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***From the Editor. . .***

The April issue of the *Journal* is always a challenge, because this is the issue containing the index. Determining how many pages to leave for the index is a balancing act, but our indexer Juanita Patton has been at it for years and always gets it right. Remember, no genealogical work should *ever* be without a full index!

This issue begins with a wonderful description of life in the Confederate army, as written by J.E. Gold of Smith County. Katheryne Cowan found this treasure among the manuscript collections at the State Library and Archives, and I know you will enjoy reading her transcription of the original. Evidently it was kept as a diary during the war, and then rewritten by Mr. Gold in his later years.

An article describing Big Bone cave from a scientific journal published in 1814 will interest researchers with family in the White County area. It is remarkable to think that explorers were just beginning to find the natural treasures hidden in Tennessee at that time.

Merry Anne Pierson's article documenting the trail of a genealogical mystery is a fine example of step-by-step problem solving, and good genealogical writing. Good footnotes like hers are the key for future researchers to follow your trail and continue the search.

Please keep sending your ideas and articles. It takes us all to fill the *Journal* with content that is both interesting and helpful.

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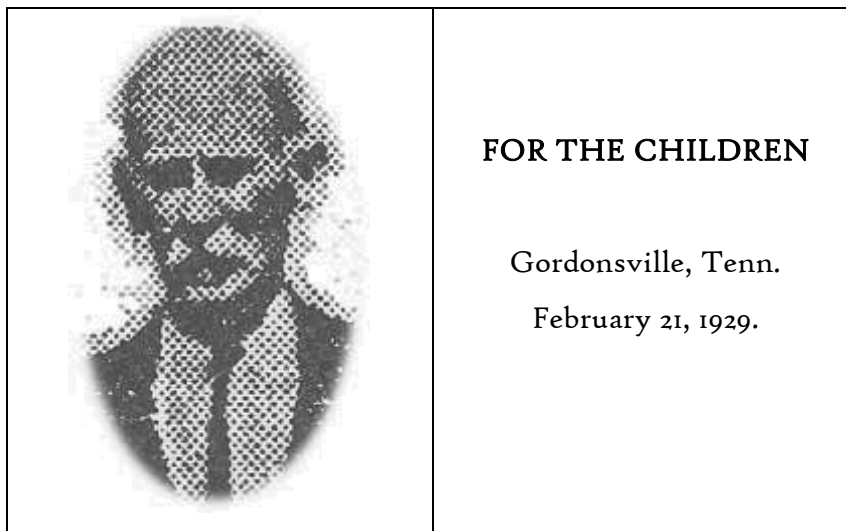
# Civil War Reminiscences of J.E. Gold of Smith County

*by Katheryne Cowan*

John Ephraim Gold was the second son born to Pleasant and Constance (Gwaltney) Gold. He was born 27 Aug 1842 in Wilson County, TN. When he was two years old, his family moved to Smith County, TN. With the exception of a short stay in Texas, Mr. Gold lived in Smith County until his death on 28 Aug 1939 in Carthage.

On August 24, 1861, Mr. Gold enlisted in the Confederate Army at Camp Trousdale. His initial enlistment was for ten months. He served the Confederacy until the end of the war. His capture and imprisonment at Johnson Island were the worst of his memories of his service.

Following is a letter written to his grandchildren about his experiences in the Army.



In obedience to a call of the Governor of Tennessee (Isam G. Harris) in 1861 for troops to repel threatened invasion I with more than 100 other young and middle aged men left Alexandria, Tenn. on July 19, 1861 for Camp Anderson on the N. & C. Railroad, four miles south of Murfreesboro. I think that tents and something to eat had been provided for us before our arrival.

Our group was organized by electing R. D. Allison Captain and the regulation number of lieutenants,

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sergeants and corporals was sworn into the service of the State of Tennessee for one year.

There were several companies of troops at Camp Anderson at this time, ten of which were organized into a Regiment and elected our captain Colonel. Our company of course was one of the ten and became Company F of the 24<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Regiment.

H. P. Dowell was elected captain in R. D. Allison's place and became captain of Company F which rank he held until he was discharged in 1862, some time after the battle of Shiloh.

The Regiment stayed at Camp Anderson some time, drilling and getting in shape for further service.

The 24<sup>th</sup> was moved from Camp Anderson after some months of drilling to Camp Trousdale where old flint lock guns were given the Regiment that used a cartridge containing powder, three buck shot and ball.

I don't think the Regiment stayed at Camp Trousdale very long but was ordered to Cave City, Ky., where we stayed some 3 or 4 weeks, then back to Bowling Green, where we went into winter quarters, built huts, drilled, worked on fortifications until about the middle of February, 1862, when the Regiment was ordered back to Nashville, the enemy having captured Ft. Donaldson and supplies for the entire army would be cut off. Hence our orders to get to Nashville as quick as possible. I well remember how cold it was, the snow on the ground and frozen hard. We were two days in getting to Nashville and found everything in the greatest confusion possible.

The next day after reaching Nashville the Regiment was moved out on the Murfreesboro road where we stopped long enough to cook something to eat and rest a while. I well remember Col. Allison making a speech to the Regiment and among other things made the declaration that we would not abandon Tennessee as long as there was one left that could fight to defend her. We all cheered and said that was right, we would not.

Notwithstanding the declarations that had been made a few hours previously, the Regiment was on the road going towards Murfreesboro at a brisk walk a short time after.

Arriving at Murfreesboro the Regiment went into camp about four miles from town. Fred Gwaltney, Luke Simpson, myself and a few others got permission to come home for four days, but before the time was out we got word that the Yankees were advancing and to return to the army by way of McMinnville, which we did with haste.

Buggies were not very plentiful in those days but my Father had one and told my young brother Billie to



Col. R.D. Allison, Gold's commanding officer, as pictured in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine, (vol. 24, p.185).

take it and carry me and Fred Gwaltney to McMinnville, which he did. I remember how uneasy we were for fear that Billie would get lost on his return. There were a number of roads and all looked alike. But we happened to find a man by the name of John Digs Thomas who was coming to New Middleton who said he would see that my brother would not get lost in the woods between Smithville and McMinnville.

Stayed all night in McMinnville, next morning early boarded the cars for Tullahoma at which place we got off the car and walked to Shelbyville where we caught up with the Regiment that had stopped for a short time.

Our command left Shelbyville for Huntsville, Ala., right away. It was raining almost every day, the creeks were full of water, some very amazing things happened on the march to Huntsville. For instance, it was no uncommon occurrence for some of the boys to take a great deal of pains to take off his shoes and socks, lay them down carefully, roll up his breeches, plunge into the water carrying gun and ammunition high to keep it dry and after reaching the other side of the creek would discover, to his great chagrin and the amusement of the other boys that his shoes and socks had been left on the side from which he started, and of course refording of the creek would be necessary to get them.



advanced further we soon found out that there were lots of them left un-captured and really our troops were leaving the field. In a few minutes met our company, what was left of them, coming away and who reported the terrible news that my cousin and close friend Fred Gwaltney had been killed early in the action the day before. It was a great source of grief to me. Fred was a noble young man in every sense of the word.

After the army got back to Corinth and rested and recuperated for some weeks a reorganization took place. All commissioned officers who desired to go home, as well as boys who were under eighteen years of age, were permitted to do so. The rest of us volunteered to serve the Confederate States for three years or as long as the war lasted. Most of the commissioned officers went home as well as the boys under eighteen.

After a very disagreeable march, wading many branches and creeks, we finally reached Huntsville, Ala., where the Regiment stayed a short time.

From Huntsville the Regiment went to Tuscumbia, thence to Corinth, Miss., where we stayed and drilled for more than a month. (The dates I give may not be historically correct but I think they are approximately so.)

About the third day of April '62 the entire army was put in motion moving towards the enemy that was assembling at a place on the Tennessee River, 18 or 20 miles to the north of Corinth.

As I had the mumps, jaws all swelled up, I did not go with the Regiment but was left in camp at Corinth with many others who were like afflicted.

On the sixth day of the above mentioned month early in the morning we could hear the cannon's terrific noise. We knew that there was a fight on hand. We who were left in camp stood it until about 12 o'clock when quite a number started for the front.

We did not get all the way that evening, slept in a stable loft, rained hard that night. Started early next morning for the battle field. Met lots of stragglers, wounded and prisoners, thought the entire Yankee army was captured or comparatively so. But as we

I do not know how long our Regiment stayed at Corinth after the Shiloh battle but it must have been some time to enable all the army supplies to be gotten out and carried to points further south.

I very distinctly recall the fact that the enemy was rapidly approaching the town and the evening before we evacuated the place that the 24<sup>th</sup> and one or two other regiments were sent out to make a feint and to notify Gen. Halleck to be careful.

Our Regiment, the 24<sup>th</sup>, was placed in a position that when it advanced it would come in contact with one of those almost impenetrable Mississippi swamps, only a cow path here and there that could be gotten through and only one or two men at a time.

I was in the skirmish line, that is, a line of some 12 or 15 men deployed so as to cover the entire front of the regiment and whose duty is to go in front of the regiment two or three hundred yards to prevent an ambush and locate the enemy.

Although the men in the skirmish line were fifteen or twenty feet apart they could not get through the briars and other obstructions in the swamp, the result was the

only three or four of the skirmishers got through to an open field that slanted up at quite a grade.

As there was no one to be seen we went up the hill perhaps a hundred yards or more before the top was reached so we could see over. To our great surprise a line of Yankees was concealed in a ravine not more than seventy five or eighty yards in front. It seemed to me like every one shot at me. I could hear the balls chip, chip, chip as they passed near my head, quite a number of them, and the ground was sprinkled with balls also. For good reasons I did not fly, but am sure there was not a boy in Company F that could have made longer steps and more of them to the second than I did in getting back to the woods.

The Federals were shelling the woods at a terrible rate, the sun was getting low in the west and I was alone, didn't know how to get back to the Regiment. After a while I saw a sky-rocket go up in the direction that I thought our troops were. So I made my way back by that signal and finally found Company F to my great relief.

That same night after the occurrence just related the Southern troops left Corinth for Tupelo down the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad some 15 or 20 miles, I judge, don't know the distance.

We stayed at Tupelo some time, until the commanding general, Bragg, conceived the idea of invading Kentucky and was concentrating troops at Chattanooga for that purpose. Our Regiment was carried on the cars to Mobile, Ala., where we transferred to boats, went up the Bay of Mobile to the mouth of Alabama River, up the river to Tensaw where we left the boats and again boarded cars for Chattanooga where we arrived in good time.

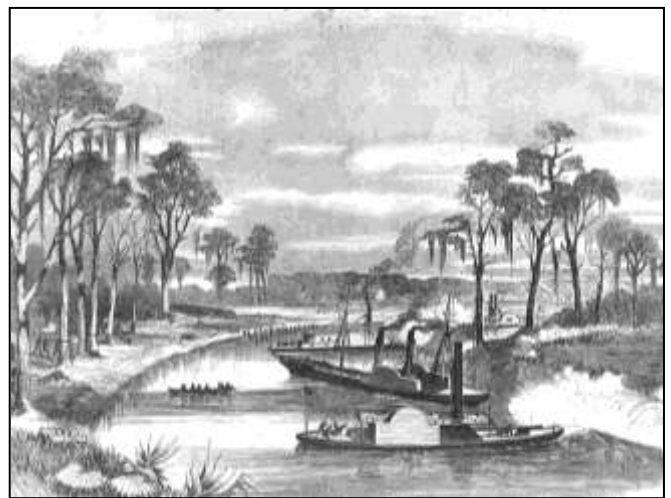
Our stay at Chattanooga was a busy time, drilling, getting toughened up for the strenuous campaign that was coming. We would frequently get up in the night and go several miles and drill for hours getting in good condition for what was to follow.

As I kept no memorandum don't know what date we left Chattanooga but it must have been some time in

September 1862 that the 24th Regiment crossed the Tennessee River at Chattanooga and marched up Sequatchie Valley, over the mountain to Sparta. I got tired and sleepy coming over the mountain for it was in the night time, although we were told that Bushwhackers were numerous and to keep closed up. Me and Alec Stewart, I think it was, stopped on the side of the road and went to sleep. Did not catch up with the Regiment until next morning at Sparta.

I found my Father there and was so very glad to see him and to hear from home.

After leaving Sparta we went towards the Kentucky line by the way of Gainsboro. Had no trouble in crossing the Cumberland River as it was very low. The fall of 1862 was unusually dry, a fact that we very much regretted on the entire Kentucky campaign as the Southern troops suffered greatly for water the entire time the campaign lasted.



**Civil War gunboats near Mobile, 1863**

Having crossed the river we were soon on Kentucky soil marching north. It seems to me it was about the second night after we crossed the river that we marched all night to surround Mumfordsville where there was stationed a number of Federal soldiers who were well fortified.

The fortifications had been assaulted by Gen. Chalmers' troops the day before and were badly used up in an attempt to take them.

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About day light we got in position for business when word came that the garrison had surrendered, to our great delight and hearty approval.

After leaving Mumfordsville the army went in a north-eastern course marching in the most terrible dust imaginable, drinking such water as could be procured from goose ponds and like places, not staying long at any one place. I do not remember any town of much size passed through, Harrodsburg and Danville were the largest. It strikes me that we passed through Danville, counter marched and came back to Perryville where on the eighth day of October we engaged the enemy in battle.

The morning of the eighth was spent in maneuvering for position, and the hardest of the fight did not occur until the afternoon when the Confederate forces advanced to the music of booming cannon and the sharp crack of many rifles. As we advanced, unfortunately, Company F of the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment came to a gap that had been made in a very high rail fence. Most of the boys crowded through the gap but it made a solid mass for the enemy to shoot at and they made good use of the opportunity for several of the boys were killed in that gap. I realized the danger of doubling up and got over the fence. When the Southern troops reached the top of the hill the Federals retreated leaving lots of good clothes that were new, in their knapsacks, that I suppose they had just drawn. One of the boys gave me a nice dress coat, over-coat and blanket which did me good service as the nights were real cool, big frosts of mornings.

Our troops stayed on the battle field that night, but next morning we started for Tennessee by way of Cumberland Gap.

The first or second night after leaving Perryville we stopped at a Federal supply camp called Camp Dick Robinson where there was an immense supply of pork put up in barrels. I do not know what became of it, whether it was destroyed by our troops or not. I do know that we got some of it and thought it was fine.

We were ordered to cook enough provisions to last three days at this place which was done and we started for Cumberland Gap.

My appetite in those days was remarkably fierce and I was so indiscreet as to eat all of my provisions in two days and of course had to do without until we caught up with the wagon train, and to our discomfort the wagons, or we, got on the wrong road and it was three or four days before we had any bread. Were fortunate enough to get some beef which we roasted with our ram-rods over the fire. It is needless to say that it was very good even without salt or pepper.

Our wagons finally caught up and needs supplied to our great relief. Soon came to Cumberland Gap the most desolate looking place imaginable, perfectly barren of everything of any value.

Arrived at Knoxville about the 28<sup>th</sup> of October (I think it was). Don't think the Regiment stayed there long.

Boarded the cars for Murfreesboro where we soon arrived and went into camp west of the town where we were undisturbed until just before the battle at that place.

It was late in December, 1862, before the Federals began their approach to Murfreesboro and as they neared the town Gen. Bragg prepared to give battle. Our regiment belonged to Stewart's brigade, Cheatham's division, Polk's corps whose position was in the center of our army.

I think it was the morning of the thirtieth of December that the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment left camp to take position in line some distance west of the town of Murfreesboro. Each brigade had an ordnance wagon to carry a supply of ammunition for the men who were doing the fighting in front. These wagons would stay in rear of the line out of danger of cannon balls from the enemy's guns. As a matter of course some one would have to carry the ammunition from the wagons to the line in front, when needed. On this particular occasion Jas. Davis and myself were detailed for that duty. We were equipped with a canvas bag arrangement with the large pockets, one in each end to hold the cartridges and far

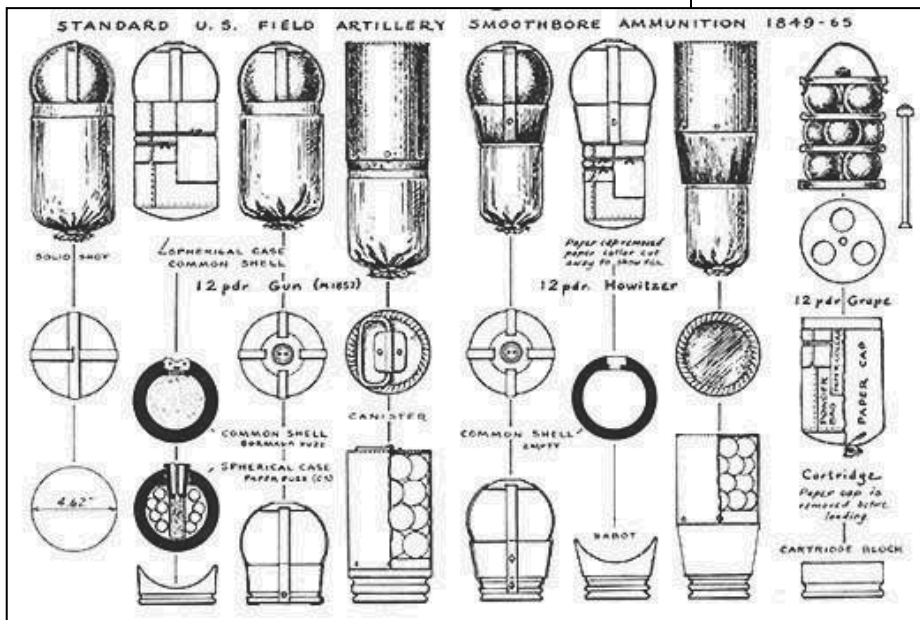
enough apart to be thrown over the shoulder so it could be carried more easily.

Early in the morning above mentioned the fight opened with a terrific noise of cannon and small arms. Our regiment, the 24<sup>th</sup>, was in the second line but had to go forward right away as the first line recoiled, having been badly cut up by the enemy in ambush.

It seemed to be only a short time until word came to forward the ammunition. The line at that time was perhaps a mile or more in front fighting like

croquet ball. Of course it knocked me down and Davis reported to the boys in front when he came up with them that I had been killed by a cannon ball, but my guardian angel was there and directed the ball so it hit the mass of cartridges in the front part of the bag and fell to the ground.

Don't know how long I lay on the ground but when I came to myself the bag of ammunition was gone and shooting in front had stopped so I made my way back to the wagon and in a few minutes Davis came and was much surprised and delighted to see me when he was sure had been killed.



Davis told me that he saw the ball coming bouncing along, hence its force was pretty well spent and my life was saved.

The ammunition wagons were ordered south and as was the custom the Southern army retired from the field going south as far as Shelbyville where they went into camp and stayed until June 1863. The wagon that I was with went as far south as Winchester when orders came to return to Shelbyville.

everything. I assure you that it was not a bright outlook to start to the front with that bag of ammunition. There were a number of dead men lying on the ground as we passed along. The country was almost level and the cannon balls were coming close to the ground tearing everything to pieces that they came in contact with. Even the old cedar trees that were hit burst into fragments and pieces were thrown in every direction, sometimes wounding several men.

Davis and I kept pushing to the front although it was terrific and hazardous in the extreme, the boys needed the ammunition and must have it was the impelling thought.

We had gone perhaps a mile or more when I came in contact with a round cannon ball about the size of a

It was some time in June, I feel sure, when the Southern army began to move towards Chattanooga. Don't know what time we arrived there but went into camp on the side of Lookout Mountain, between the point of the mountain and the River. Stayed there some time working on fortifications and drilling some. At this time company officers were getting scarce as well as material, so the boys elected me Lieutenant and after going before the examining board got my commission as Lieutenant of Company F. 24<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment.

Do not know how or when I got my emblem of authority but do know what went with it, a sword.

Our regiment camped at several different places round about Chattanooga until the middle of September, perhaps, when both Northern and Southern armies



commenced activities moving for position. Our regiment marched and counter marched in the locality of Lee and Gordon's mill in Georgia two or three day before we came in contact with the Yankees. I think it was on September 19<sup>th</sup> that the 24<sup>th</sup> was ordered forward to take a battery that was giving some trouble. We went forward in fine shape but before the battery was reached our line was exposed to a fire from our right as well as in front. It was so deadly that the regiment fell back to the original line. We lost some good men in that charge.

Our command was on the extreme right of the infantry line of battle next to the cavalry. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, the day of the hardest fighting, our command was moved to the right several times as the battle progressed. We were held in readiness and expecting to be ordered forward every minute until about sundown, when it seemed as though every man in the whole army shouted loud and long. The Yankees had abandoned the field and the victory was won.

From some cause or other we did not follow up the victory but remained idle two or three days before we started for Chattanooga where the Yankees had gone. The army did, after some delay, follow and invest the city until the latter part of November when the battle of Missionary Ridge took place.

In the meantime the 24<sup>th</sup> was ordered to Knoxville. Do not remember much about the trip only that we rode in stock cars with no cover on them and that the railroad was very crooked and in bad condition.

When we got as far as Loudon we were turned back to Chattanooga where we stayed on picket duty until about the 23d of November when things began to get in shape for the battle which was near at hand.

It was on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month when the armies began to get ready for battle. The position of the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment was not very far north of Ross's Gap

and deployed so far apart that it was a weak line to resist the three or four lines of Federals that could be plainly seen from our position on the ridge.

Our location in line seems to have been unfortunate. The ridge at this particular place where our company (F) happened to be was such that to enable us to see down the slant to the bottom of the ridge we had to go down from the crest some 30 or 40 yards. There were a number of cannon in our rear that shot over our heads. These guns were on top of the ridge and so being in front and only a short distance from them, the reports from those guns were terrible to endure. (I attribute the prime cause of my defective hearing to that experience.) But the shells from those guns had the effect of scattering the enemy badly, however, they kept coming although in no well defined line of battle.

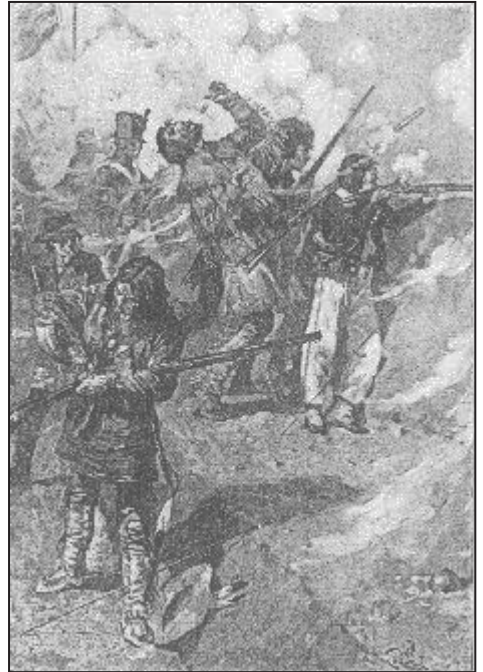


Our squad kept shooting fully confident that we could hold the position for some time if not definitely, unconscious of the fact that the Southern line had given away on our right and that the Yankees were sweeping down the ridge in our rear. In fact we did not know that our own regiment had left the ridge. When our Captain realized what had happened the squad of 18 or 20 was surrendered as it would have been suicidal to attempt to get away at that late stage of the fight. That ended my active participation in the war. Now to prison I must go and stay to the end. I will perhaps tell something of my prison experience later on. ■

# Some Tennessee Widows and Orphans of the War of 1812

by Robert S. Davis, Wallace State College

The United States officially fought a war with Great Britain from June 18, 1812 to December 24, 1814 although news of the treaty that ended the conflict traveled so slowly that the fighting continued into 1815. This war knew many names including "the late war with Great Britain and the Indians" but eventually it became popularly known as the War of 1812. In the South, except for British raids on the southern coast; the destruction of St. Mary's Georgia; the siege of Fort Bowyer, Alabama; and the Battle of New Orleans, this war largely involved conflict with certain groups of the Creek Indians.<sup>1</sup>



An act of 16 April 1816 and other Federal legislation gave half pay pensions to widows and orphans of the War of 1812 (1812-1815), including survivors of soldiers who died as a result of that conflict but after the war was officially over. Each pension was equal to half of the pay of the deceased soldier from his date of death. Each widow's pension was for five years following the soldier's death or until the widow remarried, whichever came first. Beneficiaries included motherless orphans or orphans whose mothers had remarried.

Reproduced here is a list of the Tennesseans (volume fourteen) receiving half pay pensions, as found in surviving government financial records.<sup>2</sup> What papers that survive of these pension claims are found in Entry 726 of Record Group 217 and some additional information can sometimes be found in the records of Entry 588. Given below is the name of the deceased soldier, the claimants, the date of commencement of the pension (the date of death of the soldier?), and remarks on the claim. The only additional information found in this record is the amount actually paid. Some veterans may be listed as survived only by a widow because their children were all married or over age twenty-one, thereby not technically qualifying as orphans. Most soldiers of the War of 1812 died from disease rather than battle wounds.

*For more information about War of 1812 pensions and other records, see the first installment of this article in the Summer 2010 issue of this journal (vol. XXIV, number 1).*

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<sup>1</sup> For the history of the war in the southern states, a researcher should consult such works as Frank Lawrence Owsley, *Struggle for the Gulf Borderlands* (Gainesville, Fl., 1981) and Wilburt S. Brown, *The Amphibious Campaign for West Florida and Louisiana* (Tuscaloosa, 1969). Background on the War of 1812 can be found in David S. and Jeanne T. Heidler, *Encyclopedia of the War of 1812* (Santa Barbara, Ca., 1997); Charles Reginald Shrader, *Reference Guide to United States Military History 1607-1815* (New York, 1993); Walter R. Borneman, *1812: The War that Forged a Nation* (New York, 2004); A. J. Langguth, *Union 1812: The Americans who fought the Second War of Independence* (New York, 2009); and C. Edward Skeen, *Citizen Soldiers in the War of 1812* (Lexington, 1999).

<sup>2</sup> Record Group 217 Records of the Auditor General, Entry 587, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Md. 20740-6001. A microfilm copy of this record is in the Family & Regional History Program, Wallace State College, 801 N. Main Street, Hanceville, AL 35077-2000.

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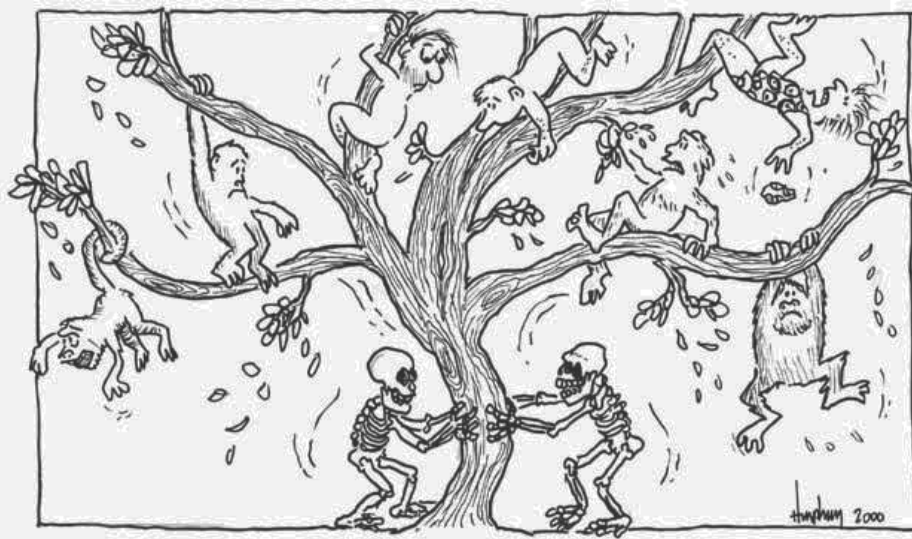
*Name of the deceased soldier, claimants(in parentheses), soldier's rank; date of commencement of the pension, remarks (if any).*

Stone, James (wid. Nancy), private, 18 May '15	Vernon, Nehemiah (widow Charity), artificer of ordnance, 30 Apr '15
Tucker, Archibald (wid.), private, 28 Decr '14	Venyard, George (widow Elizabeth), private, 2 May '14
Tipton, Joshua (wid. Rachael), private, 20 April '15	Vinters, John S. (widow Sarah), private, 25 Jan'y '15
Thomas, Mark (wid. Rachael), private, 10 March '15	Vinyard, David (widow Nancy), private, 14 Apr '15
Townsend, Stephen (wid. &), sergeant, 5 Jan'y '15 "wid. intermarried 22 Aug '18"	Usher, John (widow Nancy), private, 8 Apr '14
Turman, William (wid. Elizabeth), private, 15 Dec '14	Vannatta, Christopher (widow & children), private, 9 Apr '15 transfer: "To Dist. Ca" "widow intermarried 14 July 1816"
Tennehill, John (widow Elizabeth), private, 13 Nov '14	Wright, William (widow), private, 31 Decr '14
Taylor, Thomas (widow Patsey), private, 20 March '13	Williams, Daniel (widow), private, 31 Jan'y '15
Tarpley, John (widow Mary), private, 10 April '15	Walker, John (widow), private, 4 May '15 "widow intermarried 24 July 1816"
Taylor, Absolam (widow Lany), private, 21 Jan'y '15	Williams, Benjamin (widow Polly), private, 18 Jan'y '15
Tinnin, John (widow Sarah), blacks., 31 Jan'y '15	Wisenor, Henry (widow Mary), 3rd lieut., 27 Nov '14
Taylor, Alexander (widow Elizabeth), private, 30 April '15	Williams, Wright (widow Ann), lt. col., 6 May '15
Trewett, Wm. (widow Tabetha), private, 28 Feb. 1815	Whitset, Absalom (widow Elizabeth), corpl., 11 Jan'y '14
Thweat, G. William (widow Rebecca), private, 16 Jan'y '15	Woodcock, William (widow Betsey), private, 23 Feby '15
Thompson, Ephraim (widow Sally), ensign, 19 August '15	Williams, Joseph (widow Polly), private, 7 Jan'y '15
Tassey or Tassel, David (widow Rachel), sergt., 24 Decr '14	Wright, Jacob (widow Nancy), private, 25 Feby '15
Tilly, Lewis (widow Stacy), private, 1 Feby '15	Walker, Patterson (widow Priscilla), private, 26 Feb '15
Trull, Nathan (widow Penelope), private, 31 Jan'y '15	Whitlock, William (widow Jane), private, 5 Feb 1815
Taylor, Solomon (widow Dorothy), private, 3 Feby '15	Williard, Joel (widow Jane), private, 27 March '14
Tucker, James (widow Mary, children), private, 21 Decr '14 "widow intermarried 26 Jan'y 1817"	Wear, John (widow Eleanor), private, 29 Jan'y '15
Thomas, Barney (widow Elizabeth), private, 14 March '14	Watson, Ryal (widow Margaret), private, 15 August '15
Teany, John (widow Nancy), private, 11 Jan'y '15 transfer: "From the State of Virginia"	Washam, Thomas (widow Sarah), private, 12 Feb '15
Taylor, John (widow Nancy), private, 1 April '15	White, Henry (widow Fanny), private, 25 Jan'y '15
Tucker, Daniel S. (widow Elizabeth D.), private, 7 Feby '15 transfer: "To Kentucky"	Wright, George (widow Nancy), private, 1 Feb '15
Vaughan, John (widow), private, 31 Decr '14	Ward, Eli (widow Ann, children), private, 21 Decr. '14 "widow intermarried 10 July 1817"
Viney, Andrew (widow), sergeant, 20 Jan'y '15	Witherington, William (widow Cela), private, 18 Feby '15
Venable, Richard (widow), private, 26 March '15	White, John (widow Sarah), private, 15 Mar '15
Vaught, John (widow Sarah), private, 24 March '15	
Van Dyke, Thomas J. (widow P. S.), surgeon, 27 Dec '14	

Warden, John (widow Elizabeth), corporal, 24 Decr '14  
 Williams, Hiram (widow & children), private, 22 Jany '14 "widow intermarried 2 April 1818"  
 Webb, James (widow Rachel), private, 9 Feby '15  
 Walker, Charles (widow Elizabeth), QMSergt., 20 Mar '15  
 Wright, Robert (widow Nancy), private, 29 Jany '15  
 Walker, William (widow Susannah), corpl, 12 Jany '15  
 Webb, Fielding (widow Mary), private, 25 Decr. '13  
 West, Moses (widow Nancy), private, 7 Feb '15  
 White, Jonathan D. (widow Margaret), Sergt., 9 Apl '15  
 Whitton, Elijah (widow Patsey), private, 21 Nov. '14  
 Williams, Allen (widow Peggy), private, 11 Feb '15  
 Wright, Isaac (widow Abijah), private, 13 Jany '15  
 Withrow, Samuel (widow Elizabeth), private, 22 Feb '15  
 White, Samuel (widow Elizabeth), private, 26 Augs '14  
 Wooten, John (widow Dorothy), private, 1 Jany '15  
 Wyatt, Daniel (widow Sarah), private, 19 March '15  
 Wooten, Henry (widow Anne), private, 16 Apr '15  
 Wray, Luke (widow Ealy), corpl, 5 Feby '14  
 Webb, Ross (widow Elizabeth), 3rd lieut., 23 Feby. '15  
 Westerman, John (widow Lydia), corpl., 7 March '15  
 Wallace, John (widow and children), private, 16 Feby '15 "widow intermarried 4 Apr 1816"  
 Webb, Edward (widow Elizabeth), private, 15 Decr. '13  
 Worthington, James (widow Lettis), private, 3 Decr. '13  
 Whiteman, Gower (widow Martha), private, 30 Jany '15  
 Weatherford, Thomas (children), private, 20 Feby '15 "left no widow"  
 Warren, James (widow & children), private, 3 Feby '15 "widow intermarried 27 Apr 1816"  
 Williams, George (widow Mary), private, 15 Feby '15  
 Weam, Philip (widow Elizabeth), 3rd lieut, 19 Decr '14

Waddle, Elias (widow & children), 2nd lieut., 27 March '14 "widow intermarried 10 jany 1815"  
 Wooton, John (widow Sally), sergt., 1 Jany '15  
 Walker, James (widow Rachel), private, 15 May '15  
 Woodall, Charles (widow Polly), private, 12 Nov 1812 transfer: "From Kentucky"  
 Wynn, Henry (child), corporal, 12 Nov 1813 "left no widow"  
 Watts, James W. (widow Mary), private, 15 Aug '14  
 Walker, John (E. Tennessee) (widow Mary), private, 1 Jany. '14  
 Williams, John (widow Nancy), private, 5 Feby. '15  
 Weatherby, Joseph (widow Mary), private, 28 Decr '14  
 York, Abram (widow), private, 9 July 1814  
 Yount, Jacob (widow & children), private, 29 March '14 "widow intermarried 4 Sept 1814"  
 Yates, Daniel (widow and children), private, 16 Feby '15 "widow intermarried 27 July 1815"  
 Yearby, William (widow Sarah), private, 24 Jany '15  
 Yancy, Garland (widow Polly), private, 6 Feby '15  
 Yancy, Joseph (widow Isabella), private, 24 Jany '15  
 Young, William (widow Bethsheba), private, 2 Apr '14  
 Young, Samuel (widow Letty), private, 1 July '14 "widow intermarried 20 Aug 1816"  
 Yeager, Reuben (widow, children), private, 11 Jany '15 "widow intermarried 15 Apr 1816"

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# White County's Big Bone Cave in 1813

From *The [Niles] Weekly Register*, 1814  
Supplement part 1, pp. 175-176.

## Big Bone Cave

A description of the Big Bone Cave, in White County, Tennessee, by D.  
T. Maddox, Esq. in a letter to a friend.

Dear Sir. On my way to this place, I was arrested by curiosity to visit the Big Bone Cave. The road leading to it

sometimes 20, sometimes 50, and sometimes not 5 feet in altitude. After traversing this grotto for several hundred yards, we arrived at the entrance of several new apartments; some to the right, some to the left; now turning at right angles, then obliquely, till we were lost in the labyrinths which a faint torch, and the various windings of the alleys, produced in this darksome abode.

terminates in the angle of two mountains, forming as it were, the foot and ancle of the great Cumberland range; in the ancle of which yawns the mouth of this hideous cavern. The aperture is a semicircle, whose semi diameter is about fifteen feet. The sun was declining in the west, and his rays bore in a direct line against the mouth of the cavern, intermixing light and darkness with such hideous perplexity, as to leave the mind in doubt, which of the two to adopt. At the same time that there is issued from its mouth a column of smoke, occasioned by the burning of torches within, which gave to the whole an appearance that seemed to realize the most exaggerated picture of the infernal regions! While a smutty crew, in tatters, resembling nothing but devils incarnate, bore in black sacks, the nitre and bitumen which seemed to constitute the horrors of the place.

We now had proceeded beyond the atmosphere of smoke, occasioned by the burning of torches employed to light the workmen. Till now, the sooty walls and ceiling of the apartments, had exhibited the most dismal and lugubrious appearance. The cautious wanderer hearing nothing but the indistinct echoes of hammers and pick axes, dying upon the ear, with most appalling sounds, and seeing at intervals, the flame of torches, followed by men in the shape of devils, was easily impressed with the belief, that the place was inhabited by a thousand fabled Cyclops, occupied with their bellows and forges in fabricating thunder!

As the sensations excited by these appearances were only ebullitions of the moment, and believing that where there was so much to astonish without, there might be something to admire within, I determined to explore the cave. I therefore employed a guide, changed my clothes, procured torches, and entered the cavern.

But the whole appearance is now changed. We have ascended by means of a ladder into an upper suite of apartments; where the glassy smoothness of the ceiling, and the ornamented incrustations of the walls, seemed to render "darkness visible." This was the most spacious and beautiful apartment we had yet visited. The lower surface, though of clay, is smooth and even; the form is oval terminating in a narrow passage at each end; the walls beautifully enamelled with petrified salts, with here and there projecting spars with various crystalized substances. The ceiling is concave, with a surface so smooth and glassy that the reflection of the

The passage from the entrance is a serpentine grotto;

light from our torches gave it the appearance of the starry firmament! On one side of the apartment, I discovered a small aperture, that led by a gradual ascent, in the figure of a staircase, to more than half the height of the rooms. From this position I had a more ample view of the concave above, and the colonnade below rising in pillars, which discover their semi diameters in the sides of the wall, and reaching to the ceiling as if to support the roof.

When I descended to the lower surface, and surveyed the magnificent beauty of the surrounding walls, the sublimity of the spacious concave above, constructed with so much regularity and order, as if nature had sought in this subterraneous abode, to mock the work of art, it was impossible to resist the feelings which the objects around me naturally inspired! Everything was wonderfully beautiful, and awfully! But the idea of being three miles under ground, filled the mind at once with terror and apprehension.

My guide now informed me that in this apartment had been found bones of a remarkable size and figure. He said, they had dug up the talon of a Lion, 13 inches long; the hoof of an Elephant; the ribs of the Mammoth; and the skull of a Giant; but that they were all destroyed. He showed me a fishing net made of bark silk, and a moccasin of the same materials, both perfectly sound.

This cave is incomparably the largest and most complete yet explored in America. Madison's cave, as described by Mr. Jefferson, extends only three hundred feet under ground. Whereas, the Big Bone Cave extends in its meanders, several miles! The sides of the various vaults are of solid lime stone. The earth consists of nitre, salts, and copperas. In many parts of the cavern issues strong currents of air, which seem to be the effect of water, forcing itself through small aqueducts; or it may be driven by the pressure of the atmosphere, through some orifice in the top of the mountain.

The whole crust of the rock, forming the cave is full of cells and avenues, covering about five hundred acres of land, not a hundredth part of which has been explored, and of that not a hundredth part of its riches are yet exhausted.

When the bowels of these subterraneous vaults shall be no longer able to yield their riches to gratify the avarice and cupidity of insatiated men, the cave will then become the abode of its original inhabitants, and may one day become as famous for ghosts and spectres, as the celebrated cave of Antiparos.

This cave is the property of Major John A. Wilson, of M'Minville It employs at present about one hundred workmen, who manufacture five hundred pounds of nitre per day.  
August 17, 1813

### Big Bone Cave Today

Big Bone Cave is a 400-acre natural area located in Van Buren County at the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. It was named for the discovery of the bones of a giant ground sloth (*Megalonyx jeffersonii*) in 1811. This skeleton is now on display at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. In 1971 the bones of a Pleistocene-era jaguar were unearthed. The cave also has historical significance as a saltpeter mine during the War of 1812 and the Civil War, when as many as 300 miners mined the nitrate. The artifacts are remarkably well preserved in the dry cave and represent the state's best-preserved saltpeter mining artifacts. Artifacts in the cave include wooden water pipes, railways, catwalks, ore carts, hoppers, vats and ladders.

Encompassing nearly 10 miles of passages, Big Bone Cave is the sixth longest mapped cave in Tennessee. Much of the cave's geology is Monteagle limestone formation that is approximately 380 feet thick. It is one of only 13 National Natural Landmarks in Tennessee. These landmarks are recognized as the country's best remaining examples of major biotic communities and geologic features.

Limited public access is provided. Public tours are available through Rock Island State Park, located between Sparta and McMinnville. (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

[www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/bonecave/](http://www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas/bonecave/))

# Who Were the Parents of Sarah Jane “Jennie” (Fiser) Wilks (1869–1947)?



by Merry Anne Pierson

## Introduction

Sarah Jane Fiser, also known as Jennie, married John Lewis Wilks 6 June 1886 in Robertson County, Tenn.<sup>1</sup> Their marriage license offered no information regarding her parents, whose names were needed for a National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA) lineage application. Research on her husband's line had come to a dead end when proof of his lineage died out in the 1740s in Virginia.

Both the Fiser and the Wilks families were long time Robertson County residents, having come from Virginia in the early days of Tennessee statehood. Sarah and John lived their lives in Robertson County, appearing on the 1900–1930 censuses with a large family of children.<sup>2</sup>

Sarah died in Robertson County 15 December 1947 and her death certificate gave the first indication of her parents' names. The document identified her parents as Irvin Fiser and Orpha Anne Newton.<sup>3</sup> The source of this information was Sarah's daughter, Mrs. Lyman Eckles (Odell Wilks).<sup>4</sup> In order to verify this information and to clearly identify the persons named, a thorough search of the Robertson county records was done. No estate or probate records named Sarah Wilks as an heir, no transfers of property to her or her husband were found to help prove a parental relationship.<sup>5</sup>

A marriage record was found identifying a J. I. Fiser who married O. A. Newton 2 December 1868 in Robertson County. Indications were that it belonged to the correct couple but since initials were used in place of full names more research was needed.<sup>6</sup>

Merry Anne Pierson resides in Nashville. She conducted this research on behalf of a client.

<sup>1</sup> Robertson County, Tennessee, Marriage records: Loose paper files vol. PA-WI, roll B505, 1883–1889, (alphabetized by year), (1886), J.L. Wilks – S.J. Fiser, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville (TSLA).

<sup>2</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Robertson County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 8, Enumeration District (ED) 50, p. 11A, dwelling 185, family 185, John L. Wilks; digital image, *Ancestry.com*. 1910 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., District 9, Springfield, ED 165, p. 16A, dwell. 345, fam. 358, John Milks [Wilks]; digital image, *Ancestry.com*. 1920 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., District 9, ED 178, p. 5B, dwell. 97, fam. 103, John Wilker [Wilks]; digital image, *Ancestry.com*. 1930 U. S. census, Robertson Co., District 9, ED 14, p. 2A, dwell. 31, fam. 32, John Wilks; digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>3</sup> Tennessee Division of Vital Statistics, death certificate 27588 15 December 1947, Sarah Jane Wilks, TSLA.

<sup>4</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., District 8, Enumeration District (ED) 50, p. 11A, dwelling 185, family 185, John L. Wilks; digital image, *Ancestry.com*. Tennessee State Marriage Records 1780–2002, Odell Wilks – Lyman Eckles, 23 March 1918; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>); citing Robertson County marriages p. 241.

<sup>5</sup> Robertson County, Tennessee Deed Index, 1796–1907; TSLA; and Robertson County, Tennessee, Probate Files, 1897–1935, rolls 93–100; TSLA.

<sup>6</sup> Tennessee State Marriage Records 1780–2002, O. A. Newton – J. I. Fiser 2 December 1868; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Feb 2010); citing Robertson County marriages p. 143.

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## Two J. I. Fisers

A search of the 1860 Robertson County census found two possible men named J. Irvin or J. Ervin Fiser, one in the household of James Bartlett, and the other in the household of Jo. H. Fiser, either of who could be the husband named on the marriage record. O. A. Newton was not found but there was an M. A. Newton who was the correct age.<sup>7</sup> The marriage date suggested that the couple should appear on the 1870 census as a family but no entry for them was located.<sup>8</sup> By 1880, O. A. Fiser and three children were residing in the household of Edward Newton. She was listed as his daughter and the children as his grandchildren.<sup>9</sup> Why she didn't appear on the 1860 census as O. A. versus M. A. was discovered on later census records where she was identified as Mollie, apparently a nickname she sometimes used. That Mollie was the same woman as Orpha was confirmed when this census also showed her son Winn residing with her.<sup>10</sup>

## Two new questions

This raised two new questions: Why didn't this family appear on the 1870 census and what happened to J. I. Fiser between the date of marriage and the 1880 census? Sarah Jane (Fiser) Wilks' father was still not clearly identified. A search of cemetery records, census records and death notices revealed nothing to answer this question. None of the Robertson County published family histories yielded information on this family. No deed records were found to answer this identity question. A search of the court records provided the answer to both his disappearance and his full name.

## Identifying the correct J. I. Fiser

A search of Chancery court records for Robertson County revealed two separate cases for J. I. Fiser. Case file number 1229, dated 27 June 1874 and finalized 29 June 1878, showed that Orpha Anne (Newton) Fiser sued her husband, J. I. Fiser, for divorce. Orpha stated that they married 2 December 1868, confirming that they were the couple from the marriage record. They lived together as a family for a few years until she discovered that her husband had committed adultery and fathered a child by another woman. She apparently forgave him until he strayed a second time, and then she filed for divorce. By her husband, J. I. Fiser, she had three children, identified as Sarah Jane aged 8, Walter G., aged 4, and Winn N., aged 2 months, thus confirming that Sarah Jane was Orpha's daughter and that J. I. was Sarah Jane's father.<sup>11</sup>

The question of which J. I. Fiser was Orpha's husband still remained. The second court case, number 1569, was finalized 27 Aug 1883 and according to documents found in this case, J. I. had remarried to a woman named Fannie M. J. H. Long sued J. I. Fiser and Jo. H. Fiser for failure to pay a mortgage note. This case specified that J. I. Fiser's wife, Orpha A. Fiser, was not included in the suit because she had divorced him. In this suit, J. I. Fiser was identified as having a relationship to Joseph H. Fiser and Robert H. Fiser, thus providing a family context in which Orpha's husband could be fit. His brother Robert H. Fiser sold the property involved to Joseph Irvin Fiser in 1868. J. Irvin and Orpha mortgaged the land for a sum of money borrowed from J. H. Long, the complainant. When J.I.

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<sup>7</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., Western Division, Cedar Hill, p. 471, dwell. 501, fam. 498, Jo H. Fiser for J.E. Fiser: digital image, *Ancestry.com*. 1860 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., Western Div., Barren Plains, p. 483, J. T. Bartlett for Irvin Fiser: digital image, *Ancestry.com*. 1860 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., Western Div., Springfield, p. 495, E. S. Newton for M. A. Netwon; digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>8</sup> 1870 U. S. census index, Robertson Co., digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>9</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., District 8, ED 182, p. 16D, dwell. 140, fam. 140, Edmond [Edward] Newton and O. A. Fiser; digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>10</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Robertson Co, pop. sch., District 8, Cedar Hill, ED 50, p. 18B, dwell. 342, fam. 342, Edward Newton for Mollie A. Fiser; digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>11</sup> Robertson County, Tennessee, Chancery Court Case Files, no. 1229, Fiser v. Fiser, 27 June 1878; microfilm roll B-2012, TSLA.



Fiser and his surety Joseph H. Fiser failed to pay the debt, J. H. Long sued to obtain the land backing the debt.<sup>12</sup> Joseph H. Fiser, Robert H. Fiser and Joseph Irvin Fiser appeared in the same household on the 1860 and 1870 censuses.<sup>13</sup> Joseph Irvin Fiser was found on the 1880 census in Marion County, Florida, with his younger brother Caleb and there he apparently remarried to Fannie M. Marlow before returning to Tennessee.<sup>14</sup>

The other J. I. Fiser located on the 1860 census was the son of James Fiser who married Barbary Bartlett, 30 December 1847.<sup>15</sup> This son was variously identified as Gabriel, Irwin, and Ervie Fiser.<sup>16</sup> His father's estate record used both J.I. and G. I. when discussing this man.<sup>17</sup> No records were found linking him to Orpha Anne Newton.

### Conclusion

Sarah Jane, also known as Jennie, (Fiser) Wilks was the child of Joseph Irvin Fiser and his wife, Orpha Anne Newton. Joseph Irvin Fiser was the son of Joseph H. Fiser. ■

## Bratcher Family Troubles

*State of Tennessee )) This day personally appeared before me Beverly Randolph an acting justice of  
Rutherford County )) the peace for the county aforesaid Samuel Fettle who maketh oath, that he had  
a conversation with William Bratch [Bratcher?] about whipping his wife Nancy*

*Bratcher he confe[sse]d he did, that all the property he had concisting of land, negroes, stock &  
household, this affiant believes was formerly the property of Mrs. Bratcher, that he has driven her from  
home, that Mrs. Bratcher lived with Peter Adams her 1<sup>st</sup> husband about twenty years that he never heard  
of any complaint, but believes they lived happily together, that Bratcher is enjoying her property or the  
property she got by her 1<sup>st</sup> husband & that Mrs. Bratcher is living with a neighbor in a fourlorn condition  
for support.*

*Sworn to and subscribed before me [signed] B. Randolph, J.P.*

*29<sup>th</sup> June 1820*

From Legislative Records of 1820, Record Group 60, Petition #90, Tenn. State Library & Archives

<sup>12</sup> Robertson County, Chancery Court Files, no. 1569, Long vs. J.I. and J. H. Fiser, 27 Aug. 1883; microfilm roll B2010, TSLA.

<sup>13</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., p. 471, dwell. 501, fam. 498, Jo. H. Fiser and 1870 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., Dist. 8, Springfield, p. 82A, dwelling 3, family 3, Jo. H. Fiser for Irvin Fiser; digital images, *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>14</sup> 1880. U. S. census, Marion County, Florida, pop. sch., Precinct 4, ED 161, p.117A, dwell. 103, fam. 103, Caleb G Fiser for Joseph Fiser; digital image, *Ancestry.com*. Pat Wilks Fiser, Nashville, TN, to Merry Anne Pierson, e-mail, 28 Feb 2010, "Marriage Record of Fannie M. Marlow to Joseph I. Fiser," Fiser Family File, privately held by Pat Wilks Fiser, 2200 River Blvd., Nashville, 37221.

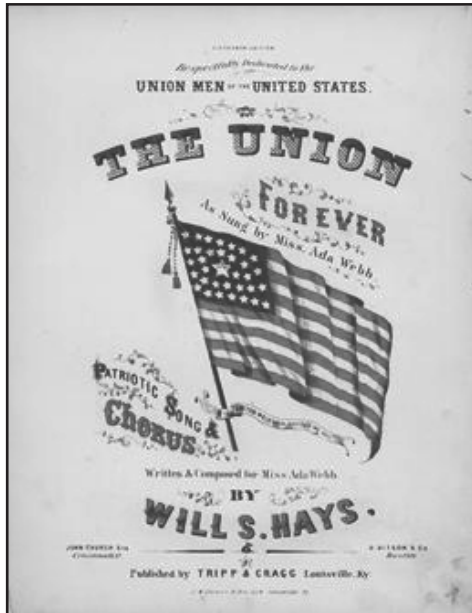
<sup>15</sup> Tennessee State Marriage Records 1780-2002, B. Bartlett-James Fiser 30 Dec. 1847; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing Robertson County marriages p. 141.

<sup>16</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., Dist. 8, p. 65A, dwell. 1072, fam. 1072, Martha Bartlett for Gabriel E Fiser; digital image, *Ancestry.com*. 1860 U. S. census, Robertson Co., pop. sch., Western Div., Barren Plains, p. 483, J. T. Bartlett for Irvin Fiser, and 1870 U. S. census, Robertson Co, TN, pop. sch., Dist. 8, Springfield, p. 88A, dwell. 101, fam. 101, Barbie Fiser for Ervie Fiser; digital images, *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>17</sup> Robertson County Guardian Settlements 1839-1900, roll 245, TSLA.

# Marshall 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 can be viewed at the National Archives and digital versions are accessible on [Footnote.com](http://Footnote.com).

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

## HENRY B. IRWIN (continued)

Resided in Marshall County; filed in 1873; age 65; file consists of 29 pp.; claimed \$500 for a stallion.

### Notes:

During the war Irwin went through the lines twice to see a sick nephew. The rebels took 34 wagon loads of corn from him, paying him with Confederate money. Had two nephews in the Confederate army, they are both dead. He saw one of them and tried to persuade him to desert under his protection. In Oct. 1864 troops under Maj. John Wortham took a colt belonging to Erwin's son. "I put my son on my fine roan stallion and started him to try to get his colt back as he was too young for the service. The Major gave him up the colt

but kept my horse... a strawberry roan stallion full sixteen hands high, finely gaited...."

### Witnesses:

- David M. Logan, age 51, of Marshall Co., farmer and federal revenue collector, had known Erwin over 40 years. Logan went into the federal lines from Sept. 1862 to Aug. 1863. A rebel mob was stopped from pursuing Erwin one time because another rebel knew him and would not let them. On one occasion Logan took Erwin's horse home from town for him, as Erwin had to slip away from the rebels on foot.
- William H. Wesener, Sr., age 61, lawyer, had resided in Shelbyville 38 years. Witness was compelled to leave home for 10 months during the war and go behind the federal lines. Had known Erwin 50 years.

- Thomas H. Erwin, age 35, merchant of Farmington, son of claimant. His horse was taken and he rode his father's stallion to Mr. Robert Williams' where he found Maj. John Wortham, whom he had known personally before the war. This was in the fall of 1864 when the 5<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Cavalry was pursuing some of Maj. R.B. Blackwell's men.

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### JOSEPH GRAGG

Resided in Marshall County; filed in 1873; age 40; file consists of 29 pp.; claimed \$300 for a horse and corn.

#### Commissioners' Remarks:

"See claimant's discharge as a soldier after two years of service. The claimant was conscripted by the Confederates in March '63 and put into their army in Walker Co., Georgia. In three weeks he escaped from them and went to Nashville and enlisted in the Union army on 1 May '63 and served till the close of the war. Loyalty proved. The taking of the horse in Sept. '63 and of the corn in Oct. '63 is fully proved by Jos. McCoy and his wife Margaret McCoy and James Gragg. Claimant was then in the federal army and his family was left destitute. The horse was taken by Gen. Wilder's command. The corn by Genl. Thomas'. The horse was a chestnut sorrel, seven years old, 15 or 16 hands high, in fine condition, said by three witnesses to be worth \$150. Regarding him as a superior horse we allow the price charged. The horse and corn were taken when our army was in great need just after the battle of Chickamauga. We allow the account as charged [\$300]."

#### Notes:

Gragg's family was living in Walker Co. Georgia during the war. He had refugeeed to Kentucky and joined the Union army, serving in Company F, 4<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Cavalry. His discharge is in the file and shows that he was born in Cocke County, Tenn.

#### Witnesses:

- Jacob McCoy, age 40, merchant of Giles Co., had known Gragg from his infancy, they were brothers-in-law, having married sisters. Witness saw Gen.

Wilder's troops take the horse and corn in Walker Co., Georgia.

- James Gragg, age 69 [also given as 59], of Giles Co., had known claimant since his birth, "he is my cousin and son-in-law having married my daughter about 1855." Claimant's wife and children came to live with him after their farm was stripped of all supplies. "Union men had to leave their homes on account of threats from rebels. We all left the valley and went to Chattanooga and from there to Indiana where we got enough to keep us alive until the claimant came to us in Indiana."
- Margaret Ann McCoy, age 37, was raised close to claimant, during the war they lived in the same yard. She stated that Hannah Jane Gragg, claimant's wife, was also present when the property was taken.

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### DAVID M. LOGAN

Resided in Marshall County; filed in 1873; age 57; file consists of 27 pp., claimed \$140 for a horse.

#### Commissioners' Remarks:

"The claimant swears that he voted against secession and in favor of the union, that he had no near relatives in the rebel army and that he left his home and went north and remained within the federal lines from the fall of 1862 till fall of 1863, when the Union Army had possession. Two neighbors testify to his loyal conversation and reputation, and that he left home on account of rebel persecution to find protection within the Union lines.... Two or three witnesses testify that his horse was taken by a battalion of cavalry stationed at Pulaski who were marching past on 22 Feb. 1865 and took the horse to mount a soldier whose horse had given out and broke down. We allow the sum of \$140."

#### Notes:

Logan left Marshall Co. in Sept. 1862 to go into the federal lines; his family followed in April 1863 and they all returned together in August 1863. His farm contained 130 acres. Rebels took seven horses and 500 bushels of corn from him. His brother-in-law was in the rebel army and imprisoned at Johnson's Island, "at

the request of his mother I sent him \$20 which he afterwards paid back to me.” Logan’s uncle had taken a load of cotton to the gin, using Logan’s horse, and was at the gin when Maj. Smith’s 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry came and took the horse in Feb. 1865. He went to Pulaski to get it but the troops had been ordered elsewhere.

Witnesses:

- Henry B. Erwin, age 65, farmer of Marshall Co., has known Logan for more than 40 years. “Sometimes we met at night to consult about our safety.” Logan left the county because the rebels threatened him with hanging for treason.
- Hon. Lewis Tillman, age 56, farmer of Bedford Co., has known Logan for 15 years.
- William H. Wisener, Sr., age 61, of Shelbyville.
- William H.H. Dysart, age 33, farmer of Marshall Co., had borrowed Logan’s horse and had it at the cotton gin of James Ewing north of Lewisburg when it was taken. “My father (who is now dead) was with me and James V. Ewing was present.”
- John M. Logan, age 21, U.S. Gauger[?] of Marshall Co., son of claimant. John Dysart and his son W.H.H. took the horse and cotton wagon to the gin.

**Priscilla Russell and her daughters ...**

*“Were the true Union grit in a little nest of Union people at Farmington.”*

**-- Special Commissioner John Ramsey.**

were known and recognized as friends of the union; furnished union prisoners with food. One of the sisters was arrested by the Confederates and taken before Gen. Polk. They were often threatened, annoyed and called “Lincolmites”; gave information to union men who were concealing themselves to avoid being arrested, and furnished them with provisions. On the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1863, the day of the battle of Farmington, the federal troops encamped on claimant’s farm, where they remained during the following night. It was then, and by these troops, that the property was taken for which claim is made, which taking was justified by the necessities of the army. Ten hogs were taken, worth then about \$8 each. There is a doubt about the quantity of corn. We think something over 100 bushels were

taken. The oats are proved. No voucher was given, or payment made. We recommend the payment of \$192.”

Additional remarks by Special Commissioner John W. Ramsey: “These

girls and their mother were the true Union grit in a little nest of Union people at Farmington, Tenn. Their straightforward honesty probably impresses me [most]. They have some property which they know how to take care of. They are honest and respectable. I found a number of their union friends ready and willing to testify to their loyalty....”

Notes:

The petition is from three sisters: Martha E.N. age 41, Aravilla C. age 39 and Jemima P. age 36. They lived together on the property in the village of Farmington which their mother, Priscilla, left them when she died in Apr. 1870. The property was taken after a battle near Farmington when Gen. Crooke chased Gen. Wheeler through the town. Crooke’s troops camped there one night (6 Oct. 1863) and foraged off the countryside. Martha went through the lines with another woman whose son was in the federal army, to visit him. On their return they were arrested and taken to Shelbyville and kept overnight. Gen. Polk dismissed them the next day.

**MARTHA E. N. RUSSELL**

Resided in Marshall County; filed in 1873; age 41; file consists of 37 pp.; claimed \$402 for hogs, corn and oats.

Commissioners’ Remarks:

“Claimants are maiden ladies. They resided with their mother in Farmington, Marshall Co., throughout the war. The mother died in 1870. They became the owners of two farms which were left them by their father who died before the war. They, with their mother, were in sympathy with the federal cause. They



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Witnesses:

- Henry B. Erwin, age 65, knew claimants before the war.
- David M. Logan, age 51, of Farmington, knew claimants before the war.
- William Thomas, age 63, of Farmington, saw the property taken.
- Samuel D. Russell, age 44, of Farmington, farmer, brother of claimants. Wheeler's rebels made a little stand at Farmington, when the fight ensued some of their artillery was captured and they retreated rapidly. Afterwards a large body of federal troops camped all around Farmington and all over the sisters' farm. He saw the property taken. "They just kept coming and taking."
- James A. Warden, age 29, lawyer of Shelbyville, handling the sisters' claim. He was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Cavalry, in the battle of Farmington, and knows that the troops were foraging on the country. "A stray hog was in some little danger." Warden describes the troop movements in detail.



Loamma Sanders raised "greenback money" during the war to send his son to Indiana to avoid Confederate conscription. U.S. money like this 1862 bill was extremely hard to come by in the south during the war.

Additional remarks by Special Commissioner John W. Ramsey. "The claimant in this case is one of those old farmers who could not be convinced of the beauties of secession and a southern confederacy. He seems to have been everywhere about Shelbyville and down in Marshall County regarded as a Union man. His witnesses are all men of character and business habits. It seemed rather an accident that he did not get a voucher."

Notes:

Sanders' farm consisted of 175 acres. He said that the Rebels "threatened to take me and tie me out in the mountains till I starved to death. I was called all the hard names that malice could invent." When his son turned 18 Sanders sent him north to avoid conscription. Claimant's brother John H. C. Sanders served a few days in the rebel army but deserted and joined the federal army and served until the end of the war; he lives in Nashville. His brother David also joined the rebel army but went through the federal lines and remained there during the war; he lives in Marshall Co. Another brother, James C., went into the rebel army and died in the service after two years. Claimant assisted David's "small and helpless" family while he was gone from home. The soldiers in Col. Stauber's Missouri regiment who took his mule said it was branded, but they had tried to forge a brand. Claimant got Jesse McAdams and Judge Coldwell to help him get the mule back, but they were unsuccessful.

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## LOAMMA SANDERS

Resided in Belmont, Marshall County; filed in 1873; age 51; file consists of 29 pp.; claimed \$150 for a mule.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"Claimant swears to his Union sympathies, and that he aided Union men and deserters from the rebel army, that he furnished his son money and sent him north to escape conscription, that he was threatened by the rebels and arrested twice, that they took several of his horses and a large quantity of his corn and never paid him a cent for them. Three of claimant's neighbors confirm his statements and testify to his loyal conversation and reputation. The claimant and two witnesses testify that the mule was taken from his wagon on the street in Shelbyville by soldiers of a Missouri regiment in Feb. 1865, and that it was put into the service of the government.... It was a large fine mule and we allow \$150."

Witnesses:

- Thomas H. Coldwell, age 51, of Shelbyville, lawyer.
- Jesse B. McAdams, age 42, of Bedford Co., farmer and trader. He was passing through Shelbyville and saw soldiers on the public square taking Sanders' mule from his wagon. He went to find Sanders and alerted him.
- William L. McAdams, age 69, of Marshall Co., farmer, had known Sanders for 40 years or more. "Mr. Sanders was an old Whig."
- James H. Miller, age 70, farmer of Marshall Co., had known Sanders 15 years. "During the war there was a little squad of us, say 15 or 20 persons, who were loyal men and Mr. Sanders was one of us, we ... trusted him as a loyal man." Sanders raised "greenback money" to send his son to Indiana to avoid the draft.



**Soldiers Wrestle a Stubborn Mule**

During the war Steele lived with his mother on his father's old homeplace and had an undivided interest in the farm of 130 acres in Dist. 13 of Marshall Co. When the war broke out he refuged by railroad to Nashville, then by steamboat to Cairo, then by railroad to St. Louis, then to Illinois, then to Kentucky where he stayed until after the fall of Ft. Donelson when he returned home. Confederate Lieut. B. Ervin and men arrested him on 16 June 1862 at his home and robbed him of money, watch and clothes and he was made to ride bareback 20 miles. He was released after one day and night by the intervention of friends. He regarded Ervin as a bushwhacker and robber or plunderer not acting under authority.

Witnesses:

- Robert J. Orr, age 60, farmer of Marshall Co., had known claimant 20 or 30 years, met him in Nashville where he was a refugee.
- Moses C. West, age 52, of Lewisburg, had known Steele 18 years, they were both refugees in Nashville. Steele had been a member of the state legislature.
- Zachariah Davis (colored), age 61, of Marshall Co., had known claimant 25 years. Davis went with Hudson's men to Culleoka in Maury Co. for eight days and helped cut cord wood for the railroad, which had been torn up by the rebels. ■

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**ABNER A. STEELE**

Resided in Lewisburg, Marshall County; filed in 1873; age 41; file consists of 24 pp.; claimed \$150 for a horse.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"The claimant is a lawyer, voted against secession, made public speeches against it, refuged to Nashville and to the north and kept mainly within the union lines. In 1864 he was appointed U.S. Internal Revenue Asst. Assessor for his district. His life was threatened. He assisted Union soldiers. He was arrested, robbed and kept a day under arrest. Two intelligent and respectable witnesses confirm his loyalty. Loyalty proven. The horse was taken in Nov. '63 under orders of Gen. Dodge and kept and used by one Dalton in Company A (Capt. Hudson's Company) of the 18<sup>th</sup> Missouri Regt. Horses not high in price at that time. We allow \$100."

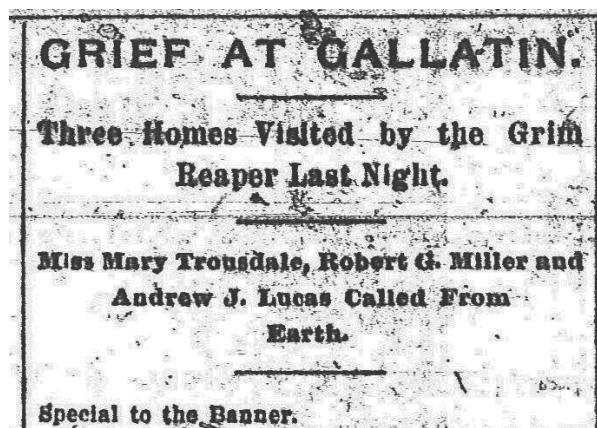
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# Three Deaths in One Night, 1899

## Trousdale, Miller and Lucas families of Gallatin

*Contributed by Shirley Roach Thompson*

*Nashville Banner Wednesday Evening August 30, 1899, page 7.*



"Gallatin, August 30. - There is grief in three homes and a veil of sorrow over the entire community this morning, caused by the death last night of three popular young people of this place. Miss Mary Trousdale, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Trousdale, died at 8:30 o'clock. She had been ill only a few days, and her death was altogether unexpected up to dark last night, when a sudden change in her condition set in, giving evidence that the end was near. The deceased was seized with flux on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., which was followed by brain trouble.

"Miss Trousdale was 18 years of age and the idol of her parents who are almost prostrated over her demise. Mr. Trousdale has been sick for several weeks and it is thought this bereavement will have a telling effect upon his nervous system. The deceased was a comely young lady, very accomplished and greatly admired for her gentle manners and sweet disposition. She had been shown every attention by her devoted parents and nothing had been left undone to make her education complete. She had attended the best schools and for the past few years had been a pupil in a well known New York Seminary, where she graduated with high honors last spring. She was also a cultured musician and performed on the piano and violin exceptionally well. Although Miss Trousdale had not made her debut into society she was a favorite with everyone, and her death is deeply lamented by all. The remains will be shipped to Nashville to-morrow morning at 7:40 o'clock, and the burial will follow at Mt. Olivet.



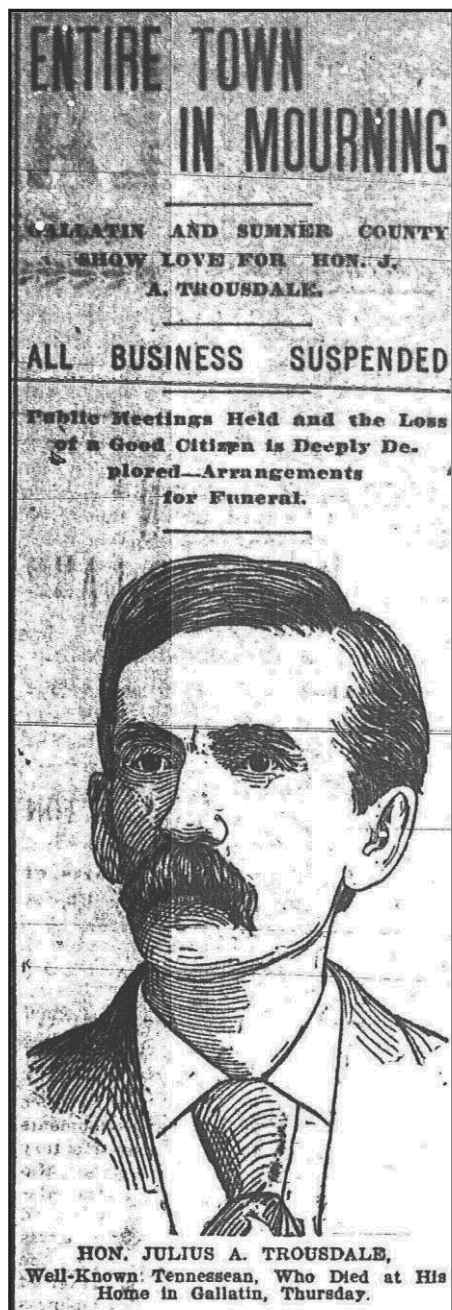
**Mary Trousdale**

"At 3 o'clock this morning, Mr. Robert G. Miller passed into the great beyond, at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Fitzgerald, on South Water street.

Mr. Miller had been in declining health for the past two years, and his death was due to consumption. Mr. Miller was a member of the drug firm of Robert G. Miller & Co., and he actively engaged in business till about a year ago, when he was forced to give up all secular pursuits and go to Florida in search of health. Not being benefited there, Mr. Miller returned to Gallatin, and later went to the mountains of North Carolina, but all in vain, and about a month ago he returned home and was never out again.

"Mr. Miller was about 30 years of age, and a son of the late Robert Miller, a gallant Confederate soldier,





married Annie Berry of Nashville in 1880; their three children all died before their father.

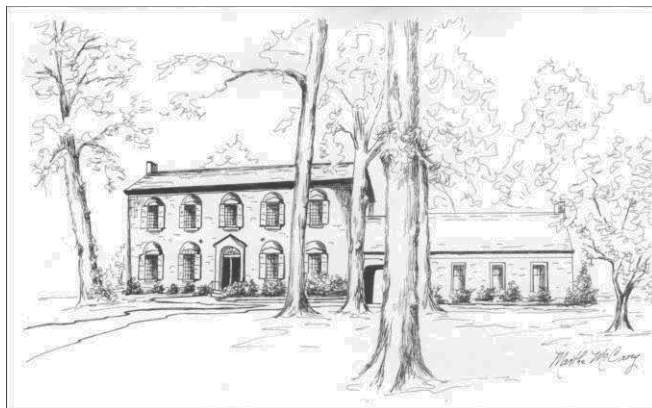
Trousdale Place in Gallatin, shown at right, was built ca. 1813 by John H. Bowen. In 1841 William Trousdale, father of Julius, moved the family to this home. Prior to that, the family had lived in the home of Julius' grandfather, Capt. James Trousdale, which fronted on Gallatin's public square.

and a grandson of the late Gen. John W. Head, one of the most prominent members of the Tennessee bar, and at the time of his death a member of Congress. The deceased had been in the drug business here for about twelve years, first engaging as a clerk, and then becoming a member of the firm. This advancement was a result of his sterling business qualities and wide popularity. Mr. Miller was born and reared near here, and had a long list of friends and acquaintances. His mother, Mrs. Etta Miller, and two brothers, Woods L. Miller and John W. Miller, survive him.

"At 4 o'clock this morning, Andrew J. Lucas breathed his last at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. J. Lucas, on West Main street. Mr. Lucas' death was not a surprise, as he had been ill of typhoid fever three weeks. Mr. Lucas was about 24 years of age, and a bright young man. He had been an invalid nearly all his life, although he was industrious and ever tried to keep employment. He had engaged in different pursuits, at one time being carrier for the Banner. At the time of his death he was bookkeeper for two firms. He was of a jovial disposition, even tempered and liked by all who knew him."

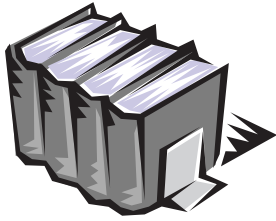
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Julius A. Trousdale, the father of Mary Trousdale, died on September 7, 1899, nine days after his daughter's death. A lengthy death notice for him appeared in the Nashville American on September 9, 1899. Among the information provided in the notice was that Julius had been born in 1840 at the home built on Gallatin's town square by his grandfather, Capt. James Trousdale. His grandfather was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Julius' father, William Trousdale, served in the War of 1812 and was later Governor of Tennessee and U.S. Minister to Brazil in the Pierce administration. Julius was educated as a lawyer and served in the Confederate army, being badly wounded at Shiloh. Afterward, he served three terms in the legislature and was a strong contender for the Democratic nomination for Governor. He



Trousdale Place





## Book Reviews

by Shirley Wilson

*Thoroughfare for Freedom, Volume II: The Second Atlas of the Cumberland Settlements*, by Jack Masters and Bill Puryear, 256 pp. 11 x 14, 2011, hard cover, illustrations, index. \$99.95 postpaid, Tennesseans add sales tax; from The Book Foundry, 5304 Ravensthorpe Drive, Allen, TX 75002 <http://www.thebookfoundry.com/> Call LeeAnne 615-767-7154 for orders and questions concerning this book and the one below.

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Since the first volume was published in 2009, the authors' work has been widely acclaimed and admired. Now, the second volume is available, even bigger and better.

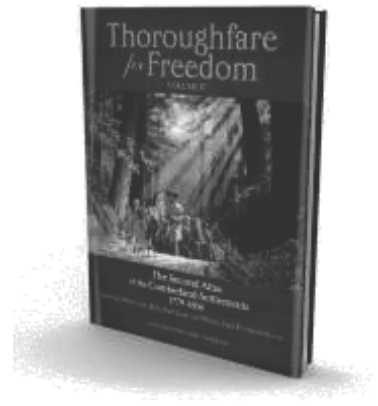
It encompasses the area of Rutherford, Williamson and Wilson Counties as well as the remainder of Davidson, and Smith Counties and portions of Cannon, Cheatham, DeKalb, Jackson, Putnam, Sumner and Trousdale Counties in Middle Tennessee.

As in the previous publication, it is chock full of history and genealogy with highlights on the lives of certain pioneers. One section is devoted to slaves and includes names, ages, and owners.

The art of local Gallatin artist David Wright is a stunning addition, along with that of many other talented artists. 935 land grants are located on USGS color grid maps, marking their precise location.

Once again, what the authors have accomplished is a dream come true for Tennesseans and for

genealogists and historians across the nation. Bravo!



### *Land Grant*

*Genealogy: North Carolina Warrants, Surveys and Surveyor Plats 1779-1804* by Jack Masters and Bill Puryear, 620 pp. 2011, soft bound. \$59.95 postpaid, Tennesseans add sales tax; from The Book Foundry, 5304 Ravensthorpe Drive, Allen, TX 75002 <http://www.thebookfoundry.com/>.

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Known as Data Supplement 3 to Accompany Volume II, *Thoroughfare for Freedom*, this is similar to Data Supplement 1 and 2 that came with the 2009 book. It contains the actual transcripts of the surveys and copies of the plats with each grant. It contains an in-depth index that includes all names within the surveys, as well as place names. *In Thoroughfare for Freedom*, you will find these individual grants placed on the USGS maps, an enormous undertaking that will be a huge and time-saving source for those doing land research.

*Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations 1650-1775* by David Dobson, 251 pp., 1983, second edition, 2010, soft cover. \$29.50 plus \$5.50 shipping from Clearfield Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 22121 ([www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)).

Over the years thousands of Scots were sent to the American colonies for political, religious or criminal offenses, some quite minor by today's standards. While at times this banishment was a mere trickle of men, women and children to the

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colonies, during periods of political unrest the trickle became a rushing torrent.

Arranged in alphabetical order, the persons named are from specifically named areas of Scotland. For each person named, some or all of the following is included: occupation, place of residence, place of capture and captivity, parents' names, date and cause of banishment, name of the ship carrying him/her to the colonies, and date and place of arrival.

This updated and revised edition, with fresh material from both Scotland and America, was originally published in 1983 and is a welcome addition to the genealogical world.

*Abstracts of Carteret County, North Carolina, Deeds 1713-1759 Book A-F* by John A. Brayton, 184 pp., index, 2010, soft cover. \$25 from

Clearfield Company plus \$5.50 shipping, each additional book \$2.50, see email and address above.

Formed from Craven County in 1722, Carteret County has deeds beginning in 1713; and Brayton has extracted all information of genealogical value from them, including all names of grantees, grantors, neighbors, witnesses, legal descriptions, landmarks, and the sale price of land. In addition to an every name index, there is also an enormously helpful location index and a slave index.

Abstracting deeds is a tedious and time-consuming task, but one that is critical to the genealogist. The importance of Brayton's willingness to go the extra mile and include a good index cannot be overstated. ■

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

## DeKalb, Dickson & Fentress Counties

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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.



**Reading Braille, ca. 1900**

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.

## *DeKalb County* (continued)

**Adamson, Jane:** Blind Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 44; smallpox. [s.d.2,e.d.26; see Pop.Sch.p.17,ln.4] **Pop.Sch.:** age 41, white, female, mother-in-law, born Tenn., in household of Henry Coner.

**Coner, Mary:** Blind Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 41; sore eyes. [s.d.2,e.d.26; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.14] **Pop.Sch.:** age 64, white, female, born Tenn.; mother, in household of John Coner.

**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;

**Hancock, Eliza:** Blind Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 28, scrofula. [s.d.2,e.d.26; see Pop.Sch.p.1,ln.50] **Pop.Sch.:** age 60, black, female, born Va.; mother, in household of Henry Hancock.

**Roberson, Thornton:** Insane Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; epilepsy, duration of present attack, 2 months, 1 attack, age at 1st attack, 17; confined, restrained; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.2,e.d.25; see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.9] **Pop.Sch.:** age 26, mulatto, male, born Tenn.; son, in household of Mary Roberson.

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**Foutch, Richard:** Insane Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; melancholia; duration of present attack, 4 years, 1 attack, age at 1st attack, 56; not confined, not restrained, never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.2,e.d.25; see Pop.Sch.p.9,ln.24] **Pop.Sch.:** age 64, white, male, born Tenn.; in household of George Henly.

**White, Elizabeth:** Insane Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; dementia; duration of present attack, 4 years, age at 1st attack, 81; not confined, not

restrained, never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.2,e.d.25; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.24] **Pop.Sch.:** age 85, white, female, born N.C.; mother-in-law, in household of Nancy White.

**Palmer, Sterling:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth, natural head. [s.d.2,e.d.25; see Pop.Sch.p.19, ln.43]

### *Dickson County*

**Royer, Mary:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; 1 attack, age at 1st attack, 40; not confined, not restrained, never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.3,ln.8] **Pop.Sch.:** age 70, white, female, born Penn.; wife, in household of Henry Royer.

**Laughlin, Martha Jane:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth, natural head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d. 4,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.2,ln.15]

**Richardson, Gordon[?]:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth, large head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.43]

**Meek., C. C.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; large head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.17,ln.29]

**Payne, Zackariah:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co; not self-supporting; cataract; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.30] **Pop.Sch.:** age 65, male, white, born Tenn.; father, in household of Green W. Payne.

**Price, Martha:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.41; see Pop.Sch.p.5,ln.31] **Pop.Sch.:** age 37, white, female, born Tenn.; wife, in household of William Price.

**Cosby, C. M.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.41; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.3] **Pop.Sch.:** age 28, white, male, born Tenn.; head of household.

**Jackson, E.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.41; see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.4] **Pop.Sch.:** age 18, black, female, born Tenn.; servant in household of James Sears.

**Norris, Jennie:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.41; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.28]

**Norris, L. P.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.32]

**Jackson, Sarah:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.33; see Pop.Sch.p.12, ln.48]

**Self, Abe:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.40;see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.47] **Pop.Sch.:** age 47, white, male, born Tenn.; head of household.

**Cummins, Henry W.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co., self-supporting; afflicted at birth, large head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.40; see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.17]

**Birmingham, L.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth, natural head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.40; see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.18]

**Birmingham, F.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth, natural head;



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never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.40; see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.19]

**Hutson, Columbus:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth, large head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.40; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.31]

**Daniel, Richard C.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at age 2, fall from horse; natural head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.40; see Pop.Sch.p.15,ln.29]

**Underwood, Mary A.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co., not self-supporting, afflicted at birth, small head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.32]

**Coon, William:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; inmate, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 year, discharged, 1854. [s.d.4,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.37]

**Coon, Madison:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; inmate, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 year, discharged 1876. [s.d.4,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.38]

**Wallace, Barry:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.4,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.20]

**Garrette, Mason:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.2,ln.24]

**Duneway, Mary J.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 49, sore eyes. [s.d.4,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.3] **Pop.Sch.:** age 54, white, female, born Tenn.; wife, in household of Jesse Duneway.

**Duneway, Jessee:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 42, sore eyes. [s.d.4,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.2] **Pop.Sch.:** age 53, white, male, born Tenn.; head of household.

**Crerejmiller[?], Arch:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 25; partly blind. [s.d.4,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.29,ln.8] **Pop.Sch.:**

age 29, white, male, born Ohio; son, in household of Charles Creiejmiller[?].

**Bell, Ann:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 54, partly blind. [s.d.4,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.29,ln.17] **Pop.Sch.:** age 54, black, female, born Tenn.; boarder in household of John Bell.

**Bell, Cambridge:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.36; see Pop.Sch.p.6,ln.44] **Pop.Sch.:** age 70, black, male, born Tenn.; head of household.

**Fuller, S. K.[?]:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.36; see Pop.Sch.p.7, ln.7] **Pop.Sch.:** age 85, white, male, born New York; boarder, in household of S.T. Anderson.

**Jackson, James:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.36; see Pop.Sch.p.8,ln.3]

**Martin, Nancy:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.23,ln.50] **Pop.Sch.:** age 74, white, female, born N.C.; boarder in household of Thomas Aiken.

**Martin, Polly:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.24,ln.1] **Pop.Sch.:** age 66, white, female, born N.C.; boarder in household of Thomas Aiken.

**Garten, Ann:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; resident, Asylum for the Poor; not able-bodied, epileptic; admitted 1876. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.48,ln.8] **Pop.Sch.:** age 48, white, female, born Tenn.; Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated DeKalb Co.; in household of William Nicks.

**Dodson, Jasper:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth, natural head. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.21,ln.17]

**Henderson, Sarah:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.30,ln.20]

**Browning, Eliza:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; resident,

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Asylum for the Poor; not able-bodied; admitted December 1877. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.48,ln.9]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 45, white, female, born Tenn.; pauper, in household of William Nicks, Keeper of Poor House.

**Garland, Jesse:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; resident, Asylum for the Poor; not able-bodied; admitted 1878. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.48,ln.11] **Pop.Sch.:** age 40, white, male, born Tenn.; pauper in household of William Nicks, Keper of Poor House.

**Sullivan, Sarah:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; not self-supporting; powder explosion. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.30,ln.14] **Pop.Sch.:** age 53, white, female, born Tenn.; mother-in-law, in household of William B. Wolfe.

**Bomer, Milly:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co., resident Dickson Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; old age; admitted June 1878. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.48,ln.6] **Pop.Sch.:** age 75, white, female, born N.C.; pauper, in household of William Nicks, Keeper of Poor House.

**Carrol, Nancy:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co., resident Dickson Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; old age; admitted 1879. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.48,ln.7] **Pop.Sch.:** age 75, white, female, born N.C.; in household of William Nicks, Keeper of Poor House.

**Rollins, James:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co., resident Dickson Co. Asylum for the Poor; crippled from birth; admitted September 1874. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.48,ln.10] **Pop.Sch.:** age 45, white, male, born Tenn., pauper, in household of William Nicks, Keeper of Poor House.

**Jack, Edward:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; inmate, state institution, 6 years. [s.d.4,e.d.34; see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.39]

**Hooper, David:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth. [s.d.4,e.d.35; see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.14]

**Work, William H.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; paresis[?]; duration of present attack, 12 months, 6 attacks, age at 1st attack, 20; inmate, Nashville Asylum; discharged 1873. [s.d.4,e.d.32; see Pop.Sch.p.5,ln.28]. **Pop.Sch.:** age 36, white, male, born Tenn.; son, in household of Nancy work.

**Glass, Frank:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth, small head. [s.d.4,e.d.32; see Pop.Sch.p.1,ln.39]

**Chester, Rhody:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co. [s.d.4,e.d.31; see Pop.Sch.p.21,ln.11]

**Neff, Wm:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Dickson Co.[s.d.4,e.d.31; see Pop.Sch.p.33,ln.29]

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**Rich, Johnathan:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co. [s.d.2,e.d.40;see Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.27]

**Chapman, Canada:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co. [s.d.2,e.d.40;see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.14]

**Crouch, Lucinda:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; 1 attack, age 14. [s.d.2,e.d.39;see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.39]

**Subilit[?], Lizzie:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; 1 attack, at age 40.[s.d.2,e.d.39;see

Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.13] **Pop. Sch.:** Sublet, Lizzie, age 70, white, female, insane; in household of Alvin Huff.

**Hatfield, Jesse:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; partly self-supporting, afflicted at birth, large head. [s.d.2,e.d.39; See Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.13]

**Crouch, John:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; partly self-supporting, afflicted at birth, small head. [s.d.2,e.d.39; See Pop.Sch.p.6,ln.5]

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**Pile, Wilson:** Deaf-Mutes schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth. [s.d.2,e.d.39; See Pop.Sch.p.43,ln.9]

**Stuart, Cornelia:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; supported at cost of county, able-bodied. [s.d.2,e.d.39; See Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.50] **Pop.Sch.:** age 31, white, female, niece, in household of Thomas Pile.

**Doudy, Rufus:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co., length of attack, 2 days, total number of attacks, 800, age at first attack, 48; confined, restrained (strap); inmate, Nashville, Tenn., 2 yrs., discharged 1879. [s.d.2,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.1]. **Pop.Sch.:** age 55, white, male, head of household.

**Reagan, Henry:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; age at first attack, 36, not confined; inmate, Nashville, Tenn., 4 years, dismissed 1875. [s.d.2,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.12]. **Pop.Sch.:** age 54, white, male, servant in household of Samuel Holding.

**Moody, Lissey:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth, large head. [s.d.2,e.d.38; See Pop.Sch.p.15,ln.50]

**Dishmon, Calvin:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth. [s.d.2,e.d.38; See Pop.Sch.p.23,ln.27]

**Raborn, Mary:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co. [s.d.2,e.d.38; See Pop.Sch.p.4,ln.16]

**Miller, Burt:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; also idiotic. [s.d.2,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.13].

**Poor, Richard:** Prisoners Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co., county jail, state prisoner, awaiting trial, incarcerated 20 August 1878, robbery. [s.d.2,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.2,ln.32]

**Sims, James:** Prisoners Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co., county jail, state prisoner, awaiting trial, incarcerated 13 May 1880, burning barn. [s.d.2,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.2,ln.33]

**Smith, Wm.:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; supported at cost of county, not able-bodied, never convicted of a crime; parilysy[*sic*] & old age. [s.d.2,e.d.38; see Pop.Sch.p.5,ln.28]

**Crabtree, Elizabeth:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; supported at cost of county, not able-bodied, crippled, lost use of legs. [s.d.2,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.15,ln.47]

**Remark by enumerator:** "We have no established poor houses or institutions in this county. Paupers generally sell yearly, and families rather take it in turn keeping them, at cost of county. [signed] W. J. Gardin, Enumerator."

**Frogge, Vicy B.:** Deaf-Mutes schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 2 yrs., from sickness; semi-mute, semi-deaf; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.2,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.4,ln.10]

**Autason, Benjamin J.:** Deaf-Mutes schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at 11 yrs, scarlet fever, semi-mute, semi-deaf, never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.2,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.15,ln.36]

**Garrett, Isaac P.:** Deaf-Mutes schedule; enumerated Fentress Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at age 3 yrs., brain fever, not semi-mute, not semi-deaf; inmate, Knoxville D. & D. School, 36 months, dismissed 1879. [s.d.2,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.16,ln.13]

**Taylor, Ann:** Blind Schedule, enumerated Fentress Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 73, common sore eyes, negligence in doctoring; semi-blind; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.2,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.3,ln.32] **Pop.Sch.:** age 77, white, female, mother; old age and blindness; in household of James Taylor.

**Taylor, John:** Blind Schedule, enumerated Fentress Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 70, dry scrofula; semi-able-bodied, never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.2,e.d.37; see Pop.Sch.p.3,ln.31] **Pop.Sch.:** age 88, white, male, father, in household of James Taylor.

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We believe that every genealogical work requires a complete index, and to that end provide an every-name index in the fourth and final issue of each volume of the Journal. This index includes names, places and miscellaneous. Pagination of Volume XXIV began with page 1 in the Summer 2010 issue and continued through this issue. The following notes prepared during the indexing process will be helpful to the reader.

- Individuals identified in the text as *slaves* are indexed under that heading.
- Names beginning with M', Mc, and Mac appear as if all started with Mac.
- If the maiden name of a female is known, she is listed under both her married and maiden names.
- Church denominations have been abbreviated: Prim Bap for Primitive Baptist; Cum Pres for Cumberland Presbyterian; Epis for Episcopal; UMC & Meth for United Methodist or Methodist; ME South for Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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