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the Living History Coordinator at the Belle
Meade Plantation.

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Fox Hunt Ends in Murder of Robert Wilson

Williamson County, 1866

On February 5, 1875, the *Republican Banner* reported :

Early yesterday morning a report reached the city ... that Robert Wilson had been waylaid and murdered, beyond the residence of Dr. S.S. Mayfield, about three miles south of Brentwood, on with Wilson Pike, in Williamson County, at 8 o'clock the previous night. It was also rumored that the defendants and friends in the "Fox Case," tried by U.S. Commissioner Trimble Wednesday, were suspected of having committed the deed.

Wilson was the son of wealthy planter James Hazard Wilson, whose home, Ravenswood, is presently being restored by the City of Brentwood. It will be the centerpiece of a large public park. Born in 1839, Robert Wilson was 35 years old unmarried at the time of his death. His own home was said to be a ... and his property was valued at about \$35,000, a very considerable sum in those post-Civil War years. According to an account published in the *Republican Banner* on the following day, February 6th, Wilson

... who, though so bitter an enemy, was equally a friend to be depended on, and although his life had been spent in brawls and quarrels and desperate encounters, it was possessed of some very contradictory traits.

The dispute that resulted in Wilson's death, and was referred to as the Fox Case by the newspaper, began on the 13th of January in that same year. A group of men went on a fox hunt that day, and eventually ran the fox into his hole. As they were getting the fox out, Robert Wilson rode up and offered to keep it, so that it could be used for another race in the future. However, when the hunters came back to Wilson's and asked for the fox, he refused to turn it over.

The party of hunters was made up of young men of the neighborhood. Included among them were brothers Polk and Hance Ridley, Charles and Henry Cook, Henry Allen, Andrew Irvine, Bud Jamison and George Rogers Clark Wilson. George was a nephew of Robert Wilson.

These hunters were evidently very serious about their plans, because when they failed to retrieve the fox they went to Esquire McMahan, the local justice of the peace, and brought a legal action against Robert Wilson. McMahan first called on Capt. Jo Irvin to serve a writ on Wilson, calling him to answer the charges. When Capt. Irvin and his posse arrived at Robert Wilson's home, a negro told them "Marse Bob says if you don't get off his land he will kill you." Irvin retreated, and the Squire called in Sheriff William Bingham to bring Robert Wilson to the hearing. He also instructed Bingham to "replevin," or confiscate, the fox. Bingham reported that he:

... called at the gate, and hearing a terrible popping of caps and seeing flashes of powder, he was considerably exercised whether or not it would be safe for him to venture in the house. Just at this juncture a negro came to the door and he asked to see Mr. Wilson. He was directed to come to the rear, and in doing so, he noticed that every window was partially open ... [and] every direction or approach to the house was enfiladed.

When he went in, he was met in a very cordial manner by Wilson, and treated most courteously... [H]e had good reason to be equally polite, for every bed in the room was covered with fire-arms ... pistols, rifles, shotguns and carbines ... to say nothing of sticks, dirks, bowie knives, etc. Such an arsenal he had not seen since the days of the late unpleasantness.



Wilson went with the Sheriff unwillingly, afraid that his enemies would ambush him once he got to McMahan's. He said, "I am at your command, but I must have some protection." He called together several young black men, evidently former slaves who worked on his place. He instructed them to take guns, and each carried a weapon as they approached the Squire's house. Among those who went along with Robert Wilson were Nelson Wilson, Joseph Wilson,

Rufus Wilson and Elias Wilson. Each gave testimony at the trial afterwards.

Squire McMahan noticed some time before the trial at his house began that several groups of men with dogs and guns came to his house to "witness the investigation." It was not uncommon, he later said, for sportsmen to come across the field as spectators when an exciting trial was taking place. When Sheriff Bingham returned with Wilson, he advised McMahan that there was likely to be trouble between the two groups. They agreed to make all the men surrender their guns, which the Sheriff stored in the piazza of the McMahan home.

What happened next is not very clear in the record, but after Nelson Wilson was called to give evidence before the magistrate, someone objected that no more testimony was needed in Robert Wilson's defense. A decision was made requiring Wilson to turn the fox over to the hunters, and the parties dispersed.

Robert Wilson was not willing to let the matter rest. He filed an appeal with the Circuit Court in Franklin, and then went to Nashville and filed a complaint with Special Commissioner John Trimble, a United States government official.¹ Before Commissioner Trimble, Wilson accused John H. Allen and George R.C. Wilson with a violation of the Enforcement Act. Specifically, he charged them with using threats, violence and intimidation to prevent negroes from testifying before Magistrate McMahan because of their color. Allen and George Wilson were put in jail pending trial.

On February 4th or 5th, the parties assembled in the Federal Courtroom before Commissioner Trimble for a hearing. There were some 25 witnesses on each side of the dispute, though only a handful were invited to testify. After some sparring between Robert Wilson and the defendants about whether anyone was carrying weapons, Trimble began to hear the testimony of Sheriff Bingham. The *Republican Banner* published a story treating the matter with humor, under the title "All About a Fox." Robert Wilson's testimony appears to have been aimed at insulting the defendants. He at first refused to answer any question about the relationship between himself and defendant George R.C. Wilson. When Judge Trimble insisted he reply, Robert remarked "I don't know whether there is any relation

¹ John J. Trimble (c.1813-1884) had served Tennessee as district attorney, state representative and state senator before the Civil War. In 1863 he was recognized as a strong Union sympathizer, and appointed District Attorney of the Middle Tennessee District by President Lincoln. He served in Congress in 1867 and declined an appointment to the Supreme Court. Sources say that he retired to Nashville at that point, but his activity as U.S. Special Commissioner is recorded in this case and others in the newspapers and in the Nashville City Directory of 1876. What exactly this post was called, and what the duties consisted of, has not been determined. However, the newspaper accounts show several instances in which he upheld the rights of freedmen.

between the prisoner Wilson and myself or not.” He knew full well, of course, that George was his brother’s son. He went on to make an allegation about George’s relations with a “colored woman,” which were ordered stricken from the record as irrelevant.

Of Henry Allen, Robert Wilson said, “I reckon I will have to say that I like Mr. Allen. I think he was an enemy of mine.” According to the testimony of Elias Wilson, Allen had told Rufus Wilson that if he ever set foot on the property, he would kill him. Evidently, there was bad blood between Robert Wilson and young Henry Allen even before the fox hunt.²

Judge Trimble dismissed the case, but the aggrieved defendants (Henry Allen and George Wilson) each immediately filed a \$25,000 suit against Robert Wilson for malicious prosecution and false imprisonment. They got into a covered wagon (referred to as an ambulance in some accounts) to return to Brentwood, along with their fellow fox-hunters: three Ridleys; Charles Cook; Andrew



“Twenty Four Trees” was the home of Dr. Sutherland Mayfield in 1875.

Irvine; Bud and – Jamison; and a man named Riley. As they rode south the conversation must have centered on getting their revenge on Robert Wilson. Three of the men became uncomfortable with the talk of violence, and got out of the wagon at Brown’s Creek and returned to Nashville – William Ridley, Mr. Riley and one of the Jamisons. The others traveled on to Newland’s store at Brentwood, where storekeeper John K. Simpson, Edward Parish and Robert Prim all saw them.

Robert Wilson rode back from Nashville on the train, accompanied by and Polk Thomason. They arrived at Brentwood about 7:20 in the evening. Having left their horses at the station that morning, they galloped down Wilson Pike toward Wilson’s home.

Old Dr. Sutherland Mayfield lived on Wilson Pike about three miles south of Brentwood, at approximately where Concord Road crosses it today. The intersection was then called Owens’ Crossroads. Mayfield’s home is still standing, as pictured here. The doctor, who was past his 70th birthday, was at home reading that evening when he was started by hearing about ten shots fired. After a few minutes he heard a man crossing his yard, and went out to find Polk Thomason who said “I’m shot and Bob Wilson is killed.”

Dr. Mayfield called a negro man and boy to join him, and went down to the road with Thomason. They found Wilson’s hat in the middle of the road, and soon the boy found the body. Wilson was lying with his head on the bank at the roadside. He was still wearing his riding gloves, and neither of his two revolvers had been fired. A third gun, loaded but not fired, was found near the body. Soon a buggy containing L.H. Holt and Edward Ferish came up, and with blankets from the Doctor’s house they formed a stretcher and helped carried Wilson’s body up to the Mayfield home.

The next afternoon, Williamson County Coroner, W. Robert Haynes, held an inquest at the Mayfield home. John K. Simpson, Robert Primm, Edward Farish, Polk Thomason, Dr. S.S. Mayfield and John A. Mayfield were examined and gave their testimony about the previous night’s events. Thomason said that as he and Wilson were galloping

² Allen, referred to in the reports as Henry Allen or John H. Allen, was probably John Henry Allen (1850-1901) who appears in the household of his mother, Mary Allen, on the same census page with Robert Wilson in the 1870 census. (1870 U.S. census, Williamson Co., Tenn., Dist. 15, p. 249B (stamped), household 179, Mary Allen household; digital image, *Ancestry.com*.) Family information posted under “Sanders Family Tree” on *Ancestry.com* indicates Allen was the son of John Allen (1797-1867) and Mary Polly Guinn, and gives his death date as 1901 in Williamson County.

down the pike, shots were fired at them from a “carryall” at close range. Wilson rose up in the air and fell dead from his horse. More shots were fired at Thomason, who was hit by a ball. A young man named Myers, who clerked at Farish’s store further south on Wilson Pike, said he heard a vehicle pass the store at a rapid rate.

Polk Ridley’s version of the story was quite different. He had urged his group to leave Simpson’s store, afraid that Robert Wilson’s train would arrive while they were still there. When they left Simpson’s Polk Ridley was driving the ambulance, with Bud Jamison and Shouse Ridley on the seat with him. In the back were George Wilson, Henry Allen, Charley Cook and Andrew Irvine. Robert Wilson overtook them and ran his horse violently into the ambulance, shouting “Here’s these damned rascals now!” Those in the wagon were afraid of Wilson because he had threatened them at Turner’s store the previous Monday. They thought he was turning to draw his pistol, and shot at him in self-defense.

Coroner Hayes continued the investigation the next day, calling George Wilson, Charles Cook, Henry Allen and Spencer German (colored) to be examined. The coroner’s jury returned the following verdict.

State of Tennessee, Williamson County

An inquisition holden at the residence of Dr. S.S. Mayfield, in the Fifteenth Civil District of said county, on the 4th day of February, 1875, and continued and concluded at an adjourned meeting held at Owen’s Cross Roads in said county on the 5th day of February, 1875, before W.R. Haynes, Coroner of said county, upon the body of Robert Wilson, then lying dead at said S.S. Mayfield’s, by the jurors whose names are hereunder subscribed, who, upon their oath, do say that the said Robert Wilson came to his death by gunshot and pistol shots at the hands of either Andrew Prim, Polk Ridley, Beverly Jamison, Chas. Cook, Henry Allen, George Wilson and William (Manx) Ridley, or all of said parties.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands, this 5th day of February, 1875.
Thomas E. Haynes, J.H. Mayfield, W.A. Davis, John Crockett, G.W. Barnes, J.S. Moore,
James Cross, jurors; W.R. Haynes, Coroner.

The newspaper reported on February 6th that Wilson’s funeral had been preached the day before “to a large concourse,” but that he would not be buried until his brother, Frank, arrived from Louisiana. He was to be interred in the Wilson family cemetery, which was on his own property. The next day, a writer identified only as “M” submitted the following peculiar article to the *Republican Banner*:

THE LATE ROBERT WILSON HIS CHARACTER AS A DANGEROUS MAN DENIED

In every article which has appeared in the Nashville papers ... Robert Wilson’s character has been represented as that of a dangerous man. While I will not deny that [he] was apt to defend himself ... he has always carried [guns] since having been ... compelled to kill ... in one case ... and severely wound [in another] persons who undertook to kill him without any just cause.... [He was] after a fair and through trial ... acquitted.... I can affirm without fear of denial from any just person who knew him, that nothing short of great danger ... could provoke him to attempt violence.

Robert Wilson was never known to insult any person in his life; was never known to fail in any respectful attention to the aged or females, or to pass the distressed without comforting them as far as he could. He was affable toward his acquaintances, and always respectful to strangers. He was the most accomplished musician for his opportunity that I ever saw, and was devoted to music, and often spoke of visiting Germany for instruction....

I shall remember him as long as I live as a true friend, whom no danger could apall, and no misfortune could send away. Mr. Wilson was a thorough business man, and so far from being a dangerous man.... M.

On February 8th a small notice was inserted in the *Republican Banner* by Bud Marshall, J.W. Turner and Gus Watson, who refuted a statement published previously about murderous remarks made at Turner's grocery by Robert Wilson against Henry Allen and George Wilson. They stated the account was "entirely incorrect. We heard no such thing. Your correspondent is entirely mistaken. In justice to ourselves, we ask you to publish this."

It was told that Robert Wilson had gone to Franklin in the summer of 1874 and applied to Judge Wallace to write a will for him. On two occasions, the Judge refused because Wilson was inebriated. A short time afterward Wilson returned, perfectly sober, and drew up a will leaving his farm to the Methodist Church, of which his mother was a member. He left the church funds for construction of a fine church, and gave his residence, "a very fine one," as the parsonage. He left the remainder of his property to the children of his brother, James H. "Quent" Wilson.

The February 19th edition of the *Republican Banner* provides the final chapter in Robert Wilson's story:

THE LATE ROBERT WILSON

Robert Wilson was buried at the family cemetery last Sunday evening, the Right Rev. Bishop C.T. Quintard officiating. His will was probated last Monday morning before his honor, Judge H.H. Cook. By a holographic codicil he set aside his bequest to the Methodist Church, and his entire landed estate will pass to his brothers and the descendants of deceased brothers. The children of Mr. James H. Wilson (Quintus) get his entire personal property. Old Aunt Mary Jo, the nurse of the family for many years, gets fifty acres of land and a house, all his hounds, two cows and two mules, of her own selection. The parties who are charged with killing him were admitted to bail last Monday, and their trial put off until the next term of the Criminal Court.

Although the newspaper left this clause out, the codicil to the will also specified that "My pretty friend Miss Mary Davis" should be cared for out of his estate. Brentwood attorney Vance Little included a brief account of Robert Wilson's murder in his book *Murder on the Wilson Pike*. According to Little, Wilson's murderers were tried and re-tried. George Rogers Clark Wilson left the area, and eventually the case came to nothing. He also reports that Robert Wilson's will was contested, but the church did not benefit.³ ■

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

Lincoln County (*continued*)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln County (cont.)

Ellis, J. W.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.127; see **Pop.Sch.**p.29,ln.12]

Collins, F. E.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; large head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.127; see **Pop.Sch.**p.26,ln.12]

Summers, Adam: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; afflicted at age 4; natural head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.127; see **Pop.Sch.**p.20,ln.4]

Carter, Lula O.: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth, perhaps from sisers[scissors?] in hand; not semi-mute, not semi-deaf; admitted, Tennessee Institution for Education of Deaf & Dumb, 91 days. [s.d.3,e.d.127; see **Pop.Sch.**p.15,ln.43]

Driver, Arrena: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at age 30, totally blind. [s.d.3,e.d.127; see **Pop.Sch.**p.28,ln.36]
Pop.Sch.: age 50, mulatto, wife, in household of Redric Driver.

Brady, John: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 90. [s.d.3,e.d.127; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.37] **Pop.Sch.:** age 91, white, male, head of household.

Taylor, L. J.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 1; cause: croup and medicine; natural head. [s.d.3,e.d.126; see **Pop.Sch.**p.15,ln.39]

Meadows, Lamer: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.126; see **Pop.Sch.**p.3,ln.47]
Pop.Sch.: Larmor Meadows, age 22, white, male, in household of H. C. Buchanan.

Luter, M.: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.126; see **Pop.Sch.**p.16,ln.15]

Bonner, J. Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.126; see **Pop.Sch.**p.17,ln.19]

Hicks, R.: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.126; see **Pop.Sch.**p.28,ln.24]

Willbanks, H.: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.126; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.32]

Pitts, M.: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.126; see **Pop.Sch.**p.21,ln.16] **Pop.Sch.:** age 100, mulatto, mother, in household of Allen Pitts.

Gray, Riley: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.125; see **Pop.Sch.**p.12,ln.18]

McAdams, Mary Jane: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.125; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.4]

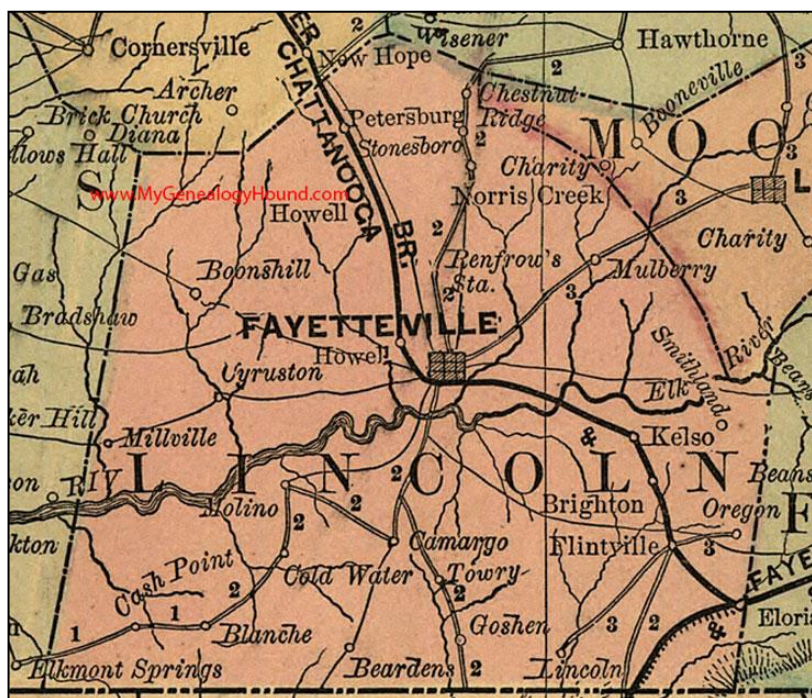
Moore, Lewis: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.125; see **Pop.Sch.**p.13,ln.45]

Bentley, Fanny G.: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.125; see **Pop.Sch.**p.14,ln.43]

Brown, Felex: Prisoners Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.125; see **Pop.Sch.**p.10,ln.21]
Pop.Sch.: age 25, mulatto, male, in jail, in hotel kept by A. M. Hall.

Smith, D. F.: Insane Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.3,ln.15] **Pop.Sch.:** age 47, white, male, head of household.

Chapman, Polly: Insane Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.16,ln.36]
Pop.Sch.: age 93, white, female, head of household.



not self-supporting, afflicted at birth. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.12,ln.13]

Buchanan, S.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.22,ln.6]

King, Mary: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.9,ln.3]

Hines, Sam: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.16,ln.13]

Aireston, Joan: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.26] **Pop.Sch.:** Isam Aireston, age 21, white, male, idiotic, hireling, in household of Thos. J. Gammel. [Note: Of the two names, Joan and Isam, the one in the population census, Isam, is likely the correct one, as this was a male.]

Harris, Mary: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth, never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.124; see **Pop.Sch.**p.1,ln.32]

Tolley, Ida: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting at home; afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.49,ln.34]

Walker, Willie: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting; cause: fright of mother; sloped head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.48,ln.10]

Diemer, Albert G.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.64,ln.43]

Toon, Susan M.: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting; cause: kindred of parents; totally blind; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.4,ln.39] **Pop.Sch.:** age 33, white, daughter, in household of A. J. Toon.

Wiley, Sally: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; totally blind; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.49,ln.1] **Pop.Sch.:** age 75, white, female, head of household.

Pearson, N. A.: Prisoners Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. County Jail; awaiting trial; alleged offence, shooting with intent to kill. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.41,ln.19] **Pop.Sch.:** age 28, white, male.

Ervin, Frank: Prisoners Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. County Jail; awaiting trial; alleged offence, house breaking. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.41,ln.20] **Pop.Sch.:** age 23, black, male.

Taylor, Joe: Prisoners Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. County Jail; awaiting trial; alleged offence, house breaking. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.41,ln.21] **Pop.Sch.:** age 23, black, male.

Ervin, John: Prisoners Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. County Jail; awaiting trial; alleged offence, house breaking. [s.d.3,e.d.123; see **Pop.Sch.**p.41,ln.25] **Pop.Sch.:** age 31, black, male.

Bagley, John: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; natural head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.38,ln.40]

Groce, Anthony Wilson: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.33,ln.50]

Small, John: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.46,ln.10]

Moore, Sally: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at age 45; cause: scrofula, totally blind; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.18,ln.42] **Pop.Sch.:** age 50, mulatto, mother, in household of Noraster Kimbro.

Phelps, Huldý: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 35; cause: stuck stalk in eye, semi-blind; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.26,ln.1] **Pop.Sch.:** age 45, black, sister, head of household.

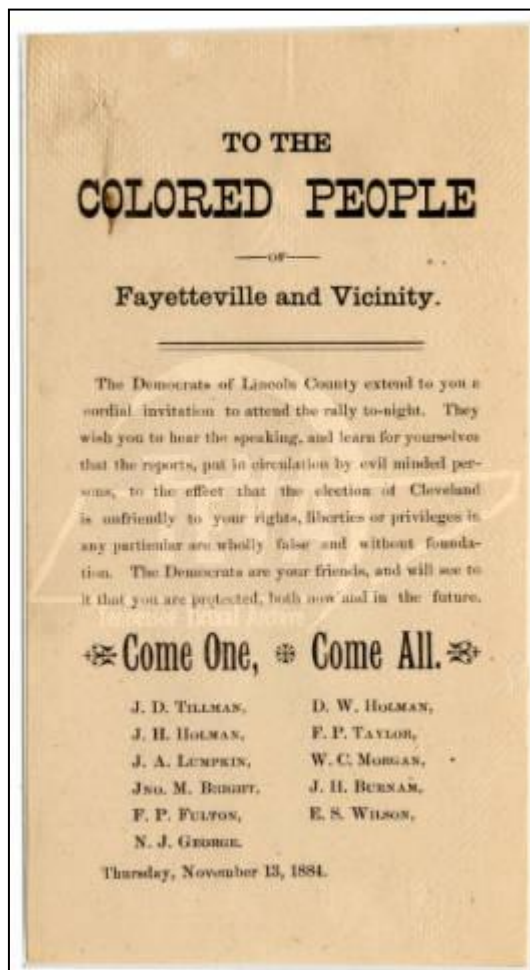
Howard, Jas. V.: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at age 8; cause: scrofula, semi-blind, never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.26,ln.21] **Pop.Sch.:** Jas. Vict. Howard, age 18, white, step-daughter[sic], in household of Aquilla Derror.

Hawney, Thomas: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 82; cause: cataract, totally blind; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.36,ln.32] **Pop.Sch.:** age 91, white, father, in household of Lafayette Hawney.

Small, Joshua: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at age 55; cause: explosion of powder, totally blind; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.46,ln.5] **Pop.Sch.:** age 70, black, male, head of household.

Waggoner, Lucy: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.6,ln.3] **Pop.Sch.:** age 70, black, female, in household of Scynthia Boone.

Love, Josie: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.122; see **Pop.Sch.**p.42,ln.3] **Pop.Sch.:** age 2, black, daughter, in household of Henry Love.



Glidewell, Enoch: Insane Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; duration of present attack, 10 years. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.10,ln.5] **Pop.Sch.:** age 40, white, male, head of household.

Woods, Nannie Amanda: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; cause: fright; small head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.4,ln.33] **Pop.Sch.:** Amanda Wood, age 4, white, daughter, in household of Charley Wood.

Woods, Fannie: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.4,ln.32] **Pop.Sch.:** Fannie Wood, age 7, white, daughter, in household of Charley Wood.

Knoles, Julia: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.12,ln.10] **Pop.Sch.:** Julia Noles, age 23, white, female, in household of Mathew Carter.

Campbell, John: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.34,ln.9]

Bonner, Robert: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head. **Also:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.39,ln.23]

Kavanaugh, Bob: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.19,ln.8]

King, Mary: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; supported by mother; afflicted at age 4; small head. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.47,ln.23]

Tripp, Thomas: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.16,ln.11]

Davis, Mary: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.35,ln.3]

Simmons, Catherine: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at age 19; cause: sore eyes. [s.d.3,e.d.; see **Pop.Sch.**p.6,ln.27] **Pop.Sch.:** age 31, white, wife, in household of W. M. Simmons.

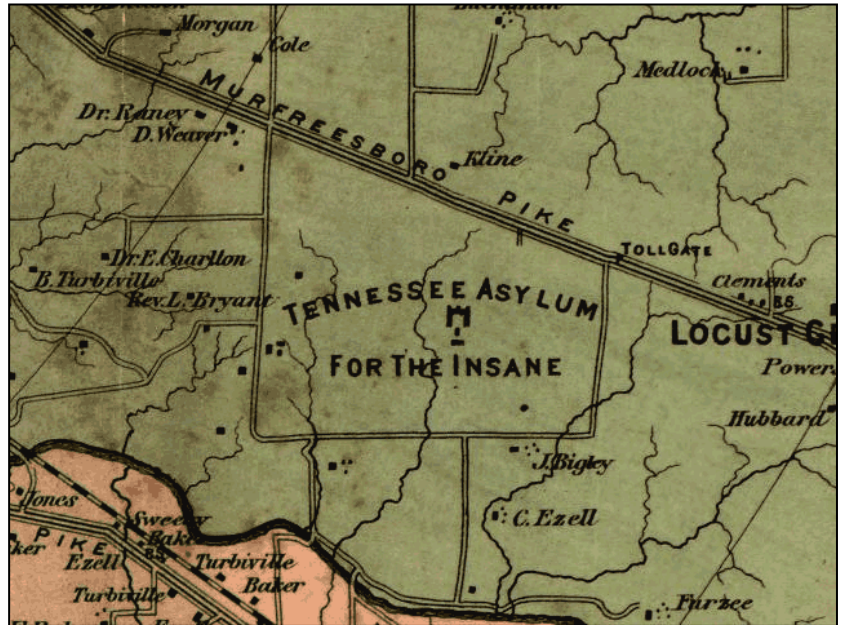
Berry, Frances: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 82; cause: old age. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.42,ln.38] **Pop.Sch.:** age 85, white, grandmother, in household of Wm. Gather.

Young, A. M.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.121; see **Pop.Sch.**p.6,ln.20]

Crawford, J. E.: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. [s.d.3,e.d.120; see **Pop.Sch.**p.9,ln.36] **Pop.Sch.:** age 31, white, son-in-law, in household of Jane McNeil.

McCown, Augustus: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.26,ln.9]

Bailey, Samuel: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; not able-bodied, old age and paralysis; admitted 1 Jan 1870. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.35] **Pop.Sch.:** age 65, white, male.



Shack, Lee: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted January 1875. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.38.] **Pop.Sch.:** age 40, white, male.

Arabian, Richard: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; able-bodied; admitted October 1873. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.39] **Pop.Sch.:** age 50, white, male.

Wiseman, John C.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; not able-bodied; admitted April 1878. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.40] **Pop.Sch.:** age 22, white, male.

Short, Jesse E.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; able-bodied; admitted November 187 [?]. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.42] **Pop.Sch.:** age 63, black, male.

Smith, Eliza Jr.: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, not able-bodied; [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.46] **Pop.Sch.:** age 50, black, female.

Fannin, Betsy: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule and Blind Schedule; afflicted at age 10; cause: fever. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, not able-bodied; superannuated; admitted 1871. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.48] **Pop.Sch.:** age 80, black, female.

Cooley, Missouri: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted September 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.31,ln.49] **Pop.Sch.:** age 55, black, female.

Allen, Caroline: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted February 1872. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.32,ln.1] **Pop.Sch.:** age 30, black, female.

Gordon, Bettie: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 5; normal head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.32,ln.2] **Pop.Sch.:** age 40, white, female.

Carden, Prudy: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted 1874. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.32,ln.5] **Pop.Sch.:** age 26, white, female.

Carden, Keziah: Idiots Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at birth; small head; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent



Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted 1875. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.32,ln.6] **Pop.Sch.** age 28, white, female.

Cole, Elmina: Deaf-Mutes Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; self-supporting, afflicted at birth; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.29,ln.21]

Tedford, Nancy: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; not self-supporting, afflicted at age 20; cause: chronic sore eyes; never in an institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted December 1875. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.32,ln.3] **Pop.Sch.:** age 36, white, female.

Tedford, Joida: Homeless Children Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; mother deceased; control surrendered to the institution; born in the institution, illegitimate. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.**p.32,ln.7]¹ **Pop.Sch.:** age 4, white, male.

¹ Note by enumerator: "These children were all born in the Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor. The institution is better conducted now

Berry, David C.: Homeless Children Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; control surrendered to the institution; born in the institution, illegitimate; mother in same institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.8**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 2, white, male.

Allen, Pinckney: Homeless Children Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; control surrendered to the institution; born in the institution, illegitimate; mother in same institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted 187_[?]. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.9**]² **Pop.Sch.:** age 4, black, female.

Carden, Florence: Homeless Children Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; control surrendered to the institution; born in the institution, illegitimate; mother in same institution. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch. p.32, ln.10**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 5, mulatto, male[sic], in Poor House.

Carden, Phebe: Homeless Children Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; control surrendered to the institution; born in the institution, illegitimate; mother in same institution. **Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule, Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.11**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 5, mulatto, female.

Duncan, Enoch B.: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co., Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, not able-bodied, superannuated. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.36**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 8, white, male.

Allen, Samuel: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; not able-bodied; superannuated; admitted 5 July 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.36**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 89, white, male.

Justus, Jeffrey G.: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost; not able-bodied; old age;

admitted August 1868. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.41**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 75, black, male.

Mayhew, Buck: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, not able-bodied; superannuated; admitted January 1866. [date crossed out]. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.43**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 105 [sic], black, male.

Cooley, Alexander: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted September 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.44**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 13, black, male.

McGuire, Betsy: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, not able-bodied; superannuated; admitted 1874. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.47**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 80, black, female.

McKinney, Hannah: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted January 1878[?]. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.50**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 65, black, female.

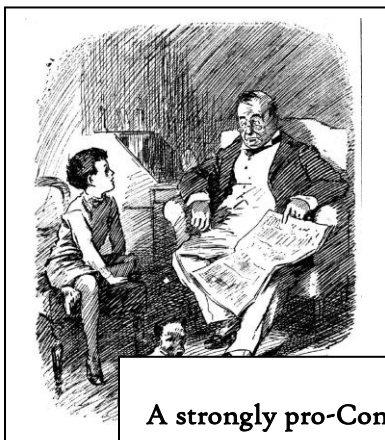
Berry, Betsy: Pauper and Indigent Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co. Asylum for the Poor; supported at county cost, able-bodied; admitted 1877. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.3**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 36, white, female.

Abbott, William: Blind Schedule, enumerated Lincoln Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; short sightedness; semi-blind; never in an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.119; see **Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.27**] **Pop.Sch.:** age 64, white, male, head of household.

Lincoln County Concluded

than formerly. The fathers of these unfortunates are not known. The mothers are nearly, or quite, idiotic."

² Ibid.



Old News is Good News

Newspaper Sources for Middle Tennessee Genealogy

The Columbia Herald of 1866

A strongly pro-Confederate town, Columbia's spirit appears unbowed in 1866, a year after the South's defeat. In just four pages, this only surviving issue of the *Herald* from 1866 gives a detailed picture of the business and political life of the place. The *Herald's* pugnacious editor attacks Governor Brownlow and his Radical Republican administration with vigor. While displaying the disturbingly racist sentiments of the era, the editor also addresses the need for friendship between the races and embraces "negro" education.

This issue, and others from 1850-1873, are available on line at the *Chronicling America* web site, a joint project of the University of Tennessee Libraries and the Tennessee State Library & Archives.

The information extracted is from an issue dated Friday,
May 12th, 1866, Volume IX, Number 39.

The Newspaper

The *Columbia Herald* had been in publication since 1855, though issues from the war years are missing. This issue is credited to publisher W.S. Bliss with Hunter Nicholson as editor. The *Herald's* offices were located on the southwest corner of the public square. Subscriptions cost \$3.00 per year "invariably in advance." This issue contains Part II of a history of the press in Columbia, continued from the previous week, which has been lost). That history is not included in this article, but will appear in a future issue of the MTGS *Journal*.

National News

Mrs. Jefferson Davis was accompanied to Fortress Monroe by two servants and her youngest child, a little girl. The conditions of her visit are unknown, but from

the quantity of luggage she brought it appears she will stay a long time.

The House Judiciary Committee has begun to pave the way for the trial of Jefferson Davis.

An editorial deems the Congress incompetent, but gives mild praise to President Johnson for his regard for the Constitution and the backbone to stand up for his ideas.

International News

Newspapers in this period carried long and (to our eyes) boring stories of international news, and the *Herald* was no exception.

A long article details a cholera outbreak in Constantinople.

The story of a Spanish shipwreck off Cornwall in the 1780s, from which gold coins still sometimes wash ashore, is recounted.

An extensive article about manure details the types and amount necessary for farming.

State News

Flooding on the Mississippi has ruined cotton crops in Memphis. "The seed planted has rotted in the ground, and the most fertile portion of the cotton growing region of the South is a watery sea of desolation."

An open letter from Cave Johnson of Clarksville, describes how he went to attend the Senate after his recent election, but sitting members would not let him take his seat because his sons had fought in the Confederate army. Other newly-elected members were treated in a similar manner, and about twenty counties have been deprived of representation.

News of the deaths by suicide of Fountain Cleveland of Bedford County and David Sublett of Murfreesboro was reported.

Correspondent from Rutherford reported that the Tennessee Manufacturing Company at Murfreesboro had "raised steam" at last, and was to begin making buckets.

The State, under "the irreverend Wm. G." has failed to send commissions to Justices of the Peace elected in Maury County in March. The only two who have received commissions are W. Stockard and Wm. McKissack of the 7th district, neighbors of "the ex-Brigadier of the Minute-men, who now draws pay at Nashville, under the false pretense of representing this county."

Local News

The "Towler Block" has erected a new front, which looks quite "city-like."

Negroes

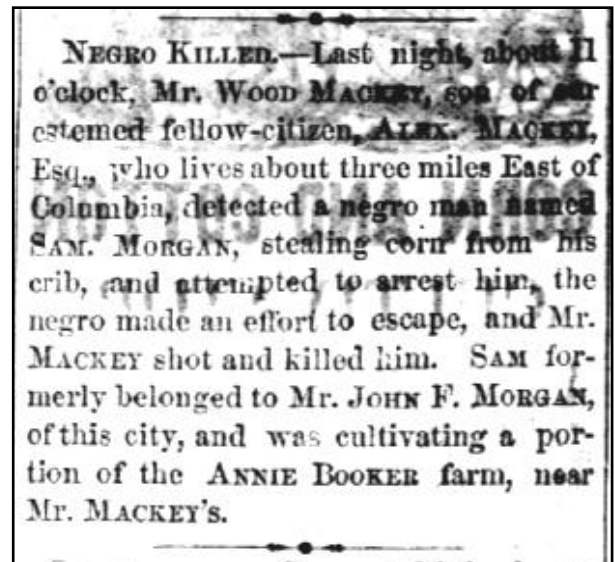
"Our Duty Toward Negroes," an editorial, comments on the need for former owners to befriend and aid freed slaves in preparing themselves for their new life. "They need our friendship now more than they ever need the help of [a] philanthropist..." Volunteer teachers from the North are incompetent and teach negroes that their former owners "are their natural and irreconcilable enemies." As the State Legislature is too ignorant and fanatical to set up a system of schools for freedmen, local churches should fill that role.

News of a "turbulent disposition manifested" by a group of negroes is reported at Stevenson, Alabama.

Several were "sloshing round" with pistols in hand and talking in a way "to provoke a muss."

"FOUND DEAD" – On last Sunday morning, an old negro who formerly belonged to Mr. D.H.C. Spence of Columbia and had remained on the Spence place during the war. Died while tending his horse in the stable. "He remarked to his wife as he left the breakfast table that he had eaten one more hearty meal, if he should never live to take another."

Clearly derogatory statements about blacks are made in articles about slaves in Cuba and refugees clustered on the Chesapeake bay.



"INFANTICIDE – We learn that two negro infants were discovered drowned in a branch on the farm of Col. Andrew J. Polk... They had been thrown there by their mothers who, [we] learn, gave as a reason their inability to support them. They ought rather to have sent them to their father Fisk."

Sam Morgan, a former slave of John F. Morgan, was detected stealing corn from the crib of Alex Mackey. He attempted to escape and was shot dead by Wood Mackey. Sam was cultivating a portion of the Annie Booker farm, nearby.

Church Directory

St. Peter's on Market Street, Rev. Davis Pise,

Presbyterian Church at the corner of Church and Free St., Rev. A.L. Kline.

Methodist Episcopal Church, on Market Street, Rev. John P. McFerrin.

Theatre

"The Nashville Combination," an acting troupe, are performing in Columbia. Harry Everett "that Prince of Comedians" is to appear on one evening. Mr. T.P. Eskew "better known among our people as the *Columbia Star*" will star as Michael Earle in the play of that name. The company will travel next to Pulsaki.

Lawyer's Advertisements

Wm. P. Martin and W.S. Rainey advertise their services from their offices in the "Lawyer's Block." They are associated with Memphis attorney W. Garnett Rainey.

Les Bullock and R.I. Caruthers, advertise from their offices in the Frierson Block.

S.S. Merrill, Joseph H. Dew, L.D. Myers and Osborne & Wilkes, all advertise legal services, especially the collection of debts.

Out-of-Town Advertisers

- Rosewood and Mahogany importers, New York
- Cotton and Tobacco factors, Nashville, Memphis and St. Louis
- Hotels in Louisville in Nashville
- Tombstones from the Nashville Marble Works
- Pianos, organs and guitars from Louisville
- Sheet music from Cincinnati
- Loveman's Hoop Skirt Factory in Nashville.

James B. Willett and James C. Kiddell, architects, civil engineers and surveyors, located in Nashville but advertised in Columbia for "Civil, Domestic and Ecclesiastical Architecture" as well as surveying and design for bridges, mining, railroads and water power.

Riddleburger's Restaurant in Nashville advertises to travelers that Dick Keel, formerly of Columbia, will render Maury Countians pleasant and agreeable services during their stay.

Medical

H.B. Titcomb is located on "Best Corner, Public Square" at South Main St., and provides a litany of products: drugs, medicines, paints, oils, dye suffs, fancy articles, school books, stationery, leather and supplies for shoemaking and saddlers.

T.B. Rains, druggist and apothecary, was located on the corner of North Main and the Public Square, two doors



from the Post Office. Perfumes for ladies are offered at Rains' Drug and Chemical store, along with indigo and coal oil. Machinist and Engineer Wm. A. Tucker endorses Rains' lubricating oil as being superior to lard oil for operating heavy machinery.

Fisher & Gregory also operate a drug store, where Mr. De Helm and George Frierson, both experienced in the business, are ready to wait on their old friends and customers.

Dr. Leon Brockman, Oculist and Aurist of Nashville, will be unable to keep his appointment to visit the Infirmary on May 7th, due to the illness of his assistant who was left in charge of the patients there. "Diploma hangs in office."

Groceries

N. Holman, Confectioner, offers a large stock of candles, cakes and nuts. He is located on South Street at Dugger's old stand. "Orders for Balls and Parties promptly furnished."

DESTRUCTION

Although the previous year's fall of the Confederacy would still have been fresh on every mind, the *Herald* printed this odd bit of filler:

The following question is being argued in the debating societies throughout the rural districts: "Which is most destructive to life: war, cholera or railroads?" At last accounts, the railroads were way ahead.

J.M. Huston, dealer in Dry Goods, groceries, boots, shoes and hats, is located at McCord's old stand. He is the agent for the Miller Plow and Kirby's Reaper and Mower as well. Huston offers to pay "highest price" for rags, flax seed, beeswax and ginseng.

Mrs. M.A. McQuade and her brother have opened an Ice Cream Saloon, offering a "great treat" for the citizens of Columbia. Ladies are invited to visit, even if they cannot be accompanied by a gentleman.

Hodge & Willard's grocery is located on the southeast corner of the square, as is York & Hamner's family grocery.

Clothing

Mrs. Ann Carrington advertises that she has returned to Columbia to establish a branch of Mme. Demorest's Emporium of Fashion. Bonnets, hats and trimmings may be purchased in her old location at the corner of Market and Embargo streets.

F.L. Frierson offers cloth, "cassimeres" [cashmere], vestings and ready-made clothing at his establishment on the south side of the square. Mr. Engle is his tailor. "All kinds of Uncurrent Money taken at Nashville prices."

George B. Abbott offers ready-made clothing and gentleman's furnishings on College St.

J. Herstein's Dry Goods is located on the north side of the square.

Thomas J. Alexander's Dry Goods advertised "the finest suits made in the latest fashions." Located at the Old Book Store stand on the west side of the square.

Other Advertisers

O'Neill & Pickett, dealers in Stoves, Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware, are located on the northeast corner of the square.

The Columbia Foundry and Machine Shop, Stevens & Marshall, proprietors, offers castings for mill work and a large supply of hollow ware.

Fisher & Murphy, located on the southeast corner of the square, offer stoves, tinware, roofing and guttering.

R.W. Gambell and H.V. Eager operate a Music, Books, News and Notion House in the Post Office building. Offerings include photo albums, maps, gold pens, combs and brushes, clocks and jewelry.

Fruit trees and orchard stock are presented for sale in a large ad by S.W. Steele of Columbia and James Andrus of Mt. Pleasant.

Chancery Court & Legal Notices

The estate of Reuben R. Owens is insolvent; W.D. Trantham, administrator.

The estate of William Humphrey is insolvent; J.W. Page, administrator.

Simoney A. Hovey's lands in Lewis County will be sold to satisfy his debt to S.A. Whiteside.

S.F. and J.M. Mayes wish all who are indebted to Mays, Wooten & Co. to close out their accounts.

William Galloway and James L. Guest announce the dissolution of their partnership. Accounts will be settled by Guest. However, on the same page Galloway & Guest advertise their new Auction and Commission House.

W.E.B. Green, administrator of Mary A. Jordan's estate, reports its insolvency.

J.H. Dugger, administrator of the estate of Isaac T. Lanieve, reports insolvency.

Joseph A. Walker, administrator of the estate of Pleasant Nelson, reports insolvency.

The estate of Rufus R. Jones is reported as insolvent by Alfred Fleming, administrator.

William D. Hendley's land on the Duck River and Carter's Creek, containing 530 acres, will be sold at court auction.

A lot on Main Street in Columbia belonging to Nathan Vaught will be sold at court auction in favor of William R. Pillow.

76 acres near Columbia known as the Peter Holland tract will be sold at auction, in the case of Elizabeth Smoot v. Calvin Payne.

The Campbell Tract of 350 acres will be sold at Campbell's Station on the railroad, in the case of John Ballanfent, administrator, v. James H. Campbell and others.

Several tracts of land belonging to James G. and William M. Voorhies will be sold in favor of James Andrews.

140 acres and the home of Elias C. Frierson on Green's Lick Creek will be sold to satisfy a judgment of the State Supreme Court against him in favor of the Union Bank.

800 acres on Fountain Creek belonging to Giles T. Harris will be sold to satisfy debts to William Galloway and others.

William Cherry's home and 11 acres, belonging to B.M. Gillespie, will be sold to satisfy a judgment of the State Supreme Court

Several tracts of land, including the place occupied by John B. Padgett, will be sold to satisfy a judgment of the State Supreme Court against George Gantt and A.R. Alley.

Lot 31 in Columbia, where the Kuhn & Turpin Coach Factory is located, the house and lot where Miss Julia Jordan resides, and other lots, will be sold to satisfy a judgment of the State Supreme Court against Robert Cross.

A grist mill and land on the Franklin Turnpike at Rutherford Creek will be sold at auction in the case of

John H. Huey v. William T. Oglevie.

A house and lot on High Street in Columbia belonging to Robert H. Hill, will be sold at court auction in favor of William S. Fleming and Henrietta Gabard.

In the Chancery case of Williams & Cates v. Robert Smith, defendants Robert Smith and Jared E. Patterson are non-residents of the state.

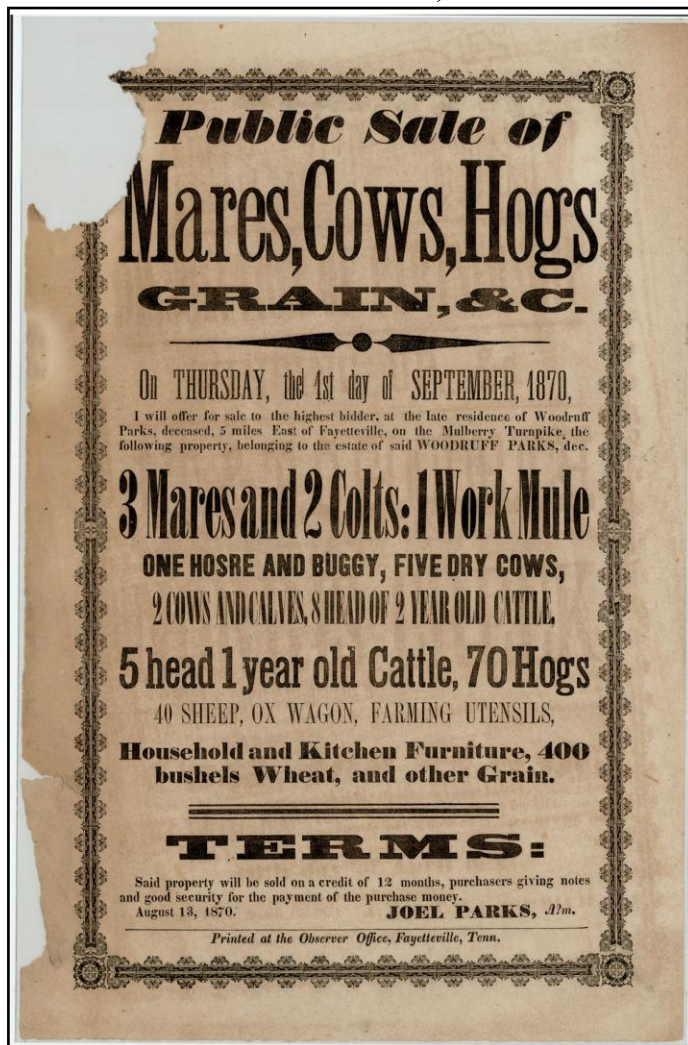
William M. Irwin, administrator of the estate of W.H. Hunter, finds that defendants Dr. Allen, Henry Hunter,

Edwin Hunter, John Hunter, Priscilla Harlan and Mary A. Harlan are non-residents of the state.

John H. Johnson, who is a defendant in two different cases, is a non-resident of the state. James Andrews and Samuel S. Porter are plaintiffs.

In the case of Samuel J. Ingram v. the heirs of M.J.M. Dobbins, defendants Archibald and William Dobbins are non-residents of the state.

The Bills Tract on Mooresville turnpike road, including a brick house and 106 acres, will be sold by the court as a result of the case of Mary Porter v. Thomas D. Spindle.

A vintage poster for a public sale. The title "Public Sale of" is in a decorative font, followed by "Mares, Cows, Hogs" in large, bold letters, and "GRAIN, &c." in a smaller font. Below this, the date "On THURSDAY, the 1st day of SEPTEMBER, 1870," is printed. A small paragraph of text follows: "I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at the late residence of Woodruff Parks, deceased, 3 miles East of Fayetteville, on the Mulberry Turnpike, the following property, belonging to the estate of said WOODRUFF PARKS, dec." The items for sale are listed in bold: "3 Mares and 2 Colts: 1 Work Mule", "ONE HORSE AND BUGGY, FIVE DRY COWS, 2 COWS AND CALVES, 8 HEAD OF 2 YEAR OLD CATTLE, 5 head 1 year old Cattle, 70 Hogs", "40 SHEEP, OX WAGON, FARMING UTENSILS, Household and Kitchen Furniture, 400 bushels Wheat, and other Grain." The word "TERMS:" is printed in large, bold letters. Below it, a small paragraph of text reads: "Said property will be sold on a credit of 12 months, purchasers giving notes and good security for the payment of the purchase money. August 13, 1870. JOEL PARKS, Am." At the bottom, it says "Printed at the Observer Office, Fayetteville, Tenn."

Elections

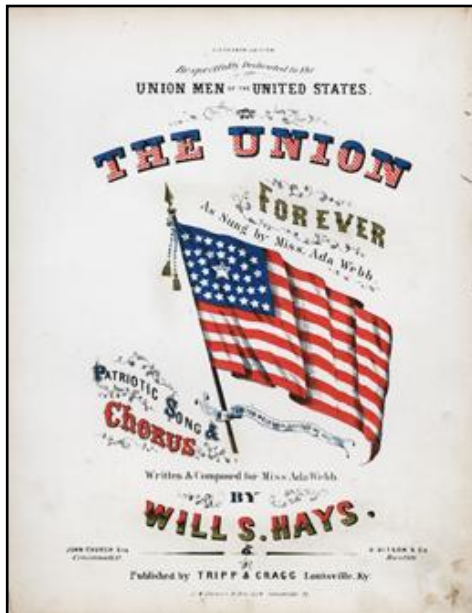
Sheriff William M. Sullivan announces an election to be held on May 24th.

William B. Gordon, Robert L. Caruthers, Frank Mathews and W.S. Rainey all announce their intention to run for Attorney General.

Middle Tennessee Civil War Claims

From Rutherford County (continued)

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.

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

WILLIAM J. MCKNIGHT

McKnight is a resident of Rutherford County; age 44; claim filed in 1871; file consists of 46 pp.; claimed \$2,912 for planks, lumber and use of buildings.

Commissioners' Remarks:

“The claimant resided at Murfreesboro [and] was a blacksmith. He appears to have been a Union man. He was once arrested by the rebels; they took corn fodder, plank and a wagon from him. He gave the soldiers clothes and provisions and visited the hospitals of the gov't. For two or three years he was the Chief Mechanic at Murfreesboro in the Army of the Cumberland. Three witnesses, his neighbors, who were Union men testify to his loyalty. Loyalty proven. Items

7, 8 and 9 are for rent and therefore not allowable by us, not within our jurisdiction. The first [six] items taken by Genl. Rouseau to build a bridge across Stone river, item 5 for coffins. Prices and amounts reasonably proved, except as to items 3 & 4 [ash planks]. We allow \$189.”

Notes:

McKnight has lived in Murfreesboro since 1848. Was arrested by rebel Baxter McClain and released because as a blacksmith he was exempted from conscription. He shoed horses for the Rebel cavalry to avoid having his shop seized and himself conscripted. The lumber was taken on Mar. 13, 1863, and used on bridges and for coffins to bury the dead. As Chief Mechanic he served two or three years repairing wagons, harness &

etc. His brothers Moses, A.G. and A.B. McKnight were in the Confederate army.

testimony of claimant and two witnesses. We allow \$100 in full of claim.”

Witnesses:

- W.A. Reed, age 51, merchant, has known claimant 20 years, has resided in Murfreesboro about 40 years. The lumber taken was “hickory, ash & poplar, such as was used in the manufacture of carriages and wagons.”
- William Y. Elliott, age 42, has known claimant 20 years. Was not at home all the time during the war.
- Jackson Todd, age 54, has lived in Murfreesboro 29 years, livery stable keeper. Lived within a block of claimant, knows he was loyal.
- Edward L. Jordan, age 54, says McKnight was an “old line Whig and was up to the war much opposed to the breaking out of secession. Soon after the occupation of this place, when men could speak their sentiments, he declared himself to be a friend of the Government....”



Special Commissioner R.D. Reed wrote: “These parties are all colored and very ignorant as to dates, names of officers, commands & etc. I saw nothing in them to excite any suspicion of fraud.”

Notes:

Miller lives near Millersburg and has lived in the county about 67 years. He has been a

rock mason for about 40 years. He bought the horse from Glester Howland, colored, and the saddle and bridle from Mrs. Robert Howland. He was the slave of Isaac L. Miller, Esq., who died last year. When the horse was taken, he said, “I made complaint to a General ... who was near by, the same day, I have forgotten his name, who told me to get on a wagon and come to town and if I could find my horse I should have him, but my master objecting I could not come.” The horse was taken from the stable where Miller lived, he thinks by troops from the 14th Michigan. There were several hundred troops loading up with corn when one of them saw the horse, “and asked me whose horse it was. I told him it was mine. He told me I was a liar, that it belonged to that old rebel, and that I was trying to hide him.” His wife lived at John Howland’s, four miles away. He had to pay his master \$27 to \$30 a month and all that he could make over that he was allowed to keep. He was allowed to make his own contracts for stone work.

Witnesses:

- Alfred White, colored, age 52, resides in the 25th district where he was born and raised. He lived about ½ mile from Miller’s wife. He had ridden and worked Miller’s horse. Saw a federal soldier riding the horse.

SOLOMON MILLER

Miller is a resident of Rutherford County, age 70. His claim was filed in 1878 and consists of 35 pp. He claimed \$159 for a horse, saddle and bridle.

Commissioners’ Remarks:

“Claimant is an old man, was a slave during the war. His loyalty is established by law and the testimony. He was a stone mason by trade and hired his time of his master. He accumulated some thing for himself and bought the horse charged in this claim, which was taken from him by Union troops, 1st Ohio regiment of Genl. Rosecrans’ command. Facts are established by

- J.F. Howland, colored, age about 28, has lived in 25th district all his life, knew Miller's horse as it was kept most of the time on the farm where witness lived. William Burrell and R.L. Howland were neighbors and also knew of Miller's Union sentiments.
- Munroe Howland, age 29, has lived in 25th district since 1865, farmer, has known claimant since 1861. "I was young during the war ... but was present a good many times when he and other old men were talking about said war. He expressed himself as being for the Union Army because he believed they would free him."



Former Slaves

CALVIN G. MITCHELL

Mitchell is a resident of Rutherford County, age 57. His claim was filed in 1873, and consists of 81 pp. He claimed \$1,750 for barrels of flour.

Commissioners' Remarks:

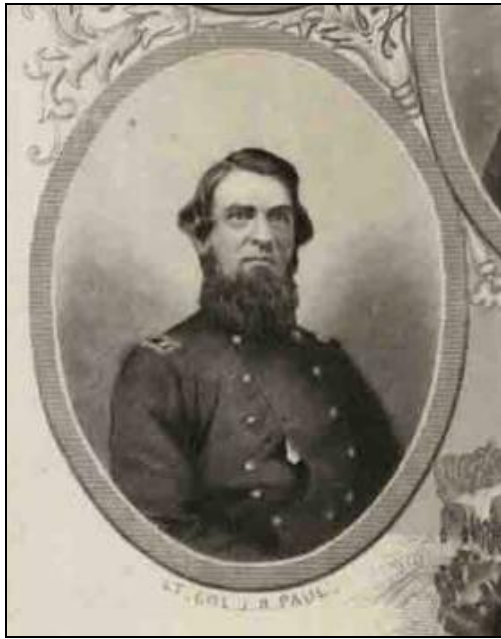
"Calvin G. Mitchell, as surviving partner of the firm of Shepherd & Mitchell, presents this claim. Shepherd died in 1871. Shepherd & Mitchell were Commission Merchants at Shelbyville, Tenn., till March 1863, they then went to Louisville, Ky., & kept on in the business of their firm until the close of the war. Mitchell is a witness in the case. He testifies that he was much threatened and molested by the rebels at Shelbyville while he lived there; that he was arrested for his Union sentiments and kept in custody for two days when he was released. And that he & his partner were obliged for their personal safety to leave Shelbyville & go to Louisville; that they were both decided Union men & voted against secession. Mr. S.H. Singleton & Isaac S. Webb, both Union men, testify to the loyalty of claimants. Captain Paul, in his letter of July 6, 1862, to the Commissary Genl., in speaking of the seizure of the flour says, "it will probably be paid for as the parties to whom it belongs are union men." We are satisfied by the proof that the claimants were loyal. The taking of the flour by the orders of Gen. Mitchell, on the 28th of May 1862, is fully proven by the statement of Capt. Paul ... [and] by the letter of Trotman & Weaver dated Dec. 5, 1863, & by all the evidence in the case, to

which we refer. Lt. Col. J.R. Paul, who was then Chief Commissary of Gen. Mitchell's Division, seized the flour & it would seem made out an account for 122 bbls. [barrels] of flour @ \$4.60 per bbl., amounting in all to \$561.20 & made out a voucher for the same. It appears from correspondence between him & claimant & claimant's attorney, that he has refused to give the claimants the voucher unless paid therefore, but this should not impair their right to be allowed their claim by the government. But the allowance of this claim must be forever a bar to the alleged voucher made out and said to be in the hands of Col. Paul. We allow the amount as fixed at the time, \$561.20."

Notes:

Both Mitchell and Shepherd were born in Tenn. Mitchell was arrested in Shelbyville and never knew why he was released; he did not take an oath. He left Kentucky and came to Murfreesboro in late 1864. His brother Addison Mitchell of Rutherford Co. was in the Confederate army; he is now dead. He also had five nephews in the Confederate service: William and Samuel Mitchell who live in Rutherford Co.; James McMurry, now dead; John and Robert Mitchell of Memphis. His partner, R.P. Shepherd, died Sept. 1871 at Shelbyville. Shepherd's son Levander Shepherd was in the Confederate army, and now lives in Shelbyville. Of Shepherd, Mitchell says "He thought it was an affront to build up an aristocracy in the south and to

build up the interests of the Democratic Party ... he would say that they was bound to prove a failure....” In



Lt. Col. J.B. Paul of Massachusetts attempted to profit by charging Southerners for vouchers.

May 1862 they shipped 200 barrels of flour to Trotman & Weaver of Huntsville, Alabama. The flour was taken by Gen. O.M. Mitchell. Col. J.R. Paul was Commissary General of subsistence at the time and later wrote to Mitchell acknowledging that the flour was taken for the army. When Paul left Nashville he left his papers with Senator Fowler, who told Mitchell he would give the voucher up only on payment of \$150. Paul also tried to charge Mitchell \$136 for the voucher.

Witnesses:

- S.H. Singleton, age 46, farmer, of Murfreesboro, has known claimant 25 or 30 years. Singleton was trading in cotton and did business with claimant.
- Isaac S. Webb, age 49, farmer, of Murfreesboro, has known claimant since 1844.
- Edward L. Jordan, age 56. Saw both Mitchell and Shepherd in Louisville during the war, where they had gone as refugees. “Shepherd was a noisy, talking Union man. Mitchell was more quiet, but I believe they both were Union men during the entire war.” He talked to Col. Paul in the company

of former U.S. Senator Jos. S. Fowler. Paul, who was unwell, found his record book showing the taking of the flour and in the book was a voucher made out to Mitchell and Shepherd. “He requested me to send Mr. Mitchell to see him, that he was needy and that he and Mr. Fowler were collecting some claims together.... He said he wanted and needed the fee he could make for collecting it.”

Several letters from J.R. Paul and one from Jos. S. Fowler are in the file.

DAVID MITCHELL

Mitchell is a resident of Rutherford County, age 68. His claim was filed in 1871 and the file consists of 78 pp. He claimed \$1,202 for beef, mutton, pork, horses and cedar rails.

Commissioners’ Remarks:

“The claimant was about 57 years of age when the war began and a farmer near Murfreesboro. He voted against separation and regarded the proposed breaking up of the Union as rendering vain his father’s service in the Revolutionary war. His own statement of his sentiments is that he was intensely devoted to the Union. He had no sons in the Confederate service. During the war he was both threatened and molested for his Union sentiment. A bush-whacking irregular soldier, with whom he got into a controversy respecting the war, assaulted him violently; a member of the Confederate Congress told him that he could not live in the Confederacy after the war was over, and a Confederate captain who had twice within a few days compelled him to feed the men and horses of a large cavalry company replied to his remonstrances that he ought to be stripped of all he had, and all others like him. The corroborating testimony is satisfactory, both as respects the witnesses and their evidence, and we see no reason for withholding our decision that he was a loyal adherent to the Union cause during the war.

“We may add that his loyalty was investigated several years ago by the Commissary General thro’ army officers on the spot, and established. The claimant and two or three witnesses testify that the supplies were taken in 1863 by Union soldiers stationed at Murfreesboro. We allow \$953.”

Notes:

Mitchell has resided in the county for 68 years. "When the old Union flag was pulled down, I shed tears over it. I felt as if my father had fought in the Revolutionary War of 1776 in vain. My heart was with the Union at all times." His plantation consists of 330 acres. His nephews Samuel and William Mitchell and his brother the late Anderson[?] Mitchell were in the CSA. Gen. Wilder was camped on his farm when the rails were burned, and stayed there about a week. Gen. VanCleve was camped at Murfreesboro for two or three years and took the livestock and forage soon after arriving. Benj. Rucker was with a group of other rowdy "irregular soldiers" riding back from town, got into a dispute with Mitchell about the war, and struck him with his fist. Others prevented further violence. Capt. Sparks of Mississippi was "making an unsuccessful effort on a fort on the railroad and near a bridge[. He] came to my house and ordered supper for 30 men and horses, and in place of 30 he had near 75, at which time they destroyed my plank fence around the yard and wasted a great deal of corn and provender[. D]uring the night they left, but returned in a couple of days and called for breakfast. I complained and told him I had but little left. This made the Capt very mad and he abuse[d] me and said that he ought to strip me of everything I had, and every one of my sort, as I was a Union man. He got his breakfast and his horses fed. Soon thereafter I heard the sd Capt. Sparks was killed." Col. E.A. Keeble of the Confederate Congress made remarks about Mitchell needing to leave the south.

Witnesses:

- A.B. Elliott, age 42. Witness left Murfreesboro for California about 1 Sept. 1862, following Jefferson Davis' proclamation giving Union men 40 days to leave the "so-called Southern Confederacy." After returning in 1870 he learned through his mother and others that Mitchell had remained loyal.
- Henry R. Kerby, age 84, farmer, has lived in the county since 1826. Saw the claimant ask for a voucher for his cattle when the officer at Gen. Beaty's headquarters refused to issue a receipt. "I was called by the Rebels a damned old Union man."
- Edward Mitchell, age 39, was present when the property was taken. The grey mare was taken from him while he was riding it. "I was raised by claimant and lived with him about 27 years, and live on his place at the present time. Was only

absent from the place about four years after the close of the war." Mark and Rafe Mitchell were also present when the articles were taken.

- Peyton Randolph, age 44, farmer, has lived in sight of the claimant, on the opposite side of the Lebanon Pike Road, since 1856. During the winter after the Stone's River battle he saw at least 50 wagons carry away corn from Mitchell's farm.
- John Baird, age 66, farmer, has lived about one mile from Mitchell on an adjoining farm for 15 years, has known claimant for 42 years. Went with Mitchell to the slaughter pens to see Capt. J.C. Stanage and get a voucher, and heard the captain refuse to give him one.
- Mark Mitchell, age 60, farmer, was the claimant's slave before the war and still lives with him. "I went away from the place to my wife's house a mile distant for a few hours and when I return[ed] the said four head [of horses] were gone."
- J.W. Quarles, close neighbor of claimant, saw Capt. Stanage's butcher, Watson, take the beef and mutton. (Testimony given in 1867.)
- Hon. Edmund Cooper attested to Mitchell's honesty and loyalty in 1867.
- C.B. Harrison, former captain in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry on Gen. VanCleve's staff, wrote a letter in 1874 stating that in 1863 he attended the court martial of a soldier who had taken a mule from David Mitchell. Mitchell's Unionism was "so clear and conclusive that the mule was returned to him and the thief severely punished." Harrison remained in Murfreesboro until the close of the war and frequently talked with Mitchell.
- A letter from J.C. Stanage of Cincinnati regarding the lack of a voucher is in the file.



Carter B. Harrison (1840-1905)

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To Be Continued

Delivering John Rose to Jail in Carthage, 1808

Petition of M.C. Dunn
House of Repres.
23rd Oct. 1815

Read and refered to the Comt. Of Claims
Jas. Tipton, clk.
In Senate 23rd Oct. 1815

Read and referred as above
Dan: Graham, clk.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. The petition of Michael C. Dunn Sheriff of the County of Davidson respectfully sheweth: That at the May Term of the Superior Court for the district of Mero in the year 1808 John Rose was charged with having stolen and conveyed away a negro named Ralph, the property of Matthew Brewer of the County of Smith in Winchester District: and being so charged it devolved upon your petitioner as Sheriff aforesaid to onvey said Rose to the jail of Winchester district aforesaid in the execution of which order your petitioner expended the sum of Twenty four dollars and twenty five cents as will more fully appear by refference to the accompanying order and amount. Therefore your petitioner prays this Honorable Assembly that a law may be passed remunerating him for money expended as [remainder missing].

State of Tennessee))
Mero District)) May Term 1808

John Rose who is charged on oath with having on the night of the 10th of May Inst. Feloniously stolen and conveyed away a negro man slave named Ralf the property of Matthew Brewer of the County of Smith in the District of Winchester. It is therefore ordered that the said John Rose be committed to the Jail of this District – and from thence to be conveyed to the Jail of the said District of Winchester where the offence was committed.

A copy
Test
R. McGavock, clk
Sup. Court Mero Dist.

August the 10th 1808. Received of Michael C. Dunn Sheriff of Davidson County in Conformity to an order of the Superior Court of Mero District at May Term last the body of John Rose charged with feloniously stealing a negro man slave the property of Mathew Brewer by me.

Basil Shaw, Jailer
Winchester District

The State of Tennessee

To Michael C. Dunn, Shff.
Of Davidson County

1808

dr [debit]

August 11 For cash expended in conveying John Rose from the jail of
Mero district to the jail of Mero district, viz.
Hire of two men as a guard to gether with their horses,

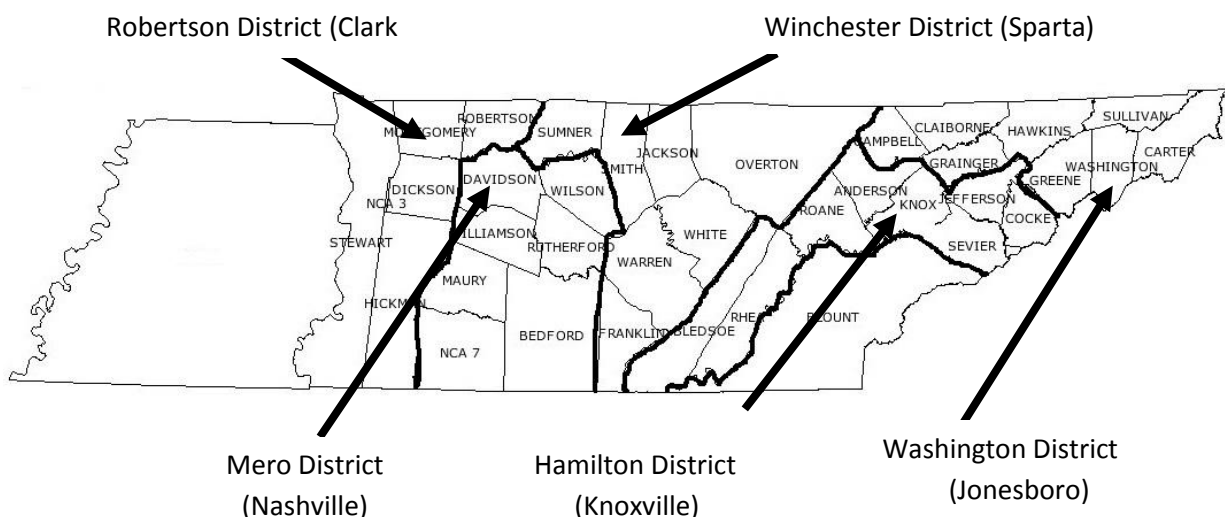
2 days	\$6.00
3 meals breakft.	.75
4 meals & feed of 4 horses	1.50
4 meals & 4 horses all night	3.00
4 meals & forage all night	1.50
3 meals & forage all night	1.25
8 ferriages going & returning	.50
3 meals & feeding 4 horses all night	2.75
3 meals & feeding 4 horses	1.25
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Self & 2 horses 3 days at \$.150	<u>4.50</u>
	\$24.25

The Superior Courts of Tennessee

From 1784 until 1809, the Superior Court served as the court of appeals in Tennessee. Justices travelled a circuit that grew to include five districts, as shown on the map below. Records of these courts are scattered, but some records exist for every district except Winchester.

Prior to 1809 The Superior Courts of Law and Equity had sole jurisdiction over cases punishable by loss of life or limb and cases of greater dollar value. They also served as courts of appeal, for those dissatisfied with a decision of the county Court of Common Pleas decision. Many of Tennessee's leading pioneers served as Superior Court judges, including Andrew Jackson, John Overton, John McNairy, Archibald Roane and Willie Blount.

State law changed in 1809 with the creation of Circuit Courts in each county. The Superior Court was abolished and renamed the Supreme Court of Errors and Appeals, though in some districts the old nomenclature persisted.



Outlaws and Imbeciles Running State Government

Columbia editor decries Parson Brownlow's administration

The following editorial appeared in the *Columbia Herald* of May 12, 1866, while Reconstruction ruled the South.

THE SITUATION

Tennessee is today the most unfortunate State on the continent – cursed as never was a State, by a band of political outlaws, who accidentally occupy official positions; her people impoverished by four years [of] war, her limbs shackled and bound by infamous enactments, called laws, -- she is certainly deserving of the pity of all the world.

We venture the assertion that, since the first attempt at representative government, history contains no record of just such a body acting in a legislative capacity, as is now assembled at Nashville. As representatives, they cannot truthfully claim five thousand constituents in the State. In point of information, integrity and respectability, they represent about the same number, and generally the same persons, as do the inmates of the State Penitentiary and Insane Asylum.

It can be established before any honest jury of twelve disinterested and impartial men, that three-fourths of that body have already been guilty of willful perjury. While this is so, it excites no remark, simply because it astonishes no one acquainted with the private character of the individual members.

It is not, therefore, a matter of surprise that such a body, imbecile, incompetent, and bent on plundering the coffers of the State, should seek to perpetuate their hold upon the public offices. Their chief sin is plunder, and to gain this they have hesitated at nothing, and will be deterred by none of the considerations that usually operate to control, or govern, the actions of honorable men. To these they are as deaf as is the highway robber to the pleadings of his helpless victims.

It need surprise no one, therefore, if they should attempt to organize an armed band in every county, by which to govern and control the elections, and collect their plunder. Such a step has been, and may yet be, in contemplation.

Then, too, they would like to muzzle the press. They are enraged that their misdeeds should be chronicled, and grow furious when fitting and appropriate terms are applied to them and their conduct. In this they are unreasonable. They can play the tyrant and sport at will with the rights of men, because their position gives them the power so to do; but there is no power on earth can save them from the scorn and contempt of honest men, either as a body or as individuals, and the time is far removed when they can either intimidate or control a free press to overlook or countenance their crimes.

The convict who has served his time in the Penitentiary, rarely returns to the community from whence he was sent; not less respected will be the position of the radicals of the present Legislature, when their terms expire. ■



Every-Name Index

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Introduction to the Index

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 XXVI began with page 1 in the Summer 2012 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/former slaves* are indexed with (slaves) entered after their name..
- If the maiden name of a female is known, she is listed under both her married and maiden names.

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