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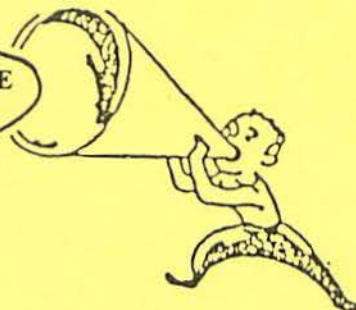
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE.....



At the board meeting on October 4th the members tried to keep the best interests of the membership in mind. In addition to the minutes and the treasurer's reports we listened as Jeanne Sugg and Fran Schell explained the policy for accepting club files at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. A committee of your president, Shirley Wilson, Yolanda Reid and Ray Harris will do further study to decide what files, if any, should be deposited currently.

Perhaps the topic of most interest was the forthcoming genealogy workshop on November 18. We hope you will read elsewhere in the journal the details and send in your fee promptly. Pat Hastings has done an outstanding job of handling the programming, facilities and luncheon. Our co-sponsor, the Tennessee Historical Society, is doing the mailing, the publicity, and "goodies." We are looking forward to a stimulating day so make your plans to be there at the Park Plaza Hotel (the old Sheraton) across from Union Station.

A note from Anne Budd stated she was glad to receive our publication for indexing in the Periodical Source Index, known as Persi. This project takes numerous genealogical journals throughout the country, indexes via computer and then publishes the material in two broad areas: family names and locality. This service will make researching of small journals much easier with its retrospective, as well as current, indexing. The Nashville Room has received the first volumes.

Suggestions from all members of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society are certainly welcome. We are pleased that your dues for renewals are coming in, due in part, we know, to the diligent efforts of our recording secretary, Nida Wheeler, who also presented board members with some stationery with the society's name imprinted. That really makes us look official. Thanks, Nida!

We hope to see many of you at the November meeting!

Mary Glenn Hearne

THE DEATH OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIER JAMES C. PEACHER

...from an article by Guy C. Stephens entitled "Iron Again Flows from Old Cumberland Furnace" in The Nashville Banner Magazine Sunday November 21, 1937. This magazine is stored at The Tennessee State Library and Archives in the MS DIV AC 70-11 under Clippings - Misc. Subjects - Cumberland Furnace Dickson County, TN ca 1792 - ca 1942.

James Hillman is buried at Cumberland Furnace. He was born in New Jersey Jan. 1, 1812 and died at Cumberland Furnace July 2, 1833. Only a few feet from the grave of James Hillman (in 1937) were the pieces of a broken headstone with the name "James C. Peacher, 2nd KY Cav. CSA, born Dec. 3, 1844, died Apr. 14 1863." He was a son of Peter Peacher whose home was at Peacher's Mill near the Kentucky line on West Fork of Red River north of Clarksville, TN.

On his retreat from Fort Donelson, Nathan Bedford Forrest with his calvary passed through Cumberland City and decided to spend the night. Left behind was James C. Peacher who had become ill from exposure in the trenches at Fort Donelson. The date on the headstone tells how he spent more than a year within 30 miles of home, too weak to make his way to the confederate lines. Word was finally passed through to Peacher's Mill and his sister accompanied by a negro man, made her way through the woods to Cumberland Furnace, and was with James Peacher when he died.



THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
AND
THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROUDLY PRESENT THE SECOND ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1989
AT THE PARK PLAZA HOTEL, TENTH AND BROAD, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
FREE PARKING IN HOTEL GARAGE; HOT BUFFET LUNCH INCLUDED IN PRICE
COST IS \$23 FOR MEMBERS OF MTGS OR THS; \$25 FOR NONMEMBERS

Space limitations require that attendance be limited to 250, so register early.
Must receive registration by Nov. 10 to ensure luncheon reservation.

ENJOY THESE OUTSTANDING TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

7:30 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 - 8:50	Welcome, announcements
8:50 - 9:50	<i>The Preservation of Old Photographs and Documents</i> , David Lloyd Swift or <i>Tennessee Books and Periodicals</i> , Mary Glenn Hearne
9:50 - 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 - 11:30	<i>Land Records: The Cure for Root Rot</i> , Irene Griffey, CG or <i>Computer Software for Your Genealogical Data Base: Roots III</i> , Bill Haywood
11:35 - 12:35	<i>The Relationship between History and Genealogy</i> , Don Doyle or <i>Publishing Your Manuscript</i> , James A. Crutchfield
12:35 - 2:00	Lunch -- Park Plaza's Hot Buffet (included in seminar price)
2:00 - 2:55	<i>Navigation through the Tennessee State Library and Archives</i> , Shirley Wilson, CG or <i>Projects of the Tennessee State Library and Archives</i> , Ed Gleaves
3:00 - 4:00	<i>Everyday Life During the Nineteenth Century</i> , Fletch Coke or <i>Beginning Genealogy</i> , Cleo Hogan
4:00 - 4:20	<i>How to Become a Certified Genealogist</i>

Clip and mail to Patricia G. Hastings, 4307 Central Pike, Hermitage, TN 37076
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Please indicate below the sessions which you expect to attend. You are not bound to your selection; it will merely be used to help us plan seating accommodations.

<input type="checkbox"/> Old Photos and Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> TN Books and Periodicals	<input type="checkbox"/> Roots III	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Genealogy
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Publishing your Manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> TSLA Projects	
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SUPREME COURT RECORDS

(Contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Bamman, CG)

Supreme Court Records, Box 137, Middle Tennessee, 1858 Isaac & W. S. Troxler, Admrs., vs the Distributees of Jacob Troxler

...at a Chancery Court held for the County of Bedford at the court in Shelbyville on the fourth Monday in November 1858.....the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Isaac Troxler and William S. Troxler represent that some two years ago, one Jacob Troxler departed this life intestate in the County of Bedford and that at the January Term 1855 of the County Court of Bedford County, the orators, Isaac Troxler and William Troxler, were appointed administrators of said estate.....and that they settled with the Clerk of the County Court...as far as they could do so, having only one or two good debts not accounted for, which is in litigation in the Chancery Court at Manchester. That by said settlement there were found in their hands for distributees about \$4841.16.

That said Jacob Troxler left a good many distributees who were in various parts of the world, to wit: John Riley Troxler, Elizabeth Wright, wife of John Wright, formerly Elizabeth Troxler, E. C. Heslien, wife of William Heslien, formerly E. Troxler, E. Summers, wife of Peter Summers, Alma Troxler, Eliza Troxler, George Troxler, Isaac Troxler, and Alexander Troxler, children of John Troxler, dec'd., who was a son of said Jacob Troxler, all of whom reside in North Carolina, except John Riley Troxler, who resides in _____(blank) County, East Tennessee, Nicholas Troxler, who resides in Bedford County, Ann Freeman who resides in the State of Missouri, David Robinson and Thomas J. Robinson who reside in Sumner County, Tennessee, Evalie Erwin, wife of Samuel Erwin, who also resides in Sumner County, Tennessee, Larkin Robinson who lives in Arkansas, J. F. Robinson who lives in Nashville and John Robinson who now lives in Bedford County, the said Ann, David, Thomas J., Evalie, Larkin, J. F. and John, being children of Polly Robinson who was a daughter of the said Jacob Troxler, Sarah Holt, wife of Jesse Holt, Elizabeth Newton, wife of John E. Newton, Mary Ann Faris, wife of James Faris, Lucy Holden, wife of Joseph Holden, and George Keck, children of Evalie Keck, a daughter of said Jacob Troxler, the said Newton and wife and Holden and wife live in Missouri, George Keck in Coffee County and Faris and wife in Franklin County, Tennessee, and Holt and wife in Bedford County. Martha Wood, wife of Robert Wood, John Troxler, William Troxler, children of Jacob Troxler, Jr., dec'd. Wood and wife reside in Illinois, and John Troxler and William Troxler are now in Bedford County, the said Jacob Troxler, Jr. being a son of Jacob Troxler, Sr. E. Huffman, wife of F. M. Huffman, E. Troxler, Eliza Huffman, wife of M. P. Huffman, John Troxler and George Troxler, children of Anthony Troxler, dec'd., a son of said Jacob Troxler, Delila Cortner, wife of George Cortner who reside in Bedford County, she being a daughter of said Jacob Troxler, and your Orator, Isaac Troxler, a son of said Jacob Troxler... That said Jacob Troxler also left another daughter who ought to have been named above, named Lucy Burrow, wife of J. Burrow who lives in Carroll County, Tennessee... F. M. Huffman is the guardian of John Troxler and George Troxler, the two minor children of Anthony Troxler, dec'd....

Answer to Complainants' Bill:.... admit that Jacob Troxler departed this life intestate in Bedford County ... they also admit that the said Jacob left a good many distributees, most of whom are correctly named in Complainants' Bill.

**Supreme Court Records , Box 138, Middle Tennessee, 1858
Burns vs Fleming**

The bill of complaint of David P. Burns against William Flemming and wife, Mary Eidson, and husband Barny, the children of Caroline Sneed, dec'd, to wit: George and William Sneed and their father, Richard Sneed, John R. Burns and Richard G. Burns, and Margery, James and George Eidson, all non-residents of this state.

....that David P. Burns' father, John Burns, departed this life on 22 November 1854. The deceased left his son, a daughter, Mary, who has intermarried with William Flemming, George Burns who died in 1827, leaving a daughter Mary intermarried with Richard Sneed. She left the following children: George and William W. Sneed, and Mary another granddaughter left the following children: Margery, James and George K. Eidson, and John Burns, children and grandchildren of George G. Burns, and Richard G. Burns, a son of John Burns, dec'd. ...that many years ago all the children of the deceased married and left their parents, all settled in Missouri, with the exception of Flemming and wife who settled in Kentucky. His father [David P. Burns' father, John Burns] was poor, his property consisted of the home tract of 130 acres and a knob tract of 48 acres taken up under the Ninepenny Act...

**Supreme Court Records, Box 138, Middle Tennessee, 1859
Elihu B. Keaton et al vs William Pollard and wife**

To the Chancellor ... presiding in Chancery at Waynesboro for the County of Wayne, the Bill of Complaint of Elihu B. Keaton, a citizen of Decatur County, TN and J. F. Keaton, citizen of _____ [blank] County, Arkansas, and W. J. Grimes and wife, Mahala, formerly Mahala Keaton and Robert Rutledge and wife Sarah A., formerly Sarah A. Keaton, citizens of Wayne County, TN against William Pollard and wife Margret, formerly Margret Keaton, citizens of Wayne County, TN.....represent that Jacob A. Keaton, father of orators Elihue B. and J. F. Keatondied....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 138, Middle Tennessee, 1860
Fulgum vs Bell**

To the ...Chancellor at Gallatin, ...the bill of complaint of Martha Bell by her guardian, William H. Solomon, filed against Benjamin Roney, Benjamin Bell and Silas Fulgum, and Granvill Bracken and Zachariah Bell. The complainant....shows that Zachariah Bell filed a bill in this court on 7 November 1853 against Martha Bell and Benjamin Roney and Benjamin Bell and Silas Fulgum, all citizens of the county of Sumner....to have Martha Bell declared an idiot, lunatic, or person of unsound mind ...and in the meantime to secure her estate regular proceedings were had under said Bill, and the Jury on 9 December 1853 found Martha Bell to be an idiot. ...The Clerk and Master on 12 December appointed William H. Solomon guardian for the complainant Martha. ...she has an estate, not in her possession, but under the control of others. ...that some years since, probably in 1803, one John Calclough, the grandfather of complainant departed this life, and by his last will and testament he loaned to the mother of complainant for life two Negroes, at her death to be equally divided, they and their increase, between her children. The clause in the will...reads thus: "Item 5th: I loan to my daughter Mary Bell two Negroes, Phillis and Little George and their future increase, during her life and after her death to be equally divided among her children. Said will ...is dated in 1802. Complainant charges that Mary Bell referred to in said will was her mother, and the wife of Charles Bell, that she died in 1839 and that her father, the said Charles Bell departed this life on 10 October 1845...

**Supreme Court Records, Box 138, Middle Tennessee, 1857
Charles vs Gillentine**

On 26 March 1857, the following bill was filed in the District Chancery Court at Sparta: The Bill of Complaint of James Charles and his wife Eliza, Calvin Williamson and his wife Nancy, Micajah Simmons and his wife Rebecca, William Templeton, Alexander Templeton, Darthula Templeton, Hannah Templeton, and John Templeton, the five last mentioned being minors who sue by their next friend James Charles, all heirs and distributees of Green Templeton, dec'd. and Spencer Holder and Solomon Charles, all of the same residence in White County, Tennessee, against James Templeton, Jonathan Simmons and James Sparkman and Terry Gillentine of Van Buren County, Tennessee, and Celia Templeton of White county, TN. ...that Green Templeton departed this life in Van Buren County, TN intestate in 1854....and that Celia Templeton and James Templeton were appointed administrators of the estate....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 139, Middle Tennessee, 1860
Prater and wife vs Rawlings and Mankin**

Bill of complaint of Aaron Prater and wife Mary of the State of Texas, of Lewis J. Rawlings, William Mankin and wife Neffie of Coffee County, of James Allman and wife Francis, Archibald Fulks and wife Piety, of John W. Rawlings, Louisa Rawlings, widow of Matthias Rawlings, dec'd., and of Mary, Sally, and Ellen Rawlings, minor heirs of said Matthias Rawlings, dec'd. who sue by their mother and next friend the said Louisa Rawlings, of Joseph Rawlings, William Rawlings; of Pleasant Jacobs and William Stokeley, Sally Logan, Elizabeth and Newton Jacobs, the four last mentioned being minors suing by their father and next friend Pleasant Jacobs, and of William Prater and wife Mary, all of whom are of Rutherford County, except William Jacobs who is of Coffee County and William Prater and wife who are residents of the State of Mississippi -- against Matthias Hoover of Rutherford county and Marshall Rawlings and Mary Hoover of Coffee County. Filed in the Chancery Court at Murfreesboro.

Orators and Oratrixes represent that complainants Mary Prater, Lewis J. Rawlings, Neffie Mankin, Francis Allman, Piety Fulks, John W. Rawlings, Joseph Rawlings, and Willam Rawlings, are the surviving children of William and Sally Rawlings, dec'd, late of Rutherford County. And that complainant Louisa Rawlings is the widow of and her said children Mary, Sally, and Ellen Rawlings are minor children of Matthias Rawlings, dec'd., who was the son of said William and Sally Rawlings, dec'd., and that Pleasant Jacobs is the surviving husband of and the said William Stokeley, Sally, Logan, Elizabeth, and Newton Jacobs and Mary Prater, wife of William Prater are the children of Nancy Jacobs who was the daughter of the said William and Sally Rawlings, dec'd, and that said enumerated children and grandchildren are all of the heirs and legatees or their representatives of the said William and Sally Rawlings, dec'd. ...that their ancestor the said William Rawlings died sometime in the year 1827 having made and published his last will and testament which was in said year 1827 proved and recorded. By his will he nominated and appointed his wife Sallie Rawlings and Martin Hoover executors to said will. By said will the testator William Rawlings devised and bequeathed as follows, to wit: "I lend to my beloved wife Sally Rawlings all my estate, real and personal during her natural life or widowhood" and then provided that at her death the estate was to be equally between all his children. Orators and Oratrixes represeent that the tract of land upon which the testator and the said Sally Rawlings resided at the time of his death had either descended to or had been conveyed to said Sally Rawlings by deed of gift from her father, Matthias Hoover,.....

**Supreme Court Records, Middle Tennessee, Box 139 ca 1857
William Wood and others vs H. S. Emerson and others**

The following were the proceedings had in the Chancery Court for Coffee County..... The Bill of Complaint of William Wood, W. J. Dilliard and Joseph Walker, filed in Chancery Court at Manchester against H. S. Emerson, Clerk of the County Court of Coffee County, and James Mason, William G. Haile and wife Milbry, Rebecca Mason, Jethro D. Conway, Temperance McMahan, Redding Whitehead, Edwin Whitehead, Andrew Whitehead, Joseph Whitehead, John Whitehead, a minor, having Redding Whitehead as guardian, William Clark and wife Elizabeth J., John Jordon and wife Milbry, William Teague and wife Temperance, _____[blank] Davidson and wife Jackey Ann, Mary Haile, Mary E. Mason, John F. Mason and Clara Mason, having for their guardian Orvill Hensley, Mary Robinson, L. M. Robinson, R. J. Keele and wife Laura Ann, Willam Lowry and wife Martha, Tabetha Robinson, John W. Robinson, Nancy Robinson, and Mary E. Robinson, Rhoda Conway, who is dead and of whom R. B. Davidson is administrator who resides in Bedford county, TN and her children John Stewart and wife R. M. Stewart, formerly R. M. Conway, J. M. Conway and A. Conway who reside in Noxubee County, Mississippi, Jethro D. Conway and Thomas J. Conway who reside in Brazos County, Texas, J. F. Conway who resides in Cherokee County, Texas, her only children and heirs at law. ...That Hiram S. Emerson, as clerk of the county court of Coffee County, made the following publication:

**Supreme Court Records, Middle Tennessee, Box 131, 1850s
White and Fink vs Spurlock and Botts**

[Included in the papers of this case is a transcript of the will of Benjamin C. White of Jackson County, TN:]

"State of Tennessee, Jackson County. Knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, I, Benjamin C. White, do make and publish my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. 1st: I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any means that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my executors. 2nd: I direct that my Negro woman named Mary and her children, viz: George, Abe, and Bob, be sold so as not to be parted, provided they can be sold for \$2200.00 and the proceeds of sale of the said Negroes to pay for my land that I now live on, further provided that said Negroes shall not be sold if my portion of my father's estate should paid into the hands of my executors immediately after my death if said money should be paid into the hands of my executors then my lands to be paid out of said money and my Negroes above named be not sold. 3rd: That if any money should be paid into the hands of my agent William White in Arkansas I want said money to be paid towards my land. 4th: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary my farm that I now live on and all of my Negroes during her natural life. 5th: I give and bequeath unto the son of my brother William White said land and Negroes after the death of my wife the land and Negroes left to her. 6th: I give and bequeath to my wife Mary all my personal property and moneys left after paying my debts. 7th: I direct all the sales of my property made by my executors be made on a twelve months' credit. Lastly: I do hereby nominate and appoint William H. Botts[?] and James A. Spurlock my executors in witness whereof I do by my will set my hand and seal this the 11th day of August 1854."

[signed] B. C. White

TENNESSEE ARCHIVISTS TO HOLD LOOSE RECORDS WORKSHOP

As a preliminary to its regular fall meeting, Tennessee Archivists will hold a workshop on loose county records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, and conclude at 11:30 the next morning. Registration for the meeting itself, which follows, will cost \$30.00; no fee will be charged for the workshop.

Loose county records--such as court cases, deeds, wills, and marriages--date from the 1780's in some counties and are a vital source of local history and genealogy throughout Tennessee. For the past three years, the State Library and Archives has worked with volunteers in about twenty-five county projects to prepare these records for microfilming. At the workshop, project representatives will discuss techniques of cleaning, arranging, and indexing loose records and describe their efforts to recruit volunteers, generate publicity, and obtain support from county officials. Additional speakers will include Carol Roberts, conservation expert for the State Library and Archives, Holly Henthorne of its micrographics department, and Tom Turley, Local Records Coordinator. Our State Librarian and Archivist, Dr. Edwin Gleaves, will open the workshop with a presentation on computer applications for libraries and archives.

Those of you who enjoy local history or genealogy should plan to attend this workshop. Also, the regular meeting of Tennessee Archivists (November 16-17) will feature several speakers of possible interest, including Paul Conway, Preservation Program Officer for the Society of American Archivists, and Richard Cameron, Assistant Director for State Programs for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. (The State Library and Archives is now administering NHPRC grants for local records preservation projects.)

For more information on the Tennessee Archivists' meeting and loose records workshop, contact Tom Turley at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 7th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37219; telephone (615) 741-2561.

HAND ME DOWN MY WALKING CANE

Thomas I. Cook



For almost two years, the Tennessee Historical Society had been busy with meetings, discussions, and detailed plans for the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Nashville. The first formal meeting was set for April 24, 1878. And from that date the representatives of the society, together with the Commissioners appointed by citizens, and a host of many and varied committee members were busy planning a great celebration. Most of Nashville's prominent business men were included: Dr. T. A. Atchison, President of the Nashville Centennial Commission; S. Y. Caldwell, Recording Secretary; William M. Duncan, Treasurer. A large body of men was on the Board of Directors, each serving as chairman of a particular committee. These names included such men as Dr. J.B. Lindsey, Capt. William Stockell, M. B. Howell, Dr. George S. Blackie, B. F. Cheatham, Gen. Gates P. Thurston, and among them, even prominent woman, Mrs. C. W. Cole.

The celebration actually began on April 23, and continued through May 20, 1880. According to newspapers of the day, it was in every respect "a grand success." The main features of the celebration were:

The Grand Centennial Procession Sat. Apr. 24
 Competitive Military Drills, beginning Monday, May 17
 The Events at the Capitol Thurs. May 20
 (Including: The national feature of the celebration, the unveiling of the equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson, speeches by the sculptor, Clark Mills; the orator of the day, Hon. J. F. House, and others.)

Among the celebrities of the day, were five surviving veterans of the War of 1812, all of whom rode in a special carriage for honorees in the great procession. Enoch Hunt Jones, Esq., of Rutherford County was one of the five. He lived on a tract of land near Lascassas, and was a highly respected man, influential in his community for his leadership and civic mindedness. Mr. Jones was chosen to pull the rope to unveil the statue. He had fought with Andrew Jackson in every battle of 1814-15, including the Battle of New Orleans and those in the Indian Territory. He was, therefore a rightful choice for this auspicious honor. The old gentleman, in his eighty-second year, was affectionately called "Old Uncle Enoch," and was so mentioned in the Nashville newspaper's society section as having arrived to spend a few days for the celebration.

At the appropriate time for the unveiling, all five of the old veterans, were escorted to the stand where they received a hearty welcome from the audience of four thousand standing on the northeast corner of the capitol grounds. Governor Marks accompanied Mr. Jones to the statue. The statue was then exposed to the view of the public for the first time. This was one of three duplicates in the United States: one at Washington, D. C.; the other in New Orleans. This one, so Mr. Mills declared, was his favorite, being more perfectly executed.

At this moment Mr. Jones made a presentation to the Tennessee Historical Society: a cane specially cut from the battlefield of New Orleans and received only the day before (Wednesday, May 19, 1880), the cane being sent by John Golden of New Orleans. A descendant of Enoch Hunt Jones, Mrs. Edith Overall Cook, has found the inventory card of the presentation at the office of the Tennessee Historical Society. This cane, with about two dozen others, is now at the Tennessee Museum, but lies unidentified, as the others. Mrs. Cook, quite understandably, is eager to identify exactly the cane given by her ancestor. She is, with the kind cooperation of the museum curators, searching for the facts to help her. She is seeking information on John Golden. Who was he? A cabinet maker of fame? A manufacturer of canes? Simply an acquaintance of Enoch Jones who liked to carve things? If you have any information that might be helpful, please contact her by calling collect to (615) 377-6471 or by writing her at 158 Boxwood Drive, Franklin, TN 37064.

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Nashville City Guide, Centennial Edition

Official Program, pages missing to identify publisher, et.

The Daily American, Nashville, TN, Thursday, May 20, 1880, No. 1.4

**MINUTES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF
NORTH CAROLINA AND MERO DISTRICT
(PART ONE 1785-1788)**

(Continued from last issue. Copied exactly as written in the WPA record.)

*[Editor's Note: The many ****-----used in these minutes indicate that the original was evidently in very bad condition when first copied by the WPA. It is recommended that whenever an item of particular interest is found that the microfilm for these minutes which is filed with the Davidson County records be consulted.]*

THE STATE

vs

DAVID HAY

Indictment-----Perjury

-----Not Guilty

Jury The prisoner being charged plead not guilty whereupon comes a good and lawful Jury (Viz) John Marshall, Moses Shelby, John Shannon, James Ford, William Mitchell, Jonas O'neal, William Maxwell, William Bowman who being impanelled and sworn, they find David Hay, the prisoner at the Bar not guilty of the perjury in manner and form as charged (p 24) as charged in the Bill of Indictment,-
Thursday Ordered therefore that David Crow the Prosecutor in this case be taxed with the costs it appearing to the Court that the prosecution is both frivolous and malicious.

Geo. Nevill
fine Recinded

It is considered by the Court and ordered that George Neville who was returned a Jur(or) from Tennessee County to May Term 1789 and failed to appear, be excused from the fine so incurred for reasons shown on affidavit and filed in the office.

THE STATE

vs

ISAAC THOMAS

Indict,m-----Mismarking

Plea-----Not Guilty

Jury The Prisoner being charged plead not guilty upon which there came a good and lawful Jury (Viz) John Marshall, Moses Shelby, John Blackamore, James Byrns, Robert Prince, Robert Nelson, John Shanon, James Ford, William Mitchell, Jonathan O'neal, William Maxwell, William Bowman, who being impanelled and sworn tryly to try the issue of Traverse between the State and the Prisoner at the Bar--say they find the defendant Isaac Thomas guilty of the
Found Guilty felony and the mismarking as charged in the Bill of Indictment-----A
New Trial William Cock Esquire Attorney for the defendant moved for a new trial
Granted which was accordingly granted by the court----

Friday The Hon,ble Court adjourned till tomorrow 1:00 o'clock--met agreeable to adjournment---
Present the Hon,ble
 JOHN McNAIRY Esquire Judge &c.

THE STATE

vs

HENRY LANE

Indictment-----Assault & Battery

Plea-----Not Guilty

Friday (p 25) The Defendant being brought to the bar was charged on bill of
Indictment Indictment which is as followeth to wit, State of North Carolina Mero District. The Jurors for the State upon their oaths present, that Henry Lane, late of the district of aforesaid in & upon one John Coating in the Peace of Goad and

our said, then & there being did make and assault and him the said John then & there did beat wound and ill treat, so that his life was greatly dispaired of and other wrongs to the said John, then & there did to the great damage of him the said John and against the Peace and dignity of said state, to which charge the defendant plead not guilty and for his trial put himself upon the County whereupon came a good and lawful Jury (Viz) John Marshall, Moses Shelby, John Blackamore, James Byrns, William Anderson, Robert Nelson, John Shanon, Francis Prince, William Mitchall, Jonathan O'neal, William Maxwell--William Bowman, who being impanelled and sworn truly to try the issue of traverse between the State and said defendant, Council being heard witnesses introduced and examined, say they find the Defendant Henry Lane guilty of the assault and Found Guilty Battery as charged in the Bill of Indictment--Ordered that the said Henry Fine Lb 2 & Lane be fined the sum of two pounds and fees and that he be in Custody until Costs &c the same are paid.

Ric. Hogan al Fines Ordered that the forfeitures incurred last term by Richard Hogan, Simon et Kyrkendole, Ephriam Payton, Thomas Martin, Nicholas Coonrod, Bazel Fry, John Payton and Joshua Campbell be recinded for reasons shown to the Court on oath.

Martin & Hand Se,d prin in Dis, of themselves Thomas Martin and Levi Hand ordered in recognezance with Charles Gordon for the appearance of said Gordon at this term from day to day came in to Court*****rendered the principals in discharge of themselves----*****the sheriff of Davidson take the said Gordon into custody ***** find further & other securities.

THE STATE
vs
MITCHELL O'NEAL

Indictment-----Forgery
Plea-----Not Guilty

The Prisoner being called to the Bar on the bill of Indictment to which the plead not guilty whereupon came a good and lawful Jury (Viz) Moses Shelby, William Anderson, John Shannon, James Ford, William Bowman, Francis Prince, Dan,l Rowan, Jury Robert Prince, John Bell, Milcher Oyler, Gade Gibson, John Blackamore who being impanelled and sworn truly to try the issue of Traverse between the State and said Found O'neal defendant, Council being heard witnesses introduced and examined say they Not find the defendant Mitchell O'neal not guilty of the Felony and forgery as charged Guilty in the Bill of Indictment.

Saturday The Hon,ble Court adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock
The Hon,ble Court met agreeable to adjournment-
Present the Hon,ble
JOHN McNAIRY Esquire Judge &c

Saturday (p 16) Ordered that Solomon White be brought to the Bar to receive sentence agreeable to the verdict of the Jury---

THE STATE vs SOLOMON WHITE On an Indictment for Murder the Jury having found Solomon White the Prisoner guilty of manslaughter only and being called to the Bar of the court and being asked if he had any thing to say why sentence of death should not be passed against him, prayed the benefit of a Clergy, which was granted him.--It is therefore ordered that the said Solomon White be continued at the bar of the Court and there be branded on the brawn of the left thumb with the letter (M) and that the iron be kept thereon until the said Solomon White express the words God Save the State and that the sheriff of Davidson put this sentence in execution immediately in presence of the Court.

- to be continued -

FIRE UP YOUR IMAGINATION TO DEAL WITH BURNED COURTHOUSE

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THE COURTHOUSE AND MOST ALL OF THE VALUABLE RECORDS OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY DESTROYED BY FIRE FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 10, 1898

...Most all the large books of the county court clerk's office were saved, but some of the most valuable ones were destroyed. The tax assessor's books were burned with the exception of one or two....Mr. White was sick and unable to get to the office, lost his private desk in which he had placed many deeds belonging to citizens of the county and several hundred dollars worth of papers belonging to himself. Everything was lost in the chancery court clerk's office with the exception of two executive dockets....Everything was consumed in the circuit court clerk's office except a lamp and water pitcher....J.T. Forrest, trustee, who occupied the Register's office, lost one or two of his most valuable books. Attorney General H.C. Carter, whose office was on the second floor in the northeast corner, lost everything, including many valuable papers, besides his law library....The loss the county has sustained cannot be estimated. The records were not insured....We all can see our mistakes after it is too late. We can see now the necessity of vaults.¹

Is there a genealogical researcher who has not shared the rue of this reporter who anguished over the destruction of irreplaceable county records? However, as the reporter muses, it is indeed too late, and the researcher must deal with whatever records that remain. To put it plainly, he must simply look somewhere besides the courthouse.

The purpose of this article is to examine other avenues which will lead the researcher around the burned courthouse, for other avenues do exist. A secondary purpose is the examination of how genealogists in one Middle Tennessee county have dealt with the problem of the burned courthouse. Although this article will summarize some sources in the Tennessee State Library and Archives which detail the circumstances of burned counties in Middle Tennessee, it should not be considered to be authoritative in this area, for the county histories available at TSLA on which the writer has relied are of quite uneven quality, and accounts of the same conflagration do not always agree, even about such basic details as the date of the fire. Additionally, this article will not catalogue county records available on each Middle Tennessee county, since the staff of the TSLA have already compiled excellent county-by-county inventories of the extant records.² The TSLA staff keep an updated list on new additions to the records in the microfilm room. This article will, however, comment generally on the existence of the most basic records--deeds, wills, and marriage records--for each Middle Tennessee county for which a major destruction of records is reported in the county's literature, though small gaps in those records will not be mentioned in this summary. The reader should also remember that during the Union occupation of Middle Tennessee, beginning in February, 1862, many county governments simply ceased to function; therefore, few or no records from those years exist.

THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM³

The term "burned county" is a shorthand term that genealogists use to describe the

¹Quoted in Jill Knight Garrett, Humphreys County, Tennessee, (No place of publication given, 1963), at page 130. From the scrapbook of John F. Shannon.

²The surveys of county records in TSLA are called Tennessee County Records Inventory, and a separate volume is available for each county. They catalogue the kind of record, the microfilm roll number, the volume number, and the time span.

³I would like to thank Florence Langford, Assistant Archivist, Tennessee State Library and Archives, for her assistance in compiling this summary of county records.

destruction of county records, though the instrumentality of destruction may have been other than a fire. Sometimes, however, county records were lost or destroyed that have nothing to do with a natural calamity. A clerk may have simply "cleaned house," for example.

In Middle Tennessee a surprising number of counties have sustained damage to their courthouse and its records; they are briefly summarized below. Middle Tennessee counties not listed below have had no major holocausts, and their records are reasonably intact. Again, the reader is reminded that this catalogue is a summary, and that by definition, summaries may not clearly reflect the intricate details of the county records. For instance, the researcher may find that while no will books exist, inventories of estates may be available. Or a county's marriage records, while recorded in bound volumes only after 1838 (when marriage records were first required to be kept in bound volumes), may be found elsewhere; perhaps as loose marriage bonds. Also, neither short gaps nor a hiatus during the Civil War are noted.

Bedford County. A tornado 31 May 1830; a fire in 1863 which was accidentally set by Confederate troops quartered in the courthouse, and a second fire 19 Dec 1934.⁴ No marriage records before 1861; no wills before 1847; deeds intact, except Books UU - CCC, many entries of which were rerecorded after the Civil War.⁵

Cannon County. Fire 13 Nov 1934 or 1935.⁶ Wills and deeds OK; marriages 1929-1934 missing.

Coffee County. A fire, apparently arson, 28 Dec 1870.⁷ Chancery Court records burned; wills and deeds intact; marriage records begin 1838.

DeKalb County. Fire, 1925.⁸ Deeds and wills OK; marriage records begin 1848.

Dickson County. A tornado 30 May 1830 destroyed the courthouse, carrying the roof thirteen miles; some records were actually found in Cheatham County afterwards. Many execution and judgment records destroyed. Some damage done during the Civil War.⁹ Wills, deeds, and marriage records mostly intact, however.

Fentress County. A fire in the early 1860's and a second fire in 1904 or 1905¹⁰ destroyed wills and marriage records. Deeds OK.

Franklin County. Fighting around the courthouse, 1863. County Court and Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions early records destroyed during the War.¹¹ Deeds, wills reasonably intact; marriage records begin 1838.

⁴Work Projects Administration, Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee: Bedford County, (Nashville, 1940), p. 13. The WPA cites its sources as the Bedford County Times, 5 Apr 1928; Goodspeed, History of Tennessee from the Earliest Times to the Present: Together with an Historical and a Biographical Sketch of the Counties of Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford, and Marshall, besides a Valuable Fund of Notes, etc. etc., (Nashville, 1887), pp. 865-866; and The Nashville Tennessean, 21 Dec 1934. Sophie and Paul Crane, Tennessee Taproots (Old Hickory, TN, 1976), p. 3. Shelbyville Times-Gazette, Sesqui-Centennial Historical Edition, October 7, 1969, pp. 18-19. Richard Carlton Fulcher, Guide to the County Records in Tennessee, (Brentwood, 1979), p. 2, says that the fires were in 1837 and 1865, but cites no authority. Hereinafter referred to as Fulcher (1979).

⁵Marsh, Helen C. and Timothy R., Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford County, Tennessee, 1807 - 1852, (Easley, SC, 1988), p. iii.

⁶Sterling Spurlock Brown, History of Woodbury and Cannon County, Tennessee, (Manchester, TN, 1936). The frontispiece of the book, which carries a picture of the courthouse built in 1836, says that it burned in 1934. However, at p. 76, the date of the fire is given as 1935. Crane, p. 10, says the fire was in 1934.

⁷Basil B. McMahan, Coffee County, Tennessee Then and Now, (No place of publication given, 1983), pp. 73-74. Crane, p. 19. Goodspeed, A History of Tennessee, etc., White, Warren, DeKalb, Coffee, and Cannon Counties, p. 831.

⁸Thomas G. Webb, DeKalb County, Tennessee, (Memphis, 1986), pp. 17-18.

⁹Herbert L. Harper, "The Antebellum Courthouses of Tennessee," Tennessee Historical Quarterly, (Spring, 1971), p. 5. Jill Knight Garrett, Dickson County Handbook, (Easley, S.C., 1984), pp. 3-4, 307-308. Robert Ewing Corlew, A History of Dickson County, Tennessee, (Nashville, 1956), pp. 64-66. Goodspeed, p. 936.

¹⁰Fentress County Historical Society, History of Fentress County, (Dallas, 1987), pp. 13-14. Albert R. Hogue, Mark Twain's Obedstown and Knobs of Tennessee: A History of Jamestown and Fentress County, (Jamestown, TN, 1950), p. 65.

Giles County. Conflicting accounts of courthouse fires in printed materials.¹² Marriages and deeds reasonably intact; wills before 1860 are at the courthouse in loose papers.

Hickman County. Fire c. 1864-1865.¹³ Wills begin 1866; marriages begin 1868. Deeds OK.

Humphreys County. Fire 1876; fire 10 Jun 1898.¹⁴ No marriage records before 1864; some gaps in wills. Deeds OK.

Jackson County. Fire 14 Aug 1872; fire, 1926.¹⁵ No wills before 1872; no marriage records before 1870; no deeds before 1872. Chancery Court records survived the 1872 fire.

Macon County. Fires 10 Mar 1860, 11 Mar 1901, and 4 Jul 1932.¹⁶ No wills, deeds, or marriage records before 1901.

Marshall County. Fire, 1872 or 1873; fire 9 Dec 1927.¹⁷ Deeds, wills, marriage records OK.

Overton County. Fire, 1865. Burned by Confederate Kentucky guerilla band. A few early records survive of the County Court, Circuit Court Clerk, and Clerk and Master.¹⁸ No marriages before 1867; deeds mostly intact. Wills before 1870 may be found in probate deed records and in individual deed books indexed under "W." Will books begin 1870.

Perry County. Fire, 1863; fire, 1928.¹⁹ No marriage records before 1865; no wills before 1863; no deeds before 1844.

Pickett County. Fire, 1934.²⁰ No deeds or marriage records before 1934. Wills begin 1933.

Putnam County. Fire during the Civil War. Fire, 13 May 1899.²¹ No marriages before 1879; no wills before 1876; no deeds before 1854.

Stewart County. Fire, 1862.²² Deeds, wills OK. Marriage records begin 1838. Chancery Court records destroyed.

Trousdale County. Fire, 1900; fire 28 Aug 1904.²³ No deeds or wills before 1905; no marriages before 1906.

VanBuren County. Tornado, 1903 or 1906.²⁴ Marriages 1878-1881 missing; deeds, 1866-

¹²Crane, p. 35, says the second, fourth and fifth courthouses burned, and that the fifth courthouse, designed 1859, was occupied by Federal troops during the War but did not burn until 1907. However, Fulcher (1987), p. 54, says that the courthouse burned in 1863. James McCallum, A Brief Sketch of the Settlement and Early History of Giles County, Tennessee, (Pulaski, 1928), pp. 108-109, tells of the apparently intentional burning of the second courthouse. At page 110 McCallum tells of a fire from a defective flue in the fourth courthouse. Goodspeed, p. 754.

¹³Again, the sources conflict. Crane, p. 50, says that the fire was in 1864. Crane also says that the courthouse was burned [by Confederates] to prevent its capture. Fulcher (1987), p. 79, says that the courthouse was burned in 1865 with some loss of records. Jerome D. Spence and David L. Spence, History of Hickman County, (Nashville, 1900), p. 173 merely state that the fire was "during the latter days of the Civil War." Goodspeed, History of Tennessee, etc., Lawrence, Wayne, Perry, Hickman, and Lewis Counties, p. 793 says the courthouse was burned by Federal troops "during the late war."

¹⁴Garrett, Humphreys County, Tennessee, p. 130. Humphreys County Historical Society, Humphreys County, Waverly, Tennessee, p. 10. Fulcher (1987), p. 81. Crane, p. 52.

¹⁵Moldon Jenkins Tayse, Jackson County, Tennessee, (No place of publication given, 1989), p. 40. Fulcher (1987), p. 83.

¹⁶Harold G. Blankenship, History of Macon County, Tennessee, (Tompkinsville, KY, 1986), pp. 28-29. Goodspeed, A History of Tennessee, etc., Counties of Sumner, Smith, Macon, and Trousdale, pp. 837-838. Fulcher (1987), p. 110.

¹⁷Marshall County Historical Society, Inc., Marshall County, Tennessee: A Sesquicentennial History, (Marceline, MO, 1986), p. 6, says the fire was 1873. In spite of the fires, however, the early records are intact. Only minute book K, reportedly removed by Union soldiers, is missing. Goodspeed, p. 888, says the fire was 1873. Crane, p. 69, says the fire was in 1872.

¹⁸Robert L. and Mary Eldridge, Bicentennial Echoes of the History of Overton County, TN 1771-1976, (Livingston, TN, 1976) p. 42, 177. Fulcher (1987), p. 133.

¹⁹Crane, p. 81. Fulcher (1987), p. 135. Goodspeed, p. 782.

²⁰Crane, p. 82. Fulcher (1987), p. 136.

²¹Walter S. McClain, A History of Putnam County, Tennessee, (Cookeville, TN, 1925), pp. 70-71. Fulcher (1987), p. 138. Crane, p. 84, says the fire was in 1898.

²²Helen Gould Brandon, A History of Stewart County, Tennessee, (Knoxville, 1944), pp. 11-17. Iris Hopkins McClain, A History of Stewart County, Tennessee, (No place of publication given, 1965), p. 11. Fulcher (1987), p. 161. Crane, p. 100.

²³J.C. McMurtry, History of Trousdale County, (Hartsville, no date), p. 75. Fulcher (1987), p. 171. Crane, p. 104.

²⁴Landon Daryle Medley, The History of Van Buren County, Tennessee, (No place of publication given, 1987), p. 287, (continued...)

1869 missing.

Warren County. Destruction of records during Civil War.²⁵ No marriages before 1852; no wills 1858-63. Deeds OK.

Wayne County. Fire, January 1972 or 1973. County Court records before 1848, Circuit Court records before 1851, and Chancery Court records before 1861 destroyed. Marriage record books lost sometime between 1918 and 1936. Original marriage bonds destroyed by January, 1972 fire.²⁶ Deeds begin 1823; wills begin 1848; marriage records begin 1857.

Some other Middle Tennessee counties have experienced fires without a significant loss of records. They include Davidson County,²⁷ Montgomery County,²⁸ Grundy County,²⁹ and Wilson County.³⁰

SOME SOLUTIONS

1. Know the history of the county. Upon examination of the county records that have been destroyed, Pickett County appears at first glance to be the county hardest hit, for it has no wills, deeds, or marriage records earlier than 1934. However, an investigation into the county's history reveals that Pickett County was not organized until 1879. Its parent counties, Fentress and Overton, have some early records. Fentress County has deeds from November, 1820 to the present. Also, Fentress County marriage records begin in 1905, and will books begin 1906. Overton County has deeds beginning in September, 1801; wills beginning March, 1870; and marriage records beginning August, 1867.

2. Search surrounding counties, especially if your ancestors lived near a present or past boundary line. Again, knowledge of the county's history is crucial. Franklin County, for example, has had at least thirteen boundary changes since 1807. Moore, Coffee, Grundy, and Marion counties have been carved out of what was once Franklin County, which when created was bounded on the north by Warren County, on the south by the state of Alabama, on the east by Bledsoe County, and on the west by Bedford County.³¹ Many Maury County families were counted in Lewis County in 1850, where they briefly lived, after a boundary change in 1843. Because Maury County had erroneously been reduced below its constitutional limits, however, some of the territory was restored to Maury in 1853.³²

3. Look along immigration routes. Perhaps your ancestor settled briefly in a county on the way to his final destination. Or perhaps he moved on before his will was probated.

4. Examine all existing records carefully. Yes, the minutes of the County Court, Chancery Court, Circuit Court, if they survive, are probably not indexed. However, some

²⁴(...continued)

says the storm was in 1903. Crane, p. 107 says the storm was in 1906.

²⁵Fulcher (1987), p. 175.

²⁶Irma Matthews Plott, Marriage Records of Wayne County, Tennessee, 1857-1929. (No place of publication given, 1983), forward (no page number), says the fire was in 1972. Goodspeed, published in 1886, says that the early court records were lost, so they couldn't have been lost in the 1972 fire. Crane, p. 112, reports the fire in 1973.

²⁷Crane, p. 22, says the third courthouse burned in 1856.

²⁸Crane, p. 74.

²⁹Crane, p. 38.

³⁰Goodspeed, p. 847. Works Progress Administration, Wilson County, p. 4. History Associates of Wilson County, The History of Wilson County: Its Land and Its Life, (Nashville, 1961), p. 44. Frank Burns, Tennessee County History Series, Wilson County, (Memphis, 1983), p. xi. The fire was 13 Dec 1881. Deeds, wills, and marriage records are OK, however.

³¹T.F. Rhoton, A Brief History of Franklin County, Tennessee, (No place of publication given, 1941), p.5.

³²Marise P. Lightfoot and Evelyn B. Shackelford, Maury County Neighbors, Records of Giles, Lewis, and Marshall Counties, Tennessee, (Mt. Pleasant, TN, 1967), p. i.

of the most intriguing information is located there. The researcher will learn details of the history of the county that are available in no printed material. The WPA has transcribed the very early minutes of many counties, making the task of examination easier.³³

5. Inspect governmental records that were not stored in the courthouse. Many, many records were kept by authorities other than the county; therefore, they were not stored in the courthouse. Look in the state library for early land grants. Federal census records, especially those beginning in 1850, provide a plethora of information. Special censuses, such as the Mortality Schedule of 1850, may exist. Military records and the subsequent pension applications were records of the U.S. government; therefore, they were not stored in the county courthouses. Even the sketchy military records of the Confederate government and the applications for state pensions that were provided for those veterans are an excellent source of information. The Tennessee Civil War Veterans' Questionnaires give an extraordinary amount of detail about the lives of those who completed them. Municipal records, although often not of early date, can sometimes be helpful. Business or municipal directories may also provide information. Don't forget that divorces were also granted by the state legislature until 1835. Additionally, tax lists, petitions to form counties, and other records were submitted to both state and county authorities and thus were deposited with the state as well as with the county.

Don't overlook state courts of record,³⁴ such as courts of appeal and the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Federal courts, too, are a potential source, for even the trial level (district) courts are courts of record. Court cases can be located by the style (name of plaintiff and defendant) or by the subject of the legal issues discussed in the court's opinion. Immigration records are another potential source of information.

6. Examine records of non-governmental bodies. Newspapers are an excellent source of information. Church records, which often include membership lists, are of considerable value. Many denominations archive their records on a regional, state, or national level, and libraries, especially state libraries, often have microfilms of original church records. Sometimes abstracts of obituaries or birth or marriage announcements have been published. Merchants' books of account, physicians' records, or records of local officials such as justices of the peace or notaries public can be useful.

7. Consult local experts. The officers and members of the county historical society, the County Historian, and other local experts have valuable experience in research in the county which can save countless hours for the researcher. Often, a few official records have escaped destruction. A good example is the 1842 tax record for Macon County, a county which has virtually no official records dating earlier than 1901. When this writer consulted the former County Historian and visited in his home, she was able to copy information from the 1842 book that was available nowhere else. When records are held privately, those who are most interested in the county's history are most likely to be the persons who possess those records. Certainly they will know who does possess them. Local experts will also know about unofficial records in private hands (such as books of account kept by merchants, records of marriages performed by local officials, doctors' records, etc.) and can (once they trust you) give you valuable referrals that will help you get appointments with those who have information or records. Family Bibles, which can hold priceless information, are rarely registered in a way that allows them to be easily located, even if one knows that such a record exists, but local experts can direct you to their owners.

8. Visit local and regional libraries. Local libraries are often the repositories for family Bible records. Local libraries usually have special collections containing the papers, tape recordings, or other effects of local experts as well as collections of books written

³³ A survey of the WPA transcriptions can be found in the Summer, 1989 issue of Middle Tennessee Genealogy, pp. 4-11.

³⁴ A court of record is one that publishes its opinions.

about the area or written by local authors. Local librarians are often among the "local experts" that the researcher should consult.

9. Join genealogical societies and historical societies in the area in which you are interested. And then attend their meetings. You will be able to network with those in the area who are most interested in the same thing that you are interested in.

10. Peruse printed material. Many counties' cemeteries have been surveyed and recorded. Where they have been surveyed, the information is usually available in printed form. If there are no cemetery records in print, local experts may be able to direct you to people who are currently working on a compilation of cemetery records. In addition, county histories are available for most Middle Tennessee counties. While they are usually general in scope, and while their quality varies, most of them contain verbatim accounts of matters that were important in the county's early days, such as petitions to form the county, early marriages, land grants, or brief biographies of early settlers and their families.

11. Queries in genealogical publications and correspondence with other researchers sometimes yield results. However, the researcher must carefully evaluate the probity of the evidence he receives from other researchers. He must personally examine the original or best record and evaluate its credibility by comparing it to other sources which may conflict. He must independently document the material before he relies on it. Unfortunately, we have among us individuals who carelessly, negligently, or intentionally misrepresent information. Because of their publication and dissemination of incorrect facts, these individuals do damage that can sometimes never be undone.

HOW ONE COUNTY HAS MANAGED THE BURNED COURTHOUSE PROBLEM³⁵

Dedicated people and organizations in the Middle Tennessee county of Bedford have been instrumental in assisting researchers interested in the county to circumnavigate their burned courthouse, and all researchers can take instruction in how they have accomplished this feat. They have compiled, in printed form, many alternative sources of information to aid the genealogist. It would be impossible to discuss the wealth of printed material on Bedford County without first mentioning the work of the remarkably prolific Timothy and Helen Marsh. Their work on Bedford County includes the following volumes: Bedford County, Tennessee, Bible Records, (1986); Cemetery Records of Bedford County, Tennessee, (1985); Earliest County Court Records of Bedford County, Tennessee, (1985); Newspaper Vital Records of Bedford County, Tennessee, (1984) which abstracts marriage and death records from newspapers and church minutes; Soldiers of the Revolution in Bedford County, Tennessee, (1989) which abstracts information taken from pension applications; Chancery Court Records of Bedford County, Tennessee, (1988); Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford County, Tennessee 1807 - 1852 (1988); Hoover Funeral and Burial Records of Bedford County, Tennessee, (1989); and Bedford County, Tennessee Wills, (1984) which abstracts Chancery and County Court wills, will books, and deed books).

Other individuals have contributed to the Bedford County trove, as well. Louise Gillespie Lynch has abstracted death certificates and published them in Death Records of Bedford County, Tennessee, (1984). Byron and Barbara Sistler have transcribed the 1880 census; Deane Porch has transcribed the 1850 census; Lou Houston and Deane Porch have transcribed the 1820 census. An earlier effort by Annie Bell, Family Records as Given the U.S. Census Taker in 1850, also contributed to the effort. Lucile Jacobs has contributed The Duck River Valley and Its Pioneers. Mary Alice Turrentine Derryberry transcribed the Edward Tarpley Diary, 1855-1867. And Jodie Sneed Helsley has published The County Doctor and His People, 1910-1923, a potpourri of material gathered by Dr. Daniel Hill Sneed, Sr.

³⁵I would like to thank Catherine Prince, Research Librarian, Tennessee State Library and Archives, for pointing me toward Bedford County as an example of a county which has circumnavigated the burned courthouse.

In 1969 the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, published by Franklin Yates and edited by Monte Arnold, published a Sesqui-Centennial Historical Edition which contains one of the best collections of county historical vignettes that this writer has ever examined. Additionally, the Bedford County Historical Society has disseminated its quarterly publication containing interesting historical and genealogical material since 1975.

So, readers, do not throw up your hands in defeat when you encounter the burned courthouse. Instead, be creative; use your talents to make the path easier for the researchers who will follow you. Get busy--fire up your imagination--and let it burn!



Do you have a specific research problem or question? **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, **MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGY**, P. O. Box 3622, Clarksville, TN 37043.

QUESTION: Where can the records of Old Mero District be found? Margaret V. Lemm, 450 E. Wright Universal City, TX 78148

OLD MERO DISTRICT

These records can be found with the Davidson County, Tennessee, County Records.

The counties of Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties, N. C. were organized in 1788 into a separate judicial district and named Mero District. The Superior Court of Law and Equity of Davidson County, NC (now TN) became the Superior Court for the District of Mero. This district actually covered the middle TN counties known today as Montgomery, Robertson, Sumner, Macon, Clay, Pickett, Jackson, Smith, Trousdale, Wilson, Davidson, Cheatham and a portion of Stewart, Houston, Dickson, Williamson, Rutherford, Cannon, DeKalb, Putnam and Overton. The court minutes are currently running in *Middle Tennessee Genealogy*. They also are included with the WPA records.

Editor's Note: If your question has not yet been answered, please watch for it in later issues of *Middle Tennessee Genealogy*.

TENNESSEE ARCHIVES' BIBLE RECORDS

The Tennessee State Library & Archives has microfilmed their Bible Records and they are available on interlibrary loan. Microfilms available on interlibrary loan must be ordered through your local library. Please ask your librarian to request the specific reel number desired from Record Group 483. Additional Bible Records acquired by the Tennessee State Library & Archives since the microfilming are available only at the Archives. The following Bible records are listed by reel number and are available on interlibrary loan.

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| Allison, Robert Porter, 1820-? | Batts, John W., 1849-1891 |
| Alsobrook, William, 1774-1843
Franklin Co., TN | Bayless, Jesse, 1792-?,
Washington & Monroe Co., TN |
| Ament, Gabriel, 1762-1851 | Beck, Alexander, 1818-1855 |
| Anderson, Andrew, 1760-1832 | Beck, John, 1754-1814 |
| Anderson, Audley, 1785-1818 | Bell, Charles Caldewess, 1838-1912,
Robertson Co., TN |
| Anderson, Joseph M., 1815-1896,
Lebanon, TN | Bell, Joel Henry, 1860-1909,
Robertson & Davidson Co., TN |
| Anderson, Peter S., 1823-? | Bell, John S., 1825-1872 |
| Argo, David, 1790-1846 | Bell, Joseph, 1813-?,
Henderson Co., TN |
| Armstrong, George D., 1829-? | Bell, Thomas Ferron, 1872-1969 |
| Armstrong, Sam Henry, 1800-1869 | Bell, Walter E., 1878-1909 |
| Armstrong, William A., 1811-1885,
Maury Co., TN | Bell, William Montgomery, 1823-1917,
Wilson Co. & Smith Co., TN |
| Armstrong, William B., 1846-1920 | Bellah, Samuel, 1752-1828 |
| Arnwine, Albertie, ?-1857 | Bellsnyder, Thomas, 1800-1864,
Middle TN |
| Arnwine, John, ?-1859,
McMinn Co., TN | Bentley, William Lappsley, 1846-1928 |
| Askew, David Owen, 1828-? | Becton, B. M., ?-1912 |
| Bacon, Elbert, ?-1833 | Berry, Horatio, 1851-1908,
Nashville, TN |
| Baird, John Billingsly, 1813-? | Berry, William Tyler - 1813-1889 |
| Baker, John W., 1798-?, TN, VA | Bethel, Samuel, 1750-?,
Smith Co., TN |
| Baker, Thomas, Milton, 1849-1925 | Bigger, John C., 1875-1905,
Perryville, KY |
| Ballenger, Peter, 1808-1840 | Bilbrey, John, 1818-1888 |
| Ballew, William, 1776-1850 | |
| Ballow, Leonard G., 1880-1962 | |
| Ballow, Thomas, 1688-1752, VA | |

- Bilbrey, John Porter, 1847-?,
 Overton Co., TN
 Bilderback, Joseph Asbery, 1871-1950,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Birdsong, Henry, 1786-1847
 Bissell, Charles William, 1835-1911,
 Nashville, TN
 Black, Alfred M., 1849-1892
 Black, Amos, 1804-1877 &
 Robert Black, 1830-1898,
 Bolivar, TN
 Blackman, Stephen, 1724-1786
 Blackwell, John, 1827-1902, AL & TX
 Blair, Andrew, ?-1828
 Blakemore, W. B., 1802-1875
 Blakemore, William, 1796-1817
 Blevins, John, 1795-?
 Blizzard, Leonidas, 1844-?
 Blue, John, 1801-1841
 Boaz, Thomas, ?-1788
 Bohannon, Philamon, 1835-?
 Boldwin, Ezekil, 1776-?
 Bone, Robert Donnell, 1832-1892
 Bone, Thomas L., 1783-?
 Bonner, James, 1804-?
 Bosley, Charles, 1777-1870
 Bouton, William Paisley, 1848-1917
 Boyd, Robert, 1810-?
 Boyers, Robert, 1853-?,
 Nashville, TN
 Bradley, David Crenshaw, 1808-1871,
 Henry Co., TN
 Brady, O. B., 1824-?
 Branham, Oscar Parker, 1856-1950
 Branner, John Roper, 1822-1851
 Brashears, Robert Samuel, 1731-1816
 Breedlove, James Waller, 1789-1868
 Brevard, Zebulon, 1724-1798
 Brien, John L., 1807-?
 Brien, Paschal Winston, 1809-1881
 Brient, Elisha, 1806-?
 Briggance, John, 1782-?
 Brock, Zacariah, 1788-1863
 Brooks, Abner, 1808-1885,
 Maury Co., TN
 Brooks, Thomas B., 1835-1921,
 Lewis Co., TN
 Browder, Matthew, 1805-?,
 DeKalb Co., AL
 Brown, James C., 1815 -1870
 Brown, James J., 1821-1895
 Brown, Joseph E., 1860-?,
 Lewis Co. & Wayne Co., TN
 Brown, Milton Davis, 1828-?,
 Lewis Co., TN
 Bryan, James Hardy, 1769-?
 Bryan, Nelson, ?-1836
 Bryan, Nelson J., 1813-1897
 Buchanan, Richard Gregory, 1811-?
 Buckner, J. W., 1819-?
 Buntyn, Geraldus, 1791-1865,
 Shelby Co., TN
 Burns, Joel Huston, 1843-1927
 Bush, John Winfield, 1815-?,
 Shelby Co., TN
 Bush, William, 1829-?
 Bussell, James W., 1790-1886
 Butler, T. O., 1807-1865
 Buttram, William, 1830-?
 Buyers, Marshall W., 1810-?
 Caldwell, James, 1803-1873,
 Adair Co. KY & Obion Co. TN
 Campbell, Geo. Washington, 1769-1848
 Cannon, Clement, 1783-1860
 Cannon, Newton, 1781-1841
 Cardwell, Joseph Leonard, 1835-1925
 Carmack, Cornelius, 1750-1820
 Carnahan, A. L., 1866-?,
 Rutherford Co., TN
 Carney, Joseph, 1751-1841
 Carney, Walter Overton, 1862-1931,
 Hamilton Co., TN
 Carr, John S., 1800-?
 Carson, Willis, 1786-?
 Carter, Alex. Cunningham, 1807-1884,
 Williamson Co., TN
 Cass, Benjamin E., 1882-?
 Cass, James A., 1842-?
 Casteel, Felix, 1905-?,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Cates, John Lewis, 1900-?,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Cavnar, George Washington, 1845-1916
 Chadwell, George, 1773-?
 Chamberlain, Jas. Lafayette, 1865-1930
 Chamlee, William, 1817-1893
 Chapman, Joshua, 1848-1890
 Charter, William, 1838-1873
 Cheatham, Archer, 1771-1822
 Chenault, Charles, ?-1937,
 Sumner Co., TN
 Childress, John, 1773-1810
 Christopher, Thomas, 1804-?,
 Henderson Co., TN
 Clark, John W., 1834-1886
 Clark, Lardner, 1756-1801
 Clark, Thomas Norris, 1763-1817
 Clark, William Barrett, 1795-?
 Clawson, William, 1772-?
 Claybrooke, John S., 1808-1892, VA
 Cleage, Alexander, 1801-1875,
 Claibourn, Hamilton &
 McMinn Co., TN
 Clemmons, Allen, 1802-1840,
 Rutherford Co., TN
 Climer, James F., 1838-1925

Coates, John, 1813-?, Bolivar, TN
 Coche, Daniel Fenton, 1816-1874
 Cochran, J. A., 1838-1902
 Coley, David Wesley, 1857-?
 Collier, Ingram B., 1793-1841
 Combs, John H., 1840-1864
 Cooke, Richard Joseph, 1853-?
 Cooke, Robert, 1752-1841
 Cooke, Samuel Alonzo, 1840-?
 Cooke, William Henry, 1784-1848
 Cooper, James, 1812-1847,
 Polk Co., TN
 Copeland, John Delaney, 1888-?
 Cosbey, Wallace, 1801-1849,
 Williamson Co., TN
 Cotton, Moore, 1771-1836,
 Sumner Co., TN
 Covington, William F., 1813-?
 Cox, Abraham, 1798-?
 Cox, Benjamin White, 1849-1903,
 Wilson Co., TN
 Cox, Thomas Wily, 1845-1896,
 Rutherford Co., TN
 Craig, Allen W., 1796-?
 Craig, William W., 1810-1889
 Crawford, Samuel, 1754-1822
 Creveling, John A., 1785-1858
 Crockett, Anthony, 1756-1838
 Cross, John, 1795-?
 Crow, C. F., 1866-?

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Crow, France Marion, 1831-1884
 Crye, William, 1782-?
 Culpepper, Jacob J., 1818-?,
 McMinn Co. and Polk Co., TN
 Cunningham, John Alfred, 1869-1931
 Curd, James H., 1844-?
 Curry, Andrew Hill, 1800-1848
 Dake, Wilson J., 1861-?
 Daniel, James C., 1867-1942,
 Henry Co., TN
 Darwin, G. C., 1771-1853
 Darwin, William, 1707-?
 Daugherty, Jack Hoyt, 1923-?
 Davenport, Joseph, 1756-1831
 Davenport, Warren, 1803-1879
 Davidson, James M., 1799-1848
 Davies, Lewis Judson, ?-1873
 Davis, Frederick Lewis, 1830-1894
 Davis, James B., 1806-1879
 Davis, James Kinzie, 1859-?
 Davis, Rebs I., ?-1853,
 Davidson Co., TN
 Davis, Thomas, 1806-1890
 Davis, Thomas N., 1771-
 Davis, William, 1770-1836

Deaderick, William H., 1785-1857
 Deming, Fisher, 1789-1844
 Denham, Robert F., ?-1847
 Deupree, Elijah, 1807-1880,
 Shelby Co., TN
 Dickinson, Henry, 1806-1872
 Dinwiddie, William C., 1824-?
 Dixon, Eli, 1808-1865
 Dixon, John H., 1850-?
 Dixon, Tilman, 1750-1816
 Doak, John, 1773-?
 Dodson, I. J., 1853-?
 Dodson, Jesse, 1752-?
 Dodson, W. R., 1863-1917
 Dorsey, Dimmon, 1783-1876
 Doty, Jobe P., 1854-1898
 Douglas, Byrd, 1815-1882
 Downey, Richard, 1818-1898,
 Lewis Co., TN
 Doyle, Edward, 1758-1833
 Duff, John Jackson, 1842-1921,
 Loudon Co., TN
 Duggan, Hugh Henry, 1851-?,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Duggan, Hugh, 1804-?
 Duggans, Julius Gustavus, ?-1854
 Duggin, Richard Oscar, 1893-?
 Dunklin, Frank B., 1889-?
 Durham, Jeff Davis, 1862-?
 Dyche, Charlie Boyd, 1885-1910
 Ehrenhart, Jacob, 1794-?.
 Rowan Co. NC & Bedford Co. TN
 Eastin, William, 1786-1829
 Edgmon, Samuel, 1792-1876
 Edney, Newton, 1763-1835, NC and TN
 Edwards, W. M., 1856-1937
 Elam, James, 1727-?
 Elliott, Frank Porterfield, 1840-?
 Elliott, J. D., 1854-?
 Elliott, William, 1828-1884
 Elliston, John, 1798-1823
 Emerson, Clark, 1768-1850
 Epps, Edward E., 1862-?
 Erwin, Alexander S., ?-1843
 Eubank, William Edward, 1827-?
 Eudailey, Wm. Alphonzo, 1890-1953
 Ewing, William, 1771-?
 Fakes, John Madison, 1806-1888
 Fall, Alexander, 1817-1866
 Faulkner, James Thomas, 1825-?,
 Nashville, TN
 Ferguson, John, 1823-?
 Ferguson, John Joseph, 1865-?
 Ferrell, Alexander M., 1868-?
 Figuers, Thomas Norfleet, 1846-1935
 Finley, Foster G., 1822-?
 Fisher, Michael, 1766-1835
 Fisk, Barlow, 1811-1851

- Flack, Andrew S., 1823-1861,
 Gibson Co., TN
 Fletcher, John Thomas, 1836-?
 Fly, Enoch, 1799-?
 Fly, John Richard, 1811-1879
 Ford, Thomas, 1844-?
 Ford, William A., 1864-?
 Foster, B. C., 1819-1898,
 Maury Co., TN
 Foster, Chrisley, 1802-?
 Foster, Ephraim Hubbard, 1794-1827
 Foster, John B., 1810-?
 Fowler, John Willis, 1841-?
 Fox, William R., 1907-?
 Franklin, John W., 1819-1905
 Frazer, John, 1774-?
 Frazier, Robert, 1809-1872
 Freeland, James G., 1814-1865
 Fristoe, Robert Henry, 1891-?
 Fry, Jesse, 1814-1883,
 Giles Co., TN
 Fulcher, Joseph, 1797-?
 Fuqua, Thomas, 1813-1861
 Fuqua, Washington L., 1857-?
 Gammill, Carl C., 1892-?
 Gardner, Lee M., 1834-1874
 Garland, Elisha, 1763-1837
 Gates, Alexander, 1765-?
 Gates, Benjamin, 1779-?
 Gause, Samuel Sidney, 1804-1867
 Gay, Samuel E., 1832-1866
 Gettys, James R., 1799-1879,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Gibbs, William L. B., 1830-?
 Gilbert, George Stauter, 1809-1854
 Gillam, James Harvey, 1837-?
 Givan, Robert James, 1839-?
 Goad, Alexander, 1810-1889
 Golladay, John Jacob, 1847-?
 Goodloe, Henry, 1777-?
 Goodwin, George B., 1821-?
 Goodwin, Mabry, 1884-?
 Gore, Mounce, 1793-1857
 Green, F. M., 1839-1916
 Green, James, 1822-1909
 Green, William Edgar, 1870-1927
 Greene, William F., 1821-
 Greenlaw, W. E., 1844-1902
 Griffin, Samuel, 1705-?
 Grigsby, John E., 1817-1848
 Grimmitt, James Franklin, 1873-1963
 Grimmitt, William, 1792-?
 Grissim, Rowland W., 1783-?
 Grizzard, William, 1784-1884
 Grove, John T., 1838-1914
 Grundy, Felix, 1775-1840
 Gunn, Joseph, 1825-?
 Gunn, Lyman Taft, 1810-1890
 Guthrey, Charles William, 1846-1922
 Guthrey, Walter Taylor, 1869-1932
 Hackney, Joseph J., 1844-1894
 Halbrook, Joel Tom, 1868-?
 Haley, John C., 1777-?
 Haley, John W., 1809-1876, Cannon,
 DeKalb and Wilson Cos., TN
 Haley, Joseph Eggleston, 1807-1847
 Hall, James, 1834-1910
 Hall, William, 1796-1865
 Hambright, John, 1762-?
 Hamby, Jefferson J., 1832-1892
 Hancock, William, 1818-1872
 Haney, Joe M., 1894-?,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Hankins, Stephen G., 1805-1887
 Hanks, Alford, 1811-?
 Hardeman, Thomas, 1750-1833
 Hardin, Charles H., 1869-?
 Hardin, William Stanford, 1832-?
 Hardwich, George McKendree, 1812-?
 Harrill, Absalom, 1805-1872
 Harrington, Richardson, 1813-1863
 Harris, Andrew Jackson, ?-1911
 Harris, Isham G., 1818-1897
 Harris, James G., 1811-1882
 Harris, W. T., 1853-?
 Harrison, Arthur Porter, 1893-1956
 Hart, John, 1813-1902, Roane and
 McMinn Cos. TN
 Hart, Mark, 1835-?
 Hart, Pomfrett, 1797-?
 Harton, William H., 1891-?
 Hartsfield, Solomon, 1782-?
 Hatcher, Abram Wooldridge, 1835-?,
 Williamson Co., TN
 Haynes, George W. S., 1854-1905
 Haynes, John, 1807-1892
 Haywood, John, 1829-?
 Helm, John L., 1884-?
 Henderson, Jim, 1874-1941,
 Rhea Co., TN
 Henderson, Samuel, 1759-1828
 Hendley, Flavius Josephus, 1835-1913
 Heniger, Henry, 1785-1839
 Henley, Thomas C., 1826-?
 Henry, T. M., 1826-?
 Herblin, Frank, ?-1869
 Hicks, Isaac, 1791-?
 Hill, E. S., 1802-?
 Hill, Green, 1714-1826
 Hill, J. M., 1826-?
 Hill, John Beck, 1834-1907
 Hill, John M., 1797-1870
 Hill, Richard, 1758/9-1826
 Hillis, W. G., 1875-1931, Blount,
 Anderson & Weakley Cos., TN

Hipple, Daniel, 1812-1870,
Floyd Co., TN
Hix, J. M., 1859-?, Jackson Co., TN
Hix (Hicks), James, 1782-1857,
McMinn Co., TN
Hix, Lewis, 1815-?, Jackson Co., TN
Hoback, William, 1820-?
Holladay, Geo. Washington, 1811-1865
Holland, James M., 1833-1861
Holland, John T., 1856-?
Holman, James Tandy, 1802-1839
Holt, Thomas, 1802-?

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Hoover, Martin, 1797-1862
Hoosier, James Walter, 1863-1955
House, Moses A., 1804-1873
Housley, William F., 1841-1915
Houston, Robert C., 1799-?,
McNairy Co., TN
Howard, Wesley, 1804-?
Howell, Morton Boyte, 1834-1909
Huddleston, Isaac A., 1804-ca 1875
Hudson, Joshua, 1867-1923
Hudson, Robert Woodley, 1824-1892,
Wilson Co., TN
Hughes, James, 1785-1841
Humphreys, Charles, 1809-?
Hunt, Clarence Pendleton, 1842-1922
Hutsell, John, 1780-?, McMinn Co. TN
Hyde, Hartwell Blount, 1794-1873
Hyde, Isaac Watson, 1841-1890
Iler, William, 1811-1882
Isbill, Martin, 1805-?
Jackson, Abel Richmond, 1833-?
Jackson, Francis, 1766-?
James, George, 1809-?
Jamison, Robert, 1698-1771
Jarnagin, Thomas, 1746-1802
Jenkins, Jonathan, 1804-?
Jenkins, Nimrod, 1822-1855
Jetton, Lewis, 1749-?
Johnson, Allen, ca 1772-?,
Williamson Co., TN
Johnson, Henry, 1738-1815
Johnson, Jesse, 1812-?
Johnson, Michel, 1823-?
Johnson, W. B., 1821-?
Johnson, William Brown, 1821-1911
Johnston, Daniel, 1789-?,
Wilson and Cannon Cos., TN
Johnston, Joseph Wilks, ?-1932
Jones, Ezra, 1772-1839
Jones, Henry Kennon, 1807-1874
Jones, J. W., ?-1870
Jones, James George, 1836-1904
Jones, Joseph Legare, 1837-?
Jones, Solomon, 1846-?

Jones, William David, 1864-1950
Jones, William Roddy, 1843-1918
Jordan, Newton, 1803-?,
Williamson Co., TN
Jordan, W. H., 1855-?
Joy, Thomas Samuel, 1839-?
Joyce, James Anderson, 1844-1932
Julian, James A., ca 1850-?
Jungerman, Jacob, ?-1900
Justice, William S., 1801-1877
Keith, Moser M., 1817-1893
Kelly, Joshua, 1783-?,
McMinn Co., TN
Kennedy, Allen, 1798-1857,
Chattanooga, TN
Kennedy, William E., 1823-1862,
Chattanooga, TN
Kenner, George T., fl. 1890,
Henderson Co., TN
Key, J. M., 1858-?
Killebrew, Geo. Wimberly, 1862-1928,
Davidson Co., TN
Kimbrow, Joseph, 1790-1860
Kimbrough, Duke W., 1801-1885
Kimbrough, G. W., 1856-1939
King, Charles Brandon, 1809-1892
King, E. J., 1841-1910, Maury Co., TN
King, Henry, ca 1750-ca 1825,
Augusta Co., VA &
Washington Co., TN
King, Henry Willis, ?-1792
King, James McNeal, 1836-1911
King, Redden Dale, 1861-1895,
Normandy, TN
King, William, 1770-1846
King, William J., 1879-?
Kinnard, Michael, 1771-?,
Maury and Williamson Cos., TN
Kirby, Francis, 1774-?
Kirby, Henry C., 1816-1864
Kirkland, Joel Benjamin, 1850-1919,
McMinn Co., TN
Kirkpatrick, J. L., 1821-1879
Knight, Sampson, 1810-?
Knott, Albert F., 1819-1879
Kreider (Crider), Henry, 1782-1853
Lacy, James, 1801-?
Lancaster, Levi, 1774-1806
Lancaster, William, 1805-?
Landis, John, 1795-1854
Lanc, Joel, 1772-1848
Lane, Tidence Cloud, 1796-1855
Lanier, Buckhaman, 1783-?
Lanier, Lewis Green, 1799-1881
Lankaster, John, 1757-?
Larkin, David, 1793-1856
Lasley, Abraham, 1753-1825
Lattin, John T., 1814-1878

Lawrence, John Devereaux, ?-1900,
Rutherford Co., TN
Lawrence, Jonathan, 1752-?
Layne, J. M., 1832-?
Lee, George Clinton, 1854-1930
Lee, Isaac C., 1846-?
Lee, James, fl. 1815-1821
Lee, Needham, 1770-?
Lee, P. N., 1820-1887
Lee, William 1784-1848
Lee, William, 1819-?
Lesly, Thomas, 1760-1839
Lett, J. A., 1862-1890
Lewis, Sterling, 1815-1892
Lewis, William, 1792-1871
Ligon, Peyton F., 1833-1878
Lillie, Bryon, 1830-?
Lincoln, W. H., 1840-1910
Lindsay, Jacob McGavock, 1860-?
Lindsay, Lewis, 1806-1877
Lindsay, William E., 1846-?
Linddsay, Wm. Ransome, 1811-1885
Little, Willie Lee, 1906-?
Littlefield, William, 1753-1822
Litton, John Childress, 1826-?
London, Wilson, 1820-1891
Long, James Wright, 1788-1862
Long, William Barnet, 1836-1867
Lott, Frank C., 1842-1920
Lowe, Marvel, 1770-1834
Lowry, John D., 1829-1913
Lynch, John B., ?-1866
McAdams, William, 1804-?
McAdoo, B. H., 1810-?
McAfee, William, 1834-?
McBride, S. M., 1857-?
McBrown, Benj. Haywood, 1842-?
McCarver, John L., 1863-?
McCauley, Mathew, 1808-1891,
Maury and Giles Cos, TN
McClain, Henry Harrison, 1840-1917
McClure, Hugh, ?-1828
McCoy, William E., 1842-?
McCrary, Anderson A., 1832-1918
McCroskey, David P., 1827-1885
McDonald, James David, 1818-1870
McEwen, David, 1756-1821
McFarland, John William, 1843-1917
McGahey, Joseph, 1763-1810
McGavock, Lysander, 1800-?
McGavock, Lysander, 1800-1855
McGee, Orval A., 1890-?
McGinnis, John Mathis, 1838-1907
McJelton, Daniel, 1737-1816
McKay, Walter Dixon, 1869-?
McKay, William Lewis, 1842-1926
McKelley, James Calvin, 1858-?
McLean, Samuel Davis, 1811-?

McMahan, John, 1797-1872,
McMinn Co., TN
McMahan, James A., 1802-?
McMinn, Joseph, 1758-?,
Chester Co., PA
McMurtry, John, 1753-1841
McNabb, N. T., 1818-?
McNable family
McRae, Donald, ?-1798,
Maury Co., TN
Mabry, Thomas J., 1780-?
Maquire, Patrick, 1775-1850,
Maury Co., TN
Mahan, Samuel M., 1794-?
Malone, Henry Parker, 1865-?
Maney, Lewis Meridith, 1823-?
Mapp, Marcus M., 1878-1940
Marshall, John, 1803-1863
Marshall, Wm. Stanhope, 1878-1895
Martin, Joseph, 1778-1830,
Clay Co., TN
Martin, William Carroll, 1818-1893
Mason, Isaac, 1753-1832
Matlock, Charles, 1781-?
Matlock, Charles Rufas, 1877-?
Matlock, Charles, 1782-?
Matthews, Aaron, 1794-1836
Matthews, Lucke, 1739-?
Maxwell, T. W., 1818-1884,
DeKalb Co., TN
May, William, 1764-1844,
Essex Co.VA & Polk Co., TN
Mayes, Roger R., 1808-1860(?),
Maury Co., TN
Mayfield, Thomas B., ?-1943
Mayo, Valentine, 1767-?
Mays, Jonathan Fleming Bingham,
1795-1883
Meacham, Joseph George, 1849-1932
Mcginley, James, 1778-1858
Meriwether, Elliott Lamar, 1872-?
Merrill, John Oscar, 1839-1876
Merritt, Green B., 1814-?
Michaels, John L., 1825-1884
Miller, Andrew K., ?-1853
Miller, Charles, ?-1899
Mills, J. G., 1837-1901
Minor, John V., 1834-1904,
Jackson Co., TN
Miner, Sidney H., 1869-1915

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Minton, Andrew E., 1828-1856
Montague, Josiah, 1727-?
Montague, Theodore Langdon,
1801-1880
Montgomery, Daniel, 1789-?
Moody, Samuel Shaw, 1810-1863

- Moon, James H., 1818-?
 Moon, Littleberry, 1780-1827,
 Albemarle Co., VA
 Moore, Isaac, 1823-?
 Moore, James A., 1870-1945
 Morford, Zebulun, 1722-1797
 Morgan, Richard, 1797-1880
 Morrow, Noah R., 1821-?
 Mosby, Joseph, ?-1832
 Moser, John Morgan, 1862-1947
 Mullins, Abe, 1876-1902,
 Henderson Co., TN
 Mullins, L. R., 1806-1873
 Murphy, Mathew, fl. 1850-1888
 Murray, Davis Blackburn, 1845-1933,
 Rutherford Co., TN
 Murray, Shade, 1841-1903,
 White and Davidson Cos., TN
 Neal, Clabourn W., 1807-1871
 Neal, William Hammond, 1860-1945
 Neelly, John Robert, 1857-1906
 Neely, Andrew, 1804-1886
 Newell, David Stokes, 1817-?
 Newell, William, 1750-1844
 Newlan, Isaac, 1845-?
 Newman, W. P., 1872-?
 Newsom, Micajah James, 1826-?
 Nichol, John, 1773-?
 Nichol, Josiah, 1772-1833
 Nichol, William, 1800-1878,
 Davidson Co., TN
 Norman, John, 1804-1874
 Norman, John, 1804-1874,
 Carroll Co., TN
 Northcot, B. P., ?-1836,
 Rutherford Co., TN
 Norvell, Clinton, 1780-?
 Norvell, Moses, 1786/7-1853,
 Davidson Co., TN
 Officer, M. C., 1871-?
 Officer, William A., ?-1886
 Oliphant, James, 1816-?
 Oliver, J. M., 1840-1900
 Orr, Robert, 1834-1911
 Oslin, Joseph Edward, ?-1943
 Osteen, J. R., 1839-?
 Overton, Jesse, 1787-?
 Park, Moses, 1780-?
 Park, William, 1782-1820
 Parkison, James, 1812-1881
 Parrot, Willie, 1899-?,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Partee, Chas. Watkins, 1844-1929
 Patterson, Jonathan, 1817-1869,
 McMinn Co., TN
 Patterson, Lewis, 1796-?
 Payne, Albert Bronson, 1838-?
 Payne, Edward
 Peace, Alfred H., 1802-?
 Pearson, Solomon, 1805-1883
 Pearson, William A., 1821-1863
 Peck, Jacob F., 1793-1871
 Peek, George W., 1845-1901
 Peek, Isaac, 1805-?
 Peek, John Wesley, 1835-?
 Peek, Lellie L., 1873-?
 Peek, Uriah, 1842-1928
 Penn, Stephen, 1760-?
 Perkey, Issac, 1869-1925
 Perkins, Samuel Fearn, 1833-1885,
 Williamson Co., TN
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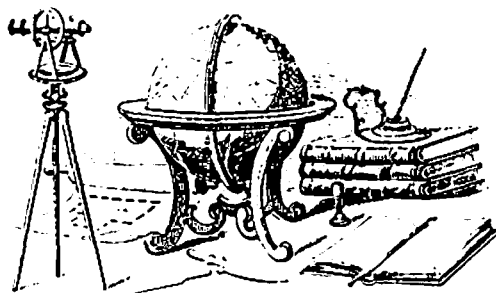
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 Scruggs, Edward, 1847-1928
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 Selman, Willis, 1796-1866
 Sensing, William H., 1799-?
 Shannon, James, 1799-1840
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 Sharp, William P., 1804-1883
 Sharpe, David Franklin, 1828-1896
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 Sutton, John, 1775-1855
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 Swayze, Richard, 1810-1893
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 Turner, Terisha, ?-1802
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 Vanderford, Charles F., 1833-1899
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 Walker, A. M., 1850-?
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 Whitworth, John Leonard, 1856-1905
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 Witherspoon, John, 1825-?
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 Wood, James T., 1820-?
 Woodard, M. W., 1846-1916
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 Woody, Ellis E., 1875-1957
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 Worrell, Silas, 1842-?
 Wray, Hansford T., 1817-1889
 Wrenn, Peter, 1801-?
 Wright, Isaac, 1775-1816
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 Yates, Charles, 1795-?
 Yeatman, Thomas, 1787-1833
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 Young, John, fl. 1857-1868
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QUERIES

SCURLOCK: Have cemetery records of Madison County, TN (Jackson) been published? Need exact resting place of Timothy P. Scurlock, d. 20 May 1867. Margaret V. Lemm, 450 E. Wright, Universal City, TX 78148.

RAY: Hix Jones Ray lived Wayne County, TN where he m. Ruth Casey in early 1800's. Will correspond with others looking for Ray family. Pat Scheele, Box 9, Mead, NE 68041.

GUNN: Where did Reuben Gunn die? When? Was living in Hickman Co. TN 1823-24 where he bought & sold slaves. Was he living with a son-in-law? Where did Reuben Gunn marry Mary Goforth Hudson, buried near Piney Creek Dickson County, TN. Need info on Reuben and son Abisha. Abisha moved from TN ca 1815. Gwen Franklin McLelland, 617 Richfield Drive, San Antonio, Tex. 78239.

COPELAND/ESLICK/MITCHELL/GRATTIS/SMITH/TRIPP/WISEMAN/CUNNINGHAM FAMILIES OF LINCOLN/MOORE COS. TN. Will correspond. Seeking information on family of **WILLIAM COCHRAN** of Robertson Co. ca 1800-1840, son of **JOHN COCHRAN & MARY TURNER**. William Cockran's wife Martha took 7 children to Dyer County before 1860. Linda W. Cochran, 2742 Lombardy, Memphis, TN 38111.

LOVE/SEWARD: Seeking parents/siblings of Charles Love, b. 8 June 1790 in VA (county ?). Charles and bro. John resided in Madison County, ALA in mid 1800's. Charles m. Rhoda Ham there 28 Sept. 1815. They had 9 children: Allen Rooker Love; James H.; Hugh; Charles Thaddeus; Thomas Bonner; Eveline M.; Sara Jane; Elizabeth; Martha Ann. Family moved to Rutherford Co. TN by 1830. Rhoda d. there ca 1837. Charles Love d. Rutherford Co. 9 Sept. 1840. John Seward b VA ca 1784 was residing in Rutherford Co. Tn by 1830 where he d. 1854. 7 known children: William C.; Benjamin; John C.; Mary; Warren Bedford; Susan; Sally. Who were his parents/place of birth/siblings? Will exchange info. Barbara Rasmussen, 27331 Las Nieves, Mission Viejo, California 92691.

HARRIS/BILES: Sarah Ella Harris b. 1851 Davidson Co. TN; d. 1900 Mexico or Texas; m. Thomas Bellfield Biles ca 1869 (b. 1846 Humphreys Co. TN) They went to Camp Co. Texas with his parents Dr. James H. and Fessonia Elizabeth (Watson) Biles, half sister of Dr. James M. Watson of Nashville. They had a nephew, Eddie Harris, b. 1862, living with them in 1880 in Camp Co. Who were Sarah Ella's parents. Will correspond and share with anyone concerning this family. Mrs. Eleanor Harris, P. O. Box 205, Whites Creek, TN 37189.

ALLSTOT/WHITE: Elizabeth Allstot m. Knoxville, TN 31 Oct. 1816 Benjamin White of Knoxville. Elizabeth d. 2 Nov. 1817, leaving an infant. Who was Benjamin White? Was he connected with the early Knoxville White families? Was he the same Benjamin White whose wife Molly d. Knoxville Feb. 1812. What became of Elizabeth & Benjamin's child? Any info appreciated. Judy Castle Stubbs, 115 Mockingbird Road, Nashville, TN 37205.

McCALLUM/HART/HUGHES/THOMPSON/BLACKMAN/TAYLOR/MOORE/FREELAND /CHILTON/AKFIRD.RUCKER/EVINS: Seeking info on each of the following: Cloud McCallum b. ca 1780 d. ca 1832 m. Elizabeth Taylor 14 April 1808 Williamson Co. TN. Who were her parents? Peter Thompson b. ca 1805 d. ca 1848 m. Jeanette Blackman 1 Oct. 1831 Maury Co TN. His parents believed to be James Thompson m. Sarah Fox. Robert Hughes m. Permelia Alford 10 Sept. 1807 Davidson Co. TN. Need parents of Robert Hughes. David Hart d. 1846 m. Hannah Defrees 9 March 1801 Surry Co. NC; perhaps lived Sumner & Bedford Cos; need his parents. James Freeland b. 12 Nov. 1754 d. 1819 Maury Co. TN m. Sarah A. Dinwiddie; need their children. William Chilton m. Sally Holloway 4 Oct. 1800 Caswell Co NC. Need county in Middle TN where they lived prior to 1844. Samuel Moore m. Elizabeth Henry 18 Dec. 1790 Lincoln Co. KY; early settlers of Mooresville (Marshall Co.) TN; need info on their children. James Evins b. 25 Oct. 1820 d. 9 June 1883 m. Martha Louisa Rucker 3 Oct. 1855; her parents were William & Elizabeth Rucker; Need county in Middle TN they lived. William J. McCallum, 1203 Catskill Circle, Huntsville, ALA 35802.

QUERIES

STARRETT/WITHERSPOON: Moses Starrett res. Morgan Dist. Lincoln Co. NC ca 1790. Was he father of William A. Starrett b ca 1812 TN & Moses G. Starrett b ca 1816 TN? The first Moses res. later in Wilson Co TN where he m. Sarah Witherspoon 11 Aug 1810. Moses parents were prob. William & Ruth Starrett; bros & sis. prob. William Jr; Alexander; John; Mary (Mrs. James Hanks); Abigail (Mrs. Isaac Brimer); Elizabeth (Mrs. John Gallespie); Ruth (Mrs. James Swan); Rebecca (Mrs. Peter P. Vannatta). Need help proving relationship. Marjorie F. Garr, 1505 Mistletoe, Mountain Home, AR. 72653.

OLIPHANT/COMPTON/PARKER/JOHNSON/KING/HAWK/LADD/MANGRUM: Seek parents of James Oliphant/Polly Compton m. 1 Sept. 1797 Nashville d Rutherford Co.; parents of Moses parker b. ca 1778 NC d. 9 Aug 1852 Dickson Co & wife Hannah Johnson b ca 1780 GA; parents of Ransom King b ca 1790 NC & wife Eliza Hawk b. ca 1800 NC d. Williamson Co.; parents of John H. Ladd b. ca 1811 NC & wife Elizabeth ? , d. in Dickson or Williamson Co.; seek wife of Pleasant Mangrum b. NC d. ca 1857 Williamson Co. Audrey J. Bolster, 62 Central St., South Easton, MA 02375.

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In general, notations regarding an estate are inserted only once, when it first appeared in the records. Exceptions are (1) if there was an actual will, the page number is shown even if there was a previous entry for that estate; (2) if a later insertion had been found with a more complete name--name instead of initials, etc.--or a substantially different spelling of what seemed to be the same name; (3) if 10 years or more had passed since last entry for that name (it might be a different person with the same name.)

Guardian proceedings and settlements are to be found sprinkled throughout the books. While these contain much data of genealogical value, these references have been omitted as not considered within the scope of this particular work.

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