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Editor's Thoughts

Three months really rolls around fast when there are deadlines to meet! We've been quite pleased with response to requests for material for publication. Thank you for a good start, let's keep it going. Our goal is to be able to work ahead and feel that there is some coordination in what is presented instead of living from hand to mouth as it were.

We have a new book review editor, Shirley Wilson, well known in Middle Tennessee genealogical circles. I'm sure she will appreciate receiving a review copy of any new books published by our members, or leads on relevant publications.

Since the Grundy County Court house burned recently and most of the loose papers were destroyed the Franklin County Project Preservation has been collecting and making photocopies of loose papers mentioning Grundy County families and cases. Other counties might do well to emulate this thoughtful gesture.

We received a note from Betty Solomon of Hixson, TN, formerly of Trenton Co., GA. She sends a copy of an article from the *History of Dade County, Georgia*, 1981, which negates the statement in the article of the last issue reporting Franklin County, TN as the only county of record in the history of the United States that ever seceded from its mother state. The Independent State of Dade existed for eighty-five years before rejoining the Union. She also points out it would be of interest to determine when and if Franklin County officially returned to the State of Tennessee. We agree and are working on that. Any of our readers have the answer?

Why on earth is this woman telling us she went to a Cubs/St. Louis game in Chicago in August? Do we really need to know she's a diehard Cubs fan? Well, it's the old small world syndrome yet again. I found myself chatting with my seat neighbor. From Sewanee. Nice lady and knowledgeable on both genealogy and history. In a 15 inning game you can, even inadvertently, do a lot of chatting. On her recommendation I looked up a recent book--and this you DO really need to know about--Nashville 1780-1860, From Frontier to City by Anita Shafer Goodstein, published by University of Florida Press, Gainesville, \$29.95. Mary Glenn Hearne has reviewed this title for the latest issue of the Tennessee Librarian. She notes that this book was the winner of the Tennessee History Book Award for 1989 and remarks that any Nashvillian with a love of this city will want it for his or her personal library.

We hope to see you at the November conference--we had the pleasure of meeting Lloyd Bockstruck several years ago and hearing him speak. He has a wonderful knack of taking a subject that might ordinarily make your eyes glaze over and making you wonder how you ever lived so long without this information. Truly worth making an effort to get out to hear him, in our opinion. BJS

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The recent MTGS Board Meeting set a record because we got out early. Among other items a nominating committee to be chaired by Hugh Logan was appointed and all members will be announced at the Nov. 10 meeting. Be sure to let them know your choices for officers and board members. Also we have secured our IRS non-profit status and applied for the postal non-profit rates and exemption from the Tennessee sales tax. Cleo Hogan was instrumental in filing for the former and Byron Sistler has the last two items underway. Our thanks to each of them.

The projected trip to the Birmingham Public Library did not materialize since we lacked the required number for the van. Perhaps another time we will try again.

Shirley Wilson and her committee on bylaws revision have several suggested revisions. Your suggestions for improving our bylaws should be mailed to her in Hendersonville.

The quarterly this issue has 48 pages and we are grateful to editor Barbara Sistler for her expertise in making this expansion and also in getting the journal to you promptly.

It was pleasing to note recently that Juanita Patton of Nashville has published *The Family of Isham and Betsey Hodges*. She listed her MTGS membership along with that in the Virginia Genealogy Society in the author's biographical note. This is the first time I have noticed this. Perhaps there will be many more in the future.

PERiodical Source Index (Persi) for 1989 indexed the first items from our quarterly, Middle Tennessee Genealogy. In Persi, one may check by locality or family name on published periodical research. We are delighted our quarterly is being included. You may want to do your own sleuthing next time you are in the Nashville Room. In the 1988 annual there were 33 Tennessee genealogical publications listed. In the 1989 edition there were 42 Tennessee publications. Add to that another one for the 1990 edition since MTGS founding member Nancy Goodman of Hendersonville has begun editing Genealogy Friends; Party Line.

Don Wilson, U.S. Archivist, assured the National Genealogy Society members that resources were available to open the 1920 census on March 2, 1992. Also in his speech he stated we must define research questions in terms that relate to the records and show patrons how to navigate creatively through the reference tools and the records. How often have I tried to say such to my genealogy classes!

The National Genealogy Society has been approached about having the National Conference here in Nashville in 1996 when it would coincide with our state bicentennial. Their guidelines and procedures are being revised and will be distributed soon.

The Madison and Franklin branches of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints have recently added compact discs of the Family History Resource Library to their holdings. The Library of Congress also has these discs which can provide instant information on individuals.

Our fall meeting is our big workshop with Lloyd Bockstruck as speaker. Specifics appear elsewhere in this issue and in a special mailout. Many thanks to v-p Pat Hastings for making all the arrangements. I will plan to see you on Nov. 10 at the Hermitage Hotel for the all-day workshop.

Mary Glenn Hearne October 1990



PACKAGE OF OLD LETTERS

In a little rosewood casket that is resting on a stand, There's a package of old letters written by such cherished hands. Will you go and bring them kinsman? And read them o'er tonight -I have often tried but could not, for the tears would blind my sight.

Come up closer to me kinsman, let me lean upon your breast, For the tide of life is ebbing and I fain would be at rest. Bring the letters they have written, they whose voices I have heard, Read them over love distinctly, for I've cherished every word.

And I'll tell them when I see them that I never ceased to love, That I dying prayed to meet them in the better world above. I'll say I was supported, ne'er a word of censure spoke, But their silence and their absence, this poor heart both well nigh broke.

I'll tell them that I watched their coming when the noontide sun was high When at eve the angels set--set their watchlights in the sky. But when I saw they came not, tell them that I did not chide, But I spoke in love about them, and I blessed them when I died.

And when in death's white garments, you have wrapped my form around, And have laid me down to slumber in the quiet churchyard ground. Place the pictures and the letters close beside this pulseless heart, We through life have been together and in death we will not part.

I am ready now my kinsman, you may read the letters o'er, I will listen to the words of them who I shall see once more. And when you shall have finished, should I calmly fall asleep, Fall asleep in death and wake not, dearest kinsman do not weep.

Author unknown

The above poem was most aptly chosen by Mr. Gowan to preface his book. See following pages.

Member Phillip A. Gowan sent a photostat of a copyrighted booklet he wrote a few years ago which contains many old letters. This booklet was marketed to family members only and for the most part the letters have never been available to anyone else. These letters are written by (or concern) the Byrns and Jackson families who settled in Robertson County around 1807, and have a vast number of descendants living in Middle Tennessee yet. In his introduction Mr. Gowan says "I felt so lucky to have located these few remnants of their lives."

It is difficult to select from so many. We have chosen two, the first of which we feel is very representative of the times and the second—to use the words of Mr. Gowan—"There are certain letters I considered not including in this work because of the information they contained...I do not include these letters to laugh at or to scom—neither for dramatic effect—but to allow you to identify how ridiculous some of their ideas were in their pure, unconcealed form—and from there to measure our own ideas and beliefs."

[Andromache (Anna) Luter Byrns to Susan Emily Byrns Jackson]

Red River, Tenn. Sept. 16th, 1859

Monticello, La.

Dear Daughter,

I again add up you a few lines to inform you of my health and the health of your friends and the neighbors. My health is now very good for me, your kin and friends are generally very good but there is some sickness among some of our neighbors consisting mostly of a fluxy disposition and influenza.

Our quarterly meeting commenced at Ebenezer last Saturday (10 inst.) and is still progressing. There has been about 55 conversions and last night about 40 mourners at the benches. Among those who professed I will mention a few of their names. James G. Byrns and wife, Jeremiah Batts Jr. (so I heard last night), Sally Batts, 2 of J. W. Featherston's children-Ramy and Loney-- and your brother John's son James Henry. Your sister Mahala Darden was a mourner and as a general thing the mourners are grown folks from 20 to 35 years of age. John T. Bartlett & Mary Ann Jackson (Sanford's wife) professed and 40 have joined the church. The meeting will continue for some time yet for I never saw a greater time at a meeting in my life. Three weeks ago they had a protracted meeting at Providence which continued 12 days and 72 conversions. I have been to the meeting 6 days and I am now about ready to start this morning. Emily you would be surprised if you were here to see the people--they come in crowds of 10's and 100's and the interest in the meeting is increasing.

Judlia and Wade--the railroad cars are in sight of Ebenezer. They made 4 trips yesterday bringing iron and ties and will be at Gooches next Tuesday. We then expect so soon as this meeting is over to get up a barbecue in honor of the road and the prosperity of the country.

Emily you must raise your children up in the nurture and care of the Lord and bear in mind that it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. This life is but a probationary state given us to prepare for a long, long eternity. Wright about Washington Darden and let me hear from you often. Send this letter to Pamelia.

Your mother,

Anna Byrns

P. S. Emily Featherston has quilted 19 quilts at \$5 each making \$95.

The following letter was written to James Alexander Watkins (Wad) Jackson by his sister Pamelia (Jackson) Anderson.

Floyd, Carroll Parish Oct. 9, 1866

To Mr. J. A. W. Jackson

My dear and ever beloved brother I have just received a letter from you dated the 23rd Sept. I am always so glad to get a letter from you and to hear that you are all well and living in peace and quictude. Dear Wad you are the only one that ever writes to me now that the rest of my dear brothers are all dead but brother Miles and You--now that he never writes to me. I feel so thankful that I still have 2 dear brothers living. I trust to God that you are the one that has not forgotten me. It seems to me like they have all forgotten me up there but you. This leaves us all well and doing the best we can. I said all well--Mr. A. has a very bad cold and has had for several days. Well Wad I hardly know what to say--I have a great deal I could say but it is all about hard times and worse acoming and you say I got to try and turn over a new leaf and look on the bright side. Now Wad I have been looking on the bright side for a long time and thinking all the time I would soon turn over a new leaf where things would look brighter but it looks like I never will get that leaf turned over. Well Wad court has been going on here in Floyd all last week and this week and next week, trying people for their meanness. I expect the jails will be crammed full when they get through and the penitentiaries too. There is a great many people here every day they are trying to get straightened up a little that has been so long out of fix. I hope they will get some of them that has been carrying on their meanness while the war was going on. Well Wad people say here that we are bound to have another war. Well I hope if there is that it will be in the north this time and not right here among our white folks. I want it to get among the Yankess and I hope if they commence fighting they may kill each other till they kill the last bluebelly Yankee there is and if there should be any left I hope they may have to live on black nigger meat and that rotten as long as there is one living for God knows they are nothing but a set of devils and if I should say such a word I hate them as bad as I do old Scratch for they are his brothers. Well Wad, you want to know about Wilford's family, Carroll, and Mrs. Darden. I saw Emily and children yesterday. She spent the day with me. The children all go to school. Her children are not very well and she was not very well herself. I saw Mrs. Darden yesterday--me and Emily went up to see her in the evening. She was not very well--she had a bad cold--her little child may not get well. Carroll was well the last time I heard from him. He is living on his place on Ice's Bayou. Carroll is doing finely-he is killing all the deer and finding all the bee trees. He is getting fat and looks better than I ever saw him. He is having all the fun over there by himself, Wad we have a fine school here or ought to be. There is sixty or more schoolers. Emma and Johnny go every day--they are delighted with the school. My dear children have been blessed with very good health this year. So far the Cholera has been very bad on the river but none here in Floyd. There has not been very many white people died with it about Lake Providence. There are mostly Negroes that die with it and I wish the last one of them would die. I am glad every time I hear one is dead. Wad I don't believe it is any more harm to kill them that it is to kill a very mean dog. Enough about the black Negroes. Wad you speak in your letter of our coming up there. Well that would be rather hard for us to do through nothing would give me more pleasure than to do so. I tell you I do want to see all of you very bad.

Pamelia Jackson

25 August 1789 Tax List of the Cumberland Settlements

(probably excluding the area that fell into Tennessee County)
Submitted by Theda Womack and Shirley Wilson

In 1787 the General Assembly of North Carolina passed the following act: An Act to Effect the Cutting and Clearing a Road from the Lower End of Clinch Mountain to the Cumberland Settlements, and for Preserving and Granting Safety to the Inhabitants Thereof [The State Records of North Carolina, Vol. XXIV 1777-1788, Chapter XXV, p. 913].

Paragraph III. of that act empowered the courts of Davidson and Sumner to lay a tax on the poll and taxable property to pay the laborers employed in cutting the road. These two counties were the only ones then in existence in the Cumberland Settlements (what is now the central area of Middle Tennessee).

The task was apparently carried out in the fall of 1788. At the April 1789 term of court, Davidson County laid a tax "to defray the expense...in clearing of the same and escorting families from the settlement to here last fall." [Davidson County Court Minutes Book A 1783-1791, p. 276]. In July of 1789 Sumner County followed suit and ordered that the clerk furnish the collector with a list for collecting a tax for the purpose of paying the guard to the lower end of Clinch Mountain agreeable to a list from the entry books and the county court [Sumner County Court Minutes 1787-1805, p. 19].

The 1789 tax list of the Cumberland Settlements was found in the back of a Sumner County tax book which includes the years 1787 to 1792. In comparing the 25 August 1789 Cumberland Settlement list with the 1789 Sumner County tax list, three times as many names were found on the Cumberland list and thus it could not be limited to families in Sumner County. The names were compared to a 1787 list of taxpayers in Davidson County and many matches were found. Tennessee County (which includes the land now in Robertson,

Dickson and Montgomery counties) had been formed from Davidson County in 1788 and was obviously in existence at the time the road was cut and the tax laid. Several prominent persons known to be in Tennessee County in 1789 were not found on the list while other lesser known names were listed. Since the list gives total acreage for each person without specifying the county, it is possible that these lesser known names were listed by virtue of land owned in a county other than Tennessee.

It is interesting to note that less than a third of the names on the 1789 Sumner tax list were found on the Cumberland list of the same year. Of those found, the acreages often did not match. Either the tax collector was careless or property owners in that time frame moved and sold land much more frequently than many genealogists have realized. In Sumner County the names were taken from the entry books, but it should be noted that some of the persons who entered land never actually lived on it.

Names are listed as they appeared on the list. Alphabetical order is not exact (L comes before K). In several instances, the initial H following a name may be an abbreviation of Heirs rather than a middle initial. The last 25 names is an alphabetical list of those who paid only a poll tax.

NOTE: An asterisk * following the name indicates that this same name (not necessarily this same person) was also found on the 1789 Sumner County tax list.

Record of the Tax laid for the paying of the Militia employed in cutting the road and escorting families from the lower end of Clinch Mountain to the Cumberland Settlements 25 August 1789.

Anderson, Mathew * Adam, James & Clinton Alison, Andrew

Allen, John Ash, Samuel Armstrong, Martin Archer, Baker

Allen, Walter Arrington, Charles * Anderson, John

Allison, Alexander H. Armstrong & Crutcher

Abbet, Elijah Armstrong, Andrew Anderson, Daniel Armstrong, John Andrews, Richard Athison, Michael Andrews, James Bledsoe, Isaac * Barrow, John

Buchannon, John Sr. Baker, Nicholas Blackemore, John Boyd, Andrew * Burgess, Thomas Bledsoe, Anthony * Bush, William Bowan, William *

Bradshaw, William Brown, John

Blackemore, John heirs

Burton, John Brown, James Burton, Robert Briston, James Baker, John Boyd, John Baker, William Buchannon, John Blair, John

Brehon, Glaster James

Bay, Andrew Buxton, William Bonas, James heirs Buchannon, Saml Boggs, John Braston, James

Brehon, James & George

Blair, Thomas

B..., Lewis B..., Sarah Blount, H. Benj. Bonner, Jas & John Begal, David Barns, John

Barfield, Richard Burnham, Isaac Boggs, Ezekiel Brook, Isaac H.

Bradley, James Bredon, Charles Bellew, Thomas

Brock, Joseph Birch, William Bulling, Michael

Barfield, William Blount, Redding Butts, Archibald Buck, William heirs

Barron, Sherrard Burns, James

Blackemore, George D. * Bowman, William

Barker, Thomas Boyd, John Burton, Samuel Brownridge, George Boren, William

Brigham, William

Burton, Robert Bowman, James Cooper, William heirs Conrad, Nicholas Campbell, Charles *

Crockett, James Carlen, Daniel Clendening, James *

Cathy, Geo & Campbell, Wm Crabtree, James

Carmack, Aquila Cavet, Richard Cage, William Campbell, James * Crutcher, Anthony Crane, Lewis *

Crutchfield, James H. Calloway, John H. Craig, John

Cooke, William Cary, James

Cox, Edward Cartwright, Robert

Clark, Abraham Clark, Lardner

Clark, Thomas Craddock, John Cotton, Lucy

Clark, William Coleman, Spill Cobb, Jesse

Cummings Cain, Jessee Clous, Peter

Carter, Gibbs Campbell, John Cannaday, David

Campbell, Thomas Cushey, Edward Carron, Isam H.

Clark, James Cantrel, Stephen Colson, Isaac

Caselman, B enj. Childs, Francis Craven, James

Cathy, Richard Cathy, William

Donelson, John Dongeth, Charles

Denton, Thomas Daugherty, Robert

Donehoo, Thomas Dixon, Charles Donelson, Spencer

Donelson, Jesse Dixon, Winn Douge, Griffith Donelson, Stockly Dodge, Richard

Davis, Joshua Draper, John Douglass, Elmore * Desha, Robert *

Dever, John Douglass, Robert Dixon, Tilmon Davis, John

Duglass, Edward *

Davis, Joshua
Davis, Thomas
Donehoo, William
D..., William
D..., Jno
Drake, John heirs

Elliott, Faulkner
Erspy, George heirs
Erspy, James
Evans, Evan
Ellis, Robert
Evans, Thomas
Edwards. David

Edwards, Thomas
Edwards, David
Edwards, Frederick *
Elliott, Simeon
Eason, Benjamin
East, James
Edwards, Robert
Elliott, John
Ewing, Robert
Ewing, Alexander
Ellis, Joseph

Earls, James heirs

Ellis, John

Fowler, James heirs
Fork, William
Franklin, James *
Francis, John
Frazier, William *
Frazier, James *
Fonner, Richard
Flood, Alexander
Ferribee, William
Farmer, Thomas
Fike? Fips? Caleb

Fike? Fips? Caleb
Fort, Ellias
Foster, William
Ford, John
Faulkner, Francis
Guin, Jonathan
Guin, Robert
Greenaway, John
Green, James
Grant, John
Green, Zachariah *
Givens, James
Glover, Michael
Galloway, John

Galloway, John Gilston, David Goodman, William Gining, Thomas Given, Edward Gray, Archibald Gillespy, James Graham, Joseph Griffin, Jacob heirs Green, Randall heirs Grimes, William heirs Grimes, Joseph

Glasgow, James Gains, Richard Gillaspy, James

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Gibson?, Jordan
Graves, Francis
Good, William
Hays, James *
Hamilton, John
Hendricks, Joseph
Hickeson, John
Head, William
Heaton, Amos
Hogan, Richard *
Hogan, Edward *
Holderness, William
Harn, J John
Hogan, Genl

Henderson, Archibald Hayes, Theopholus Harney, Silby Henry, Joshua Hughes, Henry Harris, Thommpson

Harris, Thommpson
Hall, George
Hays, Thomas
Hall, David
Harrison, Demsey
Hawkins, Hardy
Hart, Anthony
Hawkins, James
Hulet, William
Haywood, John
Hannah, Rhody
Howel, William heirs
Hopkins, Isaac

Hamm, William...H
Henly, William...H
Hulekers, Robert
Hawkins, Joseph
Hicks, Imble?...H
Hughlett, William
Hicks, Hansill
Hadley, Joshua *
Hamilton, Thomas *
Hickmon, Thomas
Hickmon, Edwin
Hays, Robert
Hampton, Michael
Hicks, Hansilk

Hannah, John *

Hardin, John
2 lines not legible
Howell, John
Harrison, Jesse
Houdeshell, Henry
Hanger, Abraham
Haney, James
Harris, James
Johnston, John
Johnston, Robert
Jennings, Edmund

Jonnston, Robert
Jennings, Edmund
Jones, Hardy
Ives, James
Jones, Nathaniel
Jones, Samuel
Jones, Evan
Inglis, John
Jackson, William
Jeffries, Thomas
Jennings, John
Jones, Laserus

Jones, Laserus
Jemeson, William
Jones, David
James, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Isbell, Thomas
Jones, Ambrose
Jones, Danl
Johnston, Walter
Johnston, Benj
Logan, Hail?
Looney, Peter

Lee, James
Lenear, James
Looney, Robert *
Latham, John
Lovell, Henry
Leeper, George
Leatherdale, William
Looney, Peter *
Looney, Dairo
Lindsey, Isaac *

Laurence, Nathaniel
Linn, Stephen
Long, Nicholas
Lamb, Gideon
Lenton, Silas
Linton, Hezikiah
Lewis, Francis
Lewis, Martha?
Leadon, Robert
Linn, Stephen
Leomon, Jonathan

Linn, Adam

Lytle, Archibald

Legan?, James Lytle, William Lancaster, John Lvnn, James * Laurence, Adam * Longston, Jonah heirs Lightholder, Christopher Lewis, Martin James Lock, Mathew Lambert, Aaron Logan, John Lewis, T. William Lockhart, John Lawson, William heirs Kimarlin, Jacob Kennedy, John Kennedy, George heirs Kimberlin, Michael Kuykendlal, Benj * Kilgore, Thomas * Kuykendall, Simeon * Kuykendall, Joseph * Kingsborough, John Kilgore, Johnston * Kincannon, Mathew Kuvkendall, Peter Koin, John Kraun, John Kuvkendall, Mathew * Kuykendall, John * McGary, Hugh Mansker, Gasper * Morrison, William McMurtry, John heirs Mayfield, Isaac Montgomery, Ja & Payton, E. Martin, Joseph Morgan, John Mosley, Samuel Materton, Charles heirs Manesse, James McDonald, Magnus Mingle, Danniel Meggerson, Thomas McWhirter, William Marshall, William Mitchel, Robert McNaire, James Montgomery, Robert * Montgomery, William * Mc.., James M... M...heirs Murphy, Hardy

Murphy, Archibald Morrill, Stephen McDanold, Josiah McCaul, Archibald Morrison, John Milton, William Milton, Daniel McCall, Alexander McVav. Eli McDowell, Joseph McClure, William Misender, Mathews Mills, William Mors, Isaac...H McCann, Nathl Mauldin, Ambrose Mitchell, Edward Matlock, Nicholas McNeelev, William Mitchell, John Miller, Andrew McCall, Alexander Mountflorence, James * McMullin, Robert McCullock, Beni Mills, Benj Marr, Timothy...H McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh, Beni Mills, William Marshall, John Marshall, William Michael, Montgomery Motherall, Saml Mars, Alexander Moore, Samuel McKelwrath, Joseph McCutchen, John Marley, Robert Moore, James Neeley, Alexander * Norris, Ezekiel * Nash, Mical Newel, Hancock Norris, Thomas Nichols, John Nelson, John...H Nobles, Mark Newlin, Eli Owens, John Oban, Robert Obryan, Laurence Olivers, Elijah Philips, John Pruet, William heirs

Payton, John * Pavne, George Purtle?, George Parker, William Phelps, Solomon Porter, Benj...H Payton, Ephraim Poe, John Powell, William Powell, Thomas Patton, John * Parr, Noah Powell, Benj Polk, William Phifer, Caleb Parker, Samuel Philips, Andrew Perry, Jeremiah Pouris?. James Porterfield, John Patton, Thomas Payton, Thomas Pipkins, Philip Phifer, Martin Pierce, Theopholus Philips, Mann Porter, Rufe Philips, Philip Paynten, John Persons, Roger Persons, Jesse...H Payne, Josiah Robertson, Mark Rule, Henry * Rice, John Ramsy, Henry * Rolls, Horatio Reardon, Dennis Rhodes, Joseph Ross, William Roberson, Elijah Reading, Robert Reed, John Rowland, James Row, Jesse Reed, Alexander Reynolds, John Row, James Robins, James Reddock, James Robinson, David Ramsey, William Reas? Jno & Elijah & Russell?? R...., Samuel

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Robison, James Rickman, Mark Reed, Jesse Rice, John

Rice, John & Compy Ray, William Rutherford, Griffin Smith, Daniel *

Sumers, William Sawyers, John Shelby, Isaac * Shelton, David Shelby, David *

Scott, George Scarby, John Sharp, Anthony * Scott, John

Shaver, Michael *
Starr, William
Smith, John
Sanders, James
Snoddy, William *

Spencer, Thomas *
Steel, Robert *
Shelby, Evan
Snyder, Frederick

Sikes, Zachariah Sale, Jesse Sanders, William Summer, James Saxton, William Sickes, Zackariah

Savage, Ransom Shelton, David Scott, Marmaduke Skinner, Genl

Smith, Simeon Stranger, John Scarf, John Smmith, Thomas

Story, Caleb

Shackler, Philip *
Sheppard, Benjamin
Simms, Thos heirs
Steel, Joseph heirs

Sugg, A George Stolep, William Stone, John

Spencer, Job Sheppard, Nancy Summers, Michael Sanders & I. Bledsoe

Sheffer, Richard

Stokes, William Skarrot, Isador Street, Nathl

Slard, Stephen Sheppard, John Sampford, Saml Snoddy, James Searcey, Robert Smith, Thomas *

Turney, Henry Trammel, Nicholas Taylor, Archibald Topp, Roger heirs

Tant, Jesse Tatum, Bernard Taylor, Archibald

Topp, Roger heirs Tant, Jesse Tatum, Bernard Taylor, James Tuton, Oliver Tuton, William Thompson, John *

Tate, Adam
Taylor, Thomas
turnbull, Willm
Twigg, Danl
Todd, James
Trammel, Philip *

Thomas, Micajah Thompson, Robert Thompson, Thomas Thedford, William Ventures, Danl...H

Thomas, Philamon

Welch, John Williams, James Woodard, Noah White, Thomas Winters, Caleb Williams, Nathl

Wilson, David *
Wuthers, John
Williams, Sampson
Wilkeson, Moses
Woodward, Simeon

Wilson, John *
Wimble, Dempsy
Wilson, John
Whithead, Wm
Whitmond, Wm
Wallace, George

Woodless, Georeg Witham, Moses Wall, James Walton, William * Williams, Wm

Wilkeson, Ruebin Ward, John

West, Levi Winn, James Williams, Robt Walker, Moses

Waters, William Weakley, Robert Willoughby, Mathew

Willoughby, Mathew Williams?, Moby? Willoughby, And Wood, John

Warwick, Robert Winchester, James

Winchester, J & George *

Wells, Joseph
Williams, P John
Young, John
Young, William
Yocum, Mathias
York, William
Zeigler, Jacob *
Alexander, Mathew

Bone, James
Carter, Charles
Crafford, Hugh
Harrison, James
Hogan, Richard
Hampton, Thomas
Maxey, Jesse
Gipson, Roger

Funkhouse, Christopher

Mason, Samuel Oadem, James

Thompson, Laurence Jr Thompson, Laurence Sr

Walton, Isaac
Waller, Joseph
Barkley, John
Wallace, Joseph
Wilson, James Sr
Sanders, Abraham
Blackgraves, Henry
Hall, William heirs
Jemeson, Thomas
Turpen, Henry
Laurence, Adam

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DAR's 100 Years of Service to the Nation, 1890 - 1990 by Mrs. Lee Andrew Enoch, Jr. and Mrs. Joe T. Cooke

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will have served the nation for 100 years on October 11, 1990. The farsightedness of the four founders in Washington, D. C. over a century ago will be praised again and again. These women were descendants of patriots of the American Revolution and they founded this organization to join together other descendants in patriotic, historical and educational activities.

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of the American Independence, served as a sailor, or a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the society." Bylaws of the NSDAR, Article III, Section 1.

Proof of descent from a man or woman who served during the Revolutionary War may come from many varied sources. Wills, deeds, court minutes, Bible Records, Pension Records, Census Records, Cemetery Records, obituaries, birth and death certificates are excellent sources to search.

The founding Daughters were Mary Smith Lockwood, a writer and author; Mary Desha, a teacher and dominant personality; Ellen Hardin Walworth, a writer, speaker and lawyer; and Eugenia Washington, a very accurate person and a direct descendant of Lawrence Washington, half brother of George Washington. Caroline Scott Harrison was the first president general at the time when her husband, Benjamin Harrison, was President of the United States. Mrs. Adlai Stevenson became one of the early president generals, also.

The first Tennessean to attain the high office of president general of the National Society was Mrs. Walter Hughey King of Murfreesboro who was elected the 32nd president general. More than 700,000 women have joined the National Society since it was organized. Many of the nation's first ladies are members, including Nancy Davis Reagan and Barbara Pierce Bush.

The DAR owns a city block in Washington, D. C. near the White House on which the three headquarters buildings are located. The Memorial Continental Hall and the Constitution Hall are registered National Historic Landmarks and the Administration Building there houses

the business offices, the Museum gallery and the Americana Collection. It is here in Constitution Hall that the DAR Continental Congress is held annually which delegate members attend. Always the bands of the U.S. Army, Navy and Marines play at different times during the DAR Congress and dignitaries from the White House and Congress are invited to speak on various subjects. Daughters attending DAR Congress are invited for a tour of the White House.

The DAR helped in celebrating the nation's bicentennial in 1976 by commissioning the ceiling murals depicting historical events in the House wing of the U.S. Capitol. Also the DAR furnished the Council Chambers and the Assembly Committee Room in Independence Hall in Philadelphia during this time. More recently, the DAR assisted in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

Presently the DAR Library with the Seimes Microfilm Center provides one of the finest genealogical libraries in the county; the DAR Museum contains a collection of 40,000 objects tracing the development of life in early America, and 33 period rooms are maintained by the State DAR organizations; and the DAR is also a pioneer in the fields of preservation and environmental issues.

In the past, the DAR has established schools in Appalachia, has organized occupational therapy services for immigrants on Ellis Island and during the Spanish American War recruited over 1,000 nurses for hospital service which became the nucleus of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

For many decades, the DAR has worked zealously to enlighten the public in matters of National Defense, has promoted good citizenship and assisted thousands of persons in becoming citizens of the United States through distribution of the Manual for Citizenship which is published by the DAR. Scholarships in American History, political science, government, economics, nursing and occupational therapy have been provided also by the DAR.

Through the efforts of its members, the DAR has located and marked countless graves of Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots and hundreds of historical sites have been restored and preserved. The DAR has long provided training in patriotism and leadership through its youth programs in the Children of the American Revolution, Junior American Citizens, Good Citizenship Awards and the American History essay contest annually for school students.

This, the DAR Centennial Jubilee, is a time to reflect on the society's record of accomplishments during its first century and to plan additions to those accomplishments in the years to come.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Shirley Wilson

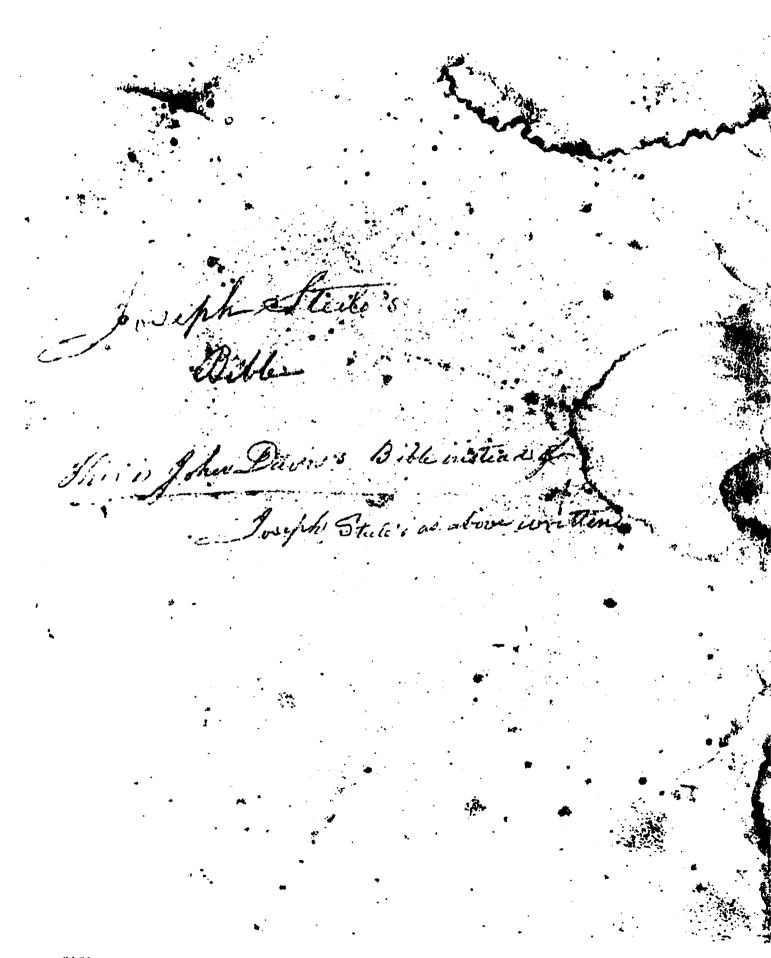
Descendants of James and Elizabeth Fleming Ferguson Bedford County (now Marshall). Tennessee compiled by Herman W. Ferguson. 1988. Soft back, 8 1/2 x 11. Full name and place index, 135 pp. Order from Herman W. Ferguson, 600 Chad Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803. \$16.00 plus \$1.50 shipping. NC residents add 5% sales tax, all sales final.

This work is about evenly divided between a chart of descendants of James Ferguson (1757-1816), who married Elizabeth Fleming (1763-1848), and biographical sketches of six of the older members of the family. The full name index includes some 2,000 places and names of persons, including the surnames Alford, Arnold, Brittain, Brooks, Brown, Buchanan, Cole, Creighton, Dudley, Fleming, Gillespie, Gilliam, Harris, Hughes, Ireland, Jones, Lawrence, Lovell, Morgan, Morris, Poe, Powers, Reynolds, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson, Turbeville, Williams, Yetzer and Zimmerle.

A very professional job has been done in printing this book. The type is a nice size and it was apparently printed from a laser or high quality printer. The author's style of writing is clear and concise. Although footnotes were not used, the research appears to have been thorough and both an appendix and a list of references were included. Although the numbering system is not one that is frequently used, it is systematic and easy to follow. This well written book will be a welcome addition to the libraries of those who seek their ancestors in Bedford and Marshall counties.

We ran across the following item in Genealogical Abstracts from Tennessee Newspapers, 1791-1808, compiled by Sherida K. Eddlemon. It was originally published in *The Tennessee Gazette & Mero District Advertiser*, October 12, 1805, Vol. 5, No. 33. Used by permission.

Reward \$20. My wife Janet Chambers has left my bed and board with William PETER. He is 35 years old, 5 ft. 10 in. tall, dark complexion, and has dark hair. Janet CHAMBERS is about 29 years of age, fair hair, blue eyes, and is tolerable handsome. They stole a sorrel horse. There is a reward for the return of the horse. John C. CHAMBERS.



JOHN DAVIS'S BIBLE

Fly-leaf handwriting reads

Joseph Steele's Bible

This is John Davis's Bible instead of

Joseph Steele's as above written

The title page shows the Bible to be published by McCarty & Davis, Philadelphia, 1834.

Permission for use of this information is given by the present owner of the Bible, Mrs. Dorothy J. Harz, 136 McAuley Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39180.

Note by Dorothy J. Harz: Death date of Jessee Davis was more likely 18 July 1833, according to article in Shelbyville TIMES-GAZETTE under date of 18 July 1986, "Today in Local History." The cholera epidemic is supposed to have abated in July of that year. Also, we had always assumed the possibility of an error in one of the death dates for Jessee and Mary Davis. It was not impossible, but was improbable, that they had both expired on 17th of August in different years. Mary Davis, the wife of Jessee Davis, was daughter of John KNOTT of Granville Co., NC, as evidenced by his will dated 5 Dec 1798, recorded in Will Book 4, pp. 267, 268, 269, Granville County, North Carolina. Mrs. Hart also noted on her transcription of the pages: "When I changed the Bible entry I didn't know I should not have done that, but should have just inserted a note written on another paper, or the article itself."

In her correspondence Mrs. Harz tells us there is additional information available on Jesee Davis and his wife Mary Knott. "Jessee Davis was probably a Revolutionary Soldier. He was cruel to Mary and put her out of the house on Christmas Day in 1816. She tried to get a divorce, but it wasn't granted. [Ref: Petition of William Knott for Mary Davis, October 3, 1819, TNS&L 84-1819-1]

"Mary Knott Davis was d/o John Knott of Granville Co., NC. Documentation of the Knott Family is contained in The Genealogy of the Knott Family, 1617-1989, Founders of Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, California, researched and compiled and copyrighted in 1989 by Willie Mae Caldwell, C. G. This was published privately but I have a copy and asked that they donate a copy to the Argie Cooper Memorial Library in Shelbyville, TN. I assume that this was done. If anyone would like to know about Knotts, they can either go to Shelbyville and look it up, or write to me and I'll look it up for them...

"My grandfather was Jo Davis Steele, b. 8 Nov 1855 in Bedford County. He said his name was erroneously recorded in the Bible as Josep D. Steel. John and Catharine (Featherston) Davis were his grandparents. When he was a little boy he went to 'Aunt Jane Davis's Sale' and bought a quilted coverlet for a nickel. It was very old and in bad condition at that time. People who are experts on quilts estimate that this was made 1775-1800, with a large amount of finely-done applique work on it, and rather rare trapunto quilting. I donated it to the Tennessee Museum in Nashville to be kept for the purposes of professional research as it is too fragile to display. I've never been able to find out who 'Aunt Jane Davis' was.

"Joseph Steele d. 4 Jul 1846 in Bedford County, TN 'in his 78th year,' so he was born ca. 1769. He was the father of nine children, among them Price Caldwell Steele b. 1800, shown in this Bible as P. C. Steele. Henrietta Davis was the second wife of Price C. Steele."

FAMILY RECORD.

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BIRTHS

John Davis was born June 7th, 1794

Catharine Davis wife of John Davis was born Dec. 8th 1784.

Katharine H. T. Davis was born Oct. 20th 1818.

Henrietta L. Davis was born Aug. 14th, 1820.

Caroline M. M. Davis was born July 28th, 1822

Wm. J. Davis was born Oct. 11th, 1824.

Price C. Steel Junr. was born September the 8, 1848

Catharine M. Steel was born February the 6th 1851

Edmond C. Steel was born July the 16th 1853.

Josep D. Steel was born November the 8th 1855.

Calip L. Steele was born September the 16, 1859

Drayton M. Davis was born December th 8th 1800

Green Davis was born November the 27th 1802

Joseph L. Davis was born June the 1st 1805

Nancy Davis was born September the 24th 1798.

Lucintha W. Davis was born November the 8th 1812.

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Catharine Davis departed this life October the 11th 1863.

John Davis departed this life November 6 1866.

Wm. J. Davis departed this life April 3rd, 1877.

Edmond C. Steele departed this Life June the 29th 1854.

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Mary Davis Departed this Life August the 17th 1839

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John Davis and Catharine Featherston were married July 30, 1812.

Henrietta L. Davis and P. C. Steele were married Sept. 22nd, 1846

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KINFOLK AND NEIGHBORS

Crawford, Wilson and Trainum Ties to Middle Tennessee by Cornelia Burns Holland

"I grew up in Alabama and moved to Williamson County in 1976. At that time I new of no "roots" to the area. I have come full circle and that is what inspired this abstract."

LAZARUS CRAWFORD (Crafford, Crofford) was born circa 1745 (1, 1a). In 1768, his land on the Neuce River was the dividing line between Wayne/Dobbs and Johnston Counties North Carolina (7). He was a North Carolina militiaman (9) and Revolutionary War patriot (10).

Children of Lazarus included: John (m. Ann Fellows); Edwin (m. Jane Ragen); Raiford (m. Nancy Jane Coor); Elizabeth (m. Alfred Blackman of Rutherford Co., TN); Delia McKinnie (m. Lewis Joslin of Davidson Co., TN); Temperance Amanda (1m. Jacob Thompson, 2m. John Peck of Dresden, TN); Sara Carolyn (m. John Stephen Hollowell); Mrs. Elbert Stevens; Julia Haynes; and Winnefred Sasser. [Jacob Thompson was possibly the son of James and Elizabeth Thompson of Thompson Station, TN.] (6)

Crawford migrated to Davidson Co., TN after 1800 (13). Rutherford Co., TN was formed from Davidson and Williamson Counties and records of Lazarus Crawford are found in all three counties, indicating he lived in what is now the northwest corner of Rutherford County. A review of deeds and court minutes indicate his land was near Beesley (Overall) Church, Blackman Road and Puckett Road, North of highway 96. The Haynes and Hollowells also lived in this area.

Lazarus Crawford wrote his will 29 March 1818 being "sick and weak" (2) and died at his residence near Murfreesboro, TN 28 May 1818 (21). The will, probated 11 November 1818, indicates he owned books, grew cotton, had farming and carpenter tools "of every description," and livestock consisting of sheep, cows, horses, and hogs. Rebecca, "my loving wife," was given a life estate of one-third and Lazarus established a trust for the education of his two youngest children "by my last wife," naming one, Baldwin Augustus.

Lazarus frequently interacted with Williamson Countians. He and John Crawford purchased at the property sale of John Page, Dec'd, of Williamson Co., TN, 1809 (11). Page also migrated from Wayne Co., NC. Lazarus and John Crawford purchased items at the property sale of the estate of John Crawford of Williamson Co., TN (14) who died in 1813 (15). Also attending the sale were Alexander and Samuel Crawford of Maury County (16). The January 1818 court settlement of the estate of John Crawford Dec'd. listed L. Crawford's note as an Estate expense (17).

John Crawford Dec'd of Williamson County, was born 16 March 1784, and married Elizabeth Rutherford, daughter of Henry, niece of Matthew Johnson (Bond date 27 February 1808). [Henry Rutherford surveyed the line between Davidson and Williamson Counties.] Elizabeth Rutherford Crawford later married Oliver Crenshaw, 11 July 1814, in Williamson County (18, 19) and moved to Key Corner in West Tennessee, a site surveyed and settled by her father.

John and Elizabeth Crawford's sons were: Washington P., b. 6 June 1809, d. 17 July 1834; Henry Rutherford, b. 26 April 1811, d. 9 August 1870 in Texas; and his twin, James Johnson, b. 26 April 1811, d. 22 August 1844 (23). Siblings of this John Crawford were Alexander and Samuel of Maury County, James, William, and a Mrs. McCoy (18). John was in military service during 1812 and is found on the Williamson Co., TN tax lists from 1800-1812, owning land in the Leiper's Lick Creek area. He was a partner in Rutherford & Crawford, a surveying company.

Rebecca Crawford, wife of Lazarus, moved to Williamson County after 1820 and is listed in the 1830 Tennessee census, age 50-60 with one male 15-20 (20), living in the Flat Creek area next to Baalam Ezell. Was she a relative? She is not found on the Williamson County Grantee Index of 1820-1830 or in the 1840 Tennessee Census as Rebecca Crawford (22).

Baldwin Augustus Crawford was born ca. 1815 (12) in Rutherford Co., TN and died after the 1880 Tennessee Census. He first married Deborah Ezell (ca. 1818-ca. 1857) and made his home on the waters of Flat Creek in Williamson County (24, 25, 26, 27, 29). Baldwin, referred to as "Squire" and Deborah moved to Weakley Co., TN ca. 1843 (30, 31) and he was the first elected mayor of Martin, TN (32, 33). Baldwin and Deborah Crawford's children included: Mary b. 1837/38; Caroline b. 1838/40; Thomas b. 1840; Temperance b. 1842; Nancy Helen b. 1847, d. 1932; Henry Clary b. 29 November 1850, d. 19 September 1899; and Delia b. 1853 (34). Baldwin Crawford married his second wife, S. F. (Susan) Pegram 19 October 1857 (8) in Weakley County.

Baalam Ezell, Jr., son of Baalam and Liddy Ezell (32), was born in Brunswick Co., VA and died in Williamson Co., TN where he married Keziah Tarkington on 18 July 1805. Keziah, b. 11 August 1778, d. 2 June 1850, was the daughter of Zebulon and Mary Hassell Tarkington. Children of Baalam and Keziah Ezell included: Mary Saunders (m. Orren Vincent 6 November 1828); Littleberry R. (m. Martha H. Smith 29 December 1836); Joseph D.; Deborah (m. Baldwin A. Crawford); Emeline (m. Jeremiah Stevens 6 November 1833); William C. (m. Elizabeth A. Smith 8 December 1841); Balaam H. (III) (m. Martha A. Bruer 19 February 1845); Nancy E. (m. Johnee Crockett 22 October 1844); Burket M.; and George W. (m. Nancy R. Rickman 29 October 1863) (32). Amos Adkins' will, probated October 1818, lists five of Deborah's siblings as heirs, but not Deborah (28).

Keziah Ezell, Orren Vincent and Mary S. Vincent his wife, Littleberry R. Ezell, Joseph D. Ezell, Jepthah Ezell, Baldwin A. Crawford and his wife Deborah Crawford, Jeremiah Stephens and his wife Emeline Stephens, William C. Ezell and Balaamm H. Ezell and Nancy E. Ezell, Burket M. Ezell and George W. Ezell sold to David Chriesman for \$2388 a tract of land in the 22nd district containing 200 acres bounded by Samuel Chriesman, 19 May 1840, Williamson Co., TN.

CORNELIUS WILSON was born ca. 1766; at the age of 11 he ran away from home and enlisted as a fifer in the Fifth Virginia Regiment. Cornelius served in Captain William Fowler's Company, Colonel Joseh Parker's Regiment. After being wounded in the mouth with a sword, he became a drummer and was at Valley Forge, PA, serving in the Commander-in-Chief's Guard. Two of his brothers were killed during the war (3). Cornelius appears on the Williamson County Tax List in 1809 with one black male (4). In December 1810 he purchased seventy acres of land in the county on "the dividing ridge between West Harpeth and the waters of Duck River." Cornelius Wilson and Cornelious Mathis purchased at the Estate Sale of James Buford, Dec'd in 1811. Cornelius Wilson appears on the 1812 Williamson County Tax List with John Wilson (4). Cornelius is enumerated on the 1820 Census of Tennessee for Maury County with one male under 10, one male 18-26, one male 26-45, one male over 45, four females under 10, one female 10-16, one female 16-26, one female 26-45, and one female over 45. He wrote his will 24 April 1821, it being probated 24 February 1824.

Cornelius Wilson married Anney ____ and their children included: Elizabeth (m. Jeremiah Trainum 22 January 1810); John (m. Celia Campbell 27 February 1810); Mary (m. Thomas Hardison 30 October 1813); Alexander (m. Nancy Fuzell 30 September 1815); Nancy; and Henry Stephens (5).

JEREMIAH TRAINUM. The 1808 and 1809 Tax Lists of Williamson County show Martin Trantham, a male between ages 21 and 51 (4). Jeremiah Traneham appears on the 1810 list. Jeremiah purchsed at the sale of Isaac Crow, Dec'd. in 1813 and at the Estate sale of Thomas T. Maury in 1817. He served as bondsman 8 June 1814, for Sylvanus Tarkington who married Patsey Alexander.

Jeremiah Trainum is enumerated on the 1820 Tennessee Census of Maury County with two males under 10, one male 10-16, one male 26-45, two females under 10, and one female 26-45. Neighbors were Cornilious Wilson, Elizabeth Fortner and David Fortner. Jeremiah and Elizabeth Trainum's children included: Cornelius Wilson; Robert C. (m. Sarah E. Sallee 18 March 1839); Pleasant (m. Martha E. Carter 23 October 1851); Catherine A. (m. James A. Talley 26 February 1842); and Mary E.

The following Trantham, Frantham, Trentham, Trannum bonds are recorded in Williamson County: Martin Frantham to Rachel Holliday 4 January 1812, bondsman Cornelius Crenshaw; Elizabeth Trantham to Henry Haladay 23 February 1815; Sealey Trentham to Joh Peck 2 February 1816; Marten Frantham to Charlotte Gardiner 1 July 1816, bondsman Martin Tranthum; Jesse Frantham to Sally Holliday 17 December 1818, bondsman Martin Trantham; William Frantham to Rebecca Pinkston 7 March 1821; James Frantham to Peggy Peach 22 November 1821; Floyd Franthum to Betsey Gunter 24 August 1822, bondsman Henry Holiday; Sally Frantham to John Holliday 26 January 1824, bondsman Henry Holliday; Jane Frantham to William Morris 7 December 1824, bondsman Morris Tranthum. The County Survey Book, March 1827-1832, shows Tranthams living on Leaper's Creek of the West Harpeth and on the waters of Big East Fork of the South Harpeth.

CORNELIUS WILSON TRAINUM married Sarah T. Fortner 13 October 1841, and was living in Maury County in 1860. Their children included Pleasant J., George G., John, Clemin, Sally More, Susan Y., May (Mary) A., Martha J., Elizabeth J., H. H., R. W., and Ella O.

ELLA O. TRAINUM married William Thomas Jefferson Grantham and they resided in Hardeman Co., TN (the Granthams were also from Wayne Co., NC). Their daughter, Etta Mae Grantham, married George Washington Crawford of Middleton, TN and they were the author's maternal grandparents.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CRAWFORD was the son of Robert Raiford Crawford of Hardeman Co., TN. George's grandfather was Raiford Crawford, son of Lazarus Crawford of Rutherford Co., TN.

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Mr. Graves tells us he didn't set out to write about Micajah, his 4th greatgrandfather. He got his name from a contact in Oklahoma and went to the library to see what he could find. He says "when you find information just keeps flowing take it and run with it."

MICAIAH COOPER

by James M. Graves

Micajah Thomas Cooper was born in Rowan County, North Carolina 28 December 1806, the son of Henry and Rebecca Hollis Cooper (1). Henry and Rebecca were married in Rowan County, North Carolina 19 January 1794 (2). Henry Cooper was born in Maryland, served six months in the Revolutionary Army while very young, and was honorably discharged. Rebecca was the daughter of Captain William Hollis, an Englishman who had fought with the patriot army. Henry Cooper emigrated to Tennessee in 1814-1815 with his children and grandchildren (1). The names of Micajah's brothers and sisters are not known but they must have been several years older than Micajah for Henry to have had grandchildren in 1814-15.

Micajah married Sarah (Sallie) Vincent 31 March 1829 in Rutherford County, Tennessee (3). She was born in 1809 (4). Sarah's father, Henry Vincent, was a private in the war of 1812 and was present at the Battle of New Orleans (1). Her mother's name was Elizabeth Adcock. Elizabeth and Henry were married 30 September 1805 at Granville County, North Carolina (5). Henry's children at the time of his death in 1841 were Peyton S., Temperance Alexander, and Sarah A. Cooper. He had another son, Adolphus Ferdinan, by his second wife Rachel. Adolphus would later live with Micajah. Henry Vincent's will dated 1841 gave \$100 to his daughter Sarah Cooper (6).

In the 1830 census of Tennessee, Micajah Cooper was in Rutherford County with his wife and one boy between the ages of 0-5 (7). [That would be his oldest son, Lunsford Pitts Cooper.] In 1838 and 1839 Micajah appears in the Coffee County Court minutes as a road overseer and a juryman (8). He was a partner in a business with a Mr. Samuel K. Gibson by 1839, with Mr. Gibson dying in 1841 (9).

The 1840 census of Tennessee shows Micajah in the Coffee County records (10). He had two boys and three girls and was one of only eleven people listed with the occupation of commerce. A footnote indicated that someone between the ages of 70 & 80 lived in the household. Also listed was a female between 50 and 60.

The 1850 census was the first to list the members of a household by name. The Tennessee census listed Micajah Cooper at Wartrace, Bedford County, occupation farmer. He was located no more than ten miles from his former residence. His wife is listed as Sarah, age 41, born Tennessee. The following children were named, all born Tennessee.

Lunsford P.	age 20	School Teacher
Alexander A.	age 18	School Teacher
Elizabeth	age 15	
Temperance	age 13	
Mary	age 11	
Sarah	age 9	
Micajah T., jr.	age 4	
Robert	age 2	
Susannah	age 9/12	

A 19-year-old, Adolphus Vincent, labourer, was also listed as was one Andrew Ross, age 27, a constable (11). Bible records indicate Elizabeth had a twin sister, Rebecca, who probably died shortly after birth (12). During the 1850's Miccajah was listed as a postmaster at Fairfield, from 27 June 1854 until 15 April 1857 (13). Fairfield is about six miles from Wartrace and the final burial site for Micajah.

The 1860 census of Bedford County, Tennessee showed the following: Micajah was a farmer with real estate valued at \$800 and a personal estate of \$1500. He was 54 and his wife 51. Alexander was still living with them at age 28. Mary was 21, Sallie 17, Thomas 15, Robert 13 and Sue 12. Sallie, Thomas, Robert and Sue had all attended school within the past year (14). Sarah A. Vincent Cooper died in 1864 and was buried in the Fairfield New Hope Baptist Church

Cemetery in front of the main Church doors (15). In June of 1865, Micajah Cooper paid a \$520 judgement in a lawsuit involving Stanton J. Green of Lincoln County, TN, Ray, Watson & Co., and others. Micajah and George M. Ray shared paying the \$520 and cost to Mr. Green in the April Term 1865, Chancery Court of Bedford County, TN (16).

In 1870, the census indicated that Micajah was in the 20th district of Rutherford County, TN with a second wife, Lavina, and a black servant, Tom Jordan, age 10 (17). Micajah moved out of the state--to Kentucky--prior to his death to work for a railroad company.

The Tennessee State Archives houses the Katherine Orme Williams Collection which contains four letters written by Micajah Cooper and fifteen letters written by his oldest son, Lunsford Pitts Cooper, who settled in Memphis after living in Mississippi for about twenty years. The Williams Collection also has letters written by Elizabeth and Temperance Cooper, two daughters of Micajah who married two brothers named Cason from Wilson County. The brothers, Jeremiah and Joseph, became Baptist preachers and moved to Texas by the 1890's. The bulk of the collection is centered on the Singleton, Scott and Cooper families of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Micajah's last letter written to his son Alex, dated August 1873, follows (18):

Bakersport, Hopkins County, Ky.

Dear Alexander,

While resting from a job of preparing some ground for turnip, your name was mentioned which made us both acctious to hear from you and your family. This leaves us all well, & also John Minters family. I have not been here long-enough to say how I like the country however I see no inducement for any person to leave Tennessee & locate hear--were it not for my advanced age I would Emigrate west. Aunt Levina I believe is very well pleased at her move, however she can say herself in some future letter perhaps you would like to hear from some of my children-so I will give you about as much as I know. About 3 months ago I got a letter from Sack. She stated they were all well except Major Alstons--health was not very good. I have been from Tennessee about 3 weeks. The state of the health was very good & prospects for crops were very good. The Cholery has again visited Shelbyville & other towns. The principle deaths were among the Negros. There was said to be about 80 cases in Shelbyville, 60 of which were darkies. The amount in Murfreesboro, as well as I can remember, was said to be about 20-one white only. It is attribbitable to the Negros not dieting themselves. In other words many of them are living very scantily & when they happen to get plenty. They eat enough at once to make 2 men sick. In some cases they have died-in from 2 to 4 hours. Give my love to Roda & the children. I hope to receive a letter by return male. I have written last as I was just starting to Bakersport. The idea came into my mind you might not remember where to write to so I give you my office as follows: M. T. Cooper, Pudduca & Elizabeth Railroad, Bakersport, Ky.

Micajah Cooper died several months after he wrote the letter in Kentucky and his body was brought back to Fairfield, Tennessee to be buried alongside his first wife Sarah at the New Hope Baptist Cemetery in Bedford County. His gravestone has written on it February 16, 1873, but he wrote his letter dated August of 1873. It is likely that he died in February of 1874.

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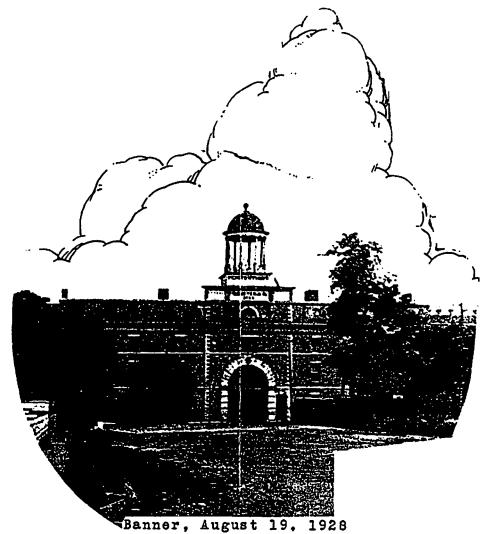
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The line "the more things change, the more things stay the same," came to mind when we ran across the following in an 1873 Rural Sun. Recyclers take heart.

Old Shoes.--Children, you probably think that if you look very sharp at an old shoe when you throw it away, you will know it again if ever it comes back to you. But that doesn't at all follow. One of these days you may button your dress with an old pair of slippers, comb your hair with a boot, or grasp a cast off gaiter in your hand while you eat your dinner. You don't see how this can be? Well, we'll tell you:

Old shoes are turned to account by manufacturers in the following manner: They are cut into very small pieces and kept for a couple of days in chloride of sulphur. The effect of this is to make the leather hard and brittle. Next, the material is withdrawn from the action of the chloride of sulphur, washed with water, and dried. When thoroughly dry, it is ground to powder and mixed with some substance like glue or gum, that causes it to adhere together. It is then pressed into moulds and shaped into buttons, combs, knifehandles, etc. So you see how it may yet come to pass that you will comb your hair with a boot, and fasten your clothes with a slipper.



OLD STATE PENITENTIARY. The prison, located at Stonewall and Church streets, was in use from Jan. 1, 1831, to June 1, 1898, when all the convicts were moved to the present penitentiary. Gov. William Carroll proclaimed its opening. Champ Ferguson, famous Confederate guerrilla, was hung here by Gen. W. R. Shafter.

Ask Us

Reader Ann Shoults writes "I would like to know the names and location of State Penitentiaries in Tennessee during the period from 1845 to 1855. Also are records available concerning inmates during this period?"

Digging around at the TSLA with the help of Wayne Moore and Fran Schell we got a lot more interested in this question than we had planned. It appears that the Tennessee State Penitentiary located in Nashville where 16th Street crosses Church and Cedar was the only one in existence during this time span. This facility opened in 1831 with 200 cells.

Records are available but the list is far from complete. The information is quite good for the ones that there are. We include the following as an example:

James Hutton

From Franklin County, Crime Murder, Sentence Ten years from 20th December 1855. He is 22 years of age, weighs 155 lbs. 6 feet high. Blue eyes fair skin and Dark hair. Born in Coffee County Tenn near Hillsboro. His mother Jane Helton is a widow and live in same neighborhood. He married in Franklin County Elizabeth Swan and she now lives near Hawkensville. Has no trade.

Gen'l Pardon July 5, 1861 by Gov. J. G. Harris

Records similar to the above are available for the following prisoners (listed in order of incarceration):

INMATES TENNESSEE STATE PENITENTIARY 1845-1855

1845
Peyton T. Phillips
1847
John Moon
1848
William McCoy

William McCoy
Marion C. Clark
James Mitchell

William Davis alias L. H. Tharp

Martin Moore

1849

Carroll King
Irwin Hines
William A. Estis
Anthony Davis
John J. Elzay
Jefferson Cash

1850

Thomas Ellison

Henry Dullon, Man of Colour

Samuel Coffman
1851William Emmerson

Frank Stephens alias D. Hoffman

Benjamin Rowe Samuel B. McKnight George W. Gideon Phillip Wilson William T. Howard James Wyly Priscilla Burk

1852

Amos C. Hampton Dennis Doolin Claiborne Brown

R. W. Story alias James Brady

John Johnson James Spencer

Savan Nelson
George Dinkins
Thomas Crawford
William Hill
William Cornelius
James O'Briant
William W. Joyce
William Enos

James A. Inman Thomas Braidy Henry Jones William Peterson

Robert Gentry alias Robert Lazenbury

Mose Black (Negro) Francis Dorby W. H. Johnson John Fitzsimmons Daniel G. McCarn
William B. Spears
Levi T. Hall
John McClure
Bird Johnson
Hance H. Hopper
David Hackings

John Henry Landon L. Smith William Heaton Elijah Heaton

Daniel Bell alias Dan Sommers

John P. Holmes
John Wood
William B. Bradley
Richard Smith
John W. Beaty
Robert Hutcherson
James C. Patterson
Dudley Parish
James Pool
William R. York
Emander C. Cotton
William Bowles
James Keeton
Ira W. Horton
Jesse Patton

William H. Ramsey John Long Abram W. Moran William Witcher Henderson Robertson

John Benson alias Jno. Sullivan, Jno.

Ryal & Little Jack

1855

William McMahon Reason Phelps Thomas Dugan William McAllister

William McAllister alias William Rout

Benjamin Honchens William Rhea James Stanley Madison Saunders John C. Prichett

Daniel Tucker (or David Tucker)

Hanson Smith
Anthony Wood
Alexander Williams
John McBride
Miles B. Hendley

Rhoton Elkins alias W. R. Elkins

Beverley Haley John Williams Thomas Wright
John Henry Mizell
Alfred Smith
Samuel Kennedy
John D. Brandon
John Parham
Jefferson M. Ridens
Samuel Tate
Charles Yates
Overton Ledbetter
Enoch Donohoo

Jefferson Vaughn

William Ferguson

John Hicks John Gwinn Thomas Medkirk Nicholas Doolin William Stephens John Rose John A. Hughes Robert Burke W. H. C. Meek John Phelps John R. Biggs James M. Nelson Joel Hubbard John Johnson Henry Flourie Joseph L. Rogers John Pulaski Elihu Coppinger John Simpson

Caroline C. Matthis Benjamin Hanf John Brazell John Harvey William Morris

Edward Jones

James C. Waldo

Andrew Morley alias Andrew Stout

Francis O'Neal John Kain Jame Rogers J. L. Dalton Enoch Welborn

Henry Hinkles alias Nathan Griffin

Thompson Hurst James Clifton Joseph Guthrie William Selkirk William Greer John Sloan James Helton The following list is from the 1850 Census of Davidson County, TN. The initial names are those of the warden and his family. Additional information on the census schedules includes occupation, place of birth and for the prisoners, crime for which convicted.

McINTOSH, John 54, Sarah 57, Plumma 30, Louisa 20, Lucy 18, Joseph 16, Francis 22

1836	Franklin Beachum 33	Solomon Whitlow 31
1000	Jonathan Richards 28	Joel Shropshire 39
Alexander Cohen 64	William Ivey 24	Alexander Moore 36
Alexander Conen or	William Finn 37	Edward Burrus 30
1841	vimum 1 mm 57	John Cottrell 20
1041	1847	William Bowles 21
Lacy Pickett 37	1047	Eli Campbell 51
Aaron Mobley 36	John Pryor 28	James Mitchell 25
Adron Woolcy 30	William Brown 29	William Davis 35
1842	William Boyd 38	Augustus Finney 18
1842	James Spencer 51	William Taylor 25
William Timmons 62	Thomas Scott 48	Ransom Elliott 50
George Bean 40	William Owen 34	James McMorris 19
George Dean 40	Jarrett Walkins 54	Nelson Philips 31
1843	Bonner Skinner 38	Samuel Smith 35
1043	John Hughs 30	Thomas Davidson 36
James Stone 44	Burrel Anderson 55	William Fleming 27
George Warren 37	Solomon Black 36	Martin Moore 40
	Samuel Forbes 27	Andrew Glover 34
Andrew Wright 30 Wade Swann 30	William Neel 50	Thomas Homes 28
David Manor 43	William Evans 36	Homas Homes 20
James Tarlton 54	Josiah Chapman 60	1849
		1049
Alfred Campbell 38	Dempsey Johnson 29 Richard Tabner 48	John Harris 34
1844	John Gaddis 38	Lewellen Johnson 26
1044		Azaria Park 42
Dill (a claus) 42	Lucy Witchers 54 John Moon 50	Emender Cotton 28
Bill (a slave) 43	Amos Hampton 21	
Stephen Pritchard 44 John Henderson 29	Amos riampion 21	Richard Dillingham 27
Andrew Minton 32	1848	James Ray 25
Andrew Militon 32	1040	Carroll King 24
1845	Davier Davi 20	William Bryant 30
1643	Drury Ray 20	Joseph Bowles 49 Ervine Hines 26
Chilery Iones 22	William McCoy 50 William Smith 31	Charles Greene 24
Chilsey Jones 32		
John Lackey 45	Harrison Madwell 26	Ametha Pirtler 24
John Galbrieth 23	Edmund Brandon 24	Simpson Hooper 34
John Binnett 33	George Brown 21	Wright Pierce 34 John Gatewood 26
John Jones 47	Pleasant Hurst 22	
Edward Buchanan 52	Wesley Bawer 22	John Wilson 27
Peter Tiner 37	James Martin 47	Jackson Blackwell
Peyton Philips 39	Benjamin Andrews 40	Daniel Tabor 39
1046	James Andrews 42	David Massingill 24
1846	Marion Clark 30	William Bailey 23
Yaka Caass AA	Nathan Ussing 21 William Jones 26	George Atkins 41
John Croff 44	Alexander Bowlin 31	1040
Sterling Jett 32	James Thomas 31	1848
Riley Genow 23		Educad Tulon 45
Hiram Tackett 27	William Jones 26 Alexander Bowlin 31	Edward Tyler 45
William Brown 41		Thomas Lazenby 24
Wiley Jones 27 Sherod Jones 44	James Thomas 31 William Nelham 41	1040
Johnson Graham 29		1849
	John Bailey 30 Pahchal Ninns 28	William Ester 27
John Handley 24 Thomas Goodwin 31	Andrew McAlister 48	Elias Walker 29
THOMAS GOODWIN 31	Anulew McAnster 40	Elias Walkel 23

George Rooker 16 Galib Scott 51 Augustus Reichter 48 Sutton McAlister 45 James Dooley 22 John Hites 42 Miles James 23 John Kelly 41 John Lawrence 51 John Jones 26 Anthony David 31 Daniel Martindadle 48 John Stowers 31 Samuel C. Lower 66 Conilius Dorrey 30 William Burke 23 Charles Jones 26 James Butler 31 James Brown 33 William Copelester 23 Caleb Williams 24 James Taylor 50 Silas Wilson 23

John Elsey 36
Nathaniel Reagan 22
Allen Williams 30
Edward Harrell 26
Setphen Smith 24
Thomas Rodgers 41
John Herron 29
John O'Donnel 31
John Hanner 26
George Wire 34
Jefferson Cash 25
John Ogles 19
Willis Carlisle 27
Warren? Ford 30

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Isaac Vaugh 26 Robert Deene 29 Thomas Ellison 51 Archebald Campbell 33 Hugh Gowins 33 James Shropshire 40 John Shropshire 30 Frances Shropshire 30 Charles Yates 20 Seaborn Winters 19 Francis Ballow 17 Alexander Panther 33 William Landrith 26 Riley Tucker 35 James Bias 33 John Harrison 25 Henry Sims 28 Paris Marlow 36 Green McLendon 43 William Ray 26 John Eads 26 **Elvin Scott 35** Wiley Allen 19 **Andrew Patterson 33** Berry Nichols 31 William Holt 14 Henry Duke 22

We include the following statistics from Sept. 30, 1845 through Sept. 30, 1847 as a matter of satisfying curiosity. During this period there were 195 inmates incarcerated for the following crimes: murder first degree 10, murder second degree 21, Negro stealing 7, rape 8, incest 2, horse stealing 18, biggamy [sic] 8, shooting 3, grand larceny 44, forgery 6, stabbing 7, false pretenses 2, burglary 3, receiving stolen goods 3, arson 4, assault to murder 6, petit larceny 13, perjury 1, counterfeiting 32, harboring a slave 1, voluntary manslaughter 1, selling a free man of colour 2, giving forged pass to slave 1, seducing slaves 3. The ages when convicted break down to: under 20 years of age - 18, ages 20 to 30 - 54, ages 25 to 30 - 38, ages 40 to 50 - 29, ages 50 to 60 - 5, ages 60 to 70 - 5.

And, finally, these prisoners were natives of the following states and countries: Tennessee 79, North Carolina 33, Kentucky 19, South Carolina 12, Virginia 20, Alabama 2, Maryland 3, New York 5, Georgia 3, Indiana 1, Louisiana 2, Ohio 4, Delaware 1, New Hampshire 1, Ireland 4, Wales 1, Germany 1, England 1, Scotland 1, Holland 1, Canada 1.

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A widow lady, near me, whose husband fell in our late war, had five small children. I have seen her driving an ox wagon and chopping in new ground, but she has kept her family neatly clothed and liberally fed without charity of any one. "Was she an Irish servant girt?" asks one. I answer no. She was raised in Montgomery county, in this State; is a near relative of an ex-Governor's lady, and is a kinswoman of the greatest mail contractor that ever lived in Alabama.



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Trespass Assault &

JOHN DEADERICK Battery ---

Be it remembered that John Deaderick was attached to answer John Boyd of a plea of Trespass Assault and Battery and at this term the parties appearing in Court ordered them to proceed thereon, therefore the plaintiff by his attorney declared as folows (to wit) John Boyd, Complains of John Deaderick in Costody S C. for that the Sd defendant the of in the year 1789 at the districk of aforesaid, with forse and arms made an assault on the said plaintiff being then and there on the peace of God and said State -beat, wound, and ill treated, so that his life was greatly despaired of, against the peace of the Said state and to the Damage of the Said Plaintiff, of two hundred pounds, and therefore he brings his suit to which Charge the defendant plead not Guilty Son Assault, Justification, Sta. Lim, Moliter, Manus imposuit, and for the truth of his plea, put himself upon the Country, thereupon Came a Good and lawful Jury (Viz)

Sam,l Crocket, Thomas Thompson, William Donalson, Josiah Ramsey, James Hall, William Wyer, Zebulon Hubbard, Thomas Simson, Josiah Hannah, Martin Duncan, Thomas Taylor, Edward Swanson, who being impannelled & sworn truly to try the issue Joined between the aforesaid parties, the Councils being heard, the witnesses introduced and Examined say that they find for the plaintiff and assess his damage to five pounds and Six pence Cost

Sundry Suits

Josiah Love against Ephrian Payton in case, James Bosley vs Thomas Hickman in Trover, James Vosley Vs Frederick Stump in Covenant - James Bosley in assault

& Battery, Fre.d Stump *____James Bosley in case -these Causes were dismissed by the *____Therir proper persons James Bosley vs Lardon Clark, Ordered that the plaintiff file his declaration on Tomorrow otherwise the suit will be dismissed for want of the Declaration. -

Robert Montgomery vs John Cotton, this cause is put off by order of the Court, the Plaintiff having not delivered his Writ to the Sheriff -

Cornelus Duffee Vs George A Sugg, this cause, the plaintiff being called and failing to appear, and prosecute his suit was non-prossed -

Martin Weatherford against John Doge,

on motion of the plaintiffs attorney for a Continuance of this Cause it is ordered that the same be continued on the plaintiffs paying into the Clerks office all cost Which have occurred of this Suit, previous to the Continuance to wit to the Clerk Sheriff and Witnesses

William Ellis Vs John Rains in assault & Battery this cause is dismissed by the plaintiff in person

(p-38) Tuesday - Jury -

LARDNER CLARK

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vs

extended till next term -

statute

JOHN S. SINGLETARY & DANL ROWAN

plea non Trial -

The parties appearing in court and being ready for trial a Good a lawful Jury (Viz)

John Buckhannon, Thomas Tabboott, Jonas Manifee, Jesse Martin, Saml Wilson, William Shaw, Seth Lewis - John Lane, John Campbell, Ralph Fleming, Dan, Frazier, Russel Gower being impannelled & Sworn find for the plaintiff agreable to act of Assembly as to Dan, Rowan subject to the opinion of the Court whether the testimony introduced was admissable according to law to prove a record, and find for John S. Singletary the other defendant, James Bosley assumes the Costs the Verdict released by order of James Cole Montflorence

Martin Weatherford Vs James Ford the defendant pleads non Distinct and the cause Continued

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JAMES BOSLE	
VS	motion
JAMES M. LEV	VIS C <u>ort</u> iorari -
of the Court tha	Arguments being heard from the Council in behalf of the Plaintiff and defendant it is the opinion the Cortiorari Shall Not issue -
motion for the V	Notice vs the Justices of Davidson quo Warranto, Love vs Andrew Ewing quo Warranto, the Vrit of quo Warranto is these suits were Withdrawn by order of the plaintiff Council
heard for the pla	Sam,l Barton & James Shaw vs Thomas James Motion for a writ of Certiorari Council being aintiffs and also for defendant * it was ordered that an adversar be taken until *
dismissed by the	Joshua Scott vs John Hardin in trover, Appeal from the County Court of Sumner, this Appeal was plaintiff in p, p
the defendants o	William Lusk vs Nathan Holly in covenant on the appearance dockett this cause was dismissed at cost who comes into court and assumes
the plffs Counci	William Brown vs John Gibson, Motion for a writ of false Judgt this Motion was withdrawn by
	Court Adjourned until tomorrow Morning 9 oclock
Wednesday -	
	The Hon,ble Court met agreable to adjournment -
PRESENT	
	the Hon,ble John McNairy Esquire Judge S. C.

On motion of a writ of Cortiorari between Hugh Leeper, and Hardy Murfree order that Hugh

Leeper show cause why he should not put in Bail and is allowed till Friday Next to Give Bail Accordingly this rule

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ROBERT TAITT

vs SAMSON WILLIAMS Trespass
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The plaintiff and defendant appearing in Court by there attorneys and being desirous that a trial might be had thereupon the Court ordered them to proceed therefore the plaintiff by his attorny declared as follows (Viz)

Robert Taitt Complains of Samson Williams in <u>Costody</u> S. C. for that whereas, John Pryor then a Deputy Sheriff to the said Samson Williams, With <u>forse</u> and arms, the House of the said Robert on the day of in the year of our Lord 1789, at Nashville in the district Aforesaid, did break and Enter, and therewith out the leave and against the will of the said Robert along time continued, the goods and chattels of the there lately found the value of did take seige and carry away- and to his own proper use convert and dispose and other wrongs to the said Robert did, to the damage of him the said Robert L 500, where on upon said Robert Saith that he is Injured and hath damage to the Value of five hundred pounds and thereupon he brings suit to Which charge the defendant plead not Guilty and Justification and for the truth of his plea he put himself upon the Country, upon Which there came a Good & Lawful Jury (Viz)

Thomas Thompson, William Donalson, Josiah Ramsey, James Hall, William Weyer, Zebulon Hubbard, Thomas Taylor, Edward Swanson, Thomas Simson, Joseph Hanah, Martin Duncan, Jessee Martin, who being impannelled and Sworn the Council being heard, the witnesses introduced and Examined, say the find the defendant Guilty of the trespass forse and arms, as said in the declaration and assesss the plaintiff damage to two pounds and six pence costs

Motion for a New Trial, Motion for a New withdrawn

Declaration - Jury

JOHN BOYD

VS

FREDERICK STUMP

Case

Be it remembered that Frederick Stump *____ to answer John Boyd of a plea of trespass on the case and at this term the parties appearing in Court and being ready for trial they were ordered to proceed thereon, therefore the plaintiff by his attorney companed as followth (viz)

John Boyd complains of Frederick Stump in costody S C. for that Where as on the day of ______ in the year of _____ at the district & county aforesaid, the Sd. Plff was possed of a Negro Man Named George as of his own proper Goods & Chattels and being so possed, the Sd. George on the day in the year aforesaid, Eloped and ran away from the Service of the Said Plff. and afterwards, to wit, on the day of in the year of, in the Country and district aforesaid, the said Deff. Found the Sd. Negro George, and then and there, Seduced pursuaded, and inticed the said George, unto the service and possessions of him the Sd. Deft. and him the Sd. George, the Sd. deft. did keep and detain in his services and possessions from the 1st day of in the year of until the day of in the year of being Months, to the damage of the Sd plff of two hundred pounds, and therefore he brings his Suit, to which Charge the eft. plead the Gen,l issue Sett off & Stao Lems. and for the truth of his plea he puts himself upon the county - thereupon came a Good & lawful Jury (viz)

(p-40) Wednes	day
RISTON & SHI	
vs EDGAR & TAI	Same Jury as in the TT last Suit - Mistrial
Jury - Judgt L24	.& 6d costs -
RISTON & SHI	ELBY
vs WILLIAM TAI	TT Trover
fore a Good and	The parties appearing in Court and being desirous that their controversy might be decided there- lawful Jury was ordered to be summoned (viz)
impannelled and Conversion as C	Sam,l Crockett, Jonas Manifee, William Lusk, John Buckhanon, James McKain, John Hardin, Thomas McCrory, John Marney, William Armstrong, Absolem Hooper, John Bell, who being I Sworn truly try the issue Joined, say they find the defendant William Taitt Guilty of the Trover and charged in the plaintiffs declaration and assess the plaintiffs damage to twenty four pounds & 6d is behalf of the defendant for a new trial
S. L. S. L.	
defendant that t	Sarah Lucas and Smith Lucas, having been solemly called and failing to Appear and Give Testi- of John Boyd in the Suit Thomas Hampton against him and James Foster and it appearing to this heir non attendance was not on account of negligence or a desire to injure the defendt therefore the releases the aforesaid Sarah and Smith Lucas, from any Damages which may arise on account of ppear
Thursday -	
	The *Court adjourned till tomorrow morning 9'oclock -
	The Honble Court met agreable to adjoournment *
PRESENT	
	The Honble John McNairy Esquire Judge S. C.
	Indictment - Jury - Found Guilty -
Thursday	
(viz)	The defandant being called to the Bar was charged on the Bill of indictment which is as follows
	the Jurors for the state upon their oaths presents that Thomas Hampton late of the County of

the Jurors for the state upon their oaths presents that Thomas Hampton late of the County of Sumner and district of Mero on the tenth day of March in the year of our Lofd 1789, with forse and arms at the County afore.d in the district of aforesaid in and upon one John Irwin in the peace of God and our Said State then & there being did make an assault and him the Said John, then and there did beat - wound and ill treat so that his life was Greatly despaired of and other wrongs then did to the Great Damage of him the Said John and against the peace and dignity of our Said State - (p 41) to Which Charge the defendant plead not Guilty & for his trial he had himself upon the county, upon which there came a Good and lawful Jury (viz)

William Donalson, Thomas Thompson, Josiah Ramsey, James Hall, William Wyer, Zebulon Hubbard, Thomas Taylor, Edward Swanson, Thomas Simson, Joseph Hannah, Martin Duncan, John Buckhannon, who being impannelled and sworn truly to try the issue of Traverse between the state and said Hampton defendant - The Council being heard on both sides, the witnesses (viz) John Irwin introduced and Examined say that they find the defendants Thomas Hampton Guilty of the Trespass assault and Battery are Charged in the Bill of Indictment -

Indictment - Plea Not Guilty -

THE STATE

VS.

JOHN AHERRIN

Indictment Murder -

The prisoner John Aherrin being called to the Bar was charged on the Bill of Indictment, which is as follows (to wit)

The Jurors for the Territory upon their oaths present, and say, that John Aherrin of the County of Davidson and disstrict of Mero, Yeoman, not having the Fear of God before his Eyes but being moved and seduced by the Instigation of the Devil, on the twenty sixth day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety with forse and arms at the county aforesaid in the district aforesaid in and upon the Christian Detow in the peace of God and the said territory, then and there being feloniously wifully and of his mallice aforethought did make an assault and that the said John Aherrin a certain Gun of the value of ten shillkings, then and there charged with Gun Powder, and one leaden bullet, which Gun he the said John, in his right hand then and there had and held, to against & upon the said Christian Distow, then and there feloniously, wifully, and of his Malice aforethought, did and that the said John with the leaden bullett aforesaid * Gun aforesaid, then and there by forse of the Gun powder shot and sent forth aforesaid the aforesaid Christian Destow, in and upon the back of him the said Christian Destown, oposite the heart of him the said Christian Destow then and there with the leaden Bullet aforesaid, out of the Gun aforesaid, by the said John so as aforesaid, Shot, discharge and sent forth, feloniously wilfully and of his Malice aforethought did strike penetrate, and wound, Giving to the said Christian then and there with the Leaden Bullett aforesaid, so as aforesaid, shot, discharged and sent forth out of the Gun, as aforesaid by the said John Aherrin in and upon the back of him the said Christian, oposite to the Heart of him the said Christian, one Mortal Wound of the depth of four inches & of the breath of half an inch of which said Mortal wound the said Christian Destown then and there instantly died and so the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do say the said John Aherrin the Said Christian Destow, then and there in Manner & form aforesaid feloniously, wilfully and of his malice of aforethought did Kill & Murder - against the peace and dignity of the Government of the Said tertitory to which Charge the prisoner plead not Guilty and for his trial put himself upon God and his Country Therefore there came a Good and lawful Jury (viz) --- (p 42) Jury (viz)

William Donalson, Elisha Rice, Sam, I Crockett, Thomas Hampton, Zebulon Hubbard, William Wyer, Martin Duncan, Benjamin Nail, Adam Hampton, Evan Shelby, Absolem Hooper, Adam Lynn, who being Elected tryed and sworn say that they find John Aherrin the prisoner at the Bar, Guilty of the felony and Murder as charged in the Bill of indictment & that he had no Goods or Chattles Lands or Tenements to their Knowledge at the time of the felony being committed or at any time Since -

Friday

The Hon,ble Court Adjourned, till tomorrow 9'oclock -

The <u>Hon,ble</u> Court met agreable to Adjournment - John McNairy Esquire Judge S. C.

Indictment - Plea Not Guilty - Jurors - Found not Guilty

TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RECORDS

(Contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Bamman, CG)

Supreme Court Records, Box 147, Middle Tennessee, 1861
Daniel D. Claiborne vs Jo and Carroll Dillard and Jeremiah Jamison
(Original Bill filed in Burleson County, Texas District Court on 30 April 1855)

The following cause came on to be heard, to wit: Carrol Dillard and Joseph Dillard vs William and others, heirs of Thomas Dillard and first was filed the petition of the plaintiff in said cause which is in the words and figures following to wit:

Your petitioners Carroll Dillard of Cass County, Texas and Joseph Dillard of Smith County, Tennessee respectfully represent...they are the only children and heirs at law of their father Elijah Dillard born in lawful wedlock of Jinny whose maiden name was Darrell[?] and who was the lawful wife of the said Elijah Dillard....that Elijah Dillard long since departed this life and that he their said father was the brother of the wholeblood of Thomas Dillard late of said Burleson County, Texas and who departed this life intestate about the year 1848 leaving a considerable estate both real and personal estimated of value of \$20,000.00...that said estate has been administered by William Dillard...that under said appointment said administrator proceeded in the settlement of said estate and at the December Term 1852 of said Burleson County Court the following persons were adjudged to be the heirs at law of the said Thomas Dillard and as such entitled to receive his estate, to wit: Martha Martin wife of George W. Martin of Burleson County - as his sister - Mary W. Cage of Burleson County - as sister of said Thomas Dillard, dec'd. William Dillard his brother of Houston County, John Dillard and Susan Dillard children of John H. Dillard who was a brother of said Thomas dec'd. of Navarro County Polemon Dillard and Absalom Dillard sons of Absolom Dillard who was a brother of the said Thomas dec'd. of the state of Tennessee, Nancy Dillard his sister of Tennessee who has since died and William Dillard has administered her estate in Burleson County - and Mary Smith a child of Elisabeth Smith dec'd. who was a sister of said Thomas Dillard, dec'd, of the State of Arkansas...it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that 12,619 acres of the landed estate having been partitioned under the order and decree of this court and that said Elijah as one of the heirs and distributees of said Thomas Dillard's estate was wholy excluded in said partition and that said Elijah is under the law entitled to one-eighth portion of said esate of Thomas Dillard, dec'd.

This day came and appeared in open court J. D. Giddings, an attorney of this court, and suggested the death of Mary W. Cage, a sister of Thomas Dillard dec'd., whereupon came and appeared in open court the children and heirs at law of Mary W. Cage, Mary E.Mungle, Thomas D. Cage, Harriett B. Bradly, E. E. Cage, Nancy D. Hunt, Martha J. Ogly, Susan H. Harris, Franklin S. Cage, and the following heirs of James M. Cage, in right of their father who was one of the children of Mary W. Cage, Adolphus, Kinnard, and Edward Cage minor heirs of James W. Cage by their next friend E. E. Cage. Also came and appeared Susan Dillard, now Susan Hickey, and John C. Dillard, children and heirs at law of John H. Dillard, dec'd., one of the brothers of Thomas Dillard, dec'd., by their attorney John Buckhotts, and also appeared Martha Martin and her husband George W. Martin by their attorney, William Davis, and Nancy Dillard, by William Dillard her administrator, and Elijah Dillard in their proper person and Absolom Dillard and Poleman Dillard, children of Gabriel Dillard by their attorney William Davis, also Joab Cotton, and Mary Morew and Sarah S. Cotton the wife of Joab Cotton, children of Elizabeth Smith, formerly Elizabeth Dillard, a sister of Thomas Dillard, dec'd. by their attorney, William Davis, James M. Norris[?] and C. C. McGinnis, their attorney, and William Dillard, administrator of Thomas Dillard, dec'd., by his attorneys, Francis J. Baziza and A. S. Broaddus, and all of the heirs and legal representatives of said Thomas Dillard, dec'd., being present....

Upon the 27th day of September 1854, Joseph and Carroll Dillard for \$2220.00, the price agreed upon for the one half of complainant's tract of 744 1/2 acres conveys to complainant and Jameson their interest in the estate of Thomas Dillard...[as] heirs at law of Elijah Dillard who was a brother of the late Thomas Dillard of Burlison County, Texas; they further represented in the said conveyance that their father, Elijah, had been dead 30 years and through him they were entitled to the 1/7 of Thomas Dillard's estate....The complainant on the 29th of December 1856 filed his bill and his amended bills against the defendants in substance charging that the Dillards practiced a vile fraud upon him and in which Jameson participated.

Supreme Court Records, Box 1861, Middle Tennessee, 1861 Jesse J. Savage et al vs Penny Savage et al (Original Bill filed in Hickman County Chancery Court on 12 March 1860)

Jesse J. Savage and F. E. T. Bigham and wife Martha E. Bigham and Perkins Savage, citizens of the County of Hickman and State of Tennessee brings this their bill of complaint against Penny Savage Julia Jones and A. M. Jones, Emily Harville and G. W. Harville Elizabeth Andrews and P. H. Andrews and Asa Savage all citizens of Hickman County and State of Tennessee and D. S. Johnson and wife Tempy Johnson citizens of Maury County, Tennessee.

Exhibit A, Will of William Savage

"I, William Savage being in a low state of health, but in sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. First it is my wish and desire that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts to bepaid out of any money that I may have or that may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Penny Savage all of my land and improvements thereon belonging also two mules, two cows and calves, two heiffers one wagon and yoke of oxen and all of my stock of hogs also one negro man Lewis seven head of sheep also my household and kitchen furniture also all my farming tools one hundred and twenty barrels of corn the above named property to be my said wife's during her natural life to raise my little children but at her death or marrriage the above named property to be equally divided among all of my children namely, to wit, my son [sic] Asa, John, Perkins, Jesse James, Julia, Emily, Martha, Tempy, Elizabeth, also the twins Indiana and Alabama. I also give to my said in addition to the above all my wheat I now have. Thirdly I want all of the balance of my property to be sold and the profits thereof to be equally divided amongst all of my above named children.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Asa Savage my sole executor to this my last will and testament in witness wherof I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the 23rd day of September in year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one in presence of

Test Saml. A. Baker Caleb McGraw [signed] Wm. Savage"

Supreme Court Records, Box 147, Middle Tennessee 1861

James Woodard vs Mrs. Sarah Duncan et als
(Original Bill heard in Robertson County Chancery Court on 5 June 1860)

The Bill of Complaint of James Woodard a citizen of Robertson County, TN, Administrator of David Herring, dec'd., Complainant vs Mrs. Sarah Duncan, Mrs. Elizabeth Bigbee, Wilie L. Draughon and wife Catherine Draughon, Robert H. Clark, Rebecca Clark, Stephen Herring, Mary Herring and Catherine Herring all citizens of said county, and state and Elbert Hannum and wife Susan Hannum citizens of the State of Missouri, Defendants.

Your Complainant would respectfully represent unto your Honor that some time in January last one David Herring departed this life intestate in said county of Robertson leaving an estate consisting of both realty and personalty.... In this cause it is alleged in the Complainant's Bill that the Defendants Mrs. Sarah Duncan and Mrs. Elizabeth Bigbee are illegitimate. The same is also alleged in the answers of R. H. Clark and others.... The Defendants Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Bigbee deny this and insist that they are legitimate and entitled to inherit from the Complainant's Intestate.

On the part of R. H. Clark and others it is insisted that the proof shows that Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Bigbee are not legitimate, and they refer to Exhibit A ..., which is the old family record of StephenHerring, dec'd. the father of Complainant's Intestate, this Exhibit, the hand-writing of which is shown by the deposition of Jo. Hardaway to be that of old man Stephen Herring gives the names and dates of the births and some of the deaths of his children but nowhere mentions the names of the defendants Mrs. Sarah Duncan or Mrs. Elizabeth Bigbee. This, it is insisted is a strong circumstance even it it were unsupported by other proof that they were not his children. But in addition to this we have the proof of Mrs. Susan Herring and of Mrs. Mary Woodard and of Mrs. Sarah Pepper, in which they state that old Mrs. Herring, the mother of Complainant's Intestate, told them that the defendant Mrs. Duncan was the child of James

Green, or in other words that James Green was her father, and how it happened that her and Green never married - that his (Green's) father broke it off, that he jumped his father's horse down the bluff of Coosa River and tried to kill himself and how his father's negroes prevented him from so doing...

Then we have the declaration of old man Stephen Herring himself in which he said that he had but three children, Polly, David and Haywood. See the deposition of Lewis Nuckolds.... Exhibit A, on page 11, shows that old man Stephen Herring and his wife were married April 16th 1801. Capt. Nuckolds in his proof shows that he is 60 years old - that he went to school with the defendant Mrs. Bigbee when he was about 10 years of age, and that she was then taller and much larger and must have been 3 or 4 years older than he was, - then if this is so, and old man Herring was not married til 16th April 1801, Mrs. Bigbee could not have been his legitimate child. Said Exhibit A shows that Polly Herring, who was the mother of the 4 defendants Robert H. Rebecca, Susan and Catharine) was born December 27, 1801 - that David Herring the Complainant's Intestate was born January 1, 1804 and that Haywood Herring the father of the defendants Stephen, Catharine and Mary Herring was born December 1, 1811. The deposition of Jo. Hardaway ... shows that the defendant Mrs. Duncan was married in 1811 or 1812 - this fact shows that she could not have been the legitimate child of old man Stephen Herring if he was married in April 1801....

Supreme Court Records, Box 147, Middle Tennessee, 1861 N. C. Weems vs Francis A. Reid et al (Original Bill heard in Hickman County on 17 October 1859)

The Bill of Complaint of N. C. Weems administrator etc. of John T. Reid dec'd., a citizen of Hickman County, Tennessee against Francis A. Reid a citizen of Hickman County, TN, John W. Lipscombe, Mary B. Lipscombe, James A. Lipscombe and John B. Lipscombe and Bettie F. Lipscombe non-residents of the State of Tennessee and believed to be citizens of Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia.

Supreme Court Records, Box 250, Middle Tennessee, 1873 E. S. Porter and wife vs Jacob Eller

The Bill of Complaint of Edward S. Porter and wife Anny Y. Porterwhose maiden name was Anny J. Uhls citizens of Smith County, Tennessee against Jacob Eller a citizen of Macon County, Tennessee and John Wright a citizen of Obion County, Tennessee. Humbly complaining your orator and oratrix would respectfully represent and show unto your honor that one Jeremiah Taylor departed this life many years ago seized and possessed of lands situated in Macon County, Tennessee and the same descended to his heirs at law one of whom was the grandmother of your oratrix and who intermarried with one Allen Lake and gave birth to two children your oratrix's mother and ____[blank] the latter of whom died many years ago intestate and without any lineal descendants leaving the mother of your oratrix the next of kin and heir of her estate. Said land was partitioned among the heirs of the said Jeremiah Taylor dec'd. and the said Allen Lake's wife was allotted the tract of land hereinafter described. Your orator and oratrix would further show unto your honor that the wife of the said Allen Lake and the grandmother of your oratrix as aforesaid departed this life many years since and left surviving her the mother of your oratrix and ____[blank] Lake (whose given name is unknown to your oratrix) her only heir and your oratrix is informed and believes that her mother's brother died before the sale of the land by William Uhls hereinafter mentioned and after the death of his mother...

Your oratrix would further show unto your honor that her mother Mary Jane Uhls intermarried with William Uhls on the __day of __18__[blank] in the County of Smith in this State and thereafter on the __day of __18__[blank] the said William Uhls sold said tract of land to one Thompson Wright who has since departed this life. Said tract of land lies in Macon County,TN and adjoins the lands of J. W. Johnson, A. J. Johnson, Richard Uhls, Jacob Eller and Eliza Berrow[?] containing about 56 acres.

Your orator and oratrix would further show that her mother Mary Jane Uhls departed this life on the __day of __18_[blank] leaving your oratrix her only child and heir at law and who intermarried with co-complainant Edward S. Porter on the 5th day of June 1844 before the sale of said land to the said Thompson Wright as aforesaid.

Supreme Court Records, Box 146, Middle Tennessee, 1861 Allen vs Allen

(Original BIII heard in Davidson County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of James Allen, administrator of his wife Susan Allen formerly Susan Anderson, dec'd., a citizen of Kentucky vs James Anderson, Administrator and surviving partner of George Anderson, dec'd. a citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee, Susan Anderson and Mary T. Anderson infants and James Simpson their guardian and the executor etc. of George Anderson, dec'd., all citizens of the State of Kentucky.

Humbly complaining your orator would state to your honor that in the year 1854 George Anderson who resided in the State of Kentuckydied leaving now surviving his wife Susan Anderson and two daughters Susan and Mary T. Anderson, the two latter defendants to the Bill, and further he would state that his last will and testament was admitted to probate in Kentucky at the March Term of the County court of Clarke County 1854, a copy of which is herewith filed marked Exhibit A

Supreme Court Records, Box 146, Middle Tennessee, 1861
Calvin Witherspoon and Marion Hobbs vs George R. Biffle
and
Thomas Thompson vs George R. Biffle, John Mays and Miles Mays, et al
(Original Bill heard in Hickman County)

In January 1858 Jonathan J. Biffle, administrator etc. of Ursula Buffle of the County of Wayne in this State sold at public sale on a credit of twelve months the slaves belonging to said estate....

John J. Biffle of Hickman County, John Mays of Hickman County, and George R. Biffle attended said sale. George R. Biffle was a son of Ursual Biffle and a distributee of said estate. At said sale George R. Biffle, who is a son-in-law of John J. Mays, bought a slave named Mose....

Supreme Court Records, Box 146, Middle Tennessee, 1861
Hansel T. Wilkinson, Executor etc. vs Ellen Young et als
(Original BIll filed in Davidson County Chancery Court on 18 October 1859)

The Bill of Complaint of Hansel T. Wilkinson executor of the last will and testament of Daniel Young late of Davidson County, filed against Ellen Young the widow, William R. Hyde and his wife Eliza Edmond W. Hyde and his wife Mary, John D. Young, Andrew J. Young, Henry T. Young, Ellen M. Young, Taz. Young, Daniel Young, Ida Young, Leonard Young ____[blank] Young and Annett Young, the last named being minors without any general guardian, children heirs at law and legatees etc.

In September 1859 Danl. Young died at his domicil in Davidson County seized and possessed of a large property consisting of lands, slaves, farming utensils, stock, etc.

Supreme Court Records, Box 146, Middle Tennessee, 1861
William Maulden, Guardian etc. et als vs William Y. Sneed
(Original Bill filed in Williamson County Chancery Court, 1 October 1860)

Mary A. Sneed, James M. Sneed, Ann E. Sneed, and Locky W. Sneed, the three last named being minors who sue by their guardian William Maulden all citizens of Knox County, Tennessee Complainants, vs William T. Sneed a citizen of Williamson County, Tennessee, defendant:

The complainants respectfully show to the court that in December 1853, Mark A. Sneed died in Williamson County, TN leaving complainant Mary A. Sneed his widow surviving him; and leaving the complainants James M. Sneed, Ann E. Sneed, and Lockey W. Sneed, his only children. The said Mark A. Sneed died intestate, and at the February Sessions, 1816, of the county court of Williamson County, the said William T. Sneed was duly appointed his administrator.... The said Mark A. Sneed for several years before his death and up to within a few weeks of his death had been a

citizen of Texas and his business affairs in Tennessee was unembarrassed. It is believe he had at his death no unsettled business except a lawsuit in chancery at Murfreesboro which was on a contract of guardianship of nephew and his death of course ended that litigation except to ascertain the amount due to his ward....

Supreme Court Records, Box 146, Middle Tennessee,1861 Samuel Gilbert vs Benjamin Roney (Original Bill filed in Robertson County Chancery Court on 16 February 1859)

The Bill of Complaint of Samuel Gilbert and wife Susan, A.D. Young, Elizabeth Stewart, Mary S. Pack, by her next friend A. D. Young, being a minor, citizens of Robertson County, John Cavitt and William Cavitt, citizens of Weakley County, Hiram Cavitt, a citizen of Missouri, Malinda West and husband Darais West, Albert Rogers, William Rogers, Elizabeth Harris and husband [blank] Harris, Sina Wilkeson and husband Jas. Wilkeson, Sally Sanders and husband Richard Sanders, Mrs. Matilda Baker, and Moses, Colbert and Jenny, slaves, who sue by their next friend James J. Turner, citizens of Kentucky and Tennessee, against F. S. Young, Louisa Jones and husband James S. Jones, G. S> Young, A. B. Young, Young Pepper, whose guardian is W. W. Pepper, J.M. Roney, John F. Roney, Elizabeth Payne and husband Thos. Payne, Sarah Somerville and hisband James Somerville, Sally Parker and John Hutchison, citizens of Robertson County, Tennessee, and Benjamin roney, Sina Armstrong and husband Thos. Armestrong, Catharine MItchell and husband M. W. Mitchell, Margaret Wright and husband J. W. Wright, Wiley and Franklin Morris, minors, whose guardian is Benjamin Roney, citizens of Sumner County, Tennessee, Mary Long and husband E.A. Long and Lacy and Marcus Young, minors, citizens of Alabama, the heirs of Malinda Johnson, names unknown, James Johnson, Nancy Johnson, the heirs of Elizabeth Smith, names unknown, citizens of Missouri, the heirs of Washington Cavitt, Elizabeth Cavitt, Rosannah C. Harrison and husband Wm. Harrison, Emily A. Cavitt and G. W. Cavitt, minors, whose guardian is Wm. A. Cavitt, all citizens of Weakley County, Tennessee, Mrs. Minerva I. Hall, a citizen of Missouri, the heirs of Elizabeth Bennett, Hiram P. Bennett and T.[F?] Y. Bennett of age and non-residents, and Joseph Cavitt, a citizen of Weakley County, Tennessee, and Lucinda Rogers of Maury County, Tennessee.

Humbly complaining your orators and oratrixes would show unto your honor that Jacob F. Young of Robertson County departed this life on the 6th of December 1858 at his residence having been helpless and confined to his bed for some ten months previous. He had never married and had had four brothers and sisters, viz: Catharine Roney, Mary Cavitt and Susan Rogers and A. B. Young, all of whom have long since died leaving the varous complainants and defendants his nephews and nieces and their children where any of them have died.

Your orators would show your honor that said Jacob F. Young, dec'd., was some seventy-seven years old at the time of his death, and he has been a man of great eccentricity during life and had always lived to himself except with his mother, who died some years since, having always lived with her son. He was possessed of considerable property at the time of his death....

Supreme Court Records, Box 146, Middle Tennessee, 1861Newman vs Sloan (Original Bill filed in Davidson County Chancery Court on 5 November 1860)

John E. Newman and wife vs Fred Sloan and others

The Bill of Complaint of John E. Newman and Martha his wife, late Martha Sloan, citizens of Davidson County, TN vs Fred Sloan, L. C. Coleman and wife Ellen late Ellen Sloan, James Sloan, John Sloan, Oscar Sloan, William Henry Sloan, Sheperd Sloan, Carolina Sloan and Julietta Sloan, the last seven of whom are infants without any general guardian all citizens of Davidson County, TN. Your orators would respectfully show your Honor that in the year 1853 Fredrick Sloan departed thislife in Davidson County, where he then resided, having first made and published his last will and testament which as at the December Term 1853 of the county court of said county duly proved and admitted to record.... It will be seen that the testator by his said will appoints his widow proratrix Martha Sloan who has recently intermarried with your orator John E Newman, sole execturix, and authorizes her for the purpose of winding up his estate without loss[?] to continue the coachmaking business (in which testator was engaged at his death) so long as she may think proper to wind up the said business....

QUERIES

BINKLEY: Will exchange info on any Binkley family anywhere. Need info on Meredith WILKERSON/WILKEN-SON, resided Wilson Co., TN 1850. Have info to share on family of Morris Shane of Davidson Co. Deborah O. Cox/2019 Avalon Dr./Nashville, TN 37216.

HENRY/BEAN: Wish correspondence from researchers of the HENRY and BEAN families from Middle Tennessee in very early 1800s. Mrs. Edith Jackson Hankins/3773 Birchvale Drive/Memphis, TN 38125.

MOORE/EPPERSON: Need info on parents & siblings of brothers Joseph Moore b. ca 1795, NC, & Nathan Moore b. ca 1800, NC, who lived in Dickson Co., TN in early 1800s. They moved from Dickson Co. to Fountain Co., IN, in 1830. According to family tradition the parents & some of the sisters moved from Dickson Co. to northern AL about same time. Joseph's 1st wife may have been an Epperson. Their ch: a dau, Charles?, Abner F., James B., & William M., all b. TN. Joseph's 2nd wife was Nancy Serena _____. Their ch: Elizabeth J., Mary A., Nancy S., Nathan B., Reubin C., Ruth C., John L., Joseph K. & George D., all b. IN, & Edward H. b. 1855, Monroe Co., IA. Nathan's wife was Jemima ____. Their ch: Martha J. b. TN, Perthena J., Susan, Amanda, Margaret, James, Mary, William, Laura F., Thomas & Perry, all b. IN, & Josephine b. ca. 1850, IA. Robert B. Kimbrough Jr./ 1135 W. Jan St./Pasco, WA 99301

FORSYTH/WALKER: Jesse W. Forsythe b. 1 May 1836, d. 3 June 1910, s/o Fannie Walker Forsythe b. ca. 1813, d/o Rev. Benjamin David Walker who preached at Shiloh Baptist Church, Lincoln Co., TN, in the 1820s. Will exchange info. Regina Forsythe/1901 Murfreesboro Pike #160/Nashville, TN 37217

KELLEY/KELLY-JEFFRIES-GARRETT: Seek descendants of KELLEY family of Stafford Co., VA. Nelson Kelley m. Elizabeth JEFFRIES 1751, Overwharton Parish. In Salisbury Dist. NC during Revolution, Laurens Co., SC 1790-1800, Bedford Co., TN by 1808. Parents of Reuben Kelley (1763-1815), Baptist preacher; probably of William Kelley m. Martha GARRETT, several others. Carolyn Smotherman/PO Box 130/College Grove, TN 37046

BELL: Seeking information on the early Bells who lived on the Red River near Clarksville, Montgmery Co. Need to know names of children and the relationship of the following: George Bell m. Nancy ___ lived on Red River ca. 1790; William R. Bell on Red River ca. 1808, had a grist mill in Stewart Co. 1804; Hugh F. Bell m. Margaret Montgomery on Red River ca. 1790-1800; Henry C. Bell m.Susan Jane Cates dau. of Joshua Cates of Christian Co., KY, lived at "Spring Place" on Cumberland or Red River 1830. Other Bells--Clement L. (S?) Bell Davidson Co. 1830; John Bell m. Lucy Williams Robertson Co. 1800. Mary Frances Bell Dennison/PO BOx 7295/ Arlington, VA 22207-0295

COX: Seeking information about Henry Cox b. NC, his children Solomon, Samuel & Hannah Cox Herndon lived 1830 Lincoln Co. TN. Hannah b. ca 1796 NC, m. husband George in Jefferson Co. Sept 25, 1817. Anything you know about Henry will help me. Did he die in Lincoln Co? Also need info on Samuel & Solomon. Marjorie F. Garr/1505 Mistletoe/Mountain Home, AR 72653

KERLEY/ASHLOCK: Need information on parents and gr'parents of William Garrett Kerley b. 5 Mar 1832 Wayne Co. TN & his wife Nancy Jane (Cypert) Kerley b. 21 Dec 1847 Wayne Co. TN. Also need information on Jesse Ashlock and Isaac Ashlock shown in 1820 Overton Co. Census. Who were Jesse's 2 sons, one under 10, the other 10-16? Who were Isaac's wife, age 26-45, and 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, all under 10? Were Margaret S. (Ashlock) Pennington & Milton Pennington buried in Jackson Co? Ty Ashlock/2933 San Mateo NE/Albuquerque, NM 87110

SHORT: Seeking information about James Short who appears on the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Williamson Co., TN. Was he originally from Guilford Co., NC? Marleta Childs/Box 6825/Lubbock, TX 79493-6825

HATCH/BYSOR/ROULSTONE: Need info on David T. Hatch & wife Betseyan Bysor of Sumner Co. TN, m. 1830 TN & resided Sumner Co. until after 1872. Where are they buried? Their dau Mary E. m. James David Roulstone 1873 & resided Rutherford Co. She was still alive in 1900 and had her two daus Mary A. & Charlotte (Lottie) living with her. The daus taught school. Where are they buried? They had other children--George N., John, James, Clementine (m. W. H. Davis & moved to Mexico City) & Wilkins Watson (m. Lizzie Aden Henry Co. TN). John & James killed in Civil War. George N. lived in Obion Co. where he is buried. Any info on this family greatly appreciated. Who were Betseyan's parents & siblings? Who were parents of David T. Hatch? Rose (Hatch) Haley/Rt. 1-Box 135/Waller, TX 77484/(409)372-3383

WHITE/NEWMAN/SEARCY: John Carey White b. 2-6-1816 TN. There has been a John Carey or James Cobbs White in family for generations. John Carey m. Virginia Newman b. 10-12-1824 TN. He came to TX at age 18, obtained land grant in Liberty Co TX, fought in Battle of San Jacinto & obtained more land at Milligan TX. Lois White Adams/ 214 S. 4th St./Highlands, TX 77562

ANDERSON/BLOODWORTH (BLUDWORTH)/BROWNING/McREYNOLDS: Seeking information on following persons who married a McReynolds. Need parents, birth, death and marriage info. Henrietta Browning who m. Joseph McReynolds in 1783 Caswell Co NC, lived in Sumner Co TN (1790-1831), moved to Posey Co IN (1832). Sally Anderson m. Edward McReynolds ca 1802/07. Elizabeth Bloodworth m. Joseph A. McReynolds Sumner Co TN ca 1828. June Head/Box 965/Cortez, CO 81321

JOHNSON/CUMMINGS: Seeking any info on parents/siblings/family of: Robert H. Johnson b. Jun 1833, d. 5 Jun 1910 Sumner Co TN, m. 18 Oct 1854 Sumner Co. TN to Celia Ann Wright b. 27 Dec 1827 d. 13 Feb 1907; Burl (Burwell) P. Johnson b. 28 Oct 1809 d. 10 Jan 1884 Sumner Co TN, m. 24 Dec 1829 Davidson Co TN to Martha Louisa Cato b. 1 Jun 1811 d. 2 Aug 1890 Sumner Co TN; William Matthew Cummings b. 8 Mar 1831 d. 20 Mar 1913 m. 20 Apr 1853 to Sarah H. Moore b. 13 Mar 1836 d. 3 Apr 1924; William Malachi Cummings b. 1802? d. ?, m. 19 Feb 1827 Clarke Co KY to Edye Brookshire b. ? d. 2 Mar 1842 Sumner Co TN. Rachel Johnson Briggance Malone/PO Box 746/Cleveland, MS 38732/(601)843-3433

PRUETT(PREWETT)/BAKER/MARR/LUMPKIN/GATLIN: Need information on family of the John Pruett/Prewett "of Virginia" who settled in Hickman/Maury Cos before 1820. The 1850 census shows John & Nancy, both age 76 b. VA; 1820 Maury Co. shows 7 children in household. Only known (probable) children are William B. b. ca 1800 KY and Lottie (m. George Lumpkin). An early land grant (1821) of 800 acres along the Natchez Trace at Duck River named John Prewett, William Prewett, Samuel A. Baker, John H. Gatlin, Elizabeth Marr. Was there a family relationship between them? Dorothy Stanton/501 El Capitan Drive/Danville, CA 94526/(415)820-37578

ANDERSON: Seeking names of parents and other antecedents of John James(?) Anderson b. Nov 10, 1811, Amherst Co, VA, d. May 31, 1876 Williamson Co, TN. He was orphaned at about age 11 (in VA?), only child; m. Nancy D. Pollard Mar 26, 1835, Rutherford Co, TN. Charles A. Anderson/102 Blue Hills Ct./Nashville, TN 37214

Seeking any info on following: Benjamin F. WOODWARD b. 26 Nov 1829, Robertson Co TN, m. 1855 KY to Sarah A. Abernathy b. 21 Aug 1836; Joseph MORRISON m (2nd) Elizabeth _____ ca. 1810, poss. Washington Co TN; Robert & Susannah (March) ORR, he d. 1878 Marshall Co TN, buried Belfast TN; Richard & Polly PURDUE, he d. ca. 1810 Montgomery Co TN; Henry P. PARKER b. 6 Aug 144 TN, parents Wm. & Clara Parker; Richard KEELE & wife Lydia Richmond Keele, he d. 1849 Rutherford Co TN; Frances WILLIAMS b. 8 Dec 1811 Wilson Co TN, need her parents, she m. Wiliam Mount. Sue Mount/R. 1 Box 186/Texico, IL 62889

BERRY: John Franklin Berry b. TN or VA 17 Apr 1793, lived most of life in Mt. Sterling KY, Montgomery Co. KY. Joh's brother ws Frances Berry b. TN but soon moved to Nicholas Co KY, d KY 1859. They were Presbyterian. Believe they were b. northeast section of TN. Cannot find any proof of their father or mother. /Patricia M. Roy/7600 Carmelita Av/Atascadero, CA 93422

APPLEBURY/APPLEBERRY: Seeking information on any Appleburys in TN. Marjorie F. Garr/1505 Mistletoe/Mountain Home, AR 72653

McLEAN: William Lee Davidson McLean, s/o Geo. McLean & Pamela Davidson McLean (d/o Genl Wm Lee Davidson killed in Rev War), m. Clarissa Brevard 7-2-1818 Gallatin TN, d. 8-28-1830 Logan Co KY (Clarissa d. 11-29-1876 Daviess Co KY). George McLean lived in Davidson Co TN before moving to KY & Clarissa Brevard lived in Smith Co before her marriage. Her parents were John Brevard, jr & Hannah Thompson Brevard. Am trying to establish that Wm Lee Davidson McLean is son of George & Pamela McLean. Pamela McLean's mother, Mary Brevard Davison moved to Davidson Co TN after death of her husband. Mary Voss/7812 N. Braham Rd./Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

ROSS: Chas Ross sr, Rev War Sol, had 2 dau (names unk) & 1 son Martin. MARTIN ROSS served in War of 1812, m. Nancy Hodges of Grainger Co (dau of Thomas Hodges). Number of children unknown but had 1 boy named Charles. CHARLES ROSS b. 16 Aug 1813 Grainger Co, m. Frances Potts 26 Jul 1833, Warren? Co. Frances b. Warren Co 1814 (dau of Nathan Potts?). Had one brother named James but don't know about any others. This Ross family moved to Caldwell Co MO 1838 but already had one child James T. b. 1837 TN. Any info on these families appreciated. Judy Stanbery/PO Box 249/Crowder, OK 74430

VANCE: Gr-grfather Nicholas P. Vance lived in Macoupin Co IL 1840 and later years. Birthplace consistently given as TN, b. ca. 1816. Three other Vance families nearby in Macoupin Co IL all of same generation and all b. TN. No further information about any of these. Looking for proverbial needle in haystack. Maurice M. Vance/2229 Amelia Circle/Tallahassee, FL 32304

CLARK/JEFFRIES: Seek parents of Isabell CLARK, born 1818, married ca. 1836 to _?_ JEFFRIES in TN. Who were his parents? Son Isham Duane JEFFRIES, born 1838, probably Warren Co., TN. His father died shortly after his death. Was Isabell the daughter of Isham and Isabell (JEFFERS) CLARK who lived in Warren County, TN ca. 1820 to 1860's?/Mrs. Frank Burian/4 Sweetwood Court/Ballwin, MO 63011

SUGGS/GENTRY: Seeking names of parents & siblings of N. Jane GENTRY SUGGS b. 1809 GA or TN (probably Bedford or Coffee Co.), m. Oct 1839 Coffee Co TN, Davidson SUGGS b. ca 1808 Montgomery Co NC. Their children are Benj. Rufus b. ca 1842, Celia Ann b. Oct 1840, possibly son Bell b. ca 1850 AR. Davidson Suggs' brother Aquilla b. Jan 1804 NC m. Dec 1834 to Mary S. GENTRY. Was she a sister to N. Jane?/Avalee Tucker Philhours/Route 1, Box 214/Hornersville, MO 63855

ATKINS/SUGGS: Need info about Prudence ATKINS b. ca 1782 NC?, m. Hobart SUGGS (father of Davidson, see above query) 4 Nov 1800 Montgomery Co NC, moved to TN ca 1810. Hobart d. Coffee Co 1867, Prudence d. between 1850-60. Who were her parents and siblings?/Avalee Tucker Philhours/Route 1, Box 214/Hornersville, MO 63855

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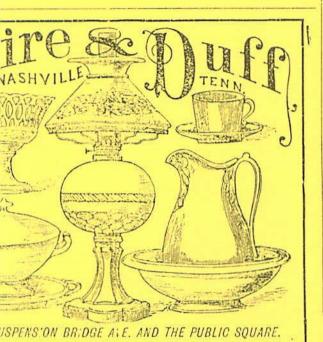
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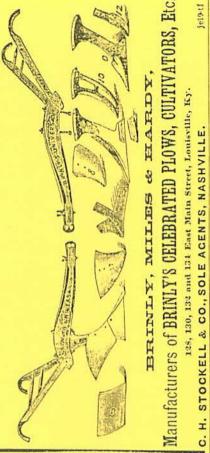
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