sevier, 1796-1801¹⁸
- Tennessee Civil and Military Commissions 1796-1801.¹⁹

Attorneys licensed in Davidson County Courts

Name	Term of Court	Abstracts and Transcriptions	Davidson County Records	Page number
Brown, John, Esq.	July 1785	Attorney at law, appeared in court, presented his license and took the oath of an attorney.	County Court Minutes, 1783 -1792	36 (139)
Love, Josiah, Esq.	November 1788	Produced a license authorizing him to practice as an attorney in this court, who was qualified and admitted accordingly.	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788 -1803 (WPA)	2 (2)
Jackson, Andrew, Esq.	November 1788	Appointed attorney on behalf of the state for Davidson Superior Court of law for this term.	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788 -1803 (WPA)	2 (2)
Jackson, Andrew, Esq.	November 1788	"No attorney of this court appearing who would prosecute on behalf of the State, Ordered that from the necessity of the case Andrew Jackson, Esq. be permitted to practice as an attorney of this court as well in court causes as on state matters, until this court can be fitted with a sufficient number of other attorneys regularly admitted."	Mero District Superior Court of Law and Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788-1803 (WPA)	2 (2)
Searcy, Bennett, Esq.	January 1789	Took oath as attorney for the state.	County Court Minutes, 1783 -1792	114 (341)
Jackson, Andrew, Esq.	January 1789	"Produced his license to practice law in the several county courts of this state"; took oath.	County Court Minutes, 1783 -1792	114 (342)
Cocke, William, Esq.	May 1789	"Produced license under the ... seals of the judges of the State of North Carolina authorizing him to practice as an attorney in the several counties	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788 -1803	6 (8)

¹⁵ U.S. Works Progress Administration [WPA], *Minutes, Superior Court of North Carolina, including Mero District, 1788-1803*. (Nashville: WPA, 1938), typescript, TSLA.

¹⁶ Davidson County Circuit Court Minutes, Vols. A-L, microfilm numbers 522-527.

¹⁷ Governor William Blount Papers 1790-1796, TSLA, Group 1, Box 1, folder 7, microfilm.

¹⁸ Governor John Sevier Papers 1796-1801, TSLA, Group 2, Box 4, Folder 1, microfilm.

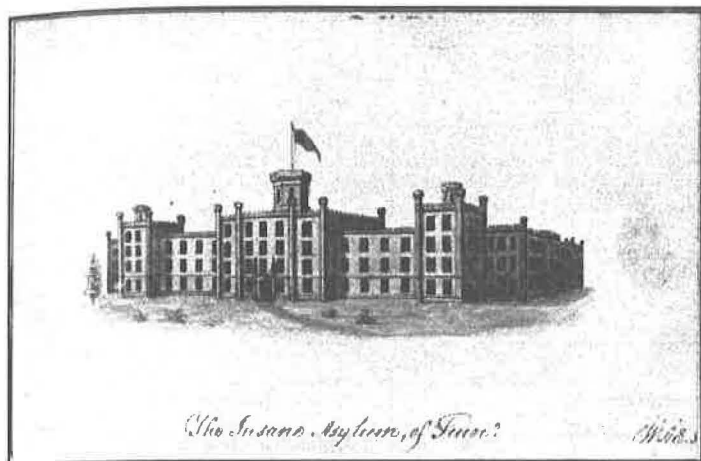
¹⁹ Tennessee Civil and Military Commissions 1796-1976, TSLA; Record Group 195, Vol. 1, 1796-1801.

Name	Term of Court	Abstracts and Transcriptions	Davidson County Records	Page number
		and superior courts of law within the state who was admitted accordingly."	(WPA)	
Jackson, Andrew	May 1789	"Ordered that Andrew Jackson Esq. be appointed to attorney for the state during this term."	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788-1803 (WPA)	6 (8)
Tatum, Howel	July 1789	"Produced license to practice as an attorney in the several county courts in this state and took the oath by law as prescribed to be taken by an attorney."	County Court Minutes, 1783-1792	130 (389)
Lacy, Hopkins	July 1790	Produced his license to practice as an attorney.	County Court Minutes, 1783-1792	154 (459)
White, James, Esq.	January 1791	"Produced his license under the hand and seal of Gov. William Blount to practice as an attorney in this Territory and took oath."	County Court Minutes, 1783-1792	174 (504)
Searcy, Bennett, Esq.	January 1791	"Produced his license under the hand and seal of Gov. William Blount to practice as an attorney in this Territory and took oath."	County Court Minutes, 1783-1792	174 (504)
Montfloreance, James Cole	January 1791	Produced his license as attorney at law, and took test and oath in open court.	County Court Minutes, 1783-1792	174 (505)
Lacy, Hopkins, Esq.	April 1791	Produced a license from his Excellency, William Blount, to practice as an attorney; took the oath of an attorney at law; likewise a commission as attorney and solicitor in Davidson County.	County Court Minutes, 1783-1792	183 (530)
Jackson, Andrew	May 1791	"Produced commission from his Excellency the Governor authorizing him to act as attorney in the several courts of Law and Equity together with a Certificate of his having taken the necessary Oaths prescribed by law for his qualification. Ordered that he be admitted accordingly."	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788-1803 (WPA)	25 (30)
Love, Josiah	May 1791	"Produced commission from his Excellency the Governor authorizing him to act as attorney in the several courts of Law and Equity together with a Certificate of his having taken the necessary Oaths prescribed by law for his qualification. Ordered that he be admitted accordingly."	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788-1803 (WPA)	25 (30)
Montfloreance, James Cole	May 1791	"Produced commission from his Excellency the Governor authorizing him to act as attorney in the several courts of Law and Equity together with a Certificate of his having taken the necessary Oaths prescribed by	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788-1803 (WPA)	25 (30)

Name	Term of Court	Abstracts and Transcriptions	Davidson County Records	Page number
		law for his qualification. Ordered that he be admitted accordingly."		
Overton, John	May 1791	"Produced commission from his Excellency the Governor authorizing him to act as attorney in the several courts of Law and Equity together with a Certificate of his having taken the necessary Oaths prescribed by law for his qualification. Ordered that he be admitted accordingly."	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788 -1803 (WPA)	25 (30)
Tatum, Howell, Esq.	May 1791	"Produced commission from his Excellency the Governor authorizing him to act as attorney in the several courts of Law and Equity together with a Certificate of his having taken the necessary Oaths prescribed by law for his qualification. Ordered that he be admitted accordingly."	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788 -1803 (WPA)	25 (30)
Lacy, Hopkins, Esq.	May 1791	"Produced a commission from his Excellency the Governor authorizing him to practice as an attorney in the several courts of Law and Equity, and a Certificate of his qualification, Ordered that he be admitted accordingly."	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity for Davidson & Sumner Counties, 1788 -1803 (WPA)	25 (30)
Dougherty, Jas.	January 1795	Took the test and the oath of an attorney at law.	County Court Minutes, 1792 -1799	66 (10)
Donelson, Samuel	January 1795	Produced his commission to practice as an attorney and was admitted.	County Court Minutes, 1792-1799	66 (10)
Searcy, Bennet, Esq.	January 1795	Resigned as States Attorney; Samuel Donelson was appointed in his stead.	County Court Minutes, 1792 -1799	66 (10)
Searcy, Bennet, Esq.	May 1795	Produced a license from his Excellency William Blount, Esq., authorizing him to practice as an attorney in the several superior courts of law and equity in the Territory South of Ohio River, who took the several oaths prescribed and was admitted accordingly.	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity 1788 -1803 (WPA)	151 (129)
Do'hertie, James, Esq.	May 1795	Produced a license from his Excellency William Blount, Esq., authorizing him to practice as an attorney in the several superior courts of law and equity in the Territory South of Ohio River, who took the several oaths prescribed and was admitted accordingly.	Mero District Superior Court of Law & Equity 1788 -1803 (WPA)	152 (130)
Lewis, Seth, Esq.	July 1795	Qualified as an attorney at law, "etc."	County Court Minutes, 1792 -1799	81 (192)

To Be Continued

The Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Schedules of the 1880 Tennessee Census



Tennessee Hospital for the Insane
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Davidson County (continued)

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The DDD Schedules, as they are often called, were part of the non-population schedules supplementing the 1880 federal census, and were created to help the government decide on funding appropriations for institutions and health programs. On each of the following schedules of the DDDs, the census-takers were instructed to give an account of the location and condition of persons who met these descriptions:

The following questions were asked on all seven of the DDD schedules:

name of the afflicted person; county and district where enumerated; county of residence; and location in the population schedule.

The remainder of the questions pertained to each particular class of persons:

Insane Inhabitants: form of disease; duration of current attack; age at first attack; if requires restraint; if ever institutionalized and for how long; if additional features, such as epileptic suicidal, or homicidal. Distinction was to be made between persons with deterioration of mental power, such as dementia and those born defective; the latter were to be classified as Idiots.

Idiots: supposed cause; age of occurrence; size of person's head [at that time considered as significant]; if self-supporting or partly so; if ever in training school and for how long; and if additional illnesses present (insane, blind, deaf, paralyzed).

Deaf-Mutes: supposed cause; age of occurrence; if semi- or totally deaf and/or mute; if ever institutionalized; if also insane, idiotic, or blind. Enumerators were instructed to inquire about deaf-mutes and their residences from physicians in the area and also from schoolteachers.

Blind: if self-supporting; age at occurrence; form; supposed cause; if totally or semi-blind; if ever in an institution for the blind; length of time there; date of discharge; if also insane, idiotic, deaf-mute. Those who could see well enough to read were not to be placed on this schedule.

Homeless Children: whether father and/or mother were deceased; whether abandoned or surrendered; whether born in an institution, or year admitted; whether illegitimate; if separated from his/her mother; if ever arrested, and why; if origins were "respectable;" whether removed from criminal surroundings; if blind, deaf-mute or idiotic.

Inhabitants in Prisons: place of imprisonment; whether awaiting trial, serving a term, or serving out a fine; if awaiting execution, or transfer to higher prison, or if held as a witness; if imprisoned for debt, or for insanity; date incarcerated; alleged offense; fine; number of days in jail or workhouse, or years in penitentiary; whether at hard labor, and if so, whether contracted out. Enumerators were also to ask these questions of wardens or keepers of any prison, "station-house, or lock-up in their respective districts."

Paupers and Indigent: if supported wholly or partly at cost of city, county, or state; or at cost of institution; whether able-bodied; whether habitually intemperate; if epileptic; if ever convicted of a crime; if disabled; if born in the institution, or date of admission; whether others of the family were also in that establishment; if also blind, deaf and dumb, insane, idiotic. Paupers living in individual homes who were supported partly or fully at county cost were referred to by the Census Office, as "outdoor paupers," to distinguish them from paupers in institutions.

For a more-detailed discussion of the DDD Schedules and this abstracting project, please see Part I, in the Summer 2005 issue of this journal (Volume XIX, no. 1), pp. 32-40. The question "Residence when at home" is not abstracted unless it differs from the place enumerated. The additional data in these abstracts comes from the population schedules and does not appear on the DDD Schedules themselves. The interpretation of the records may contain deciphering errors. The reader is encouraged to view the originals on microfilm. If any mistakes are noted, please contact the compiler with that information.

Davidson County (continued)

Inmates in the Tennessee Hospital for the Insane

Here begins a listing of the inmates of the Tennessee Hospital for the Insane.

Skaggs, Emma: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Montgomery Co.; white, female, 28, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 5 years; 1 attack; age at first attack, 18; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.21]

Nichols, Elizabeth: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Hardin Co.; white, female, 35, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 9 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 20; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.22]

Bilbo, Martha: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Davidson Co.; white, female, 24, single; epilepsy & mania; duration of present attack, 3 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 17; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.23]

Gregory, Naomi: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Marion Co.; white, female, 65, widowed/divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 7 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 36; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.24]

McChristian, H. D.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident McMinn Co.; white, female, 40, single; chronic mania; 1 attack, age at first attack, 34; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.25]

Harvey, Martha: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident DeKalb Co.; white, female, 30, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 2

years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 24; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.26]

Swor, Mary J.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Henry Co.; white, female, 40, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 3 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 30; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.27]

Hansard, Anna: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Union Co.; white, female, 38, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 3 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 31; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.28]

Davis, Adeline: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Dyer Co.; white, female, 60, widowed/divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 6 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 38; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.29]

Embry, Mary A.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Franklin Co.; white, female, 60, widowed/divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 9 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 48; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.30]

Nash, Elizabeth: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Davidson Co.; white, female, 55, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 21 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 25; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.31]

Vogelsanger, Maggie: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Hamilton Co.; white, female, 28, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 4



An 1833 engraving of Bedlam, London's insane asylum

years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 17; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.32]

McMurray, Henrietta: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Obion Co.; white, female, 38, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 3 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 35; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.33]

Martin, Elizabeth: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Blount Co.; white, female, 40, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 8 years, 2 attacks, age at first attack, 20; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.34]

Swift, Martha: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Benton Co.; white, female, 23, single; acute mania; duration of present attack, 7 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 16; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.35]

Groff, M. E. A.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 48, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 9 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 26; not confined, not

restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.36]

Taylor, Elizabeth: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 29, married; acute mania; duration of present attack, 11 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 18; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.37]

Nolin, Maggie: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 23, single; acute mania; duration of present attack, 9 months, 1 attack, age at first attack, 19; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.38]

Walker, Alice: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 22, single; recurrent mania; duration of present attack, 1 year, 1 attack, age at first attack, 21; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.39]

Vandyke, Fannie: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 36, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 14 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 17; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.40]

Crudup, Elizabeth: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 60; married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 21 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 28; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.41]

Edwards, Lavina: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 65, single; chronic mania; white, female, 65, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 23 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 34; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.42]

Thompson, E. J.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 23, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 3 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 20; not confined, not

restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.43]

Stephens, N. E.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 60, widowed [or] divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 24 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 17; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.44]

Swan, May E. A.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [illegible]; white, female, 60, married; duration of present attack, 10 years, 2 attacks, age at first attack, 24; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.45]

Gollither, Martha: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Coffee Co.; white, female, 65, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 10 years, 2 attacks, age at first attack, 42; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.46]

Quarles, Carrie: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Jackson Co.; white, female, 38, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 6 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 22; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.47]

Howard, Sarah: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident McMinn Co.; white, female, 50, widowed [or] divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 4 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 38; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.48]

Sims, Mary E.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Cheatham Co.; white, female, 65, widowed [or] divorced; dementia; duration of present attack, 2 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 60; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.49]

Roseborough, Flora: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Lincoln Co.; white, female, 55, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 21

years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 25; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.50]

Avent, Irene: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Shelby Co.; white, female, 27, widowed [or] divorced; acute mania; duration of present attack, 2 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 22; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.1]

Sutton, Sarah: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Hamilton Co.; white, female, 58; widowed [or] divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 4 years, 1 attack, age 44; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.2]

Abernethy, A. T.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Giles Co.; white, female, 33, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 6 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 27; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.3]

Conn, Mary: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Grainger Co.; white, female, 40, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 9 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 25; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for the Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.4]

Scruggs, Elizabeth: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Wilson Co.; white, female, 65, widowed [or] divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 10 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 56; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.5]

Sloan, Melinda: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Putnam Co.; white, female, 50, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 1 year, 1 attack, age at first attack, 46; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.6]

McGee, Rebecca: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Sullivan Co.; white, female, 47, married; opium habit; duration of present attack, 1 year, 1 attack, age at first attack, 42; not confined, not

restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.7]

Brown, Esther: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Washington Co.; white, female, 40, married; acute mania; 1 attack, age at first attack, 30; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.8]

Gault, Jane: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Lincoln Co.; white, female, 59, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 1 year, 2 attacks, age at first attack, 35; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.9]

Houston, Jeanette: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Greene Co.; white, female, 42, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 9 months, 1 attack, age at first attack, 40; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.10]

Minchie P. B.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Jackson Co.; white, female, 30, single; chronic mania; 1 attack, age at first attack, 27; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.11]

Lewis, Ellen J.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident James Co.; white, female, 29, married; acute mania; 1 attack, age at first attack, 25; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.12]

French, Louisa: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Shelby Co.; white, female, 26, single; acute mania; 1 attack, age at first attack, 22; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.13]

Taylor, Catherine: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Tipton Co.; white, female, 29, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 5 months, 1 attack, age at first attack, 30; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.14]

McGinnis, Esther: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Maury Co.; white, female, 58, widowed [or] divorced; chronic mania; 1 attack, age at first attack, 51; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.15]

Powers, Minnie: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Shelby Co.; white, female, 34, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 1 year, 1 attack, age at first attack, 28; not confined, restrained in crib bed, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p. 33,ln.16]

Niph[?], Ethelinda: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Giles Co.; white, female, 35, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 4 years, 1 attack, age 24; confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.17]

Carrington, A. E.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Marshall Co.; white, 38, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 10 years, 1 attack, age 26; not confined, not restrained,



Mental Patients were subjected to a variety of treatments - as this 1878 illustration shows.

inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.18]

Dabney, Sarah L.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Anderson Co.; white, female, 40, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 7 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 30; confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.19]

Hooff[?], Mary A.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Lauderdale Co.; white, female, 29, married; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 3 months, 1 attack, age at first attack, 32; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.20]

Stevens, Harriet: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Fayette Co.; white, female, 45, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 24 years, 1 attack, age at first attack, 17; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.21]

Ward, Margaret: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Dyer Co.; white, female, 38, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 1 year; 3 attacks; age at first attack, 34; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.22]

Carson, T. C.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident [not stated]; white, female, 39, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 14 years; 1 attack; age at first attack, 19; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.23]

Guinn, Elizabeth: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Greene Co.; white, female, 35, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 11 years; 2 attacks; age at first attack, 24; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.24]

Warden, Mary E.: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Hickman Co.; chronic mania; white, female, 30, single; duration of present attack, 6 years; 2 attacks; age at first attack, 16; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.25]

Satterfield, Roan: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., white, female, 29, single; resident Wilson Co.; acute mania; duration of present attack, 6 months; 2 attacks; age at first attack, 30; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.26]

Kazer, Cecilia: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Davidson Co.; white, female, 37, widowed [or] divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 10 months; 1 attack; age at first attack, 28; Inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.27]

Wolfe, Rutha: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Hancock Co.; white, female, 50, single; acute mania; duration of present attack, 1 month; 1 attack; age at first attack, 40; confined, restrained; inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.28]

Galloway, Sophia: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Sullivan Co.; white, female, 34, single; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 2 months; 2 attacks; age at first attack, 36[sic]; confined, restrained; inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.65,ln.29]

Kirby, Julia: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Bradley Co.; white, female, 42, married; acute mania; duration of present attack, 1 year; 2 attacks; age at first attack, 37; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.30]

Bozman, Charlotte: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Knox Co.; white, female, 31, married; acute mania; duration of present attack, 2 months; 1 attack; age at first attack, 30; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.31]

Aldrich, Mary: Insane Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co., resident Perry Co.; white, female, 36, widowed [or] divorced; chronic mania; duration of present attack, 2 years; 2 attacks, age at first attack, 21; not confined, not restrained, inmate of Tennessee Hospital for Insane. [s.d.3,e.d.65; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.32]

To Be Continued

From the Notes of ...

Research Files of Past Tennessee Genealogists

The Hobbs Family file of Thomas Barnes

Thomas Jefferson Barnes (1883 – 1956), a postman who lived in McMinnville, undertook a monumental amount of research on the families of Warren County and the surrounding area. He bequeathed his files to the Tennessee Historical Society, which makes them available for research at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.¹

The Barnes collection includes information on about 500 families. Rough notes, charts and correspondence reflect Barnes' efforts to piece together family groups. Unfortunately, many of his notes do not bear the kind of source citations good genealogists today are careful to record. Much of his material is based on interviews with family members. Despite their flaws, these records are important research materials for Middle Tennessee.

Early Warren County Hobbs'

The only Hobbs listed in the 1820 census of Warren County is Ezekiel Hobbs. He and his wife were between the ages of 26 and 45, with six sons and three daughters. Richard Hobbs might have been a son of this Ezekiel.

Vincent Hobbs entered land where Levi Scott owned across the river from Shiloh. Vincent went to Lincoln County and died there.

Family of Richard Hobbs

Richard Hobbs married Esther or Easter Smartt, a sister of Reuben Smartt, Sr. I suppose this is where Reuben Hobbs gets his name. Children of Richard and Easter Hobbs:

1. Chrys Hobbs, married Elizabeth Smith.
2. Deida Hobbs, married Jesse Nunley.
3. Sally or Sarah Hobbs, married John J. Argo.
4. Reuben Hobbs (1827-1905), married 1st a Miss Lay, 2nd Sallie Rogers and 3rd Anna Rogers.
5. Scat or Wesley Hobbs, married Mary Nunley Mar. 20, 1874.
6. Richard Hobbs, married Cela Turner.
7. Elizabeth or Betty Hobbs, married Alex Nunley.
- ? Angie Hobbs, married William Fults. Parents of Little John Fults or Cooper's John Fults.
- ? Taylor Hobbs – is on my list of their children, but this may not be correct.
- ? Jean Hobbs, married John Fults.

Christopher Hobbs Family

Children of Chrys and Elizabeth Smith Hobbs:

¹ The Thomas Barnes Papers. Tennessee State Library and Archives. Microfilmed manuscript collection #654. The Hobbs file is in box 2 of the collection.

1. Mathelda, b. May 5, 1857, married a Fults.
2. Laurence H., b. May 9, 1877, died 1951, married Dessie Hobbs.

Reuben Hobbs Family

Reuben Hobbs, born July 5, 1827, died July 20, 1905. Served in the Mexican War under Capt. Adrian Northcutt, 1st Tenn. Volunteer Infantry, Company D. Buried at Altamont, Tenn.

Children by 1st wife – Lay:

1. James Hobbs.
2. Wilson Hobbs.
3. Mary Hobbs, married Ben Fletcher.
4. Rose Hobbs, never married.
5. Britannia Hobbs, never married.

Children by 2nd wife, Sarah Rogers (born 1848):

1. Eliza Hobbs, marr. James Bliss as his second wife.
2. Laura Hobbs, marr. James Bliss as his first wife.
3. Josie Hobbs, never married.

Children by 3rd wife, Anna Rogers:

1. Frank Hobbs, married Fannie Fults.
2. Lawson Hobbs.

Sallie and Anna Rogers were daughters of Jacob Rogers.

The Smartt Family

The father of Easter Smartt and his wife came from North Carolina and the only children I have listed were:

1. William C. Smartt, who married Easter Green, daughter of Samuel Green who fought with Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. Their son Reuben Smartt, Jr., was the father of Beecher Smartt and others.
2. Sarah Smartt, who married William Nunley, father and mother of Willis Nunley.
3. Easter Smartt, who married Richard Hobbs.
4. John Smartt, who married Mary Rogers and was the father of Wesley, Elcain, Steve and several others.

Miscellaneous Notes

Land's Chapel Cemetery, Dunlap, Tenn. Wm. Hobbs, Sept. 4, 1847 – Feb. 12, 1924.

Warren County marriages. Denton Savage to Susannah Hobbs, Mar. 11, 1878.

Grundy County marriages. Christopher Hobbs to Nancy Reynolds, Sept. 9, 1852.
James Hobbs to Sarah Dykes, Jan. 1, 1862.

Reuben Hobbs, Revolutionary soldier, served in Hall's Company of North Carolina troops, 1781.

Grundy County Will Book, Will of Archibald Hobbs, Aug. 13, 1865. To wife Martha (Patsy) and to my three daughters: Rosana (married Chatham Bess); Mary (married 1st James Woodlee; 2nd Doak Bess); and Naomi Elizabeth (married 1st – Scott; 2nd Edward Patrick). William T. Bond, executor. Samuel D. Walker and James W. Bond, witnesses.

Chrystopher Hobbs was administrator of William Smartt's estate, 1869.

Richard Hobbs	43	-	-
Esther	43	+	
Betsy	17	+	
Christopher	15	-	
William	13	-	
John	11	-	
Amanda	9	+	
James	7	-	
George	5	-	
Anderson L.	3	-	
Emeline	2	+	

The Richard Hobbs family appears in the 1850 census of Grundy County. The household includes several children not shown in Barnes' list. Barnes did not have access to most census records, living as he did in McMinnville in the 1950s.
(editor's note)

Obituaries

Lawrence H. Hobbs, from the McMinnville *Southern Standard*, June 29, 1951. Native of Grundy County, age 74, born May 9, 1877, son of Chriss and Lizzie Hobbs, married to Miss Dessie Tipton, who survives him along with seven sons and two daughters: Acie; Millard; Richard; Elmer L.; J.C.; Harold and Charles Hobbs, all of McMinnville; Mrs. Thomas Stotts of Liberty, Missouri, and Mrs. Ben Rhea of McMinnville. Also survived by one brother, Tom Hobbs. Was a member of the LDS Church.

Raymond Hobbs [undated clipping with McMinnville byline], age 45, died of a heart attack while fighting a fire at his home in Northcutt's Cove, Grundy County. Born Mar. 23, 1908, son of Tolbert Hobbs and Lillie Fultz. Married in 1933 to Miss Audrey Wannamaker. His parents, widow and three daughters survive him.

Henry Hobbs [undated clipping], age 53, died in a Chattanooga hospital, services in Coalmont, Tenn. Employee of Combustion Engineering Superheater. Survived by wife and five children, along with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Hobbs of Coalmont.

Mrs. Mollie Rogers Hobbs [undated clipping], age 73, wife of Harris Hobbs, died at home near Altamont. Daughter of the late George and Rebecca Calhoun Rogers.

Estrays in Warren County

From the *Carthage Gazette and Friend of the People*, June 29, 1809.

Taken up by...

John Queen, living on Collins River, one bay horse, had on an old bell with a double buckle.

Moses Perkins, Charles' Creek, one sorrel horse, hip shot in left hip, also one brown horse, marked with the saddle.

James Crissop, living on Collins River, one dapple grey mare.

Joseph Nutton, living on Collins River, one bay mare, marked with the saddle, had on an old bell put with a stirrup leather.

William King, living near the falls of Cany Fork, one bay mare, marked with the gar, natural trotter.

Michael Newsom, living on Collins River, one black mare with some saddle spots, also one bay mare, her left eye out.

John Burks, Charles' Creek, one brown mare, branded IK on the near shoulder, much marked with the saddle.

Richard Burks, Collins River, one bay horse, right shoulder slipped.

Daniel Paine, on Rocky River Fork of the Cany Fork, one bay mare, a star in her face.

Samuel Evans, head of Stone's River, one sorrel horse, badly hipshot.

Jason Isboll, one brown mare, also one brown horse colt.

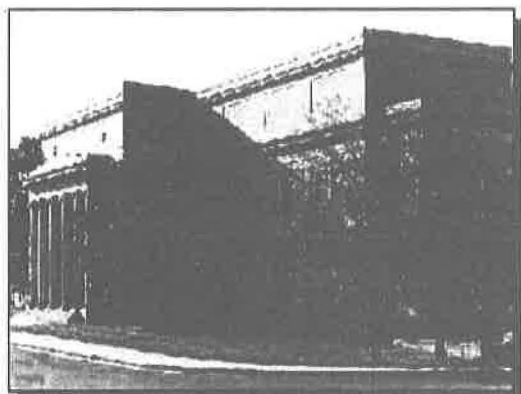
Moses Perkins, Charley's Creek, one yellow bay mare, a small crop in her left ear.

John Jordan, Charley's Creek, one sorrel mare, branded SS on the jaw and IP on the near shoulder and buttock, also one horse colt, supposed to belong to the mare.

William Hobbs, near the Buck Springs, Collins's River, one bay mare, a natural pacer.

News from the State Library & Archives

by Trent Hanner and Stephanie Sutton,
Reference Librarians



We are happy to provide you with another quarterly update from the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The Tennessee Department of State has launched a redesign of TSLA's website in an effort to provide a more user-friendly display emphasizing its most frequently accessed information. Give our new website a test drive and let us know what you think. Patrons may access the redesigned website through TSLA's homepage at <http://tn.gov/tsla/index.htm>.

Equally exciting is our newest addition to our services offered by mail. We have most recently added a feature whereby some printed indexes and microfilmed records may be available for delivery through e-mail. Many patrons are already taking advantage of the expedient delivery this service provides, and requests for e-mail delivery continue to increase on a monthly basis.

TSLA's selection of resource guides continues to grow, with the most recent addition of *African American Genealogical Resources at TSLA*. This research brochure is available in print at TSLA and on our web site at <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/guides/guide09.htm>. The purpose of the ever expanding list of brochures is to familiarize patrons with records available at TSLA and provide them with resources to aid in their research. Anticipate brochures covering marriage and divorce records in the near future.

Still in its infancy, the long-term project of making Tennessee's death indexes available online continues to expand. Public Services has most recently added 1928 to its list of online death indexes.

The newest exhibit in the War Memorial lobby of TSLA is entitled *Family Business: How You Find It & How You Keep It* and features tips on genealogical research for both the novice and experienced researcher. The exhibit will run through August 27.

A notable addition to our microfilm collection is a series of film donated by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Nashville Chapter #1. *The Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government* was recently added to our collection, completing the Confederate service records file at TSLA. The much-anticipated rolls of microfilm recently arrived at TSLA and cover Forrest's Scouts, 1st TN Mounted Scouts, 4th Confederate Infantry for Tennessee (A-Y), and the 9th Confederate Infantry (A-Y).

Please keep in mind that to stay abreast of workshops being offered by TSLA at: www.Tennessee.gov/tsla/history/workshop.pdf.

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Dr. Dawson's Octagon House in Montgomery County

by Ann Goodpasture



DAWSON FAMILY
MEMBERS AT THE
OCTAGON HOUSE,
ca. 1890s

The older woman at left is Margaret N. Dawson, seated in center is her brother Clay Dawson. The other seated figure is Jennie Dawson, who married A.V. Goodpasture. With her is her son (in the long hair and dress typical for children in those days) A.V., Jr., father of the author.

The house of which I write doesn't exist anymore. In fact, I never saw it. But I heard much about it during my childhood so it exists in my memory. My father would point out the site on the old farm in Montgomery County, next to the Kentucky border. You could see an area of rocks with a tree growing in the middle. He spoke of finding coins there among the rocks when he was a child.

The house burned about the turn of the century (1900). I have an old letter to a family member which says the writer had read about the fire in the *Clarksville Leaf Chronicle*. How frustrating that the letter has no date, so I can't very easily look for it!

Dr. Stephen William (Will) Dawson was the builder of that house, about ten years before the Civil War. Dr. Dawson was born in Logan County, Kentucky. His father, Stephen Newton Dawson, had emigrated there from Maryland with his wife, Ann White. As a young man, Will Dawson studied medicine under Dr. William K. Bowling of Adairville, Kentucky. He then traveled to Philadelphia, where he attended Jefferson College and earned his Doctor of Medicine in 1848. Jefferson College was one of the nation's first medical schools, as in those days most doctors were merely trained as apprentices to older physicians.

After finishing school, young Dr. Dawson embarked on an adventure. In March 1850 he left Kentucky and joined in the gold rush to California. He served as physician for a covered wagon train group called Bingham's Party. There were 1,500 people in that group who crossed the continent together. Dawson was gone for four years, returning in 1854 by way of Philadelphia, where he had his \$10,000 in gold dust minted into coin.

On March 15, 1857, Dr. Dawson married Martha Lucretia Willson in Baltimore, Maryland. His bride, known as Matt, had lived in Logan County, Kentucky, until the death of her father, Charles Willson. At that time Matt and her sister Rebecca Jane had gone to Baltimore to live with an uncle. There was a lot of letter-writing and visiting between the Dawson and Willson families, especially between Will's sister Marg and the Dawson girls.

At the time of the marriage, Will was still living in Logan County, though his father had relocated to Tennessee. Will followed his father to Montgomery County shortly after his marriage, and there he built the Octagon House. I suspect his father, who owned extensive land, gave a tract to Will and his new bride for their home. Perhaps Will spent some of his California gold coins to have the house built. They called their farm Walnuthurst.

Dr. Will Dawson was likely influenced by a book published in 1848 by Orson Squire Fowler, in which he extolled the excellence of a house shaped like an octagon, as opposed to the usual rectangle or square. A revised edition was published in 1853 under the title *Home For All or the Gravel Wall and Octagon Mode of Building - New, Cheap, Convenient, Superior and Adapted to Rich and Poor*.

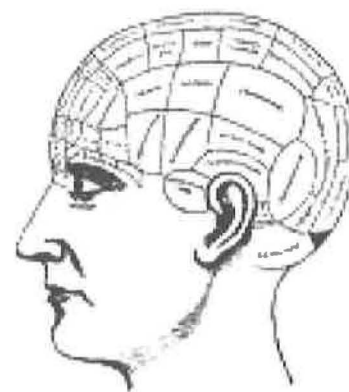


Orson Squire Fowler (1809-1889)

As Fowler described his ideal house, it was to have concrete ("gravel") walls instead of the customary and more expensive brick or wood. Builders were encouraged to use much glass, taking advantage of the extra window space created by the eight walls. An eight-sided cupola on top was filled with windows which lit the central stairway. Fowler also advocated all the latest conveniences – central heating, gas lights, flushing toilets, dumbwaiters, speaking tubes and a kitchen range that provided hot running water. A rainwater system collected water from the roof, filtered it, and sent it around the house to washstands and water-closets. The author's own home in Fishkill, New York, featured the style and building techniques he recommended.

Fowler's book was well-received and many octagon houses were built during the twenty years following its publication. Many octagon houses were built in the Northeast and upper Plains states, though there were examples as far afield as Canada, Europe and China. Today, fewer than 500 survive, many of them in the Hudson River Valley.

Fowler was more than an amateur architect. He lectured all over the country on health, social reform and, especially, phrenology. This last was a 19th-century pseudo-science that claimed to read a person's personality from the shape of his head. Fowler advocated no alcohol, no tobacco, and no eating of meat. He thought every home should have orchards and gardens for producing healthy food. He also lectured on sex education – and remember this was the middle of the straight-laced Victorian era!

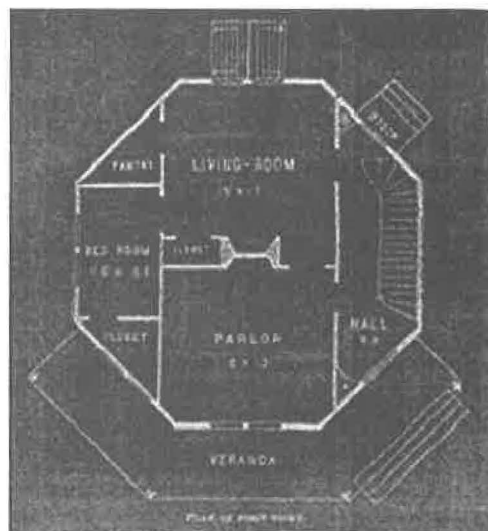


Phrenology, an attempt to study psychology based on the shape of one's head, was among Orson Fowler's interests.

Dr. Dawson must have had a copy of Fowler's book, and perhaps had even heard the man speak. I know the doctor was interested in phrenology, because I have an old pamphlet in which his own head was analyzed phrenologically. At any rate, he must have become convinced that he wanted an octagon house, and probably went to considerable trouble to persuade a builder to try it, as it was unique to the region.

The only picture of Dr. Dawson's octagon home is reprinted here, although it is not very clear. It does not show the entire house and trees prevent seeing whether it had a cupola. Dr. Dawson died in 1887, as did one of his daughters. The only surviving child was a daughter, Jennie Goodpasture, who is shown in this picture with her five children. Shown with her are Will Dawson's unmarried brother and sister, who moved to the octagon house from their father's estate next door. The Goodpastures lived in Nashville, but her children spent a great deal of time at "the old farm" which was very dear to them. This picture probably was made shortly before the house burned.

There was at least one other octagonal house built in the vicinity. About thirty miles away, in Franklin, Kentucky, A.J. Caldwell built a red brick, 3-story octagon home which is still standing. The date of its construction is uncertain, but could have been as early as 1847. Differing somewhat from Fowler's plan, this house has no cupola or basement. The Caldwell house is a museum and open to the public at times. I was disappointed when visiting because the interior seemed dark and poorly arranged, but I



An Octagon House Floor Plan



A beautifully restored Octagon House in Mumford, New York

I imagine it has deteriorated over time. There was probably much variation in interior construction from one octagon house to another (as Fowler suggested there should be). I can only wonder what Dr. Dawson's house was like.

The octagonal house at Walnuthurst was home to the Dawson family for about 50 years, burning down sometime around 1900. Orson Fowler's own home in New York, "Fowler's Folly" existed during approximately the same period. It was sold by Fowler in 1859 and was torn down in 1897. Fowler and Dr. Dawson died within two years of each other.

Ann Goodpasture prepared this article for the Prudence Hall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists. She is the great-granddaughter of Dr. Will Dawson and lives in Brentwood, Tenn.

DeKalb and Dickson County Civil War Claims

Allowed for Payment by the Southern Claims Commission



Following the Civil War, many residents of Middle Tennessee attempted to get compensation from the Federal government for damage done to their property by the Union Army as it marched through their towns, raided their barns and camped in their fields. The Southern Claims Commission was established in 1871 to review the claims of Southerners. Only those deemed to have been loyal to the Union throughout the war were eligible to receive payment for damages.

More than 20,000 people filed claims with the commission; the records show that fewer than one-third recovered anything. The records of these "allowed" claims are located at the National Archives. Files pertaining to those who were rejected have been microfilmed and are available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The files of those claimants who were allowed some payment have not been filmed and

can be viewed only at the National Archives branch in College Park, Maryland.

The following abstracts are based on the claims of Davidson County residents who were deemed loyal Unionists and allowed payment by the Commissioners for Southern Claims.

JOHN DAVIS SR.

DeKalb County. Age 64; filed 1871; file consists of 43 pp. Claimed \$150 for a horse.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"Claimant swears to Union sentiments, that he voted against separation and representation and that he had three sons in the Union army. Witnesses testify to clmt's loyal conversations and reputation and associations. The horse was turned over to the QM by claimant's son and branded "U.S." His son died soon after in the service and the horse was never paid for. This was in Aug. 1862 at which time the QM's prices for horses was \$120." [Allowed \$120.]

Special Examiner John B. Robinson wrote, "I am personally acquainted with all the witnesses ... all of them except S.P.W. Maxwell were Federal soldiers ... I know them all to have been loyal men.... About Aug. 1862 the pressure from the rebels became so heavy that

Union men did not consider themselves safe at home and claimant's son, Doctor A. Davis, concluded that he would join the Federal army. When he started to Nashville to join the army he bought the horse, the subject of this claim...."

Notes:

Claimant has lived in DeKalb Co. all his life, farming on his place at Liberty. Sons Thomas and William Davis joined the 5th Tenn. Cavalry in 1862. He harbored and fed Union boys who were trying to get to the army, including Tobe Woods and William Trustee. His nephews George, William and Joseph were also in the 5th Tenn., and three other nephews were in an Illinois unit. The widow of his son Doctor A. Davis is drawing a pension for his service in the 5th Tenn. Alexander Robinson, W.L. Hathaway and Edward Robinson who are now all dead could have served as witnesses. His neighbor, W.C. Self, told him that Breckenridge's men said if he went into Liberty again

they would kill him. Confederate soldiers under Breckenridge & Morgan took his bacon, corn and wheat. He paid Edward Robinson's administrator for the horse his son had purchased.

Witnesses:

- William Davis, saw Doctor A. Davis riding the horse in Nashville.
- S.P. Maxwell, age 60, has lived in the county 20 years, has known claimant 17 years. The Union men of the neighborhood included Benjamin Anderson, Solomon Doris, W.T. Robinson, Andrew Coplinger, Benjamin Thomas, T.J. Williams, Harvey Close, Samuel Simpson, John White, W.F. and A.H. Robinson and E.W. Bass.
- Reubin P. Davis, age 42, farmer, has known claimant all his life. Col. Stokes told all the soldiers to turn over their horses and they would be paid for them.
- John J. White, miller, has lived in Liberty all his life, has known claimant 20 years or more,
- William Davis, age 36, son of the claimant.

GEORGE W. EASTHAM

DeKalb County. Age 83; filed 1877; file consists of 54 pp. Claimed \$363 for horse, corn, potatoes, turnips, fodder and apples.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"This claim was referred back for a rehearing by Act of Congress June 15, 1878, with additional testimony not before us at the original hearing. On the testimony of ... Wm. B. Stokes ... S.P.W. Maxwell, E.T. Foster, J.T. Armstrong ... and Jno. B. Robinson ... we find claimant loyal. Claimant and his grandson testify to the taking of the property by Col. Elliott's command in 1863. We allow \$257.50."

Notes:

Claimant was born in Virginia, lived near Smithville during the war except when he was threatened, arrested and forced from home by the rebels. He escaped to the Federal army at Carthage and went to Kentucky and then Nashville. Had a son and three grandsons in the Union army under Col. Garrett. "I am today, and have forever been, a 'Union man.' I had five sons in the Confederacy, but I lived in a Confederate community. My sons were all men, with the exception of my

youngest son, and him I got to unite with and join the Union army, he being the only one I could control." His sons in the Confederate army and their ages at the time were William S. 33, George A. 28, Walten P. 24 and John T. 22, all are now dead. Son H.C. Eastham also served, and is living at Smithville.

Witnesses:

- Thomas N. Christian, age 45, born and raised 10 miles from Smithville, clerk of Circuit Court, has known claimant all his life
- Abraham Lafever, has known claimant 25 years. Witness, Elijah Yeargin and J.W. Starks were County Commissioners when Eastham first filed his claim, but claimant "refused to stamp the same."
- William B. Stokes, former colonel U.S. army, age 63, of DeKalb Co., has known claimant for about 40 years.
- S.P.W. Maxwell, age 60, blacksmith, has known claimant about 40 years. Heard Leroy Love and John Carter talking about Eastham getting in a fight with Mr. Baker because Eastham was for the Union. Loyal men of the neighborhood included Bird Sexton, Fed Stones, Charles Starnes, James L. Robinson and James Maxwell, but they no longer live there.
- J.S. Dunlap, age 27, trader and farmer, grandson of claimant. When Elliott's troops took the horse he followed it about six miles. Stephen Pledger talked to an officer on his behalf and said the horse would be paid for. Bushwhackers threatened to kill claimant or cut his tongue out; he was arrested "but made a maraculous escape." Witness joined the Federal army soon after the property was taken.
- Edmund T. Foster, of Smithville, has known claimant 25 years.
- J.T. Armstrong, age 34, deputy U.S. Marshal, has known claimant since 1863.
- John B. Robinson, U.S. commissioner, has known Dr. Eastman since the war.

RUTH C. HATHAWAY

DeKalb County. Age 56; filed in 1875; file consists of 38 pp. Claimed \$275 for a horse and mule.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"Claimant is a widow whose husband died in June 1863 in Sevier Co., whither he had been driven by the rebels. She swears to loyalty. Her son was a captain in Co. A, 5th Tenn. Cav., enlisted in 1862 and remained till close of the war. The taking of the horse and mule ... is not satisfactorily proved by any direct and reliable testimony. Claimant's son rode the mare as a refugee from his home towards Murfreesboro, and was taken sick and put in an ambulance, and it was conjectured that Col. Wagner's command which came along about that time took the mare, but there is no proof of it. Claimant's husband drove a mule team to Murfreesboro and while there one of the mules disappeared one night and could not be found. When the army was leaving Murfreesboro some time after Robin Butcher, who seems to be claimant's husband, says he saw the mule in a government wagon mule team branded U.S. and the Lieut. Hathaway, claimant's son now dead, was with him and saw the mule and recognized it also, but said there was no use trying to get it. All the probabilities were in favor of the conclusion that the mule was taken and there is proof satisfactory of its use by the army. We allow \$125."



Notes:

Claimant and her family lived near Liberty. Her husband Abram Hathaway died 2 June 1863. She was born in Tenn. When she first beheld the U.S. troops she cooked a big dinner for them. After her husband's death rebels came to her home, one of them knocked her down and she was confined to bed. They threatened her numerous times because her son was in the Union army and her husband in Federal lines. She was arrested by rebels but held only a short time. Someone obtained a horse and pass for her to go to her husband when he was dying. Her husband's children and heirs: W.T. Hathaway, now dead, leaving a young daughter; G.W. Hathaway, age 24; J.A. Hathaway, age 23; M.E. Fuson, age 20; S.A. Hathaway, age 17; Hamilton E. Hathaway, age 14, all residing near Liberty.

Witnesses:

- J.A. Fuson, age 59, physician, has lived near Liberty 28 years. Saw the rebels threatening and abusing Mrs. Hathaway about her son W.T. being in the army, and demanding that she produce her

son John who was in hiding from them. The widow married Roland Butcher about 1865 but she does not now live with him, having separated about 1870.

- Joseph L. Hendricks, age 41, mechanic, has lived near Liberty for 20 years, was in the 5th Tenn. Cav. In Spring 1863 his unit was scouting near Liberty and Hathaway's son John, then a boy of 15 or 16, rode on his mare back to Murfreesboro with the regiment. His father, Abram, also came driving a horse and wagon, bringing along with him Hendricks' own family to Murfreesboro. When they got to Milton the boy was taken sick and compelled to ride in an ambulance, losing the mare. In Murfreesboro Hendricks found a home for his family and Abram stayed with them, keeping his wagon and mules in the back yard until one mule was taken. Abram died about a month later.

- Rubin Butcher, age 42, farmer, lives in Cannon Co. near Liberty. He returned to Murfreesboro with the 5th Tenn. Cav. in order to avoid Rebel conscription. John Hathaway got sick and his brother, a lieutenant in the regiment, put him into an ambulance. He and Lt. Hathaway later saw the mule branded and pulling a government wagon.

JOHN JONES

DeKalb County (Alexandria). Age 60; filed in 1875; file consists of 53 pp. Claims \$450 for a blooded stallion.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"The claimant swears to his loyal sympathies that he voted against secession, that he had to hide out from the Rebels, that he aided Union men, and that his only son was a Union soldier in the 5th Tenn. Cavalry. Witnesses confirm his statements and testify to his loyal conduct, conversation and behavior. The horse, a fine stallion, was taken by Gen. Wilder's command in 1863 and a receipt given on proof of loyalty by his order. We find claimant loyal and allow \$140."

Notes:

Claimant was born in Roane [Rowan?] County, North Carolina. He has lived on the same farm near New

Middleton since 20 years before the war, but the county line has changed since the war, moving him from Smith to DeKalb. As his farm was in an out-of-the way place, Union men hid there to avoid the Rebels until they could get behind the Union lines. He supplied them with food, news and assistance in leaving the county. His only child, a son, served in the 5th Tenn. Cav. from 1863 until the close of the war. "When Lee surrendered I was glad because I thought that the U.S. soldiers had finally whipped out the rebels." Col. Elliott gave him a guard to protect his property while the army was in Alexandria. Union men in the neighborhood included David Dinwiddie (deceased), O.O. Williams (deceased), Sampson McClaren, Yandell[?] Wood, Allen Wood, William Grindstaff, A.J. Edwards and Jacob Measle. He was appointed conscript agent by the county court but refused to serve; a squad of rebel soldiers was sent to arrest him but they never found his farm. He had some nephews in the Rebel army. He bought the stallion before the war and paid \$85 in gold for it. The stallion was taken by an Indiana lieutenant with a name like Cutshaw.

Receipt was given by Thomas J. Smith, Lt. and Provost Marshal, 1st Brigade, 5th Division, 14th Army Corps. Claim was previously given to Capt. E.S. Williams for collection, who turned it over to the present attorneys, McClain & Haley of Nashville."

Witnesses:

- Jacob Measle, age 53, resides near Alexandria where he was born and raised. Saw Jones in Gen. Wilder's camp trying to get his horse back. Samuel and James Marler, near neighbors of Jones, were also Union men. Also James and Eli Grindstaff and their father William, and Archer and Gilbert Davis.
- William B. Grindstaff [signed Ganstaff], age 63, has resided near Alexandria for 20 years, had sons in the Union army. He was plowing in the field and saw Gen. Wilder's troops driving Gen. Wheeler's rebels back toward Jones' place. He went to Wilder's camp about three miles distant, found Wilder sitting under a shade tree and was talking to him when he saw Jones' horse ridden into the camp. The man had been riding the horse hard. Gen. Wilder cursed the soldier and ordered him to give him to a man who would ride him properly. He and Jones helped Union men who were cut off from their regiments to hide out until they could

return to their command. Jones' brother Allen and his sons were loyal Unionists.

JAMES E. GILLILAND

Dickson County (White Bluff). Age 53; filed in 1873; file consists of 22 pp. Claimed \$550 for two horses, oxen and wagon.

Commissioners' Remarks:

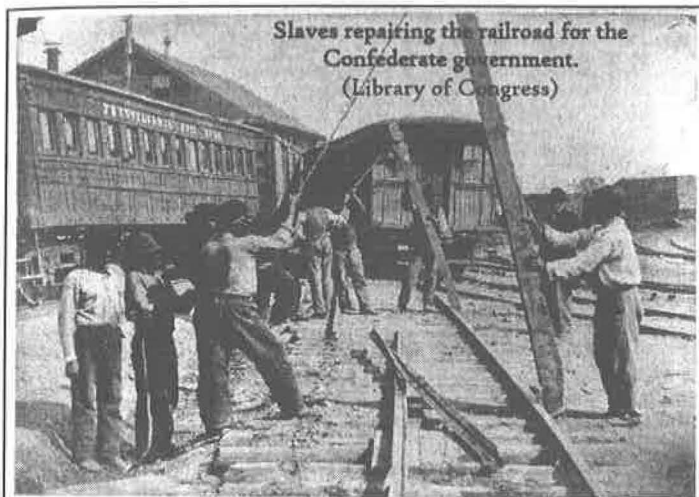
"The claimant was a farmer in Ala., he rented land. He was threatened with hanging if he did not join the Confederate Army by Capt. Millsaps & Col. Raines. This was in the winter of 1863-4. He left Ala., went to Tenn., and enlisted in Mar. 1864 in Company I of the 12th Tenn. Cavalry and remained in the army till the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He had two brothers in the Union army and one in the Confederate army. He testifies that his sympathies were always on the Union side. Loyalty proved. The property was taken by soldiers of the 116th Ill. Inf., stationed at Larkinsville and while claimant was in the Union army. The taking is shown by claimant's wife and son and daughter. The wagon was a very serviceable one. We allow \$310."

Notes:

Claimant was threatened that "if I did not go into the Rebel Army that I would have to swing on a limb" by Capt. Millsaps of the Home Guard and Col. Raines of the Confederate army. His brother William B. Gilliland was conscripted into the Rebel Army and died shortly after he went. "He did not live where I did."

Witnesses:

- Mrs. Mary Lapoy, daughter of claimant, saw property taken.
- W.B. Gilliland, son of claimant, saw property taken. Members of the Steigler and Edges families were also there. "Mother told them that was all she had, and she did not want them to take them.... He said that they had to have them, and so took them; there was very little said about it."
- Andrew J. Brim, age 52, of White Bluff. Met claimant in 1863 when they served together in the army, testifies to his loyalty as a "fighting Union man."
- Charles L. Reynolds, age 38, of White Bluff, hotel keeper. Served with claimant in the 12th Tenn. Cav.



JAMES HOWELL

Dickson County (White Bluff). Age 51; filed in 1873; file consists of 33 pp. Claimed \$340 for hogs, bacon and sheep.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"The claimant swears to loyal sympathies and that he rendered aid and comfort to Union soldiers and cared for their families. He did not vote during the war. The Confederates took property from him and did not pay for it. Two witnesses, Union soldiers, testify to his loyal conversation and reputation and to information and aid furnished them. The property was taken in the Spring of 1864 at a time when a Railroad Bridge had been destroyed and communication with Nashville cut off, so that the Union soldiers in claimant's vicinity had to subsist on the country for a time. The Special Commissioner who was in the QM Dept. there at that period certifies to this fact and to the good character of the claim[ant], who files his oath of allegiance taken at the time. The claimant, his father and son testify to the taking of the property. We find claimant loyal and allow \$278."

[Comment added on last page.] "The col[ore]d witness James Worley was not a slave of the claimant nor in his employ & etc. I omitted to ask him ques. No. 71. The claimant has no education and does not know, exactly, what he is to prove. There is no doubt of his loyalty, he is a man of truth and veracity. His witnesses as to taking the property are very illiterate, and do not remember much about the matter, though I believe them to be honest in what they say. I know the fact that the bridges on the railroad was washed away, and that communication to Nashville was stopped for several

days about that time, for I was then acting as Quartermaster on the same Road, and had to procure

supplies for a few days from the citizens living adjacent to the railroad. [signed] Wm. H. Hollinger, Spec. Commr."

Notes:

Claimant was born in Granville County, Tenn.[sic] and has lived in Dickson County off and on for 30 years. He lives about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of White Bluff and has 20 acres under cultivation and 50 acres of woodland. He took care of the wives and children of Union soldiers George Step and Newt Strop. He lived along the railroad and whenever he found government mules or cattle he would take them into camp. Unionists in his area were Chas. L. Reynolds, D.W. Price and Warren Jordon. The property was taken by Col. Skulley of the 10th Tenn. Inf.

Witnesses:

- D.W. Price, age 34, has lived in Dickson Co. since 1855, farmer. Has known Howell for 20 years, lived about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from him during the war. In Sept. 1863 Howell warned Price to watch out, that the Confederates were coming to conscript him. The next day Federal troops came and Price enlisted with them. Union neighbors were Jarrett Hall, T.C.H. Joslen, T.T. Tompson, Chas. L. Reynolds, A.B. Ayres.
- James Whorley, colored, age 51, blacksmith and preacher, has lived nearly all his life in Dickson Co. Has known Howell since 1847. Warren Jorden, Newton Stroud and Charles L. Reynolds were Union neighbors. Whorley worked for Union Quartermaster Charles Irvin and Gen. Negley during the war. Howell "told me that my liberty was as sweet as his" and gave him a shot gun to defend himself.
- Benjamin Howell, age 73, farmer, in Dickson Co. about 30 years, father of claimant, saw the property taken by Capt. Fudge's Company of Col. Skully's regiment. He was living with his son and was at his house at the time. "I did not pay much attention to it. I thought that they needed it or they would not take it.... The Federals always treated us kindly."
- Jarrett Howell, age 21, farmer boy, has always lived in Dickson Co., son of claimant. He saw the property taken, was just a lad, he knew Capt. Fudge who was with them.



To The Honorable... Petitions to the State Legislature

Henry Clark's Petition for Release from Prison Rutherford County, 1812

Based on Petition Number 6,
Legislative Records of 1812
Record Group 60, Tennessee State Library & Archives

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee

Humbly Sheweth your petitioner Henry Clark sometime previous to October 1810 unfortunately killed a man in affray, in the heat of passion in Rutherford County ... [and] conceiving himself somewhat justifiable in what he did, surrendered himself to be tried according to the laws of his country and at the October Term of the Circuit Court ... a trial was had, and by a Jury of his county acquitted of murder, but was found guilty of manslaughter, upon which the court sentenced ... that he should be imprisoned eleven months and to pay all costs and charges of the proceedings and imprisonment.

[In] consequence of the aforesaid sentence your said petitioner was committed to the gaol of Nashville about the middle of October 1810, who remained therein until the eleven months had expired, when he applied to the gaoler for his liberation, which was refused as the costs and charges was not paid.

Your petitioner further states that he has ever since remained within the walls of the prison in Nashville making nearly two years having no hopes of ever being liberated or discharged from the sentence of the Court ... to pay all costs and charges, which every day is increasing....

Your petitioner further states that he is very poor having neither real or personal property to any value at all, and his relations and friends are also in indigent circumstances being in North Carolina nearly seven hundred miles from this place....

Your petitioner further states that his relatives and friends in North Carolina are of reputable standing, and that he has always supported a good character himself as no charge was ever exhibited against him except the present ~~one~~ where he had to act in his own defence.

Your petitioner further states that application has been made ... to take the benefit of the Insolvent Debtors Oath, which was refused saying the sentence of the Court was such they could not interfere with, wherefore your petitioner says that from his indigent circumstances as well as his relations and friends he is imprisoned for life....

Your petitioner therefore hopes that under our republican form of government where liberty is our boast that perpetual imprisonment will be spurned at, and discouraged, and that your Honors will take his case under consideration and to pass such a law as in your wisdom may deem Just and right and the nature of his case may require so that he may once more enjoy the blessing of liberty, and your petitioner well hopes that he may become a full member of society, and support that amiable character of honesty that has followed him to this present day.

[signed] Henry Clark

Unlike many other petitions, this one has no notes to indicate what action, if any, was taken by the Legislature. Henry Clark's name does not appear in the State Library's index to Acts of the Legislature, indicating his petition was not allowed.

The minute book of the Circuit Court of Rutherford County prior to about 1840 are missing. That record would have been likely to provide us with the name of Clark's victim.

At the July 3, 1811, session of the Court of Pleas, Rutherford County Sheriff John Griffin was allowed the substantial sum of \$63.25 for his services in conveying Henry Clark to and from the jail in Nashville. (Carol Wells, *Rutherford County Tennessee County Court Minutes, 1811-1815*, Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1994) p. 19.

Tennessee Courts Define Manslaughter

In his two-volume *Digest of all the decisions of the former Superior Courts of Law and Equity ... in the State of Tennessee* (Nashville: Bang & McKennie, 1848), Return J. Meigs cited three cases decided in Tennessee in 1830. In each case, the court's decision clarified when the charge of manslaughter applied. Cited in Section 668-2 of the *Digest*, the cases are as follows:

Manslaughter

If a man be slain in an unauthorized attempt to arrest another, the killing is manslaughter. Thus, if an officer without a warrant ... attempt to arrest a man, who is in the peace at the time, and be slain, the slayer is only guilty of manslaughter. *Tackett v. State*....(from Tipton County)

Where the defendant was first threatened and then attacked by the deceased, and they fought, and separated voluntarily, and then the deceased attempted to arm himself with a club, in the act of doing which the defendant stabbed him, of which he died, -- this was held to be manslaughter. *Allen v. State*....(from Shelby County)

A homicide committed by a man in fear of a violent and instant assault and battery, from the deceased, and cut off from the chances of probable assistance by being refused admittance into a house to which he had retreated from his assailant, is not murder but manslaughter. *Grainger v. State*....(from Henry County; the victim was named Broach.)

1805 Davidson County Tax List, Annotated

Part 7 of a series

The following list of taxable inhabitants taken in Davidson County in 1805 provides the names of 1,855 free white males and a few females, and enumerates (but does not name) 2,205 taxable slaves. It is one of the most complete records of the early Nashville area that names all taxable settlers.

At the time this tax list was taken, Davidson County encompassed all of its current boundaries plus most of what would later become Cheatham County. Rutherford County had been formed in 1803, considerably reducing the size of Davidson County.

The published laws of Tennessee reveal to us that residents were required to report and pay their taxes each April, and to be listed according to this procedure:

"The clerk of each county court ... shall, on or before the first day of February ... furnish the collector or sheriff of each county with a list of taxable property by them to be collected.... The collector or sheriff shall appoint the day and place in each district of the said county, in the month of April, when and where he will attend.... posting it three of the most public places" in the district.¹

Subsequent sessions of the General Assembly passed laws revising and adjusting the tax code established by the territorial legislature. By 1805 the following property was taxable at these rates:

- Lands held by deed or entry or lease or right of dower, 12 ½ cents per 100 acres
- Free males and male servants aged 21-50, 12 ½ cents each
- Male and female slaves aged 12-50, 25 cents each
- Stud horses, \$2.00 each
- Town lots, 50 cents each
- Retail stores, \$25 each
- Billiard tables, \$1,000 each (!)
- Peddlers and hawkers, \$25 each

The original list turned in to Sheriff John Boyd of Davidson County in 1805 is not extant. That list would have included columns for all of the information listed above. However, a copy listing the names of taxpayers and the number of black and white polls for which they were charged was made by Andrew Ewing, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. This copy, from which the transcription below was made, is housed at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.² The list is shown here in the exact order as it appears on the copy, with no information omitted. Ewing's handwriting was cramped and filled with flourishes that make it difficult to read. Moreover, when he was several pages into the list Ewing must have felt he was short on paper, and instead of listing each name on a separate line he began to run them together, making transcription even more difficult. Question marks [?] have been inserted to indicate where the transcriber was uncertain.

Although the 1805 tax list was carefully indexed by Byron Sistler for his 1977 publication, *Early Tennessee Tax Lists*,³ that index does not show the details provided in the original. This *verbatim* transcription provides the genealogist with new information as well as insightful clues.

¹ George Roulstone, comp., *Journal of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Territory of the U.S. South of the River Ohio, etc.* [1795] (reprint, Nashville: n.p., 1852), Chapter IV.

² Access to the manuscript list is restricted for preservation, but a microfilm copy is available on Manuscript Tax Lists Microfilm, roll 3, TSLA.

³ Byron and Barbara Sistler, *Index to Early Tennessee Tax Lists*. (Nashville: Byron Sistler & Associates, 1977).

Heads of Household – The enumerator sometimes listed more than one male per household. These names were separated in the Sistlers' index. For example, Joseph, Jordan and James Anderson are listed together in one household, making it clear that the other James Anderson, listed separately, was a second man of the same name living in the county.

White Polls – The enumeration shows the number of free white males aged 21 to 50 taxed in each household. Christopher Stump, for example, paid tax on 13 white polls. Who were the other 12 males in his household? Perhaps Stump genealogists can answer that question.

Taxable Slaves – The enumeration shows the number of male and female slaves over age 12 living within each household. Slave ownership can help distinguish records of two people with the same name. In this list, for example, two men named Robert Thompson appear, each paying one white poll. But one Robert paid tax on seven slaves, while the other paid none. With the knowledge that an ancestor owned slaves, the researcher discerns that the ancestor was a person of some wealth and that further clues may be found in deeds and other court records.

Annotations - As a 'leg up' for the genealogist just beginning research in Davidson County, this list has been annotated by comparing it with two other sources. One of those is Marjorie Fischer's masterful index titled *Tennesseans before 1800: Davidson County*,⁴ in which she indexes names found in early court minutes, deeds, and other records. Each name in the 1805 list of taxable inhabitants was compared with Fischer's index, and the earliest-dated reference to the name in her book is indicated in the annotations. Refer to Fischer's volume for full citations to the primary sources mentioned here.

Additionally, the 1812 enumeration of free taxable inhabitants in Davidson County was also compared to this list. The 1812 enumeration was previously indexed in Charles Sherrill's *Reconstructed 1810 Census of Tennessee*.⁵ Any names appearing on both lists have been noted, and the names of the militia captains from the 1812 list are also given. The 1812 list was not rearranged alphabetically and because of that it is useful for determining an ancestor's neighbors. It did not, however, indicate slave ownership. The Captains and Justices of the Peace enumerated in 1812 were:

Captain of Company	J.P. of Company	Captain of Company	J.P. of Company
Capt. Butler	Alexander Walker, JP	Capt. Wm. Criel	Eli Hammond, JP
Capt. Richard Boyd	Josiah Horton, JP	Capt. Birdwell	Joseph Love, JP
Capt. Jos. Williamson	Thos. Williamson, JP	Capt. Philip Campbell	Robert Johnston, JP
Capt. Hail	Geo. S. Allen, JP	Capt. Jno. L. McCormack	Braxton Lee, JP
Capt. Jesse W. Thomas	Jas. Mulherin, JP	Capt. Bell	Cary Felts, JP
Capt. Wm. Mullins	Robert Thompson, JP	Capt. Rogers	Christopher Stump, JP
Capt. Barnheart	Joel Lewis, JP	Capt. Wm. R. McAdams	Wm. Donelson, JP
Capt. David Cloyd	Samuel Shannon, JP	Capt. Winfrey	Edmond Gamble, JP
Nashville Captains	E.S. Hall, JP	Capt. Jas. Benning	Willie Barrow, JP
Capt. Wm. Henry	Thos. Dillahunt, JP	Capt. Stringfellow	Wm. Anderson, JP
Capt. Liles	Robert Hewitt, JP	Capt. Dempsey Morris	Thos. Hickman, JP
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*"State of Tennessee Davidson County. To William Martin Esquire Secretary & etc.
The following is a list of the enumeration of Davidson County as taken & returned to me by John
Boyd Esq. on the 31st of August 1805, To wit"*

⁴ Marjorie Fischer, *Tennesseans before 1800: Davidson County* (Galveston, TX: Frontier Press, 1997).

⁵ Charles Sherrill, *Reconstructed 1810 Tennessee Census* (Mt. Juliet, TN: n.p., 2001).

		Free White Males	Taxable Slaves	Notes from "Tennesseans Before 1800" and 1811 Davidson County Tax List
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Joel</i>	13	18	Joel Lewis appears in the Register's Book in 1788. In 1812 Joel Lewis was a Justice of the Peace in Capt. Barnheart's militia district.
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>M: James</i>	3	3	James Martin Lewis appears in Court of Pleas minutes in 1789.
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>T: William</i>	3	13	William Terrel Lewis appears in the Register's Book in 1788. In 1812 William T. Lewis was listed in Capt. Barnheart's militia.
<i>Linch</i>	<i>James</i>	1		In 1812 James Linch was listed in Capt. Williamson's militia.
<i>Linch</i>	<i>James</i>	2		In 1812 James Linch was listed in Capt. Williamson's militia.
<i>Lennox</i>	<i>William</i>	1		William Lennox appears in County Court minutes in 1797.
<i>Lee</i>	<i>John</i>	1		In 1812 John Lee Jr. & Sr. were listed in Capt. McCormack's militia.
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Braxton</i>	1	1	Braxton Lee appears in the Register's Book in 1796. In 1812 Braxton Lee was listed in Capt. McCormack's militia.
<i>Lovel</i>	<i>James & John</i>	2		James Lovel appears in a 1799 marriage record. In 1812 James and John <u>M</u> . Lovell were listed in Capt. Hail's militia.
<i>Ludgutt</i>	<i>John</i>	1		In 1812 two John Lutgerts were listed, one in Capt. Morris' and one in Capt. McCormack's militia.
<i>Liks</i> [?]	<i>Mahaley</i> [?], <i>George & Henry</i>	3	1	George and Henry <u>L</u> ile appear in a Will Book in 1797.
<i>Liks</i>	<i>Daniel, Robert, Hugh & William</i>	4		Hugh <u>L</u> iles appears in County Court minutes in 1792.
<i>Lane</i>	<i>Abraham</i>	1		
<i>Loftin</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	2	9	In 1812 Thomas Lofton was listed in Capt. Boyd's militia.
<i>Lucas</i>	<i>John</i>	1	2	John Lucas appears in County Court minutes in 1787. In 1812 John Lucas was listed in the militia companies of Capt. Cloyd and Campbell.
<i>Linden</i>	<i>William</i>	1	1	
<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Andrew</i>	1		Andrew Lucas appears in the Register's Book in 1784. In 1812 Andrew Lucas was listed in Capt. Campbell's militia.
<i>Lamasters</i>	<i>Isaac</i>	1		Isaac Lamasters appears in County Court minutes in 1797.
<i>Lightfoot</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	1	5	Thomas Lightfoot appears in County Court minutes in 1793. In 1812 Thomas Lightfoot was listed in Capt. Williamson's militia.
<i>Lintz</i>	<i>William</i>	3	1	
<i>Lytle</i>	<i>William</i>	1	2	William Lytle appears in the Register's Book in 1784. In 1812 a William Lytle was listed in Hall's Nashville militia and another in Capt. Benning's militia.
<i>Laramore</i>	<i>Charles</i>	1		
<i>Lasiter</i>	<i>Frederick</i>	1	2	Frederick Lasiter appears in County Court minutes in 1797. In 1812 Frederick Lasiter was listed in Capt. McAdams' militia.

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<i>Logue</i>	<i>Manassa</i>	1		Manassa Logue appears in a Will Book in 1793. In 1812 Manassa Logue was listed in Capt. McAdams' militia.
<i>Leonard</i>	<i>John</i>	1		
<i>Lockhart</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	1		
<i>Luster</i>	<i>Alexander & George</i>	2		
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	2	15	Alexander Lewis appears in a Will Book in 1791.
<i>Lenear</i>	<i>Benjamin</i>	1		Benjamin Lanier appears in a Bill of Sale in 1798.
<i>Langham</i>	<i>John</i>	1		
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Patrick</i>	2		Patrick Lyons appears in a Will Book in 1788.
<i>Love</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	1	1	Joseph Love appears in County Court minutes in 1788. In 1812 Joseph Love was listed in Capt. Birdwell's militia.
<i>Law</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	1		
<i>Low</i>	<i>Isaac</i>	1		
<i>Law</i>	<i>John</i>	2	4	John <u>Low</u> e appears in County Court minutes in 1790.
<i>Lane</i>	<i>James</i>	1		
<i>Little</i>	<i>John</i>	1		John Little appears in County Court minutes in 1798.
<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Benjamin</i>	1		
<i>Levan</i>	<i>John</i>	1		
<i>Linch</i>	<i>Hugh</i>	1		In 1812 Hugh Linch was listed in Capt. Williamson's militia.
<i>Love</i>	<i>James</i>	1		James Love appears in County Court minutes in 1786. In 1812 James Love was listed in Capt. Thomas' militia.
<i>Lowery</i>	<i>John</i>	4		
<i>Lake</i>	<i>John</i>	1		In 1812 John Lake was listed in Capt. Stringfellow's militia.
<i>Lock</i>	<i>Charles</i>	1		
<i>Linchorn</i>	<i>Elijah</i>	1		
<i>Law [Low?]</i>	<i>William</i>	1		
<i>Total in the Letter L</i>		82	81	

Note: In recording the "M" entries, the clerk sometimes combined the number of Free White Males for a group of entries. The boxes in that column below reflect the groupings.

<i>In the Letter M To Wit</i>				
<i>McDaniel</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	2	4	In 1812 Daniel McDaniel was listed in Capt. Stringfellow's militia.
<i>McGrigory</i>	<i>Tloms[?]</i>	2	1	<i>Flowers McGriggor</i> appears in the Register's Book in 1793. <i>Thomas McGriggor</i> appears County Court minutes in 1797. In 1812 <i>Flowers McGregor</i> was listed in Capt. Criel's militia.
<i>Melvin</i>	<i>Edward</i>	1		In 1812 <i>Edmond</i> Melvin was listed in Capt. Criel's militia.
<i>McCully</i>	<i>John & Robert McCann</i>	2		John <i>McCullough</i> appears in County Court minutes in 1786.

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<i>McDaniel</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	1		<i>John</i> McDaniel appears in a Power of Attorney record in 1786.
<i>McConnell</i>	<i>John Jr. & Sr.</i>	3	3	John McConnell first appears in county records in 1796.
<i>Miness</i>	<i>James</i>	1	4	James <i>Meness</i> appears in the Recorder's Book in 1784. In 1812 James <i>Menus</i> was listed in Capt. Barnheart's militia.
<i>Maniffee</i>	<i>Jonas</i>	2	7	Jonas Maniffee appears in County Court minutes in 1784. In 1812 Jonas Maniffee Jr. and Sr. were listed in Capt. Barnheart's militia.
<i>Martin</i>	<i>George</i>	3		George Martin was named in a Power of Attorney in 1785. In 1812 there were three George Martins in Davidson county militia units.
<i>Moore</i>	<i>Moses</i>			Moses Moore appears in County Court minutes in 1787.
<i>Murdock</i>	<i>John</i>			John Murdock appears in County Court minutes in 1787. In 1812 John Murdock is listed in Capt. Campbell's militia.
<i>Matthews</i>	<i>Richard</i>	2		Richard Matthews appears in a Bill of Sale in 1795. In 1812 Richard Matthews was listed in Capt. Campbell's militia.
<i>Murry</i>	<i>William</i>			William Murry appears in the Recorder's Book in 1789.
<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Benjn. & David</i>	3		David Morgan appears in the Recorder's Book in 1791.
<i>McLane</i>	<i>George</i>			George <i>McClain</i> appears in County Court minutes in 1787.
<i>McCay</i>	<i>William</i>	3		In 1812 William <i>McKay</i> Jr. and Sr. were listed in Capt. Winfrey's militia.
<i>Morris</i>	<i>Hezekiah</i>	1		
<i>Murry</i>	<i>John & James</i>	3		James Murry appears in the Recorder's Book in 1788.
<i>McGaugh</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	1		Thomas McGaugh appears in County Court minutes in 1799.
<i>McSpadin</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	2		Thos. McSpaddin appears in County Court minutes in 1790
<i>Meness</i>	<i>John</i>	1	4	John Meness appears in County Court minutes in 1795. In 1812 John <i>Menees</i> was in Capt. Butler's militia.
<i>Moore</i>	<i>David & James</i>	3	1	David Moore appears in an Estate Inventory in 1792. James Moore appears in County Court minutes in 1786. In 1812 David Moore was in E.S. Hall's militia list and James B. Moore was in Capt. Winfrey's militia.
<i>McCarrts</i>	<i>Matthew</i>			
<i>Matlock</i>	<i>William</i>	2		William Matlock appears in the Recorder's Book in 1790. In 1812 there were William Matlocks in Capt. Thomas & Capt. Bell's militia units.
<i>McMorn</i>	<i>John</i>	1		John McMorn appears in County Court minutes in 1793.
<i>McMillen</i>	<i>Rowley</i>	1		Robert McMillen appears in County Court minutes in 1789.
<i>Marshall</i>	<i>Liven</i>	1		
<i>Murphey</i>	<i>William</i>	1	4	In 1812 there were William Murphys in Capt. Thomas & Capt. Bell's militia units.

		Free White Males	Taxable Slaves	Notes from "Tennesseans Before 1800" and 1811 Davidson County Tax List
<i>Martin</i>	<i>James</i>	3		James Martin appears in County Court minutes in 1785. In 1812 there were James Martins in Capt. Henry and Capt. Morris' militia units.
<i>Mitchel</i>	<i>John</i>			John Mitchel appears in County Court minutes in 1787.
<i>Mitchel</i>	<i>John</i>			John Mitchel appears in County Court minutes in 1787.
<i>Morris</i>	<i>Dempsey</i>	3	1	In 1812 Dempsey Morris was a Captain in the militia.
<i>Mayfield</i>	<i>Isaac</i>			Isaac Mayfield appears in Court of Pleas minutes in 1783. In 1812 Isaac Mayfield was in Capt. Morris' militia.
<i>Marshall</i>	<i>James</i>			James Marshall appears in County Court minutes in 1794. In 1812 James Marshall was in Capt. Cloyd's militia.
<i>Motheral</i>	<i>John</i>	3	5	John Motheral appears in County Court minutes in 1789. In 1812 John Motherall was in Capt. Cloyd's militia.
<i>Morris</i>	<i>John</i>			John Morris appears in County Court minutes in 1796.
<i>McNutt</i>	<i>John</i>			J. McNutt appears in County Court minutes in 1796.
<i>Morris</i>	<i>Micajah & John</i>	3		John Morris appears in County Court minutes in 1796. In 1812 Micajah Morris was in Capt. Dempsey Morris' militia.
<i>McCaslin</i>	<i>Andrew</i>			
<i>McAllister</i>	<i>James</i>	1	1	James McAllister appears in County Court minutes in 1789.
<i>McGaugh</i>	<i>John</i>	2		John McGaugh appears in the Recorder's Book in 1791. In 1812 John McGaugh was in Capt. Boyd's militia.
<i>McNeely</i>	<i>Hugh</i>	3		
<i>Mosier</i>	<i>Christian & John</i>			Christian Mosier appears in County Court minutes in 1793. In 1812 John Mosier was in Capt. Rogers' militia.
<i>McFerrin</i>	<i>James</i>	3	1	James McFerrin appears in the Recorder's Book in 1796. In 1812 James McFerrin was in Capt. Thomas' militia.
<i>Milkason</i>	<i>George</i>			
<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>William</i>			William Montgomery appears in County Court minutes in 1785. In 1812 Wm. Montgomery was in Capt. Mullins' militia.
<i>Mays</i>	<i>Saml.</i>	1		In 1812 Samuel Mays was in Capt. Henry's militia.
<i>Mitchel</i>	<i>Isaac</i>	1		
<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>Saml.</i>	3		Samuel Montgomery appears in County Court minutes in 1797. In 1812 Samuel Montgomery was in Capt. Mullins' militia.
<i>McSwinney</i>	<i>James & John</i>	2		
<i>McCueston</i>	<i>John</i>	2		
<i>Maxwell</i>	<i>Jessey</i>	1	4	Jesse Maxwell appears in a Bill of Sale in 1783. In 1812 Jesse Maxwell was in Capt. Campbell's militia.
<i>McKean</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	4	6	Joseph McKean appears in County Court minutes in 1798.
<i>McGavock</i>	<i>David & Randal</i>	2	7	David McGavock appears in County Court minutes in 1784 and Randal in 1793. In 1812 David and Randal McGavock appear in E.S. Hall's list.
<i>Mattox</i>	<i>Elias</i>	3	2	In 1812 <i>Ellis Maddox</i> appears in E.S. Hall's list.

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Index to Pardons and Paroles from Tennessee State Prisons, 1904-1925

Part II - Series Concluded

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The following list indexes pardon and parole files available for research at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. It was prepared by Archivist Julia Rather Hammers. Each file may contain a number of items relating to the imprisonment, or there may be very little. The typical file contains the inmate's discharge papers, including a copy of the pardon or parole document. Letters from prison officials, government officials, and family members may also be found. A file often contains petitions sent by members of the inmate's community in order to help the prisoner obtain early release. Trial statements within the file give a summary of the crime committed and the reasoning behind the conviction and sentence. In many files there are newspaper clippings concerning that particular inmate's case. Newspaper clippings can particularly be found in the file of an inmate whose sentence was death.

The index lists the name of the inmate, whether the inmate was pardoned or paroled, the inmate's prison number, the county in which the crime was committed, the length of the sentence served, the prison that housed the inmate, and the crime committed. It is well worth the time of an interested genealogist to view the file. Most files contain information that may prove useful. The type of information depends on the prison where the inmate was institutionalized. Most files for inmates housed at Brushy Mountain prison, for instance, include a copy of a chaplain's report giving the inmate's native state and parents' names, ages, and nativity along with other information.

These records have been microfilmed and can be viewed at the Tennessee State Library & Archives, or the microfilm can be borrowed on interlibrary loan. Additionally, the archives staff can provide copies by mail for a fee (see tn.gov/tsla for details). Refer to Record Group 261, Pardons & Paroles, and the box number given in the index.

Name	Pardon or Parole	File No.	County where Convicted	Sentenced	Released	File Location & Notes
Thacker, Elmer	Parole	8000	Claiborne	1914	1919	Box 34; Grand larceny
Thomas, Carl	Parole	9828	Hamilton	1917	1921	Box 34; Larceny
Thomas, Charley	Parole	10492	Hamilton	1920	1922	Box 34; Felonious assault
Thomas, Chas.	Parole	10721	Shelby	1920	1923	Box 34; Burglary
Thomas, Eddie	Parole	10106	Hamilton	1919	1921	Box 34; Petit larceny
Thomas, Elbert	Parole	9173	Houston	1917	1918	Box 34; Petit larceny
Thomas, John	Parole	8626	Shelby	1916	1918	Box 34; Larceny
Thomas, Leslie	Parole	8185	Scott	1915	1918	Box 34; Grand larceny
Thomas, Lovell	Parole	9463	Carroll	1918	1919	Box 34; Voluntary manslaughter
Thomas, Will	Parole	8653	Rutherford	1916	1921	Box 34; Attempt housebreaking; 2 files
Thomison, Joe	Parole	11745	Lincoln	1923	1924	Box 34; Assisted prisoner to escape
Thompson, Billie	Pardon		Putnam	1922	1923	Box 34; Violated Bone Dry Law
Thompson, Bob	Parole	8222	Shelby	1915	1917	Box 34; Voluntary manslaughter
Thompson, C.F.			Scott	1922		Box 34; Carrying pistol
Thompson, Carl	Parole	9827	Knox	1914	1922	Box 34; Larceny; 2 files
Thompson, Geo.	Parole	9056	Davidson	1917	1921	Box 34; Housebreaking

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Thompson, Hal	Parole	9119	Davidson	1917	1919	Box 34; Voluntary manslaughter
Thompson, Lon	Parole	12300	Knox	1922	1923	Box 34; Felonious assault
Thompson, Louis	Parole	9229	Shelby	1917	1918	Box 34; Assault. to 2nd degree murder
Thompson, Luther	Parole	9833	Hamilton	1916	1920	Box 34; Grand larceny
Thompson, Matt	Parole	9907	Smith	1918	1921	Box 34; Petit larceny
Thompson, Mitrell	Pardon	11782	Davidson	1922	1922	Box 34; Involuntary manslaughter
Thompson, Tom	Parole	7937	Smith	1914	1918	Box 34; Voluntary manslaughter
Thompson, W.M.	Parole	10066	Shelby	1922	1922	Box 34; Larceny
Thompson, Will S.	Parole	7860	Giles	1914	1916	Box 34; Access. to larceny
Thornton, A.N.	Parole	9901	Polk	1918	1920	Box 34; Attempt to rape
Thurman, Henry	Parole	8745	Lauderdale	1916	1918	Box 34; Grand larceny
Thurman, Sane	Pardon		Marshall	1920	1921	Box 34; Petit larceny
Tiller, Joe	Pardon	10389	Campbell	1919	1921	Box 34; Grand larceny
Tillman, George C.	Parole	10869	Shelby	1920	1921	Box 34; Larceny
Tilson, George	Parole	3202	Carroll	1906	1923	Box 34; Murder
Timmons, J.	Parole	11405	Shelby	1921	1923	Box 34; Attempted felony
Tipton, Joe		12829	Blount	1923		Box 34; Voluntary manslaughter
Titus, Rayfield	Parole	8582	Shelby	1916	1921	Box 34; Attempted murder
Tolbert, Arthur L.	Pardon	11787	Rutherford	1921	1922	Box 34; Violated age of consent
Toney, Manuel	Parole	9490	Benton	1915	1918	Box 35; Voluntary manslaughter
Tools, Laurel	Parole	8395	Knox	1912	1921	Box 35; Robbery
Torney, J.F.	Parole	10379	Sullivan	1919	1920	Box 35; Petit larceny
Townsend, Dawson	Parole	11193	Crockett	1923		Box 35; Grand larceny
Townsend, G.W.	Parole	8139	Davidson	1918	1920	Box 35; Burglary
Townsend, George	Parole	11184	Crockett	1921	1923	Box 35; Grand larceny
Tracy, Harry	Parole	9825	Hamilton	1905	1923	Box 35; Felonious assault
Trammell, Bathel	Parole	8011	Montgomery	1920	1923	Box 35; Forgery
Travis, Carl	Parole	9512	Henry	1918	1921	Box 35; 2nd degree murder
Treadway, Earthen			Lauderdale	1921		Box 35; Attempt to murder
Trigg, G.G.	Parole	9316	Rhea	1916	1923	Box 35; Forgery
Troutman, John	Parole	9824	Claiborne	1918	1922	Box 35; Felonious assault
Truett, Tom	Pardon	12131	Williamson	1922	1924	Box 35; Murder
Tucker, John	Pardon	10578	Putnam	1919	1920	Box 35; 2nd degree murder
Tucker, R.R.	Parole	10338	Hamilton	1919	1919	Box 35; Attempt to commit a felony
Tucker, S.B.	Pardon	9770	Hamilton	1916	1919	Box 35; 2nd degree murder
Tumblin, Arlone	Pardon	10519	Knox	1919	1920	Box 35; Voluntary manslaughter
Tunstall, Eugene	Parole	8193	Madison	1915	1918	Box 35; Larceny
Tunstall, J.F.	Parole	9487	Smith	1918	1920	Box 35; Grand larceny
Turner, Alvin	Parole	8821	Obion	1916	1916	Box 35; Larceny
Turner, C.E.	Parole	11284	Shelby	1921	1923	Box 35; Larceny & receiving stolen goods
Turner, Jake	Parole	3998	Henry	1917	1918	Box 35; Petit larceny
Turner, Lewis		7943	Maury	1914		Box 35; Assault to rape; died 6-9-22
Turner, Tim	Parole	6743	Shelby	1912	1922	Box 35; 1st degree murder; 2 files
Tyas, Sam	Parole	10773	Lauderdale	1920	1922	Box 35; Petit larceny
Tyne, D.T.	Parole	11005	Shelby	1921	1923	Box 35; Attempt to commit a felony
Tyson, Tom	Parole	9328	Montgomery	1917	1923	Box 35; Larceny
Van Cleave, J.W.	Parole	8929	Gibson	1916	1917	Box 36; Petit larceny
Van Dyke, Attie	Parole	9532	Henry	1916	1918	Box 36; Assault & battery to commit rape
Van Hoosier, Alex			Sequatchie	1922		Box 36
Van Lear, Nelson	Parole	10774	Lauderdale	1920	1921	Box 36; Petit larceny
Vandergriff, Rufus	Pardon	13139	Lawrence	1924	1924	Box 36; Involuntary manslaughter
Vanderpool, Matthew	Pardon	12104	Smith	1922	1922	Box 36; Petit larceny
Vann, H.L.	Parole	10700	Shelby	1920	1923	Box 36; Asst. to commit 2nd degree murder
Vanplet, Ed	Parole	10282	Jefferson	1919	1920	Box 36; Housebreaking & larceny
Vaughn, Cass	Pardon		Putnam	1918	1919	Box 36; Assault
Vaughn, N.C.	Pardon		Putnam	1919		Box 36
Vaughn, Robert	Parole	9018	Davidson	1916	1918	Box 36; Petit larceny
Vaughn, Sam	Parole	10120	Trousdale	1919	1921	Box 36; Petit larceny
Vaughn, Jim D.	Parole	9050	Rutherford	1917	1922	Box 36; 2nd degree murder
Vaughn, Mose	Parole	11130	Shelby	1921	1923	Box 36; Petit larceny

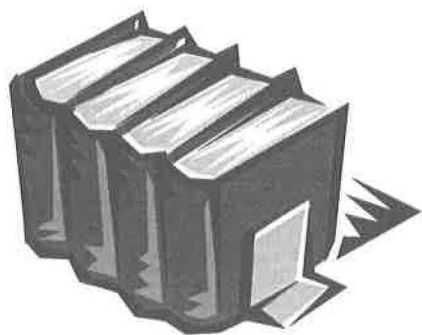
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Veach, Logan	Pardon	12101	Williamson	1917	1922	Box 36; Larceny
Venable, Leroy	Parole	12101	Gibson	1922	1923	Box 36; Received stolen property
Verable, Terry	Pardon	12048	Putnam	1922	1924	Box 36; Violated age of consent
Vess, A.F.	Pardon		Sullivan		1923	Box 36; Violated Bone Dry Law
Vester, Floyd	Parole	7922	Davidson	1914	1916	Box 36; Assault & battery with intent to ravish
Vickers, Jim			Cannon	1921		Box 36; Transporting liquor
Vincent, Elijah	Parole	9318	Sullivan	1916	1918	Box 36; Felonious assault
Vines, Hobart & Will	Pardon	10686 & 10687	Campbell	1920	1921	Box 36; Housebreaking
Vinson, Clyde	Parole	8566	Knox	1915	1919	Box 36; Housebreaking
Vinson, Colonel	Pardon	11741	Warren	1922	1922	Box 36; Perjury
Vinson, N.A.	Pardon	11891	Lawrence	1922	1922	Box 36; Housebreaking
Voss, John		2116	Shelby	1904		Box 36; 2nd degree murder
Wade, H.H.	Parole	10530	Shelby	1920	1923	Box 37; Attempt to commit robbery
Wade, Robert	Parole	8569	Gibson	1915	1922	Box 37; Robbery
Wagoner, Carl	Parole		Sullivan	1915		Box 37; Larceny
Wakefield, Lex	Pardon		Macon	1920		Box 37; Violated chapter 12
Wallace, Gus	Parole	8661	Stewart	1916	1921	Box 37; Incest; 2 files
Walker, Annie	Parole	11276	Hamilton	1921	1924	Box 37; Attempt to commit manslaughter
Walker, Cassells	Pardon		Shelby	1919	1919	Box 37; Larceny
Walker, English	Parole	9654	Cocke	1917	1921	Box 37; Grand larceny
Walker, Herbert	Parole	8633	Robertson	1918	1924	Box 37; Housebreaking & larceny
Walker, Jack L.	Parole	11304	Scott	1922	1923	Box 37; Felony
Walker, Jas.		9351	Madison	1917		Box 37; Murder; died 8-9-22
Walker, Jim	Parole	11876	Claiborne	1922	1923	Box 37; Assault to commit murder
Walker, John Adams		11315	Wayne	1921		Box 37; 2nd degree murder; died 2-23-20
Walker, Rose	Parole	11233	Bledsoe	1921	1924	Box 37; Assault and Battery
Walker, Sebs	Parole	9969	Carroll	1918	1921	Box 37; Assault to commit manslaughter
Walker, Will	Parole	8693	Tipton	1916	1919	Box 37; Petit larceny
Wallace, Andrew B.			Shelby	1919		Box 37; possession of liquor
Wallace, Ben	Parole	9317	Polk	1916	1919	Box 37; Grand larceny
Wallace, Jim	Pardon	12021	Grundy	1922	1922	Box 37; Grand larceny
Wallace, Welzie	Pardon	13319	Obion	1924	1924	Box 37; Voluntary manslaughter
Walton, Aubrey	Parole	10627	Shelby	1920	1922	Box 37; Petit larceny
Walton, Roy	Parole	8733	Shelby	1916	1920	Box 37; Grand larceny
Ward, Edgar	Parole	7857	Hamilton	1914	1921	Box 37; Larceny
Ward, Roscoe	Parole	9880	Obion	1918	1919	Box 37; Petit larceny
Ward, Rufus	Parole	9811	Hawkins	1918	1920	Box 37; Larceny
Ware, R.E.	Pardon	11221	Carroll	1920	1923	Box 37; Manslaughter; protest letter
Warfield, General	Parole	9483	Montgomery	1918	1922	Box 37; Larceny
Warren, Lynn	Pardon		Jackson	1915	1919	Box 37; Manufacturing liquor
Warren, Tom	Parole	7519	Robertson	1914	1920	Box 37; Bigamy
Washington, Bob	Parole	6137	Davidson	1911	1921	Box 37; Petit larceny
Washington, Sam	Parole	8622	Hamilton	1916	1924	Box 37; Robbery, Larceny, Assault to commit murder
Washington, Will	Elect.	10611	Hamilton	1920		Box 37; 1st degree murder; petitions, newspaper clippings, etc.
Waters, Harrison	Parole	11594	Polk	1921	1922	Box 37; Voluntary manslaughter
Waters, Jess	Parole	10839	Hamilton	1920	1924	Box 37; Grand larceny
Watkins, Ike	Parole	8784	Shelby	1916	1918	Box 37; Assault to commit voluntary manslaughter
Watkins, Matt	Parole	11222	Wilson	1921	1924	Box 37; 2nd degree murder
Watkins, Press	Parole	7868	Knox	1914	1917	Box 37; Housebreaking & larceny
Watkins, Todd	Parole	7045	Fayette	1913	1922	Box 37; Murder
Watson, Jeff	Parole	10151	Hamilton	1919	1923	Box 37; Grand larceny
Watts, Albert	Parole	9467	Shelby	1921	1921	Box 37; Attempt to housebreak
Webb, Chas.	Parole	9358	Robertson	1917	1923	Box 38; Forgery
Webb, Duck	Parole	9281	Shelby	1917	1921	Box 38; Larceny
Webb, Lillard	Parole	11654	Bedford	1922	1924	Box 38; Grand larceny
Webb, Otha	Pardon	12196	Sevier	1922	1923	Box 38; Voluntary manslaughter

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Webb, Westley	Parole	11200	Madison	1921	1923	Box 38; Petit larceny
Webb, Will	Parole	9183	Bedford	1917	1919	Box 38; Voluntary manslaughter
Webb, Willie	Parole	11417	Sumner	1921	1924	Box 38; Forgery
Wedlow, Willie	Parole	10624	Gibson	1920	1923	Box 38; Forgery
Weeden, Frank	Parole	10359	Shelby	1919	1922	Box 38; Petit larceny
Weese, Will	Parole	10337	Hamilton	1919	1920	Box 38; Burglary
Wellmaker, N.		9856	Hamilton	1916		Box 38; Felonious assault; died 3-18-20
Wells, Emmett	Parole	9028	Bedford	1916	1918	Box 38; Assault to commit voluntary manslaughter
Wells, K.D.	Parole	10845	Hamilton	1920	1923	Box 38; Burglary
Wells, Zachary	Pardon	11488	Knox		1921	Box 38; Receiving stolen goods
Welsh, Dudley	Parole	7302	James	1913	1921	Box 38; Murder
Wesley, Bryan	Parole	11638	McMinn	1921	1924	Box 38; Grand larceny
Wesley, Earl	Parole	9628	Knox	1915	1921	Box 38; Housebreaking
Wesson, Coy L.			Shelby			Box 38; Larceny
West, Bill		9836	Hamilton	1915		Box 38; Burglary
West, Dick	Parole	6532	Rutherford	1912	1918	Box 38; 2nd degree murder
West, J.W.	Pardon	9530	Madison	1918	1919	Box 38; Violated age of consent
West, Joe		6736	Shelby	1912		Box 38; 2nd degree murder
West, Lowell	Pardon	11951	Shelby	1922	1922	Box 38; Grand larceny
Whalen, Corbett			Scott			Box 38
Wheaton, Morris & Chalk Charles	Pardon	12106	Shelby	1922	1923	Box 38; Receiving stolen goods
Whitaker, Hardy		3522	Maury	1907		Box 38; Assault to murder
Whitaker, Rucius		10528	Putnam	1920	1921	Box 38; Involuntary manslaughter
White, Abe	Parole	8400	Shelby	1915	1917	Box 38; Perjury
White, Barney	Parole	10497	Davidson	1920	1922	Box 38; Attempt murder
White, Brosia	Parole	11461	Haywood	1921	1923	Box 38; Attempt felony
White, Carl R.	Parole	12591	McMinn	1921	1924	Box 38; Auto theft
White, Edna	Parole	10010	Montgomery	1919	1925	Box 38; Grand larceny
White, George	Parole	6921	Williamson	1913	1921	Box 38; Murder
White, Hayes	Parole	4747	Madison	1909	1917	Box 38; Murder
White, John Lewis	Pardon	10418	Madison	1919	1922	Box 38; Grand larceny
White, W.E.	Parole	4492	Claiborne	1908	1923	Box 38; Murder
Whitefield, Ernest	Parole	8344	Shelby	1915	1917	Box 38; Involuntary manslaughter
Whitefield, Will		8631	Shelby	1916		Box 38; 2nd degree murder; died 11-26-17
Whitehead, Daniel			Putnam	1922		Box 38; Possessing whiskey
Whiteside, Fred	Parole	9852	Grainger	1917	1918	Box 38; Petit larceny
Whiting, Tom	Pardon	11571	Davidson	1921	1922	Box 38; Grand larceny
Whitley, R.W.	Pardon	11832	Davidson	1922	1922	Box 38; Embezzlement
Whitmire, Minor			Bradley	1922		Box 38; Transporting whiskey
Whitmore, Allen	Parole	10744	Fayette	1920	1922	Box 38; Petit larceny
Whitmore, Julia	Parole	11684	Monroe	1922	1924	Box 38; Felonious assault
Whitsett, Will	Parole	10496	Madison	1920	1922	Box 38; Housebreaking
Whitson, Jerry	Parole	9464	Maury	1918	1920	Box 38; Voluntary manslaughter
Whittenburg, Bob	Pardon	10112	Fentress	1919	1919	Box 38; Voluntary manslaughter
Wideman, Will	Parole	6474	Madison	1912	1918	Box 38; Assault to murder in the 1 st degree
Wiggins, Cleveland	Parole	8845	Maury	1916	1921	Box 38; Housebreaking
Wiggins, Jim	Pardon		Rhea	1920	1921	Box 38; Public profanity
Wilborne, James	Parole	8478	Davidson	1915	1918	Box 38; Larceny
Wilcox, Andrew			Hawkins	1921		Box 38; Selling liquor
Wilcox, Patrick						Box 38; 74 years old
Wilkerson, Lex	Parole	9987	Smith	1918	1920	Box 38; Assault & battery to commit manslaughter
Wilkes, James	Pardon	12462	Shelby	1923	1923	Box 38; Involuntary manslaughter
Wilkinson, John	Parole	9016	Washington	1916	1917	Box 38; Felonious assault
Willard, Chester	Parole	9178	Cannon	1917	1920	Box 38; Murder
Williams D.D.	Parole	9933	Shelby	1918	1922	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Albert		9853	Marion	1911		Box 39; Murder/Rape
Williams, Ben	Parole	10406	Shelby	1919	1920	Box 39; Attempt to commit a felony
Williams, Bill			Rhea			Box 39; Violating age of consent

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Williams, Charles	Pardon	10605	Shelby		1921	Box 39; Voluntary manslaughter
Williams, Chas.	Parole	7915	Shelby	1914	1922	Box 39; Robbery
Williams, Dan		10402	Roane	1919	1921	Box 39; Assault; Voluntary manslaughter; escaped
Williams, Ed			Hardeman	1922		Box 39; Possessing liquor
Williams, Esco	Parole	10586	Loudon	1920	1922	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Ethel	Parole	11831	Davidson	1922	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Fred		10460	Knox	1919		Box 39; Robbery; died 5-5-22
Williams, Gus	Parole	11705	Warren	1922	1923	Box 39; Attempt to commit murder
Williams, Harry	Parole	10274	Henry	1919	1922	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Williams, Harry	Parole	10371	Lawrence	1919	1923	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Williams, Henry		9482	Knox	1914	1921	Box 39; 2nd degree murder; died 6-29-21
Williams, Henry	Parole	7881	Lake	1914	1918	Box 39; Felonious assault
Williams, Jack	Parole	11267	Dyer	1921	1924	Box 39; Violated age of consent
Williams, Jim	Parole	8066	Knox	1914	1918	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Williams, Jim	Parole	12050	Wayne	1920	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Jim	Parole	10328	White	1922		Box 39; Violated bone dry law; 2 files
Williams, Joe	Pardon	11382	Hamilton	1921	1923	Box 39; Grand larceny
Williams, John Henry	Parole	9925	Davidson	1918	1921	Box 39; Larceny
Williams, John P.	Parole	11371	Knox	1921	1924	Box 39; Housebreaking
Williams, Lens	Parole	10210	Washington	1919	1922	Box 39; Larceny
Williams, Leon	Parole	12449	Hamilton	1923	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Maggie	Pardon		Shelby	1920	1920	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Newt	Parole	12139	Warren	1923	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Newt.	Parole	8802	Warren	1916	1917	Box 39; Larceny
Williams, Sam	Parole	8187	Madison	1915	1918	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Williams, Sam	Parole	8053	Shelby	1915	1918	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Williams, Sherman	Parole	9324	Montgomery	1917	1923	Box 39; Forgery
Williams, Sherman	Parole		Montgomery	1921	1922	Box 39
Williams, Tom	Parole	11770	Shelby	1923	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Williams, Will	Parole	8755	Smith			Box 39
Williams, Will	Parole	10440	Fayette	1919	1922	Box 39; Murder
Williams, Willie	Parole	9954	Davidson	1918	1920	Box 39; Larceny
Williamson, C.B.	Parole	10712	Blount	1920	1923	Box 39; Receive stolen property
Williford, Virgil			Benton	1922		Box 39; Possessed "knucks"
Willis, George	Parole	9159	Gibson	1915	1918	Box 39; Forgery
Willoghby, J.E.	Parole	9302	Shelby	1917	1920	Box 39; Grand larceny;
Willoghby, J.E.	Parole	11780	Shelby	1922	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Wilson, Abe	Parole	10249	Shelby	1919	1922	Box 39; Petit larceny
Wilson, Bob	Pardon	10477	Hamilton	1920	1920	Box 39; Grand larceny
Wilson, Chas.	Parole	12019	Dyer	1923	1924	Box 39; Forgery
Wilson, Earl	Parole	12312	Fentress	1922	1923	Box 39; Felonious assault
Wilson, Earl	Parole	12188	Shelby	1922	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Wilson, J.E.	Parole	12140	Warren	1922	1922	Box 39; Petit larceny
Wilson, Jas.	Parole	8280	Shelby	1915	1920	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Wilson, John	Parole	9718	Cocke	1917	1920	Box 39; Voluntary manslaughter
Wilson, John	Parole	11175	Monroe	1921	1924	Box 39; Felonious assault
Wilson, Mack	Pardon		Hamilton	1920	1920	Box 39; Bigamy
Wilson, Madge	Parole	9992	Shelby	1916	1922	Box 39; Forgery
Wilson, Moland		13213	Davidson	1924		Box 39; Operating a gambling house
Wilson, Ned	Parole	9084	Sullivan	1915	1921	Box 39; Grand larceny
Wilson, Theodore	Parole	9717	Cocke	1917	1919	Box 39; Voluntary manslaughter
Wilson, Will	Parole	9958	Knox	1913	1920	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Wilson, Will	Parole	9510	Davidson	1918	1919	Box 39; Larceny
Wimberly, H.E.	Parole	10181	Henry	1919	1921	Box 39; Forgery
Winchester, Henry	Parole	8215	Putnam	1915	1919	Box 39; Housebreaking & larceny
Winchester, Will	Parole	8204	Davidson	1915	1922	Box 39; Incest
Winshester, Joe	Parole	8205	Davidson	1915	1922	Box 39; Incest
Winston, Claude	Parole	8893	Weakley	1916	1921	Box 39; Obstructing RR track
Winston, Emory		8922	Davidson	1916		Box 39; Petit larceny; died 4-9-22
Winters, John	Parole	8144	Davidson	1915	1921	Box 39; Housebreaking

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Winters, L.H.	Parole	13079	Hamilton	1924	1925	Box 39; Petit larceny
Wisdom, Leroy		12493	Montgomery	1923		Box 39; Grand larceny; died 7-28-23
Wods, Van			Jackson	1921		Box 39; Carrying a pistol & public drunkenness
Wolf, Albert			Polk	1922		Box 39; Transporting whiskey
Wolf, D.C.	Pardon		Rhea	1918	1919	Box 39; Manufacturing liquor
Wolfe, Anthony P.	Parole	8042	Shelby	1915	1919	Box 39; Incest
Wolfenberger, Dave	Parole	10506	Grainger	1920	1924	Box 39; 2nd degree murder
Wood, Oren			Pickett	1922		Box 39; Carrying a pistol
Woodall, Martin	Parole	11863	Shelby	1922	1924	Box 39; Bigamy
Woodruff, James	Parole	9843	Roane	1917	1921	Box 39; 2nd degree murder
Woods, Arthur	Parole	9285	Tipton	1917	1922	Box 39; Voluntary manslaughter
Woods, Era	Pardon		Wilson	1916	1919	Box 39; Arson
Woods, John	Parole	12080	Hamilton	1922	1924	Box 39; Petit larceny
Woods, Nathan Grange	Parole	11320	Marshall	1921	1922	Box 38; Attempt to commit murder
Worthington, F.J.	Parole	10502	Davidson	1920	1922	Box 40; Housebreaking
Wright, Boyd	Pardon		Roane	1919	1920	Box 40; 2nd degree murder
Wright, Clifford	Parole	8735	Shelby	1916	1920	Box 40; Larceny
Wright, Clifford A.			Shelby	1916		Box 40; Forgery; served time out
Wright, George	Parole	10017	Rhea	1918	1922	Box 40; Grand larceny
Wright, Hugh	Pardon		Smith	1922	1922	Box 40; Carrying a pistol
Wright, James	Parole	8148	Shelby		1919	Box 40; Voluntary manslaughter
Wright, Newt	Parole	9073	Shelby	1917	1918	Box 40; Assault to commit murder
Wright, Sam	Parole	7079	Davidson	1913	1919	Box 40; Murder
Wyatt, Sipe	Parole	8402	Shelby	1915	1920	Box 40; Housebreaking & larceny
Yancey, Leroy	Parole	8196	Madison	1915	1917	Box 40; Larceny
Yancey, Rufus	Parole	9546	Shelby	1918	1921	Box 40; Forgery
Yancy, Chas. V.	Parole	11121	Knox	1921	1924	Box 40; Forgery
Yarboro, Hurl	Parole	9365	Henderson	1917	1922	Box 40; Grand larceny
Yarbrough, Fred	Parole	11206	Shelby	1921	1923	Box 40; Petit larceny
Yarbrough, Sandy	Parole	9493	Dyer	1916	1918	Box 40; Petit larceny
Yateman, Pete	Parole	3040	Davidson	1906	1920	Box 40; 1st degree murder
Yates, Hennie	Parole	7481	Obion	1914	1922	Box 40; Murder
Yates, Jim	Parole	9862	Monroe	1917	1919	Box 40; Larceny
Yeakley, C.	Parole	8779	Hamilton	1917	1920	Box 40; Petit larceny
Yett, Mack	Parole	9863	Cocke	1917	1919	Box 40; Assault. to commit voluntary manslaughter
York, Millard	Parole	92959	Knox	1914	1918	Box 40; Larceny
Young, Abe	Pardon		Haywood	1921	1922	Box 40; Criminal assault
Young, Clarence	Parole	11590	Washngtn	1921	1924	Box 40; Petit larceny
Young, Elmer			Chester	1919		Box 40; Assault and battery
Young, Gene	Pardon		Jackson	1921	1922	Box 40; Contempt of court; petition
Young, Harry B.	Parole	12227	Davidson	1922	1923	Box 40; Petit larceny
Young, Jesse	Pardon		Jackson	1921	1922	Box 40; Carrying a pistol
Young, John	Parole	9357	Davidson	1922	1922	Box 40; Housebreaking & larceny
Young, Sherman	Pardon		Jackson	1921		Box 40; Violated age of consent
Young, W.L.	Parole	7967	Shelby	1915	1918	Box 40; Petit larceny
Young, Will	Parole	9861	Hamilton	1916	1921	Box 40; Burglary

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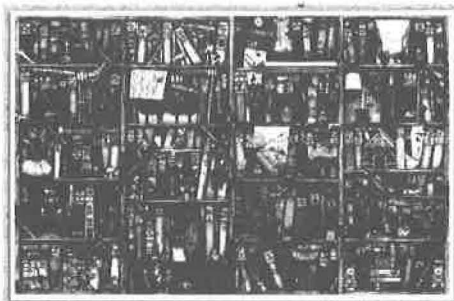
Book Reviews

by Shirley Wilson

Founding of the Cumberland Settlements-The First Atlas 1779-1804 by Doug Drake, Jack Masters and Bill Puryear, 240 pp., 2009, hard cover, art, bibliography, compact disc, index, maps, and photographs. \$85.95 pre-publication offer plus \$12.95 shipping from The Book Foundry, 5320 Stonewall Place, Brentwood, TN 37027. Tennessee residents add 9.25% sales tax (\$9.15). **NOTE:** Orders requesting the pre-publication price must be postmarked by August 31, 2009. Price after that date is \$99.95 plus shipping and 9.25% tax for Tennesseans.

Once in a great while a book comes along that is so outstanding and with so much time and hard work invested in it by its authors that it causes others to stand in awe of their accomplishment. This happened in the year 2000 when Irene Griffey published her book on Tennessee's early North Carolina land grants and now, it has happened again.

What began as a road project in Sumner County mushroomed in to the exploration of 1500 North Carolina pioneer land grants in an eleven county area of Middle Tennessee. Information on the grants is included for all of Davidson, Macon, Robertson, Sumner and Trousdale Counties as well as parts of Cheatham, Jackson, Montgomery,



Smith, Williamson, and Wilson Counties. The arrangement is alphabetical by the name of the grant recipient. The grants are located on present day topographical maps which make up a large section of the book.

The unique talents of the three authors combined to produce a beautiful 11 x 14 coffee table book containing 100 color pages with historical art from famous local artist, David Wright, depicting period scenes. It has twenty-eight pages of information on pioneer road maps showing buffalo traces, salt licks, Indian warpaths and pioneer forts and stations. It has a five page section on what became of the 244 signers of The Cumberland Compact. It has a listing of the original names of watercourses along with the names that are currently being used, a tremendously valuable research tool. It has biographies of some of the prominent early pioneers and long hunters. It has stories, maps, charts, history, genealogy and much, much more.

Provided with the books is a compact disc that contains transcripts [not abstracts but actual transcripts] of the 1500 land grants from an eleven county area along with hundreds of original deeds. It is a searchable database and also has an index with over 18,000 entries. The authors intend to publish this database in two volumes in the near future. They will probably be available by the time this review is published.

This book promises to become a classic, an accomplishment so outstanding that many generations will enjoy it and that, hopefully, will inspire others to do the same thing in their part of Tennessee.

All this and there's never been a better bargain for under \$100. What a treasure! Check out their website at www.cumberlandpioneers.com for additional information.