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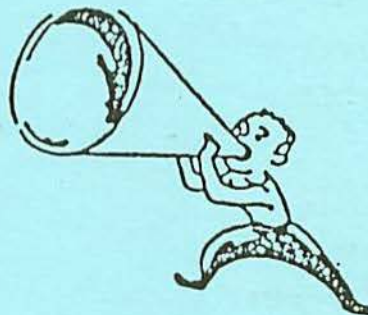
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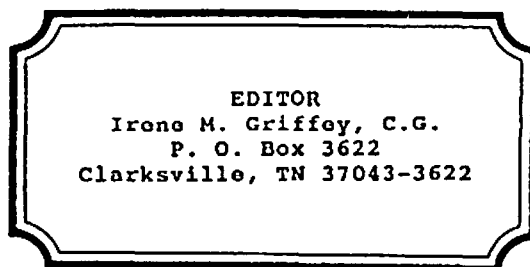
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BE SURE TO READ THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Fellow members, your board is presently faced with an **emergency situation** and needs your help. Now that we are physically able to provide a quality publication, membership renewals are insufficient to allow us to continue publishing it. We believe that most of you intend to renew your membership, but have simply neglected to do so. We also believe that you want the quality publication we are now providing. There will be sufficient funds to provide a quality publication without an increase in dues, provided that the majority of last year's members submit renewals.

Please, send your \$10 check to MTGS, PO Box 863, Hendersonville TN 37077 **immediately** so that you can receive the next issue. If renewals are not forthcoming, there will be a drastic reduction in the size of the next issue. If you're in doubt about whether you've written your check for 1988 - 1989 dues, check the list of renewals included in this publication.

On a brighter note, thanks to Davidson County Archivist Virginia Lyle for a most interesting program in May on the records at the Metro Archives. Virginia had copies of documents for members to examine. The atmosphere in the lecture room at TSU was relaxed and the acoustics were excellent. The Nashville Davidson County Public Library will host the August meeting and MTGS's own Mary Glenn Hearne will present a program on their resources. Members may bring materials on genealogical books and publications to display. Elected at the May meeting were President Shirley Wilson, Vice President Mary Glenn Hearne, Recording Secretary Nancy Goodman, Treasurer Betsy Ragsdale and directors Irene Griffey and William Haywood. Nancy Morgan resigned as Corresponding Secretary and that position was filled by the floor nomination of Pat Hastings.

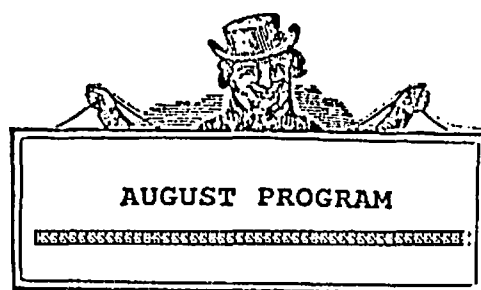
It's a real pleasure to welcome Pat to the board. Pat is a resident of Old Hickory, an attorney and has recently compiled *The Minutes of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Church* for publication. Byron Sistler and Tim Burgess will both be completing the second year of two year directorships during the coming year. Edmond B. Cherry Jr. of Columbia has accepted the position of Chairman of the County Representatives and will be working toward the goal of finding a representative for all 36 Middle Tennessee counties.

Yolanda Reid of Robertson County will serve as Organization Chairman and Nida Wheeler has agreed to serve as proof reader. A thank you is extended to each of these capable individuals for giving so willingly of their personal time.

A special thank you is extended to Allen and Nancy Morgan who shared the responsibilities of the Chairmanship of the County Representatives as they retire from that position. When it was necessary to find people to perform the tasks they'd been doing for MTGS, the scope of their work was recognized and appreciated.

NOTES FROM COUNTIES

The Sumner County Archives announces that the microfilms for their loose records project are available for research at their facility, 155 East Main Street, Gallatin, TN 37066. The index for same can be purchased at the archives along with other books of interest on Sumner County. Please enclose SASE with all requests.



DATE: 20 August 1988 TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Ben West Library, Eighth Avenue, North and Union
Streets, Nashville, Tennessee.
TOPIC: "Genealogical Treasures in The Nashville Room"
SPEAKER: Mary Glenn Hearne - Librarian, The Nashville Room,
Ben West Library, Nashville, Tennessee

The Nashville Room is sometimes overlooked as a genealogical source. We are fortunate to have these secrets revealed to us by the librarian. This is a program you should not miss. This program was planned last year but time ran out. We are grateful to Mary Glenn for allowing us to infringe upon her time as 1988-89 Program Chairman and present it as the first program for the new year.

Mary Glenn Hearne received a B. S. and M. A. degree at the University of Alabama. She completed a M. A. L. S. and Ed. S. at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. She was a graduate assistant (history) while at the University of Alabama; teacher at Freed-Hardeman College; teacher and librarian at David Lipscomb College; teacher/librarian at The Phelps School in Malvern, PA; and librarian in The Nashville Room, Ben West Library, Nashville, TN, where she has been since 1966.

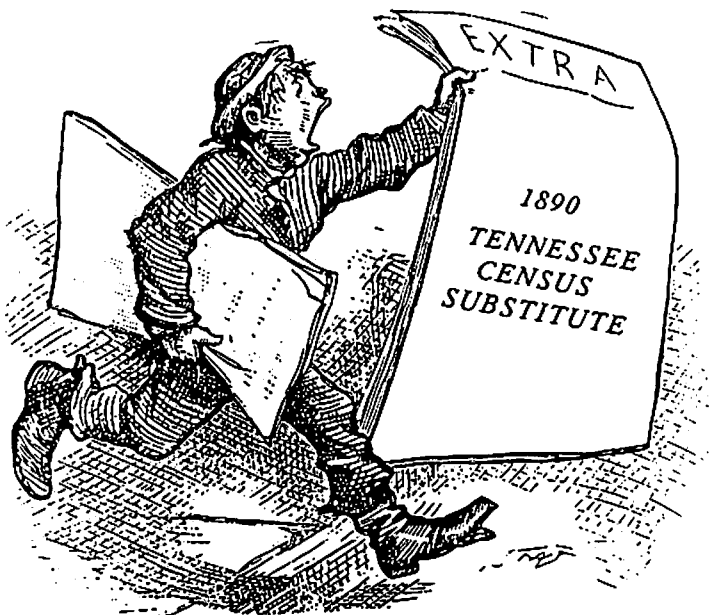
She has served as National President in the Women's National Book Association; President in the Tennessee Library Association, Nashville Library Club, Inter-Museum Council of Nashville, and Women's National Book Association (Nashville Chapter); Vice President for the State at Large for The Tennessee Historical Society; Committee Chairperson and various other offices and held membership in The American Library Association, Southeastern Library Association, Tennessee Archivists, Tennessee Conference on Library and Information Services, Mid-State Library Association, and Altrusa Club of Nashville.

Don't miss this program.

N O T I C E !

MEETING - COUNTY REPS - Edmond B. Cherry, Jr. Chairman of the County Representatives, requests all County Reps to remain for a short meeting immediately following the program on 20 August 1988. Edmond B. Cherry, Jr., 114 Skyview Drive, Columbia, TN 38401.

MEETING - COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP - Ray Harris, Chairman, requests anyone interested in this group to remain for a short meeting after the program on 20 August 1988. Chairman Harris can be reached at telephone 292-6986.



STATE OF TENNESSEE
1891 ENUMERATION OF MALE INHABITANTS
TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND UPWARD

The 1890 census returns were not preserved. Now microfilmed and ready for use in the Tennessee State Library and Archives is the 1891 enumeration of male inhabitants of the State of Tennessee. This will provide an excellent substitute for the 1890 census for Tennessee. There are listings for all counties except: Bledsoe, Campbell, Perry and Sequatchie.

On January 15, 1891, the General Assembly of Tennessee passed an act requiring the listing of each male inhabitant past the age of twenty-one years and upward who were resident citizens in their county on the first day of January, 1891. This listing was for use in the election of members of the Tennessee General Assembly but will make an excellent census substitute.

Chapter 22 of the Acts of 1891 reads as follows:

"the Governor of the State shall, as soon as this Act becomes a law, appoint one or more suitable persons from each county of the State, upon the recommendation of Senators and Representatives of the respective counties in this General Assembly, to be known as commissioners, whose duty it shall be to take and make out in writing an accurate and complete list of all the male inhabitants of their respective counties who are twenty-one years of age and upward, who shall have been resident citizens of their respective counties on the first day of January, 1891, and it shall be the duty of each commissioner to return such list of male inhabitants so taken by them as aforesaid, certified to the Clerk of the County Court of their respective counties within twenty days from the first day of February, 1891."

SPECIAL INDEXES AT THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

by Fran Schell, Assistant Director, Tennessee State Library & Archives

INTRODUCTION

When Return Jonathan Meigs was appointed State Librarian in 1854, the state owned a small collection of historical and legal treatises. With a special appropriation from the General Assembly, Mr. Meigs was authorized to purchase books to go in the new State Library for the use of the citizens. He bought standard works in every major discipline, the best available at the time. His impressive additions to the state's collection became what has been called a "treasurehouse" of a general library.

Tennessee owes, and always will owe, a debt of gratitude to the Tennessee Historical Society for keeping safe over the years many unique manuscript treasures essential to knowledge of the early history of this area and priceless to it culturally. The collections, print, archival and manuscript, are now housed together in the State Library and Archives building, after a long history of diverse housing. The nature of these collections has changed over the years, and the Library and Archives has had a dramatic influence on the lives of the people of the state.

During the earlier part of the twentieth century, thanks to the tenure of the John Trotwood Moores (Mr. and Mrs.), the State Library began to take shape as a repository for information about Tennessee and Tennesseans, a change from the more general nature of the original collections. The Moores began to collect in the areas of military history, politics, literature, agriculture, industry and folk culture of Tennesseans, and information on ancestors and descendants of Tennesseans. This emphasis has continued to be a major one. Now works of local history and genealogy in states contiguous to Tennessee are collected as comprehensively as possible.

This mass of information on individuals and local areas cannot be controlled adequately with traditional library catalogs and record group registers. Over the years the staff has made attempts to make the information more useful by developing finding aids to it. In recent years some of these finding aids have been published. Therefore those card files are no longer needed, and are removed from the reading rooms to make room for new ones.

Below is an annotated list of many special finding aids. An effort has been made to describe each briefly but in such a way that its usefulness can be quickly ascertained. Comments on updating are made with some reservations; this is not always a consistent process, because of time.

The finding aids have, in general, been developed with an eye to standard subject headings, similar to those used in the main card catalogs. However, even the main catalogs can seem obtuse and difficult. If information is not easily found in any file, please know that the staff will be glad to suggest terms under which one might search.

The list is divided into basically historically oriented finding aids and basically genealogically oriented ones. Ones marked with an asterisk (*) are useful in both areas and are so marked to avoid having them in both places in this list. All items mentioned are in the reading rooms.

HISTORICAL FILES

- * List of genealogical and historical societies in Tennessee (typescript)
Addresses and publications of historical and genealogical societies in Tennessee; updated periodically
- * Index to local historical and genealogical periodicals (card file)
Information from many local historical and genealogical periodicals, arranged by county, type of information, family name; in process
- * Index to biographical information on prominent Tennesseans (card file)
Information on prominent Tennesseans found in general historical and biographical works; kept updated as appropriate works come out
- * List of maps (card file)
Maps arranged alphabetically by place or subject; updated as maps arrive

(Note: there are thousands of maps at TSLA not in the separate map collection; our staff is preparing a detailed analysis of maps in books and manuscript and archival collections.)
- * Index to academies and schools (card file)
Names of Tennessee schools and academies, arranged alphabetically; taken from the Acts of Tennessee during the time the legislature granted charters; county index
- * Town names & charters index (card file)
Alphabetical list of towns, indicating source of charter if known, and origin of town name if known; taken from histories and from the Acts of Tennessee during the time the legislature granted charters
- * Toll roads index (card file)
Names of roads and their builders, listed alphabetically; taken from the Acts of Tennessee during the time the legislature granted charters.
- * Gazetteer index (card file)
Tennessee placenames, arranged alphabetically, from many gazetteers on file here; in process
- * Confederate Veteran index (card file)
Index to information in the Confederate Veteran, compiled by WPA
- Buildings index (card file)
Index to pictures of residences and public buildings in published sources; updated as appropriate works are added
- Prints and photographs index (card file)
Just begun; finding aid to prints and photographs; not available yet (however the staff will search for photographs)
- Broadsides list (typescript)
Tennessee (and some out of state) broadsides, by date; indexed
- Goodspeeds index (typescript)
Index to biographical sketches in Goodspeeds histories

Chronological newspapers list (card file)

Brief listing of newspapers by decade; not updated

* New acquisitions list (typescript)

Monthly list of recent acquisitions in local history and genealogy

Tennessee public documents (typescript)

Chronological list of session laws, journals, public documents, giving dates and information on missing volumes, serial numbers

Reports to the General Assembly (typescript)

List of and index to reports made to the General Assembly, 1836-1917; originals appear in Appendix volumes of House and Senate journals

Indexes to Supreme Court cases (card files)

Name indexes to cases that went to the Supreme Court, seats in Eastern, Middle and Western Tennessee

(Note: To make use of the Supreme Court case files, you must have the style of the case, and an approximate date; this record group is essentially unprocessed and access to it is not perfect.)

GENEALOGICAL FILES

* Land grant files (card files)

North Carolina grants (grants made by the State of North Carolina to land in Tennessee for service in the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolution, during the time when North Carolina had authority to grant land here, before 1790)

Tennessee general grants (grants made by the state of Tennessee, in Tennessee, for service in the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolution, after the time when Tennessee gained authority to grant land, or after 1796; includes land warrants authorized by North Carolina for land not claimed earlier)

Occupant grants (grants made by the state to persons who settled on land granted to but not occupied by an eligible individual; if the settler stayed 3 years and improved the land, the state awarded an outright grant; these grants were not made for military service)

Purchase grants (grants made by the state to individuals in the East, Middle, West, Mountain, Hiwassee and Ocoee districts, not for military service; denote first private ownership of the land and are essentially deeds)

Index to tax lists (card file)

Taxpayers listed alphabetically by name, 1796-1861; useful location source

* Index to legislative petitions (card file)

Names of individuals appearing in petitions to the legislature, 1796-1861; useful for locating people and for analyzing local issues

Index to unindexed county records (card file)

Names of individuals appearing in certain unindexed county records; the first card in the first tray lists the county records included in the file

(Note: Record Group #37, available in the manuscripts reading area, is a miscellaneous group of county records not included in the county records microfilm; a register is available.)

*** Military service files (card files, typescript lists, microfilm)**

Index of Revolutionary soldiers who received pensions in Tennessee, taken from published pension rolls; date of death given if known

Muster rolls for War of 1812 (typescript list of Tennesseans who served in the U. S. forces and Tennessee militia)

Seminole wars, 1818, 1836 (Tennesseans in U. S. forces and militia) (card file)

Cherokee war, 1836 (Tennesseans in U. S. forces and militia) (card file)

(Note: TSLA holds National Archives microfilmed records of U. S. regular troops in all the Indian conflicts)

Mexican War, 1848 (Tennesseans who served in U. S. forces in this war)

(Note: for information on Tennesseans in the Civil War, the National Archives microfilm is available, as well as indexes to the film. TSLA also hold the Consolidated Index to All Confederate Soldiers (from all states). The finding aid developed by TSLA for service in the Civil War is an index to soldiers' and widows' pensions awarded by Tennessee for Confederate service, published.)

Spanish American War, 1898 (Tennesseans who served in U. S. troops and those in militia from ca 1889 - 1899) (card file)

World War I (typescript list of Tennessee ex-servicemen, records of discharge)

(Note: for Tennesseans killed in World War I, the Gold Star records are available, and an alphabetical list is available.)

Genealogical surname indexes (card file)

Index to information in family histories (covers family histories in the collection as of 1970; inconsistent but helpful)

Index to information in family histories (includes information in collective genealogies only; in process)

Index to genealogical information in manuscript collections (current to about 1985)

Coat of arms and crest index (card file)

Coats of arms and crests included in standard heraldic works, arranged alphabetically (not updated)

Genealogy exchange (card file)

Cards filled out by clients using the facility, indicating surname on which they are working, and name and address of the person doing the research; updated upon request by clientele

Index to death records of Confederate pensioners (card file)
Death dates taken from vital and pension records, arranged alphabetically

Index to militia commissions (card file)
Names of persons receiving commissions, taken from the commission books; in process

The State Library and Archives has produced some publications helpful to the historian and genealogist. Some are out of print but all are available for use in the reading rooms.

Guide to the Microfilmed Manuscript Collections at TSLA (updated on cards)

Guide to the Processed Collections of the Tennessee Historical Society

Tennessee Newspapers (master copy kept updated)

Guide to the Use of Genealogical Material in the TSLA (outdated but useful)

Index to Interments in Nashville City Cemetery (outdated but useful)

Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly (bound volumes for sale; preliminary paper volumes by county available at no charge)

"Land Records in the TSLA"

"Governors' Papers in the TSLA"

"Civil War Records in the TSLA"

"Genealogical Source Material in the TSLA"

[published and unpublished registers to major collections]

Editor's Note: A special thanks to Fran Schell for this article on the indexes in the TSLA, which many of us are not aware of. Fran is a native of Georgia but has been with the TSLA for the past fifteen years. She currently holds the title of Assistant Director of Public Services.



SIMPSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., is compiling a biographical history, Simpson County Kentucky Families Past and Present. Previous residents are encouraged to submit a 500 word biography at no charge. Entries must be received no later than 9-15-88, and should be directed to Simpson County Historical Society Families Past and Present, 633 Lake Spring Road, Franklin, KY 42134. For more information contact Margaret Snider, Publication Chairperson, 633 Lake Spring Road, Franklin, KY 42134. The book can be preordered for \$45.00 no later than 15 September 1988.



Do you have a specific research question or problem? Ask us. Questions about a specific record, place or event in Middle Tennessee are solicited.

Please address questions and problems to Irene M. Griffey, Editor, P.O. Box 3622, Clarksville, TN 37043.

QUESTION: Why can't I find a marriage record for my great, great grandparents who married in the late 1700's or early 1800's in North Carolina or Tennessee?

ANSWER: Many genealogists have experienced the loss of much time, excessive money and great frustration over their inability to find a marriage record for their ancestors. An understanding of the early marriage customs will do much to relieve this frustration.

Marriage is primarily a religious rather than a civil affair. The earliest records are found in the Church of England Parish Registers along with birth and death records. Later, as the different religious denominations began to flourish, it was necessary for the civil authorities to pass laws permitting all ministers and justices of the peace to perform marriage ceremonies. It was at this time that bonds and licenses were required.

Tennessee followed the marriage laws and customs of her parent state, North Carolina. The majority of these laws and customs had been in effect since 1778 with some as early as 1741. The North Carolina legislature in 1778 specified that all regular ministers of the gospel and justices of the peace could perform marriage ceremonies. A bond was set at five hundred pounds. The ceremony was allowed only after the couple had obtained a bond or banns were published. Quakers were exempt from the law.

Bonds were required only when the couple intended to obtain a license. A marriage bond does not prove a marriage took place but only proves the marriage was intended. When a license was obtained, it was required that it be issued by the Clerk of the County Court in the county in which the bride resided. The couple then took the license to a minister or justice of the peace who performed the ceremony.

It would appear in the very earliest days that the minister made no return to the clerk's office. This would explain why there are only marriage bonds in those counties where the earliest records have survived.

In 1815, the General Assembly of Tennessee passed a law requiring the minister or justice of the peace to endorse on the back of the license the time of the marriage and his signature. It also required him to return the endorsed license to the Clerk of the County Court within six months after the ceremony.

It was not until January 27, 1838, that the General Assembly of Tennessee required the clerk to keep a well bound book, in which he registered the names of the parties and the date of issuance of each marriage license. He was to copy opposite this record the return of the minister or justice of the peace who solemnized the ceremony and state the date on which it was done. Before 1838 all marriage records were kept by the clerk in loose form and most of these have been lost.

An alternate plan for marriage, which eliminated the process of obtaining a bond and license, was the publishing of banns. This system has proven most unfortunate for genealogists, especially when the marriage took place in a protestant congregation. Few, if any, records of the event were kept. It was, however, the most popular plan for marriage ceremonies in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

The publishing of banns required the intended marriage plans to be announced to the church congregation during the time of the worship service for three Sundays. The names of the couple to be married were announced and anyone aware of a reason the ceremony should not take place was required to declare it. If no objection was made the minister issued a certificate to that effect and the couple could be married either by a minister or justice of the peace.

The minister was allowed to charge \$2.50 if the marriage was authorized by a license and \$1.25 if by banns. The reason, of course, was the requirement of the minister to "make return" of the marriage to the court if a license had been issued. This must have been a great inconvenience for him judging from the lack of returns made in the early days.

Religious beliefs were very fundamental in those days. The church was the center of the community social life. Social pressure resulted in church attendance regardless of belief. Considering this, together with the economics involved, it is easily perceived why most marriages took place by banns rather than by license resulting in scant records for both North Carolina and early Tennessee.

It is believed the use of bonds was popular on the frontier only when churches were not available. It is not clear when the use of banns ceased to be allowed. In North Carolina, it was allowed as late as 1851. In Tennessee, its use probably ceased in popularity in 1815 as regulations were more severe. The 1815 law required the endorsed license to

be returned but it is possible the certificate issued as a result of the banns was allowed to be endorsed and returned also.

References: John Haywood and Robert L. Cobbs, The Statute Laws of the State of Tennessee, Vol. I (Knoxville: F. S. Heiskell, 1831), page 219; Winslow, Raymond A., Jr. "Marriage, Divorce, and Vital Statistics," North Carolina Research edited by Helen F. M. Leary and Maruice R. Stirewalt (Raleigh: N. C. Gen. Soc., 1980), pages 131-132; R. L. Caruthers & A. O. P. Nicholson, A Compilation of the Statutes of Tennessee (Nashville: James Smith, 1836), page 451.



GENEALOGY COURSES AVAILABLE

If you've never taken a formal course in genealogy, you will be surprised at how much you will learn even when you are not a beginner. Each year in the fall as the school season begins, colleges and high schools offer such courses at reasonable costs. Contact the college or high school nearest you to determine if such a course is available. Contact your local LDS Branch Church for information on the free courses in genealogy which are offered to the public periodically.

Only two colleges in the Middle Tennessee area could be located which offer such courses. If you know of others, please send us the course information.

Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, offers a non-credit 8 week evening course (usually 8 hours). The instructor is Ann Alley, an experienced genealogist with a Master's Degree in History from Austin Peay who is employed at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville, TN.

Volunteer State Community College on Gallatin Road west of Gallatin in Sumner County, offers two non-credit 7 week evening courses (14 hours each), Genealogy I and II. The instructor is Shirley Wilson, Certified Genealogist, Sumner County Archivist and author of several genealogical books.



N O T I C E ! AUGUST 14, 1988 2:00 - 5:00 P. M.
Friends of the Portland Public Library, 117 Portland Blvd., Portland, TN are sponsoring a "Picture Gallery of Portland's Past" - a display of photographs of people, places & events from Portland's Past.



MINUTES
OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT
— OF —
NORTH CAROLINA
— & —
MERO DISTRICT

PART ONE 1788 — 1798

Editor's Note: Since the Minutes of the Superior Court of North Carolina including Mero District 1788-1803 covered the entire settled area of Middle Tennessee at that time, these minutes were selected as a continuing article for Middle Tennessee Genealogy. The WPA copy of the minutes is being used. It is recommended that reference be made to the microfilm copy of the original minutes when an item of interest is found. These minutes are copied EXACTLY as found in the WPA records. Many words are spelled in a quaint manner and does not mean that your editor does not have a dictionary. The same word may be spelled in several ways. Asterisks appear to indicate missing words. Capital letters may appear at random - in the middle of sentences or anywhere. If reading appears difficult, try typing them.

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aforesaid then & there feloniously and outeously did steal, take and carry away against the peace & dignity, of our said State, to which Indictment the prisoner James Donalson plead not guilty and for his trial put himself upon God and his Country; whereupon a good & lawful Jury was summoned to try this issue of Traverse between the State & James Donalson defendant who being impanneled & sworn truly to try the issue aforesaid, the evidence for & against the Prisoner being heard and examined, and the councils for & against the prisoner being also heard the Jurors (Viz) John Rains, Robert Thomas, Adam Hampton, James Shaw, Eusibious Bushmell, John Bell, William Gellespi, William Tait, John Cockerall, Joel Rice, William Loggans, Jacob Caselman, upon their oaths of aforesaid find the prisoner at the Bar, James Donalson not guilty of felony & robbery in manner & form as *****forth in the Bill of Indictment-----

Jurors

Verdict

Not Guilty

Thos. McClain
fine 20/-

*****that Thomas McKain be fined 20/- for
not ***** as a Juror----

Thos. McCains Ordered that Thomas McKains fine as a talis
fine remitted Juror be remitted for reasons shown to the
 court on oath

The Court adjourned till Court in Course

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA S. C. (p. 7)

At a Superior Court of Law and Equity opened and
held for the District of Mero at the Court House
in Nashville on the first Monday in May A. D.
1789 & in the 7-th year of our Independence----

PRESENT

The Hon,ble JOHN MCNAIRY Esq. Judge &c.

D. Allison John Macy Esq. who was appointed Clerk pro
Clerk P.T. tempore for the Superior Court of Davidson
 County, on the Law side, failing to appear
 ordered that David Allison be appointed clerk
pro tempore for the district of Mero on the Law side, who came
in Court and entered into bond with William Cooke and John
Hardon in the sum of two thousand pounds for the faithful
keeping, the records of said Court, and one other bond in the
sum of two thousand pounds for faithfully paying into the
Treasury whatever Publick Monies may come into his hands, by
Virtue of his said appointed

Proclamation Proclamation was made that the ***** of the
 peace Sheriff and other officers of the differ-
 ent *****the district of Mero should make
return of different *****to them directed recognizances and
inquests by ***** that the Hon,ble Judges may proceed
thereon

Davidson In Pursuance whereof the Sheriff of Davidson
Venire made return of Venire facias to him directed
 (Viz)

1. John Edmonston	2. William Stuard	3. William Stuart (Heatons Station)
4. Thomas James	14. James Scott	24. John Sharon
5. Headon Wells	15. Thomas Hardiman	25. John Cockeral
6. Amos Heaton	16. Frederick Stump	26. Hen. Ewin
7. Benj. Drake Jun.	17. David Rouseval	27. Wm. Gillespie
8. John Drake	18. John Evans	28. Rice Curtice
9. Samuel Buckhanon	19. John Thomas Sen.	29. John Bell
10. James Hoggatt	20. William Overall	30. John Newell
11. Wm. Blackamore	21. John Frazier	31. Thos. Blackamore
12. Dan. Williams Sen.	22. Edward Swanson	32. Wm. Donalson
13. John Walker	23. William Marshall	

Tennessee The Sheriff of Tennessee county made return of
Virnire the Vinire facias to him directed (Viz)
Monday (p' 8)

1. George Nevill	5. Moses Shelby	9. Milcher Oyler
2. Joseph Martin	6. William Johnson	10. Chrisley Coutts

3. James Tennin	7. John Gibson	11. Jonathan Price
4. Evan Shelby	8. George Frazier	12. Moses Winters

Sheriff of Sumner fined Nisi
 The Sheriff of Sumner being solemnly called to to make return of the Venire Facias and other precepts to him directed failed to appear -- Ordered therefore that he be fined Nisi, agreeable to act of the General Assembly-----

Winters Et Alias Ordered that Moses Winters & Heaton Wells be
 fined Recinded excused from attending this Court as Jurors
 for reasons shown to this Court on affidavit.

The following persons were impannelled and sworn as the Grand Jury (Viz)

Thomas James Foreman		
1. Benjimen Drake	7. Fredrick Stump	13. Willima Donalson
2. George Frazier	8. William Overall	14. Moses Shelby
3. William Marshall	9. John Shanon	15. David Rounsvall
4. Edward Swanson	10. Thomas Blackamore	16. Melcher Oyler
5. Rice Curtice	11. Daniel Williams	17. John Cockerall
6. Alexander Ewin	12. James Scott	

John Curtis Ordered that John Curtis be appointed Cons-
 Constable G.J. table to attend*****Jury this Term who was
 qualified*****

Wm. Cocke Esq. William Cock Esq. produced a licence under
 Produced a the hands and seals of the Hon,ble The Judges
 License admitted of the State of North Carolina authorizing him
 to practice as an attorney in the several
 Countys and Superior Courts of law within the state who was ad-
 mitted accordingly.

Andrew Jackson Ordered that Andrew Jackson Esq. be
 State Attorney appointed to practice as an attorney for the
 the State during this Term-----

The Heirs of Josiah Love Esq. atty. for the Heirs of
 Freland Courts Freland moved for a rule to show cause on the
forth day of this term why a writ of Cartia-
rari should not issue against the Executors of Marke Robertson
 Deceased.

Monday

Davidson & Jno. (p. 9) Ordered that the following persons be
 Edmonston et al fined Nisi agreeable to the act of the General
 Fined Nisi Assembly for not attending this Court as
 Jurors (Viz) John Edminston, William Stuart
 Amos Eaton, Samuel Buckhanon, John Evans, John Thomas Sen.

(to be continued in next issue)

1840 CENSUS TENNESSEE WHITE COUNTY

Editor's Note: Byron and Barbara Sistler are generously contributing the 1840 Census of Middle Tennessee counties for publication in Middle Tennessee Genealogy.

The Sistlers have published and offer for sale census records for Tennessee for the years 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 and 1870.

COMMENTS FROM THE SISTLERS ABOUT THE 1840 CENSUS

The figures following each name represent composition of the family by age and sex. Each digit stands for a number in the column on the original schedule (zeros omitted after the last number inserted).

Columns on the schedules are, in order, males 0-5, males 5-10, males 10-15, males 15-20, males 20-30, males 30-40, males 40-50, males 50-60, males 60-70, males 70-80, males 80-90, males 90-100, males over 100. To the right of these are 13 identical columns for females.

A household with figures as follows:

120001-103001001

means it was composed of 1 male under 5, 2 males 5-10, and 1 male 30-40; 1 female under 5, 3 females 10-15, 1 female 30-40 and 1 female 60-70.

This transcription does not include statistical detail on Blacks, either free or slave, though "free colored" are shown by name where they were heads of household. You will notice a number of names followed by 0-0. These are Blacks who fit the "free colored" category.

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PETITION FOR PARDON OF ERASMUS CHAPMAN

Lincoln County, Tennessee, 1820



To His Excellency the Governor of the State of Tennessee

Your memorialists would respectfully state, that during the present Term of the Lincoln Circuit Court Erasmus Chapman of Lincoln County by the verdict of a jury was found guilty of manslaughter in the Killing of John Warren, and that execution of the judgment is delayed to give an opportunity for the present application.

That the unfortunate transaction occurred upon a provocation given by the deceased, and in a sudden transport of passion--previous to which the parties had been friendly--that said Chapman is an old man nearly sixty years of age--he was a soldier in the revolutionary war--and was in the campaign against the Creek Indians--He has a large family and is very poor and has already been in goal about four months--for many years he has been entirely deprived of the sense of hearing--His family is respectable, and he has always sustained the character of a good citizen, a peaceable honest & industrious man--And they believe him a proper subject of executive clemency.

They therefore recommend to your Excellency that the punishment about to (p.2) be inflicted on him by burning in the hand and imprisonment should be remitted or pardoned. September 28th 1820. And they will pray &c.

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 Leonard Smith
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 Isaac Smith
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 J. D. Hoks
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 Moses Eliot
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 Thomas Gore
 Birch Bizley
 Nathan Worsley
 Joseph Prude

Samuel Mirys?
 George W. Grean
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 Saml Rosebrough
 John H. Williams
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 John Rhea
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 John Mixon
 Samul Coker
 Jos Wenderson
 William Martin
 William White?
 James Mormac
 Aaron Parke
 Benjamin Woodruff
 Isaac Sebastien
 Tunstall Gregory
 J. B. Clement
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 Aner? Diave?
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 Lemuel Broadaway
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 Jos. Campbeil
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 David Good?
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 Eli Evans
 C. Barker
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 Elijah M. Ringe
 Richard Wyatt
 Thomas Fullerton
 John Quillerton
 James McCorkle
 Reece Howell
 Ka-dale? Moffett
 Samuel Wheatley
 Wm. Edmondson

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 Mark Steel
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 Jacob Godwin
 John? Criner
 John S. Damron
 H. A. Ferguson
 Samuel Howell
 Charles Wattey
 David Howel
 John Campbell
 Wm. Daniel?
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 Wm Patterson
 James Martin
 Dread Cobb
 Hiram Winters
 James Cawley
 Wm Cunningham
 Jonathon Merrell
 Genl. Wm C. Edmonston
 Samuel Garland
 Robt. Hodge
 Starling A. Bryant
 Sam m. Clay
 Robt. Edmiston
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 Yuell Williams
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DEFINITION OF RELICT: The surviving spouse when one has died, husband or wife. It specifies the relict of the united pair and not the relict of the deceased person. (Source: Val D. Greenwood The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy (Baltimore: Gen. Pub. Co., 1977)).

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ORPHAN HOME

By Irene M. Griffey, C.G.

A group of Clarksville, Tennessee, ladies organized and operated an asylum for orphaned children of poor Confederate soldiers. Using funds raised from voluntary contributions of compassionate people from New York to California, they purchased a farm near Clarksville for \$25,000. Situated on the farm was the elegant mansion of Circuit Court Clerk Thomas Munford, which was more than adequate shelter. High on the hill on Old Russellville Pike, the home overlooked the town of Clarksville at the old toll bridge crossing Red River. When the children grew up and left the home, it eventually was disbanded, having served its purpose. The property was sold and the funds reverted to the state.

Those ladies active in organization of the home were: Mrs. G. A. Henry, President; Mrs. Dr. A. D. Sears, Mrs. Dr. W. M. Finley, Mrs. J. G. Hornberger (Mrs. Dr. Flinn), Vice Presidents; Mrs. A. S. Munford, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Galbreath, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Dr. E. B. Haskins, Treasurer; Rev. Mr. Bryson, General Traveling Soliciting Agent; Mrs. E. M. Norris, Matron.

The board of trustees were: E. B. Haskins, W. A. Quarles, J. E. Bailey, D. N. Kennedy, John F. House, J. E. Rice, G. W. Hillman and J. B. Hornberger.

The United States Census for 1870 for Montgomery County lists the children of dead Confederate soldiers, who were occupying the home at that time. There was 64 orphans, 1 manager, 4 employees, 1 seamstress and 3 teachers. There were 21 boys and 43 girls. The children, no doubt, assisted with the chores.

Microfilm Roll 653/1266. 1870 U. S. Census Montgomery County, Tennessee, District 12, Page 139 (Printed Page 409). Enumerated 5 July 1870 by G. C. Rich, Asst. Marshal.

Dwelling #980; Family #1098
Value of Real Estate \$25,000;

McKenzie, H.	36, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Manning, Jas.	14, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Alexander, W.	12, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Hays, L.	13, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Allison, S.	12, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Shover, P.	10, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Carter, T.	12, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Cleam, J.	12, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Nelson, W.	9, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Watson, Jno.	8, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Cleam, Geo.	8, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Hurst, Jno.	9, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Turner, Jas.	9, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Clark, Wm.	10, WM	Orphan	b. TN
McClure, T.	8, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Chapman, J.	7, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Robertson, Wm.	11, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Manning, Jno.	10, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Alexander, F.	8, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Shover, C.	9, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Shover, Jno.	7, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Brown, Chas.	7, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Hobbs, Jno. (twin)	6, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Hobbs, Ella (twin)	6, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Shaw, Robt.	8, WM	Orphan	b. TN
Roberts, Bettie	14, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Robertson, M.	14, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Brown, N.	14, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Carter, Mollie	14, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Duff, Sarah	14, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Alexander, M.	13, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Barclay, Fannie	14, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Brown, Mary	12, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Gormley, Fannie	13, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Gormley, Ellen	12, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Elam, Sarah	12, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Hurst, Sarah	12, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Johnson, Luella	14, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Hurst, Martha	11, WF	Orphan	b. TN

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McClure, Lula	10, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Gorham, H.	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Gorham, D.	7, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Carter, Alice	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Huce, Mary	6, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Clarke, S.	5, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Cole, Ruth	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Cole, Nannie	7, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Turner, S.	10, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Roberts, L.	12, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Tidwell, Sarah	12, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Tidwell, Mary	7, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Watkins, L.	11, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Johnson, M.	10, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Johnson, Nettie	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Tomlison, S.	10, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Tomlison, M.	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Winson, Nettie(twin)	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Winson, Lettie	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Shaw, Mattie	7, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Allison, Emma	8, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Humphreys, Emma	7, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Jackson, Kate	9, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Jenkins, Mattie	5, WF	Orphan Asy.	b. TN
Johnson, Mary	41, WF	Employee	b. KY
McClure, A.	30, WF	Employee	b. TN
Shover, C.	39, WF	Employee	b. Ala
Cole, E.	35, WF	Employee	b. GA
Brown, Jane	40, WF	Seamstress	b. TN
Tomlison, M.	26, WF	Teacher	b. KY
Carter, Eliza	28, WF	Teacher	b. KY
Jenkins, Mary	32, WF	Teacher	b. TN
Parsons, J.	8, WF	Orphan	b. TN
Chapman, R.	10, WF	Orphan	b. TN

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QUERIES

Seek parents of PETER RUDOLPH, b. 12 Oct. 1791 in VA or NC, first identified 1812 in Montgomery Co., TN, buying 100 A on N side McAdow Creek from Nicholas Moyer, witnesses John Rudolph, Jacob Rudolph and Mary Rudolph. Irene Griffey, CG, P. O. Box 454, Clarksville, TN 37041.

QUERIES

DURHAM Need parents of Rhoda Durham, born 1798 N.C.
 SENTER m. John Senter 16 July 1816 in Sumner Co., TN.
 d. 16 August 1843. Wm. Durham & Senter families came to Sumner Co. TN from Warren Co. NC
 Sue Senter, 204 Leonard Ave., Nashville, TN.
 37205.

SIMMONS Need info families of: 1) Henry Simmons, born
 BURCHAM ca 1811 TN, d. after 1870, m. Ann Burcham(?),
 GEORGE lived Hickman/Maury Counties. 2) Valentine
 PISTOLE George, b. ca 1807 KY, d. 1850-1860, m. 1826
 Rebecca Pistole. Lived Hickman Co. What is
 his connection to Hezekiah George? Wanda
 Killgore, P. O. Box 158, Allardt, TN 38504.

STARRETT Wm. A. Starrett, b. ca 1812 TN, d. aft. 1880
 WITHERSPOON in Williamson Co. IL. Parents poss. Moses
 LINDSEY Starrett b. ca 1775, m. Sarah Witherspoon
 MILLER 11 Aug. 1810 Wilson Co. TN. Wm. m. Mary Ann
 (Polly) Lindsay b. ca 1810, parents Wyatt
 Lindsey & Betsey Miller. Wyatt's will dated
 1822 Wilson Co. TN. Seek addn'l. information.
 FRANKLIN Joseph L. Franklin b. 1837 Smith Co. TN, d.
 BICKERS 17 Nov. 1878 Saline Co IL. Poss. parents
 Benjamin Franklin & Nancy Bickers. Need
 proof of parents and parents marriage. Will
 correspond. Marjorie F. Garr, 1505 Mistle-
 toe, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

SLINKARD Seeking desc. of ancestors with Hogenbeck -
 POTTS Wallace Circus (1907-1917) & John Robinson
 LANIER Circus (1916-1917). "Bessie" Annie Laura
 BOTELEP Potts, b. 28 Jul. 1873/8, Williamson Co., TN
 PEARSON joined circus ca 1888 aft. death of mother,
 PETERSON Laura Louise Potts (nee Lanier), d. ca 1886,
 DAVIS Nashville, TN, m. Jno. C. Potts, b. ca 1846.
 LAYNE Bessie's known bro. Jno. J. Potts had 1 arm
 LOVELL & lived 1919 in Birmingham, AL. Who were
 the 3 "Cherry Sisters" ca 1890's? Was Bessie
 one? Possible marriages (1) Bailey (LeRoy?)
 Slinkard early 1900's. (2) Harry Lee Bote-
 ler, Nashville, TN 1918. Trav. w "Doc"
 Thos. J. Slinkard & wf Minnie, selling herbal
 medicine. Did Slinkards move CA ca 1917?
 Bessie lived w Aunt Fannie McDermott in 1910
 on Long Ave, Nashville, TN. Her gr.mother was
 "Nancy" Mary A. (Boon/e) Lovell m. (1) Benj.
 S. Lanier (2) Jeremiah Holman Lovell bet.
 1870-80. Bunny Swift-Mader, 125 Sunset St.,
 LaVergne, TN 37086.

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