

A decorative woodcut illustration of a stylized plant. The plant features large, curled, acanthus-like leaves at its base. Several vertical stems rise from the foliage, each topped with a small, five-petaled flower. The central stem is the tallest and most prominent. The entire design is rendered in a simple, bold line style characteristic of 19th-century book ornamentation.

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All meetings

(unless otherwise noted)

1:00 P.M., General Meeting

2:00 P.M., Computer User's Group

Auditorium

Ben West Library

Eighth Avenue North

at Union Street

Nashville, Tennessee

January 20, 1996

"Show-and-Tell"

Members invited to bring items of interest. Refreshments served during this informal meeting.

March 16, 1996

"Sabin Photographic Collection, TSL&A"

David Sowell, Asst. Archivist

Tennessee State Library & Archives

Meeting held at the Tennessee State Library & Archives Auditorium.

May 8-11, 1996

National Genealogical Society

Conference in the States

"Traveling Historic Trails"

Stouffer Hotel and

Nashville Convention Center

Nashville, TN

May 18, 1996

"Family Cemeteries: Their Legal Issues and Preservation Threats"

Steve Rogers,

Historic Preservation Specialist,
Tennessee Historical Commission

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have just concluded our eighth annual fall seminar and a very successful one it was. Marilyn Miller Morton, speaker for the day, received many favorable comments. With Ms. Morton on several recent trips to the British Isles were MTGS members Sue Smith and Charlotte "Charlie" Sollee. Exciting? You bet.

To have a smoothly-run seminar requires many excellent workers. Vice-president Norman McGee handled all the reservations; Kay McGee did the name-tags and registration; Danya Downey made the arrangements with Montgomery Bell Academy and oversaw placement of tables for exhibitors; corresponding secretary Yolanda Reid handled the publicity; treasurer Harold Beasley had checkbook in hand to handle the expenses; Nida Wheeler had taken care of the catering service; Byron Sistler contacted the major exhibitor Stuart Nixon with Hearthstone Book Store of Arlington, Virginia; Sue Smith was hostess for the speaker; Tennessee Visual Education Service, Inc., brought in the screen and overhead projector; Ann Topolovitch of the Tennessee Historical Society, co-sponsor of the event, brought greetings and samples of their publication. The DAR and SAR had tables to display their materials. So did the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Support Group who had publications for sale, as did Steve Carter with the Dixie Press. And my job was to keep the program on schedule. By four p.m. I feel sure that you will agree that we all had quite a day on November 18. My thanks to all of you who worked hard to make this seminar a success.

And if you think we were resting up for the seminar you are wrong. We had Carolyn Nell, President of the National Genealogical Society, in town for three days working on the 1996 National Conference in the States to be held here in Nashville May 8-11, 1996. It was a very full schedule for her with meetings not only with the Stouffer Hotel personnel and the Convention Center Event Coordinator but also with Chuck Sherrill and Gale Bamman, co-chairs of the program, and with Shirley Wilson and myself as local arrangements co-chairs. And there was the big meeting with all those committee chairs who are working on various aspects of local arrangements. Eight of us did manage a dinner together with the NGS President at the Capitol Grill in the Hermitage Hotel, a very pleasant experience in spite of the rain. It was a great experience for me to have Carolyn Nell as my house guest where we had great one-on-one conversations. She even helped me bring in my antique swing from the gazebo to protect it from the winter weather. Now that is real cooperation.

Program plans, which were laid out in subject tracts, have progressed nicely for the May National Conference. There will be nearly 70 speakers to deliver more than 125 lectures; plus some 36 computer labs. Exhibitor booths are available (\$185 for a 10' x 10' space) with over half of the 190 spaces already sold by exhibits chair, James Hawkins. We are really grateful for all these volunteers who donate tremendous amounts of time to all the projects. I think we will truly have an all-time outstanding Conference and it is possible only because of the tremendous number of volunteers who are determined to do the best job possible.

Mary Glenn Hearn

FROM THE EDITOR...

In the field of study, chance
favors only the prepared mind.

—Louis Pasteur

On October 9, 1995, we had 705 paid members [now over 750 in December], with the distribution of these persons and institutions as follows:

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| Nashville and suburbs | 41 % |
| Balance of Tennessee | 7 % |
| KY, AL and MS combined . . . | 6 % |
| Texas | 10 % |
| California | 6 % |
| Rest of the country | 30 % |

At present we have no members outside the United States.

I understand that through a mixup, a few members who joined after June either did not receive the Summer 1995 issue or may have actually received a duplicate mailing. If you still do not have your complete set of Volume IX, numbers 1 and 2, please write to the Society's post office box number given on the inside back cover. The Society apologizes for this inconvenience.

Dorothy Williams Potter

PROMINENT MIDDLE TENNESSEANS IN ROBERTSON'S COLONY OF TEXAS

By Virginia Gooch Watson

The History

Robertson's Colony in Texas had its beginnings in Middle Tennessee, with many of the founders and settlers from Nashville and the surrounding area. Sterling Clark Robertson, born in Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 2, 1785, became a principal character in colonizing an area in Central Texas between Austin and Fort Worth. Robertson was the son of Elijah Robertson and nephew of Nashville's founder, General James Robertson. He died March 4, 1842 near Nashville, Milam County, Texas, buried in Austin, and was known then as Impresario Robertson.

Robertson's Colony was known as the Texas Association 1822-1825, Leftwich's Grant from 1825-1827, the Nashville Colony 1827-1831, and the Upper Colony 1831-1834, and the project finally bore the name Robertson's Colony from 1834-1835. After Texas won its independence in 1836, the area was divided into 30 counties as shown by the accompanying map.

A direct descendant of Sterling Clark Robertson, Malcolm D. McLean, compiled and edited a multi-volume set entitled *Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas* (Arlington, Texas: University of Texas-Arlington Press, 1974-1993) and an *Introductory Volume, Robert Leftwich's Mexico Diary And Letterbook, 1822- 1824* (Arlington, Texas: University of Texas-Arlington Press, 1986), after it was discovered. This is a very complete history of Robertson's Colony and the area, and is the text used for this brief history.

The first Spanish governor of the Province of Texas, Domingo Terán de los Ríos, blazed the Old San Antonio Road (also known as the Camino Real or the King's Highway) in 1691. This expedition named the Texas rivers as they crossed them traveling eastward. After several expeditions, the Spaniards founded a presidio and three missions on the San Gabriel River which was their greatest accomplishment in the 18th century. The Old San Antonio Road later became the southern boundary of Robertson's Colony.

The French explorers entered the scene in the middle and late 1770's, followed by the Anglo-Americans interest in Texas in 1791. Phillip Nolan was the first Anglo-American to map Texas. After many expeditions, a false Texas Platinum rush on the Brazos River (which turned out to be lead rather than platinum), the Mexicans declared their independence in 1810 but were not able to confirm their independence until Sept. 27, 1821 when Agustín de Iturbide entered the national capital at the head of his army and rode to the Convent of San Francisco where Ayuntamiento presented him with the golden keys to Mexico City on a silver platter.

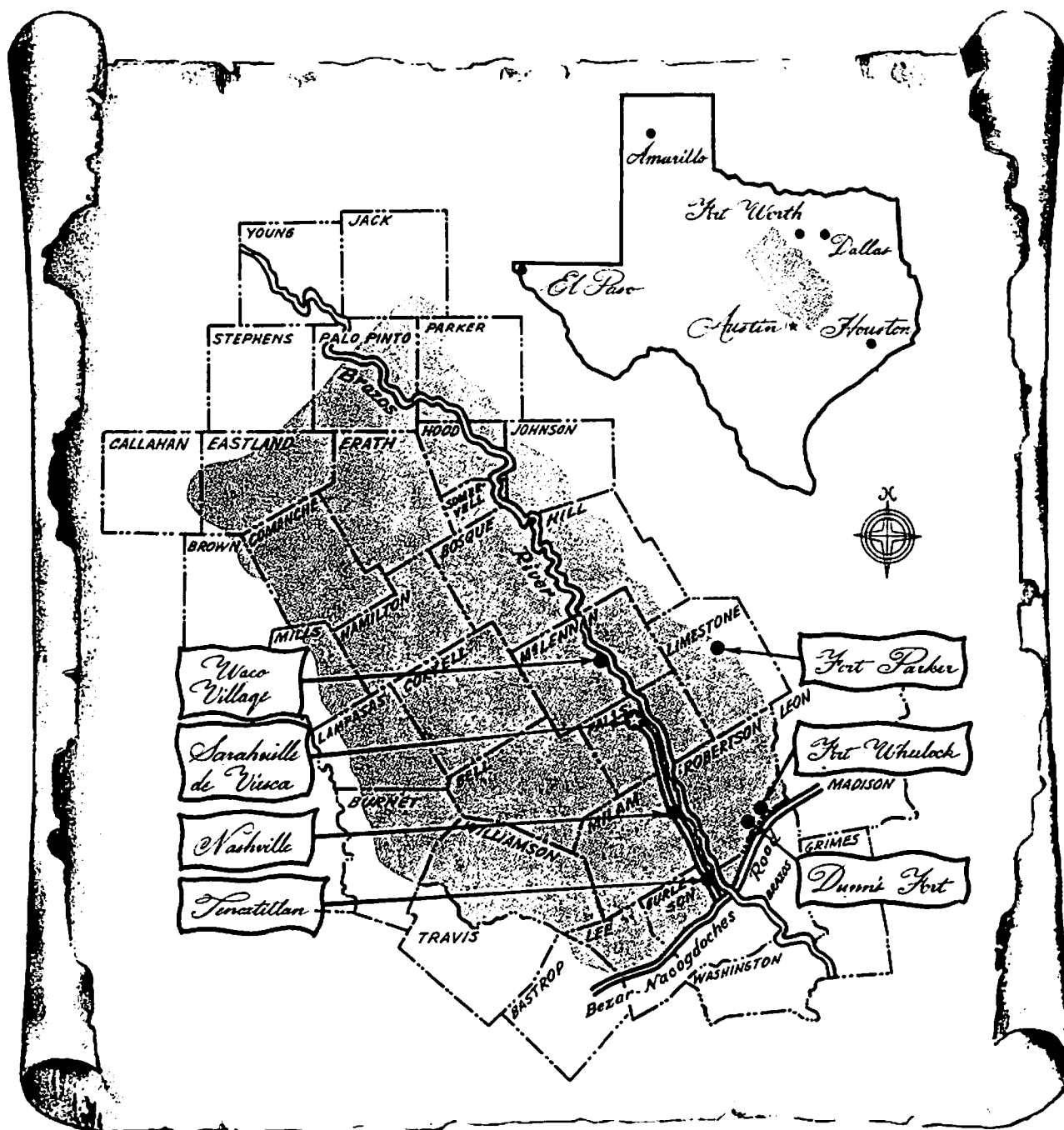
The Memorial

As soon as word reached Nashville, Tennessee, during the last days of February 1822, a large number of prominent citizens of both Tennessee and Kentucky swung into action and on March 2, 1822, they had drafted a "Memorial" addressed to "the Independent Gov-

ernment of Mexico" congratulating them on having won their independence and asking for permission "to settle in the jurisdiction of that part of your dominions contiguous to the United States, for the purpose of supporting and maintaining our families by the cultivation of the soil." There was room for 70 signatures with spaces for the names of the commissioners who were to carry this petition to Mexico and the place for the day and the month left blank. The names of the commissioners were written in later as Andrew Erwin, Robt. Leftwich, John A. Cheatham and the date was entered as "this 2d day of March 1822." The group did not give itself an official name, referring to the signers as "Citizens of the United States of America." It later became known as the Texas Association and flourished as such from 1822-1825.

The "Memorial" was then taken to Mexico by a group headed by Andrew Erwin of Nashville who was the spokesman for the group. The boundaries for the land to grant to settlers was "the land included between the Navasota and Brazos Rivers and that situated to the northwest of the Brazos River between the said river and the range of mountains which divides the waters of the Brazos and Colorado Rivers, or rather, between the said mountain range, the San Antonio Road (or the northern boundary of the land requested by Stephen F. Austin), the Brazos River, and the road of the Comanches." They obligated themselves, within nine months after date of concession, to effect the emigration of 100 or more families, within 18 months of 200 more families, and if permitted to increase the number, to promote emigration up to 500 families within three years.

Nelson Patterson of Giles County, Tennessee, was the prime mover and most enthusiastic promoter of the Texas Association.



*Map of Robertson's Colony as it flourished in 1834 and 1835. After the Texans won their independence in 1836, the area was divided into thirty counties. From Malcolm D. McLean, Ed., **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas**, Volume 1 (Arlington, Texas: University of Texas-Arlington Press, 1974), frontispiece.*

Nashvillians signing the Memorial

Dr. Felix Robertson, the sixth child of General James Robertson "the Father of Middle Tennessee," Wm. B. Robertson, Peyton Robertson, and John McNairy Robertson, all sons of General James Robertson, and James R. Robertson, the General's grandson, others:

Thomas Hill
Willie Barrow
Samuel B. Marshall
John P. Erwin
Simon Bradford
John Waters
Henry P. Lloyd
Alexander Barrow
Pleasant Craddock
William Harding
Sam Houston
Anthony W. Johnson
John Harding
of Belle Meade Plantation
Dr. James Roane
Abraham Demoss
Ira Ingram
Willoughby Williams
John Davis
James Robertson Bosley
Robert Hill
Leonard P. Cheatham
Hugh Roland
Josiah Horton
Roger B. Sappington
Abraham P. Maury
Joel Parrish
Sterling Clark Robertson
Samuel L. Wharton
Matthew Barrow
George Shall
Andrew Erwin
William Campbell
Wilkins Tannehill
Jno. Criddle
George A. Bedford
Horace Greene
Eli Talbot
Daniel A. Dunham
David B. Greer
Jno. D. Bowen
Isaac Watkins
Will. White
James S. Martin

Edward Daniel
Charles G. Olmsted
Thomas Edmiston
Samuel A. Bowen
Boas Roberts
John Byrne
Richard B. Dallam
Richard Curd
Abram S. Hoggatt
Richard Hyde
Daniel Whiting
John W. Overton

Others who signed the Memorial included James McLaughlin from Louisiana, Charles Douglass, James Patteson of Giles Co., Tennessee, Amos Edwards, Daniel Comfort, George Brown, and Thomas W. Stockdale, all of Russellville, Kentucky, Daniel M. Heard, Robert Leftwich, all of Logan Co., Kentucky. The Governor and Secretary of State of Tennessee both signed the document.

Leftwich Letterbook, Dated 1822-1824, Discovered in Franklin, Tennessee.

Robert Leftwich's diary and letterbook was kept by him in Mexico City between 1822 and 1824. Leftwich was sent to Mexico City by the Texas Association to get permission for them to establish a colony in Texas, which at that time, was still a part of Mexico.

Robert Leftwich, son of Augustine Leftwich, Jr. of Bedford Co., Va., had a brother, Jesse Leftwich who moved to Maury Co., Tennessee, and from there to Austin's Colony in Texas where he was received as a colonist in April 1830. Robert left Pittsylvania Co., Virginia, moving to Rockingham Co., North Carolina, then to Logan Co., Kentucky, then to Nashville, Tennessee.

Robert Leftwich's diary and letterbook was discovered in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Albert Bailey, Sr., "Beechwood Hall" in Franklin, Tennessee, about 6 miles south of Franklin off Carter's Creek Pike. The property was sold by the family in the 1940's. The granddaughter of the Bailey's, Miss Minnie Carter Bailey, saved the manuscript volume along with other books from the sale and kept it for 25 years until she was preparing to move to Birmingham, Alabama. At that time, she deposited it for safe-keeping in the Tennessee State Library & Archives where it was discovered in 1985. Miss Bailey then removed it and later sold it to the Robertson Association of Texas.

One Texas Settler

Many settlers from Middle Tennessee "went to Texas," among whom were Jesse Benton, brother to U.S. Senator Thomas Hart Benton, originally from Williamson Co., Tennessee.

Another settler was John D. McAlister, son of Charles and Elizabeth McAlister and step-son to Charles G. Olmstead, attorney in Franklin, Tennessee, in the 1820s - 1850s and one of the signers of the Memorial.

The following letters, written by John D. McAlister to his step-father in Franklin from the Robertson's Colony area, give his viewpoint. Charles G. Olmstead owned shares Nos. 353-360 of the stock in the Texas Association issued October 15, 1825 (McLean, *Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas*, Vol. IX, 1982, pp. 67-68.) The original letters are in the Probate File of John D. McAlister in the Williamson County Preservation of Records, Franklin, Tennessee.

**Letters from John D. McAllister, Member of the Texas Association,
to his Step-Father, Charles G. Olmstead, in Franklin, Tennessee**

"Brazonia Oct 17. 1834

Dear Father

I recd your letter dated in March, some-time in the latter part of August inclosing a draft of \$500. also about your claim in Robertson's Colony my opinion is that Robertson will act the long-tailed puppy if he can do it. I formed this opinion of him whilst I was with him in the upper part of this colony. To be more certain I have employed Mr. Archer a lawyer of this place to attend to it and who will go up to see Robertson in a few days upon business of his own. When Archer returns he will give me the necessary information in regard the different Leagues situation etc. The country is in confusion. No laws. The Legislature that gives Robertson his right to the colony is broke up The governor is broke by a mob. No law. J.D. McAlister."

Letter addressed to "Charles G. Olmstead, Franklin, Ten"

"Brazonia Dec^{mbr} 2 1834 *

Dear Father

As the Schooner San Felipe is about to sail for N. Orleans and not knowing when I may again shortly have an opportunity of writing I seize upon the present chance to communicate what information I have so far obtained in regard to the colony belonging to the old N. company. There is no doubt but what the titles under the N. company are good. in the 2nd place the members of the Co. have to comply with the Colonization law that is either to settle themselves

* See illustration next page.

or to settle a family upon each one of their leagues and to make an improvement thereon. They forfeit their league or leagues in case of failure. The family so settling are to swear allegiance to the Mexican government and to become a member of the Roman Catholic church. There are several other things required to make the title good. Staying in the country a certain number of years paying government fees, commissioners fees, etc. etc. I have heard from league No. 19. It is situated on the Brazos River Thirty or forty miles below the falls and is said to be a first rate league of land well timbered but bad water he said at the present time it ought to be worth fifty cents an acre. as to the other league I have taken the necessary steps to have it searched out and as soon as it is possible after the 15th of the present month I shall go up myself and place things upon a firm footing put families upon both leagues which may cost all expenses included about \$250 each. I shall have good titles before I leave there. As I have not enjoyed a good days health since the 25th of last May I shall shortly return when I shall expect a full settlement and as to property sell - sell with five likely negroes in this country and five hundred dollars a fortune is certain. I wish to begin to do something for myself and I can not do it upon nothing.

Yours affectionately Jno. D. McAlister.

P.S. Give my respects to Mark all of the Tennesseans in good health but myself - my health is wretched. McAlister.."

Letter addressed to "Charles G. Olmstead, Franklin, Ten."

"Brazonia Dec^{mbr} 5. 1834

Dear Father

Since my last to you I have consulted with a lawyer of this place Mr. Jno. A. Wharton who advices me to go immediately to Robertson's Colony and show him your letter to me and place a family on league No.19 in good faith with Robertson that the scrip-certificates etc. shall be sent out forthwith = Also if I am to manage these leagues the title must be placed in me for no one but a citizen and a Roman Catholic can hold land in the country. Robertson calls upon the N. Co. to come forward before the 1st day of April with their families to settle their leagues if they fail to do so he will not respect any longer the portion of the country that has been set aside for them but give it to immigrants as they move in. Send out papers in full empowering me to act. Also appoint me your agent to collect those Swiney notes as he refuses to pay them because they are not endorsed over to me. He is a d—n rascal. God dont and will not let him prosper. The Ague and fever has left me within the last few days. I wish you to write and answer this letter immediately.

Yours affectionately

J.D. McAlister.

P.S. At this instant A. Russell is crying off articles before the door."

Letter addressed to "Charles G. Olmstead, Esqr., Franklin, Ten."

"Brazonia June 18 1835

Dear Father

As to the claims in Robertson's Colony they are doubtful. He has

sold his interest to Jesse Benton for what or how much I do not know. Sam Williams is at Mondora using all his powerful influence to regain the colony or at least to overthrow

hands. The status of Chihuahua and of Cohicha & Texas are opposed (the only two) to his rapid strides to dictatorial power. The people of Texas have been called

which has been done through the influence of Williams in a word the men that are in office are opposed to Robertson. I give the script to Dr. Archer who is now in Robertson Colony to attend to and arrange so that there will not be a doubt about the title. On the 26. of next month 100 volunteers will start out for the prairies to give the Indians a chastisement for the depredations that they been commencing on the frontier. I may go it depends on circumstances. The central committee of Texas has called upon the people of Texas to have a convention, form a state government at all hazards and to be prepared for the worst that follows. For everyone that is acquainted with the internal disturbances of Mexico and with the situation and the wants of Texas with jealousy on one hand and utter contempt on the other must know that the hour is not far distant before there will be wars and rumors of war in this country. If the news came tomorrow I would not be surprised. The Mexican brig of war Montezuma has been on our coast and captured the American brig Martha and carried her and her crew with three of the passengers to Vera-Cruz. Gov Early's two sons were amongst the passengers also the Schooner Columbia valued with her cargo at \$65,000, \$40,000 of which belonged to McKinney & Williams the collector payed the d—n rascal in the matter and has cleared himself. The U. States revenue cutter visited us a few days since in search as it is said of the Montezuma - but this I do not believe. she was in search of a slave who had landed from Africa 140 negroes Charles went to N. Orleans in her. Since Charles has left I have paid \$167 more for him. I have the accounts.

Afec. J.D. M'Alister." ■

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of the Roman Catholic church &

First page of letter written December 2, 1834 by John D. McAllister
(Reduced to 64%) Courtesy Williamson County Preservation of Records, Franklin, Tennessee

Robertson and as to the stability or firmness or honesty of the government is it not to be looked for - and there is no reliance to be placed upon them. H. Anna is playing Iturbide's game and at present holds the game in his own

on to furnish troops for the fight the battles of the interior but they will not be there in the hour of need. The present Executive have removed from office (Political Chief) Henry Smith exqr. who is undoubtedly the first man in Texas

WHAT'S THIS MAY 8-11, 1996 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ANYWAY?

By Barbara Sistler, Publicity

MTGS is quite proud to be the host for the upcoming National Genealogical Conference in the States, May 8-11 at the Nashville Convention Center and the adjacent Stouffer Hotel. A lot of people have been working a long time to get this together. Now it's YOUR turn.

What can the membership do to help?

Participate! Fill out the volunteer form in this article and tell us what you'd like to do. At the last planning meeting Mary Glenn Heame put it very nicely—we not only want to show the attendees the Southern Hospitality they will expect as a matter of course but also a hefty dose of TLC by making sure we do the most we can to meet everyone's needs. That takes a lot of participation from our society.

Attend! Even if you don't want to be out front to shake hands, the more MTGS members we have in attendance the more likely we'll be to have the answers non-member attendees will need.

What's it all about?

More genealogy and social events in four days than you can believe! Something for everyone—pick and choose what will fit your needs.

Program co-chairs Chuck Sherrill, Director of Public Services at the Tennessee State Library and Archives and Gale Bamman, C. G. have gone to considerable effort to establish the program. The lecturers have been selected from more than 500 lecture proposals from all over the country and a

few from overseas.

There are 15 speakers this year who have never lectured at a national conference as well as many of the old favorites who will be here with new material. Ninety-four speakers will present 173 lectures. At any given time you'll have seven choices on a wide variety of topics. About 25 speakers will be presenting computer lectures or labs and are specialists in that aspect of genealogy.

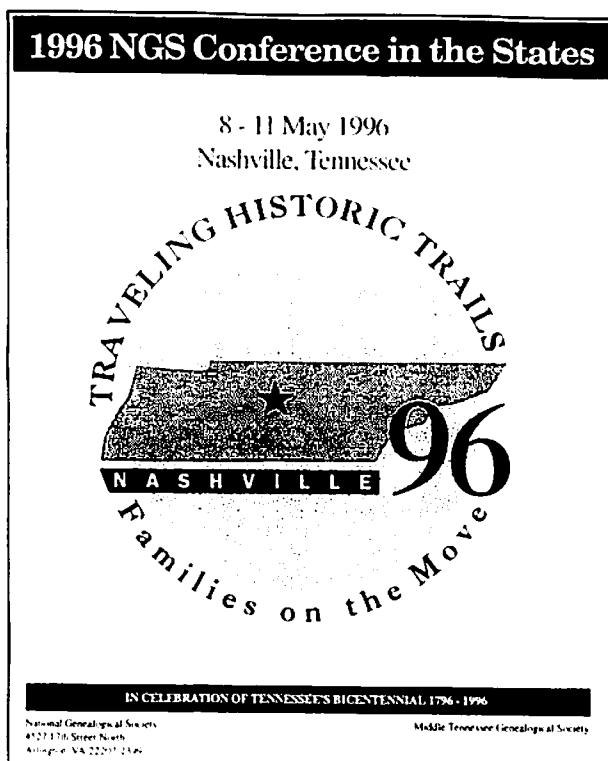
More Info

As an aid in planning your schedule the program has been laid out in tracks (you may choose from any combinations of these): **Skill Building** includes sessions on research methods, problem analysis, documentation, etc.; **States and Repositories** will focus on resources and research in different areas; **Beginner** will cover subjects such as the census, courthouse research and a special two-hour workshop on Wednesday just for beginners; **Ethnic** will include Cherokee, Melungeons, Free Persons of Color in the Antebellum South and more; **Migration** will feature talks on migration, both into and out of Tennessee and other states.

Computer labs will be ongoing all week. There will be at an additional charge for the hands-on labs.

It is expected they will fill quite quickly so if you want to make sure of getting in these, get those registrations in fast. There will also be 14 sessions of computer lectures which are included in the registration fee. (See the computer column by Bill Jackson in this *Journal* issue for more information.)

Social highlights include a Friday night banquet with speaker Helen Hinchliff. Her topic is "Scams, Suckers, and Mega-Bucks: the Shady, Shaky side of Genealogy" which should be entertaining as well as informative. MTGS is sponsoring a Thursday evening of pure fun with a cruise on the General Jackson Showboat (\$50 includes dinner, entertainment and busing to and from the pier). Tickets will be available for the 6:30 Saturday show of the Grand



Ole Opry.

Browse and shop. There will be a hall of exhibits and demonstrations. You can expect to find a vast range of books (old and new), supplies, charts, maps, computer hardware and software, and to get acquainted with many historical, genealogical and patriotic societies.

If you're coming a distance plan extra time to do actual research in the area's major repositories. Three of these are within walking distance of the conference site.

Final Particulars

Early registration will be \$150 for the entire four days for NGS members (membership is \$35). Non-NGS members pay \$170. There is a per day fee of \$60 if you don't want to attend the entire conference. The Exhibit Hall will be open to the public at no cost. Registration includes admittance to all lectures except a few workshops which require an extra fee.

FOR ALL THE DETAILS you need a registration form (you'll receive one automatically if you're an NGS member) – we'll make it really easy for you. Locally phone 297-5968 or long distance call toll free 1-800-578-9475. Barbara Sistler will be happy to mail you one. She'll also fill out a volunteer card for you on the phone and save you the postage!

1996 NGS Conference in Nashville Volunteer Card

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Please circle areas of interest and/or ability.

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UNPUBLISHED BIBLE RECORDS OF CANNON, DeKALB, & MAURY COUNTIES

McRAE BIBLE RECORD

In possession of Mr. T. W. Crowe, Columbia, Tennessee, 1938.

The Bible, published by A. Paul, 72 Nassau Street, New York, 1824, was copied by Annie S. Hackney, Columbia, Tennessee, June 1938.

From *Maury County, Tennessee Bible, Family, and Tombstone Records*, WPA, MU-1, pp. 12-13, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Original Parantage [sic] of Donal MacRae born in Scotland.

Elizabeth McRae was born 20th May 1762
Rodrick McRae was born ____ Novr. 1764
Alexr. MacRae was born 14th June 1766
Rindley McRae born 1768
Duncan McRae born 16th May 1769
Marsy McRae born 20 Dec. 1770
Ann McRae born 15th March 1773
Christopher McRae born in Fayette Ville North Carolina
24th July 1777
Margaret McRae born July 1779
Farquhard McRae born 20th Decr. 1781

Deaths of the original family of Donald McRae Deceased in America.

Ann McRae wife of Dond McRae Departed this life 23rd Dec. 1781
Donald McRae Departed this life ____ June 1789 3 O'Clock P.M.
Alexr. McRae a native of Scotland in Strath Glass Shaire of Ross was married to Rachel Helton of Orange County 8th Sept. 1796.
Donald McRae was born 10th Oct. 1797
Nancy McRae born 10th March 1799
Susanna P. McRae born 1st Feby 1801
Margaret R. McRae born 2nd July 1803
Elizabeth C. McRae born 21st Feb. 1805
Duncan G. McRae born 22nd June 1809
Farquhard McRae born 22nd Augt. 1809
Alexr. H. McRae born 3rd Octr. 1811

Deaths in the family of the Alexr. McRae

Rachel McRae wife of Alexr. McRae was born 1st Jany 1773 - she departed this life 15th Sepr. 1823 Edged 50

years Eight months and 14 days

Alexander McRae Seignour departed this life 27th Decr.

1843 Aged 77 years 6 months & 10 days

Daniel McRae departed this life April 5th 1852 aged 51 years 7 months and 10 days

Farquard McRae departed this life 13th May 1854 aged 45 years 3 months & 9 days.

Alexander McRae Jr. Departed this life December 7th 1866 Aged 55 years 2 months 4 days

Marriages in the family of Alexr. McRae

Nancy McRae was married to Samuel McAdams the 18th Jany 1819

Susanna P. McRae was married to John R. Tolaferro 10th March 1819

Elizabeth McRae was married to Claborn Terril Hillard the 9th June 1830

Margaret McRae was married to John Stephenson the 11 of February 1829

Duncan McRae and S. E. Raimey was married 25th March 1840

Robert Alexander McRae was Born 21st March 1841

Martha Rachel Henrietta McRae was Born 26th of August 1842

Duncan McRae was Born 22 September 1845

Robt. Alex McRae Departed this life 26th March 1841 age 6 days

Sarah E. McRae departed this life 6th July 1848 Age 28 years 11 months & 22 days, was born 26th August 1819

Duncan McRae Sr. departed this life November 29th 1868 Aged 61 years 5 months and 7 days

Joseph Cook McRae was born May the 6th 1802

L. C. TODD BIBLE

In the possession of Edgar Todd, 1938.

"The following record was copied from the original Bible of L. C. Todd, which is at present owned by his son, Edgar Todd, who lives near Readyville in the 1st district of Cannon County. This family is an old and prominent one of the County. The Bible is 182 years old, and some of the entries are illegible. "

Copied by Mrs. Gladys Stacey Pittard, Woodbury, Tennessee, November 12, 1938. From *Records of Cannon County - Bible, Family and Tombstone Records*, WPA, CA-1, pp. 4-5, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

BIRTHS:

William Todd was born September the 28, 1793
Margret Spear was born September the 7, 1796

MARRIAGES:

Wm. Todd was married to Margaret Spear October 15, 1815

Children:

Elizabeth Todd, daughter of Wm. Todd and Margaret, his wife, was born December the 9, 1817
Lizzie Todd was born February the 2, 1820
James Todd was born January 15, 1822
Nancy J. Todd was born November 12, 1823
Mary J. Todd was born January 24, 1825
Wm. T. Todd was born February the 22, 1827
Jacob H. Todd was born March 21, 1829
John R. Todd was born January the 8, 1839

John R. Todd married January the 30th 1853 to Levica

Blanc

John R. Todd departed this life 1921

BIRTHS:

Sarah S. Todd was born July 8, 1833
Margaret A. Todd was born July 20, 1835
Tennessee Todd was born in July 1847
Mary Solindy Simpson was born July 31, 1877

James S. Todd was married to Jemima Cox October 18, 1846

John S. Todd was born December the 14, 1847

Margaret A. Todd departed this life the 6 day of July 1851

Children of John R. Todd and Levica Blanc Todd:

W. C. Todd born February 14, 1853
L. M. Todd born November 17, 1855
Clemmie Todd, born November 9, ____
Mary Francis Todd, January __, 1862

PATTON FAMILY RECORD

In Possession Of J. Arthur Reed, 1938.

"The following was copied from a record which is at present in the possession of J. Arthur Reed, and was left him by his uncle Dave Patton, who died March 11, 1936 at the age of ninety years. The Pattons were among the first settlers in Cannon County. Mr. Reed lives two miles from Bradyville on the Burt road. Bradyville is ten miles from Woodbury, and five and one half miles from the Number 1 Highway, in the 12th District of Cannon County." Copied by Mrs. Gladys Stacey Pittard, Woodbury, Tennessee, May 26, 1938. From *Records of Cannon County - Bible, Family and Tombstone Records*, WPA, CA-1, pp. 1-2, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

BIRTHS:

Sarah Jemima Patton was born November the 3rd 1850
Louisa Tennessee Patton was born November 15th 1859
Nancy Jernigan was born the 25 day of March 1819

David Patton was born February the 25th 1787
Jemima Overton was born June 16th 1784

Births of Their Children:

John Overton Patton was born March 6th 1811
Peggy Homes Patton was born December 24th 1812
Robert James Patton was born August the 21st 1814
Polly Ann Patton was born January 19, 1817
Betsy Maria Patton was born March the 7th 1821
Samuel Marion Patton was born February 14th 1819
David Morris Patton was born October the 23, 1823
Jasper Newton Patton was born August 22, (year worn off)

DEATHS:

David M. Patton departed this life the 3rd day of February 1853

Jemima Patton departed this life June 14th 1858

Mary Ann McElroy departed this life October 7th 1863

David Patton departed this life August 15th 1871

Samuel M. Patton departed this life December 8th 1886

Jasper Newton Patton departed this life the 25th night of July 1849, Aged 9 months and 28 days old

John O. Patton departed this life September the 15th A. D. 1859

Mary Jernigan departed this life January 21st 1863

Allen Jernigan departed this life July 11th 1870

Felix Overton Reed departed this life February the 23rd 1870

John O. Patton departed this life December the 29, 1892

Harriet Prater departed this life November the 4th 1897

Nancy Patton departed this life January 9, 1812

BIRTHS:

Louisa Tennessee Patton was born November the 15th A.D. 1852

Robert James Patton was born December the 9th A.D. 1855

John Overton Patton and Nancy Emiline Patton was born the 14th October 1858

Harriet Evaline Patton was born October the 26th 1861

Mary Salome Patton was born November 23, 1844

David Franklin Patton was born September 28th 1848

James Newton Patton was born September 28, A.D. 1848

David Franklin Patton was born September 2nd 1846.

MARRIAGES:

R. L. Patton started for Colorado on the 26th day of March 1879. Got a letter from Robert the 17th day of April, started back on the 19th April 1879.

John O. Patton and Nancy Jernigan was married May the 7th A.D. 1843

Mary S. Patton and James H. Reed was married the 1st day of September 1867

David F. Patton and Alice Phillips was married the 23rd day of August 1874

Nancy E. Patton was married the 23rd day of December 1880 to James Irvin

Jenny Patton and James Reed was married the 10th day of November 1881

Harriet E. Patton was married December 21st 1880

James Irvin and Nancy Irvin started to Arkansas August 19th 1881

David Patton and Jemima Overton was married August the 20th A.D. 1809

John O. Patton and Nancy Jernigan was married May 7 A.D. 1825

EDWARD E. HOOPER BIBLE

Owned by Mrs. Maggie Frazar of Smithville, Tennessee, 1937.

Mrs. Maggie Frazar is the great Granddaughter of Edward E. Hooper. Copied by Agnes Vanhooser and Mrs. Clara Bing, Smithville, Tennessee, June 1937. From *Records of DeKalb County - Bible and Tombstone Records*, WPA, DK-1, pp. 17-18, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Edward E. Hooper married October 1, 1800 to Mary Scott.

Edward E. Hooper married to Susanah Pirtle July 11, 1824.

Samuel D. Hooper and Mary Kelley was married November the 12, 1834.

Samuel Hooper was born 30th __ 1848.

George Alvin Culum September 1851.

Jane the daughter of Edward E. and Mary Hooper Married November 7, 1820.

Nancy Hooper married October 12, 1826.

Rebeckah Hooper married May 17, 1827.

Samuel L. Hooper born August the 16, 1805.

Mary A. M. Hooper, the wife of Samuel Hooper, born July the 10, 1814.

Thomas R. Hooper born March 2, 1836.

Mary F. Hooper born July 28, 1839.

James H. Hooper born January 23, 1842.

Tennessee M. Hooper born September 23, 1804.

Edward E. Hooper born January 5, 1777.

Tennessee R. Hooper born February 7, 1813.

Forester A. Pirtle born October 1, 1821.

Obadiah H. Pirtle born August 20, 1823.

Mathew P. Hooper March 21, 1827.

Richard E. Certain born November 6, 1832.

Lafayette Pirtle born June 19, 1833.

Mary Hooper born January 4, 1785.

Jane Hooper born January 4, 1801.

Rebekah Hooper born April 24, 1803.

Nancy G. E. Hooper October 27, 1807.

Mary E. Hooper born May 4, 1808.

Stace Hooper born April 29, 1810.

Mary Ann Pirtle the daughter of Jacob Pirtle born December the 1st, 1820.

Edward H. Pirtle born September 18, 1827.

Samuel Pirtle born June 23, 1828.

Mary Hooper wife of E. Hooper deceased June 20, 1822.
 Edward E. Hooper deceased August 15, 1838.
 Samuel S. Hooper deceased June 30, 1883.
 Mary E. Hooper the daughter of Edward E. Hooper and
 Mary Hooper deceased March 10, 1808.
 Mathew P. Hooper deceased August 22, 1827.
 Samuel S. Hooper died June 30, 1883.

Mary A. M. Hooper wife of S. S. Hooper died May 21,
 1896.
 Darha E. Hooper born May 2, 1825.
 Caroline Hooper born February 14, 1829.
 Atlantic E. Hooper born March 23, 1838.
 David Hooper born May 2, 1836?

LUCINDA ESTES BIBLE

In Possession Of W. G. Estes, Smithville, Tennessee, 1937.

W. G. Estes was the nephew of Lucinda Estes. Copied by Mrs. Agnes Vanhooser and Mrs. Clara Bing, Smithville, Tennessee, July 1937. From *Records of DeKalb County - Bible and Tombstone Records*, WPA, DK-1, pp. 9-10, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

BIRTHS:

Brackett Lot Estes born May 13, 1830, died May 30, 1908.
 Elizabeth Estes born December 6, 1832.
 Lucinda Estes born August 10, 1834 died January 1, 1906.
 Hannah Rosanak Estes born March 23, 1837.
 Brackett Estes born January 14, 1801, married September 1, 1825.
 William W. Estes born October 1, 1826.
 John C. Estes born August 25, 1827.
 Thomas Marian Estes born December __ 1828.

Billie and Dora Estes Family:

William G. Estes, place of Birth, Wilson County, born August 18, 1859. Married December 22, 1885.
 Dora Eugenina Estes, place of Birth Cannon County, born December 29, 1864, married December 22, 1885, died November 17, 1922. 5 night 8:30 o'clock.
 Willie Gutrude Estes, place of Birth, Smithville, born September 1, 1886. Married January 27, 1815, died May 16, 1916.
 Eugene Brackett Estes, place of Birth, Smithville, born August 17, 1888. Married September 20, 1922.
 Herman Lewis Estes, place of Birth Smithville, born July 9, 1890, married August 28, 1921.
 Samuel Albert Estes, palce of birth Smithville, born August 23, 1892.
 Bessie Estes, Place of birth Smithville, born December 12, 1895. Married January 3, 1918.
 Ida Verell Estes, Place of birth, Smithville, born April 3,

1899.

Robbie Aline Estes, Place of birth, Smithville, born September 24, 1904.
 J. P. Vaught and Willie Gutrude Estes, was married January 27, 1915.
 Willius Vanatta and Bessie Estes, were married January 3, 1918, Thursday night 7:30.
 Hermon Lewis Estes and Gurtie Ellers were [married] August 28, 1921. Sunday evening.
 Eugene Brackett Estes and Euie Hendrixson were married September 20, 1922. Wednesday eve.
 Albert Estes and Hester Kate Sullivan were married December 27, 1923. Thursday.
 Eugene Willius Vanatta was born September 20, 1918. Friday Morn. Son of Bessie Estes Vanatta.
 Billie Lewis Estes, son of Hermon Estes, was born May 31, 1922. Wednesday morning.
 Jack Eugene, son of Brackett Estes, was born June 10 [16?], 1923. Sunday Morn.
 Mary Eugenia Estes was born September 28, __ daughter off Hermon Estes.
 Glen Estes was born November __, 1927. Son of Hermon Estes.
 Lewis Bass Estes was born February 9, 1928.
 Don Estes was born June 18, 1931.
 Silua Estes was born May 14, 1933. Children of Albert Estes.
 Reaber Kitchens died October 26, 1915 at 5 o'clock in the morning.

Food For Thought

"The story of human endeavor is never smooth, but our view of it is tempered and distorted by the nature, quality and erratic survival rate of the evidence which is available to us to recreate the past."¹

1. Trevor Rowley, *The High Middle Ages, 1200-1550* (London: Paladin, Grafton Books, 1988), p. 1.

A COMPILATION OF SOME MIDDLE TENNESSEE SETTLERS, 1779-1780

By Robert A. McGaw, 1979

With the interest generated by the State Bicentennial and the "First Families of Tennessee" project, your editor searched for material relative to this subject which would be of help to readers in locating their ancestors during this time period.

Mr. McGaw compiled the following data for a program celebrating Founders Day in Nashville, December 23, 1979, and has graciously given us permission to print the material herein. He drew his list from several old accounts and rearranged them in alphabetical order. McGaw stated, "... this is not a complete list of first settlers. It is a compilation, undertaken with due care but not infallibility, from five published sources, as follows: (1) John Haywood, *The Civil and Political History of the State of Tennessee* Nashville, 1823. Second edition 1890, reprinted 1915. (2) A. W. Putnam, *History of Middle Tennessee, or, Life and Times of Gen. James Robertson*. Nashville, 1859. New edition Knoxville, 1971. (3) Harriette Simpson Arnow, *Seedtime on the Cumberland*. New York, 1960. (4) *Three Pioneer Tennessee Documents*. Nashville. 1964. (5) *The State Records of North Carolina*. Volume XIX. Raleigh."

For a discussion of the original three Petitions dated 1782, 1783, and 1784, located in the North Carolina Archives—as well as a full transcription of the names affixed—see William Thorndale, "Three Petitions of the Cumberland River Settlers, 1782-1784," *Middle Tennessee Genealogy*, VI, 4 (Nashville: Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc., 1993), pp. 155-160. This material can be further augmented by the schedule "25 August 1789 Tax List of the Cumberland Settlements," contributed by Theda Womack and Shirley Wilson, *Middle Tennessee Genealogy*, IV, 2 (Nashville: Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc., 1990), pp. 43-47. —Ed.

Explorers and Hunters

At one time or other during the dozen or so years before the Nashville area was settled, an unknown number of explorers and hunters, certainly more than fifty and perhaps as many as a hundred all told, came for a while to these lands along the midsection of the Cumberland River. Some came again and again. Some became first settlers, among them these twelve whose names were recorded by Haywood or by Arnow or by both:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Abraham Bledsoe | Edmund Jennings |
| Issaac Bledsoe | Kasper Mansker |
| Timothy DeMonbreun | John Montgomery |
| James Harrod | John Rains |
| Humphrey Hogan | Thomas Spencer |
| John Holladay | Michael Stoner |

Preliminary Plantings

In the spring of 1779, two parties of men came with the objective of planting corn that, if it lived and matured, would help feed the settlements. Kasper Mansker, with others whose names were unrecorded, planted for the station he would build where Goodlettsville now is. James Robertson led the party of eight, plus an unnamed Negro slave, who planted corn near the Big

French Lick where Nashville was to be. The names, from Haywood, page 95:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| George Freeland | James Robertson |
| James Hanly | Mark Robertson |
| Kasper Mansker | Edward Swanson |
| William Neely | Zachariah White |
| William Overall | |

All except Hanly are known to have become first settlers.

The Overland Journey

James Robertson was the acknowledged "Founder of Nashville" and "Father of Tennessee," and he led the largest of the parties (or companies, they were called) that came overland in the late fall and winter of 1779/80 to settle the Cumberland country. There is no roster of Robertson's company.

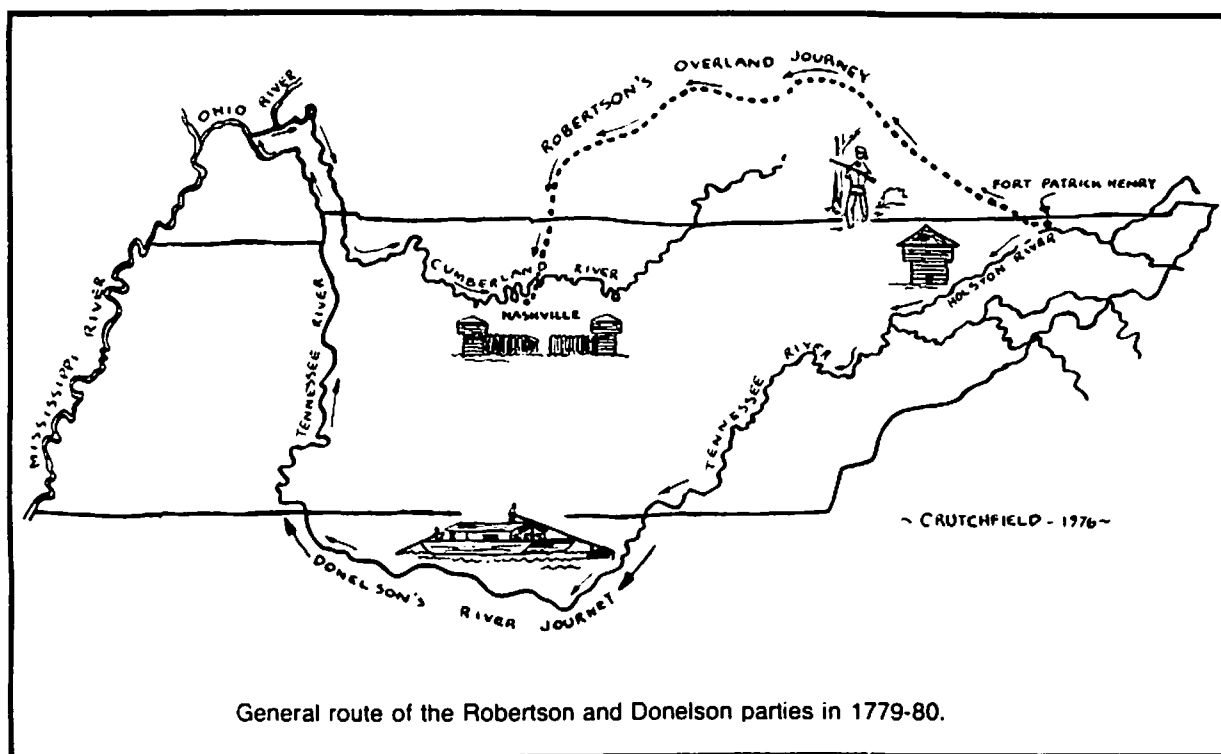
When the travelers reached their destination "all the companies amounted, it is supposed," wrote Haywood (page 98), "to two or three hundred men, many of them young men without families." Of the two or three hundred, fewer than forty are identified by name in Haywood's book or Arnow's, and most of those whose names were recorded began the journey in companies other than Robertson's and met up with

him en route. In Robertson's own company were two of his brothers, Mark and John, and his eldest son, ten-year-old Jonathan. The names that follow are found in Haywood or in Arnow.

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Isaac Bledsoe | James Mulherrin |
| Alexander Buchanan | John Mulherrin |
| John Buchanan, Jr. | Ephraim Peyton |
| John Buchanan, Sr. | John Rains |
| Samuel Buchanan | Thomas Ramsey |
| Philip Conrad | James Robertson |
| Benjamin Drake | John Robertson |
| William Drake | Jonathan Robertson |

Amos Eaton
George Freeland
James Freeland
Zachariah Green
Humphrey Hogan
____ Hopper
Edmund Jennings
Hugh Leeper
James Leeper
William Loggins
George Mansker
Kasper Mansker

Mark Robertson
Isaac Rounsever
Frederick Stump
Thomas Thompson
Nicholas Tramel
Philip Tramel
Haydon Wells
Zachariah White
Daniel Williams
Sampson Williams
Moses Winters



Map by James A. Crutchfield, from *Engineers on the Tumor River*.

John Donelson's Journal

At about the time Robertson's overland travelers reached the future site of Nashville in December of 1779, a flotilla of about thirty flatboats led by Colonel John Donelson began a thousand-mile voyage down the Holston and Tennessee rivers and up the Ohio and Cumberland to the same destination, arriving April 24, 1780.

According to Arnow (page 236), the boats carried about three hundred people—the women, children, and servants of about fifty families and

enough men to handle the boats. A lower estimate was made by Putnam (page 80), who "supposed the entire party must have amounted to one hundred and sixty." Donelson's famous journal of the voyage is in the collections of the Tennessee Historical Society. It names only forty of the travelers.

Except for rearrangement in alphabetical order, the names that follow are as printed in Putnam, pages 69-76.

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Frank Armstrong | Thomas Hutchings |
| Benjamin Belew | Jonathan Jennings |
| Capt. John Blackemore | Mrs. Jonathan Jennings |
| John Boyd | Mr. ____ Johns |
| John Caffrey | Peter Looney |
| James Cain | ____ Maxwell |
| Robert Cartwright | John Montgomery |
| Daniel Chambers | Isaac Neelly |
| Mr. Cockrell | ____ Payne (killed) |
| John Cotton | Mrs. Ephraim Peyton |
| William Crutchfield | Benjamin Porter |
| John Donelson, Jr. | Mrs. Purnell |
| John Donelson, Sr. | Moses Renfroe |
| David Gwinn | James Robertson's |
| Frank Haney | lady and children |
| ____ Harrison | Hugh Rogan |
| (Mrs.) ____ Harrison | M. Rounsifer |
| Reuben Harrison | ____ Stuart |
| Hugh Henry, Sr. | John White |
| Mrs. Henry (widow) | Solomon White |
| Thomas Henry | |

From the account of the voyage written by Haywood (pages 98-107), eight names can be added to the forty in Donelson's journal. They are:

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Daniel Dunham | Isaac Lanier |
| John Gibson | James Renfroe |
| Mr. ____ Gower | Joseph Renfroe |
| Nancy Gower | Solomon Turpin |

Although women, children, and slaves outnumbered the white men aboard, few of the women's names and none of the children or blacks are found in either Donelson's journal or Haywood's book. Haywood wrote (page 235), that on the Stuart boat were "blacks and whites to the number of twenty-eight souls." According to Arnow (page 235), Donelson's boat alone carried thirty blacks and fifteen whites.

Cumberland Compact

The Cumberland Compact, or form of government adopted by the first settlers in May 1780, is in the handwriting of Richard Henderson, North Carolina lawyer, judge, and land speculator who in 1775 had bought from the Cherokee Indians their claim to most of Kentucky and the part of Tennessee drained by the Cumberland River the Transylvania Purchase. The Compact set forth terms for the settlers to buy land when Henderson's title should be confirmed. It never was; the

legislatures of both Virginia and North Carolina disallowed the Transylvania Purchase.

Beginning May 13, 1780, there were 255 signatures affixed to the Cumberland Compact. Not all the first settlers signed it, and not all who signed it stayed. The original document is in the collections of the Tennessee Historical Society.

Except for rearrangement in alphabetical order, the names that follow are as printed in *Three Pioneer Tennessee Documents*, published in 1964 by the Tennessee Historical Commission, pages 18-21. Note that seven names appear twice (Edward Bradley, John Drake, James Freland, Isaac Johnson, Daniel Johnston, Samuel Moore, James Ray). Whether father-son, otherwise kin, or duplications might be ascertained by study of the actual signatures. Other names (Dukham/Dunham, Jarot/Jarrott, Ragsdell/Ragsdil) are so alike as to raise questions. One name is undecipherable, therefore this list contains 254.

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Archelaus Allaway | Jacob Cimberlin |
| John Allstead | Spill Coleman |
| Philip Alston | John Condry |
| Thos. W. Alston | Harmon Consellea |
| John Anderson | James Cooke |
| Matthew Anderson | Nicholas Counrod |
| Francis Armstrong | John Cowan |
| Wm. Barret | Thomas Cox |
| Samu'l Barton | Andrew Crocket |
| Nathaniel Bidkew | James Crocket |
| Joe Blackemore Senr. | John Crow |
| John Blakemore Junr. | Henry Daugerty |
| Isaac Bledsoe | George Daugherty |
| John Boyd | Joseph Daugherty |
| Edward Bradley | Joseph Denton |
| Edwd Bradley | Thomas Denton |
| Jas. Bradley | Samuel Deson |
| James Buchanan | Robert Dockerty |
| James Buchanan Sr. | Richd. Dodg |
| Thos. Burgess | Jno Donelson, C. |
| Wm Burgess | Benjaming Drake |
| Andrew Bushongs | Isaac Drake |
| James Cain | John Drake |
| John Caffery | John Drake |
| John Callaway | Jonathan Drake |
| William Calley | John Dukham |
| Chas. Cameron | John Dunham |
| Charles Campbill | Joseph Dunnagin |
| Robert Cartwright | Thomas Edmeston |
| Jacob Castleman | George Espey |
| Francis Catron | James Espey |
| Peter Catron | Robert Espey |
| Philop Catron | John Evans |

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Evin Evins | Isaac Johnson |
| Jonathan Evins | Daniel Johnston |
| Andrew Ewin | Danl. Johnston |
| William Fleming | Adon Kelar |
| Thomas Fletcher | Henry Kerbey |
| George Flynn | Michael Kimberlin |
| James Foster | Martin King |
| George Freland | Wm Leaton |
| James Freland | George Leeper |
| James Freland | Hugh Leeper |
| Josias Gamble | James Leeper |
| William Geioch | Isaac Lefever |
| John Gibson | Isaac Lindsey |
| James Givens | Wm. Logan |
| Robert Givens | Andrew Lucas |
| Robert Goodloe | Edward Lucas |
| William Gowen | Robert Lucas |
| Russell Gower | Jon Luney |
| George Green | Peter Luney |
| James Green | James Lynn |
| Jonathan Green | Gasper Mansker |
| William Green | Samuel Marten |
| Zachariah Green | Amb. Mauldin |
| Perley Grimes | Morton Mauldin |
| Richd. Gross | Jesse Maxey |
| Henry Guthrie | David Maxwell |
| Bartnet Hainey | John McAdams |
| James Hamilton | Arthur McAdoo |
| Henry Hardin | James McAdoo |
| Martin Hardin | Charles McCartney |
| Silas Harlan | Patrick McCutchan |
| Jas. Harrod | Saml. McCutchan |
| Nathl. Hart | Saml. McMurray |
| Noah Hawthorn | Wm. McMurray |
| Nathl. Hayes | Jno. McMyrty |
| Samuel Hays | John McVay |
| Nathl. Henderson | Wm. McWhorter |
| P. Henderson | Geo. Mines |
| Richd. Henderson | David Mitchell |
| Thomas Hendricks | Thomas Molloy |
| Thos. Hines | John Montgomery |
| William Hinson | Demsey Moore |
| John Hobson | Edward Moore |
| Francis Hodge | Elijah Moore |
| Daniel Hogan | James Moore |
| Humphrey Hogan | John Moore |
| John Holloday | Richd. Moore |
| William Hood | Saml. Moore |
| Joseph Jackson | Samuel Moore |
| Danl. Jarrot | Wm. H. Moore |
| Daniel Jarrott | William More |
| Thos. Jeffriss | Wm. Morris |
| Jonathan Jenings | Joseph Morton |
| Isaac Johnson | Joseph Mosely |

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Daniel Mungle | James Shaw |
| Titus Murray | David Shelton |
| Saml. Newell | Saml. Shelton |
| Edmund Newton | Hugh Simpson |
| Ezekl. Norris | Richd. Sims |
| Nathaniel Overall | Wm. Bailey Smith |
| William Overall | Richard Stanton |
| John Owens | Michael Stoner |
| James X Patrick | Frederick Stump |
| (his mark) | Jacob Stump |
| Samuel Phariss | William Summers |
| John Phelps | A. Tatom |
| John Phillips | Timothy Terel |
| John Pleak | ___ Thomas |
| Willis Pope | Joshua Thomas |
| George Power | Edward Thomelu |
| Wm Price | Thomas Thompson |
| William Purnell | Abelom Thomson |
| Patrick Quigley | Andrew Thomson |
| Daniel Ragsdell | Charles Thomson |
| Daniel Ragsdell | Elijah Thomson |
| Mereday Rains | James Thomson |
| Daniel Ratlett | Robert Thomson |
| James Ray | Ebenezer Titus |
| James Ray | Nicholas Tramel |
| William Ray | John Tucker |
| John Reid | Daniel Turner |
| Joseph Reid | John Turner |
| Isaac Rentfro | Solomon Turpin |
| Mark Roberson | Moses Webb |
| Js. Robertson | Haydon Wells |
| Hugh Rogan | Burgess White |
| David Rounsavall | Samuel White |
| Isaac Rounsvall | Zach White |
| James Russell | D'd. Williams |
| W. Russell Junr. | Samson Williams |
| Sampson Sawyers | Samuel Willson |
| David Shannon | John Wilson |
| John Shannon | Ralph Wilson |
| Thomas Shannon | William Woods |
| Michael Shaver | |



North Carolina Assembly Act of 1784

In May of 1784 the North Carolina Assembly approved a "Petition of the Inhabitants of Davidson County" naming 151 persons and granting each 640 acres of free land in the Cumberland country as reward for their establishing and defending Nashborough and its neighbor settlements.

Except for rearrangement in alphabetical order, the names that follow are as printed in *The State Records of North Carolina*, Volume XIX, pages 572-573, in three groups. The first group of 68 were still alive in 1784. The second group of 63 were men who had been killed by Indians; the land was granted to their heirs.

All in the first and second groups had been in the Cumberland country by May of 1780. In the third group of 20, some had arrived "soon after" May of 1780 and some were there by then but "were under age."

For comparison, see similar lists (some names spelled differently) on pages 218-220 in Haywood.

First Group (alive in 1784)

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Francis Armstrong | Isaac Lindsey |
| John Barrow | William Logan |
| John Browne | Arthur MacAdoe |
| John Buchanan | Jonas Maniffiee |
| Saml. Burton | Casper Mansco (Mansker) |
| Pierce Castillo | Jas. McAdoe |
| Ann Cockrill | John Montgomery |
| John Cockrill | James Mulkerin |
| William Collins | John Mulkerin |
| Dennis Condry | Thomas Prater |
| Lewis Crane | Ephraim Pratt |
| John Dunham | Henry Ramsey |
| William Ellis' | Stephen Ray |
| Andrew Ervin | Mark Roberson |
| Robert Espy | James Robertson |
| John Evans | David Rounsevall |
| James Foster | Cornelius Ruddie |
| James Franklin | James Shaw |
| George Freeland | Morris Shean |
| James Freeland | Thomas Spencer |
| John Gibson | Wm. Stuart |
| Russell Gower | Frederick Stump |
| James Harris | Edward Swanson |
| Amos Heaton | Jno. Thomas |
| David Hodd | James Thompson |
| Francis Hodge | Andrew Thomson |
| Daniel Hogan | James Todd |
| Humphrey Hogan | John Tucker |
| Henry Howdyshall | Henry Turner |
| Daniel Johnston | Saml. Walker |
| Isaac Johnston | Haydon Wells |
| Andrew Kellow | John White |

John Kennady, Sen.
Peter Leoney

Capt. Daniel Williams
Moses Winters

Second Group (killed)

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Alexander Allerson | Edward Larimore |
| George Aspie | Isaac Lavavour |
| John Bernard | William Leighton |
| Jesse Bialston | James Leper |
| John Blackamore | John Lumsden |
| Alexander Buchanan | Isaac Lucas |
| Edward Carvin | Robert Lucas |
| Philip Coonrod | Philip Mason |
| William Cooper | David Maxwell |
| John Crutchfield | James Mayfield |
| John Evans | John McMuntry |
| David Fane | Joseph Milligan |
| James Fowler | Samuel Morrow |
| John Galloway | William Nieley |
| William Gausney | Solomon Phelps |
| Nicholas Gentry | Benjamin Porter |
| John Gilkey | Patrick Quigley |
| Abel Gowen, Jun. | Joseph Renfrew |
| Abel Gowen, Sen. | John Robertson |
| David Gowin | Samuel Scott |
| William Green | John Searcey |
| William Guasnay | James Shanklin |
| Thomas Harney | John Shockley |
| James Harrod | Jacob Stull |
| Joseph Hay | Jacob Stump |
| William Hood | Alexander Thomson |
| Jonathan Jennings | Timothy Tirrell |
| James John | Nicholas Trammell |
| William Johnston | James Turpin |
| Abram Jones | Nathan Turpin |
| Jacob Jones | Zachariah White |
| George Kennedy | |

Third Group (under age in May 1780 or arrived soon after)

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Kasper Bocker | John Kennedy, Sen. |
| Richard Breeze | John Kitts |
| John Buchannan, Sen. | Isaac Mayfield |
| John Castello | Mark Nobles |
| Princis Cocke | Isaac Rounsevall |
| Christopher Gais, Jun. | Enias Thomas |
| Christopher Gais, Sen. | Joshua Thomas |
| Jonathan Gais | Robert Thomson |
| Samuel Hollis | Swanson Williams |
| John Kennedy, Jun. | Caleb Winters |

MINUTES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT of NORTH CAROLINA and MERO DISTRICT

Abstracted and annotated by Dorothy Scott Johnson

At the time the Mero District was organized it included most of what is now Middle Tennessee, and North Carolina claimed ownership of the region. Thus the original name of the Court was "Superior Court of North Carolina, including Mero District." This court convened from 1788 until 1809.

In the 1930's the WPA Writers' Project transcribed minutes of this Court and entered them in four books which were then placed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. What happened to the originals of these minutes seems to be unknown; they cannot be found at the State Library today, either in original or microfilmed form. Occasionally someone will erroneously cite the Davidson County Court minutes of the period as belonging to the Mero District, but perusal of those minutes prove conclusively that they are not the same. As a consequence, when publishing the Mero District court records we are limited to copying the WPA books instead of the originals.

All legal definitions are taken from *Black's Law Dictionary, Fifth Edition* and will hereafter be referred to as "Black's." Many abbreviations in this work are not in Black's and appear to be the original clerk's own brand of legal shorthand. Since no log exists explaining the meaning of these abbreviations it is necessary to use them as they are written.

The page numbers given here are the pages of the WPA typed material, not the original page numbers unless so stated.

(Continued from *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History*, Volume IX, Number 2.)

PAGE 143, continued. Monday. Hon. John McNairy, Esq., Judge. [No date given.]

William T. Lewis vs. William Worley

Case: "Arrest of Judgement."

Verdict: The reasons for throwing out the judgment in this case was solemnly argued by the council [attorneys] for the parties and it was the opinion of the court "that they should be overruled."

Daniel Young vs. Richard Hogan et al.

Ann Young reimbursed her expenses as a witness in the amount of £1:14:8. Ann Grayson also reimbursed her expenses as a witness in the amount of £1:6:8.

Laurence Sproutzman vs. Elijah Robertson

Case: Motion for a new trial.

It being solemnly argued by councils, the court ruled that a new trial be granted. It was ordered that the depositions of Phillip Phillips and Thomas Smith be taken on behalf of Plaintiff after giving 20 days notice; depositions of James Linier and wife to be taken on behalf of defendant after giving 20 days notice.

William Fort, Juror

William Fort excused from serving as a juror at this term.

PAGE 144.

Robert Shanon vs. Samuel M. Camey [McCamey?] & Samuel Henderson, Executors of Jas. Henderson, decd.

Case: Not given.

Declaration: Not given.

Jury:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. James Byrns | 7. Peter Looney |
| 2. James Franklin | 8. George Perry |
| 3. James Frazier | 9. John Motheral |
| 4. Joseph Hanah | 10. William Stark |
| 5. Thomas McCrory | 11. Nimrod Williams |
| 6. Ephraim McLein * | 12. John Williamson |

Verdict: Found for plaintiff Shanon and awarded him one cent damages and six cents costs.

* Written McLein here but elsewhere it is written McLain.

PAGES 144-145 Monday, 1794 [No date given.]

The Territory vs. William T. Lewis

Case: Indicted by Grand Jury on charge of assault and battery.

Bill of Indictment: On 10 September 1793 William T. Lewis, yeoman, late of the town of Nashville, Mero District, assaulted Lardner Clark, a Justice of the Peace for Davidson County while Clark was executing his duties. Lewis did beat, wound, and ill treat Clark so that his life was greatly despaired of, plus "other wrongs," to the great damage of Clark.

The reason behind the beating was that Kato, a negro owned by Lewis, was on trial before

Clark on a charge of felony. Lewis wanted Cato to evade sentencing and assaulted Clark thereby preventing Clark from pronouncing sentence. Said assault was "against the evill [sic] example of all other persons in like case offending and against the peace and dignity of our said Territory."

Plea: Not guilty.

Jury:

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. James Byrns | 7. Ephraim McLein |
| 2. James Franklin | 8. John Motherall |
| 3. James Frazier | 9. George Perry |
| 4. Joseph Hanah | 10. William Starks |
| 5. Peter Looney | 11. Nimrod Williams |
| 6. Thomas McCrory | 12. John Williamson |

Verdict: "William T. Lewis was found guilty of preventing the sentence & duree¹ of the justice being put in execution as charged in the bill of indictment."

PAGE 145. Monday, 1794. [No date given.]

Frederick Stump vs. James Hamilton

Case: Hamilton's attorney withdrew his motion for a new trial.

Timothy Demumbrum, Admr. vs. David Hay, et al

Case: Demumbrum filed motion for a new trial.

Action: Arguments heard from attorneys on both sides. The court ruled that a new trial be granted. It was also ordered that "Tarioat's deposition" for defendant be taken after giving ten days notice; the deposition of John Irwin ordered taken for the plaintiff after giving Irwin ten days notice if taken in this county and thirty days notice if taken in Kentucky.

Adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

PAGE 145. Tuesday, 1794 [No date given.] Hon. John McNairy, Esq., Judge.

George A. Sugg vs. Sugg Executors.

[Note: Also see Vol. 8, Issue No. 2, Fall 1994.]

Case: Appellee filed motion asking that the appellant pay 12½% of judgment rendered in County Court [county not named] and taxed with double costs in the Superior Court. Rulings appealed but failed to be filed within time limit set by law.

Verdict: After arguments for and against the motion, this court ruled the appellant did in fact fail to file the appeal according to law and that

¹ Undoubtedly a typo or misinterpretation of "duress." Duree not in Black's.

appellee recover the sum of [blank] being the judgment rendered by the County Court, plus 12½% of said amount from the time the judgment was rendered; also the appellant is to pay double costs in this court.

[Black's: Appellee: The party against whom an appeal is made. Appellant: The party who makes an appeal from one court or jurisdiction to another. (Note: In this case it is unclear whether George A. Sugg is appellee or appellant.)]

The Territory vs. Robert Lancaster

Case: Indicted for assault and battery by Grand Jury.

Bill of Indictment: Robert Lancaster [also written Lankashire], yeoman, late of the town of Nashville, Mero District, on 5 November 1794, with force and arms in Nashville, did assault John Nicholas, Esquire. Lancaster beat, wounded and ill treated Nicholas so that his life was greatly despaired of 'and other wrongs then and there did to the great damage' of Nicholas and against the peace and dignity of our said Territory.

Plea: Lancaster plead not guilty.

Jury:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. James Byrns | 7. John Motherall |
| 2. William Deloach | 8. George Ridley |
| 3. Joseph Hanah | 9. Phillip Shute |
| 4. Thomas Hardiman | 10. John Walker |
| 5. Ephraim McLein | 11. Nimrod Williams |
| 6. Thomas McCrory | 12. John Williamson |

Verdict: Guilty as charged in the bill of indictment.

PAGE 146. Tuesday, 1794.

The Territory vs. Ann Grayson

Case: Indicted of Petit Larceny by Grand Jury

Bill of Indictment: On 9 May 1794 Ann Grayson, in Davidson Co., Mero District, with force and arms took four shoats, valued at six pence, the property of Gade Gibson. She did steal, take, and carry away said hogs to the great damage of Gibson and to the evil example of all others.

Plea: Not guilty.

Jury:

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. James Bosley | 7. William Mitchael |
| 2. Henry Childers | 8. Joseph Motheral |
| 3. Thomas Cox | 9. George Perry |
| 4. James Franklin | 10. William Rowan |
| 5. James Frazier | 11. William Starks |
| 6. Peter Looney | 12. Thomas Talbott |

Verdict: Ann Grayson was found not guilty of the Petit Larceny as charged in the bill of indictment.

ment.

PAGES 146-147. 1794.

The Territory vs. Samuel Grayson

Case: Indicted for Petit Larceny by Grand Jury.

Bill of Indictment: On 9 May 1794, in Davidson County, Mero District, Samuel Grayson, with force and arms, stole four shoats valued at six pence, the property of Gade Gibson. Grayson did feloniously steal, take and carry away said hogs to the great damage of Gibson and to the evil example of all others.

Plea: Not guilty.

Jury:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. James Byrns | 7. John Motheral |
| 2. William Deloach | 8. George Ridley |
| 3. Joseph Hanah | 9. Phillip Shute |
| 4. Thomas Hardiman | 10. John Walker |
| 5. Ephraim McLein | 11. Nimrod Williams |
| 6. Thomas McCrory | 12. John Williamson |

Verdict: Samuel Grayson was found guilty as charged.

Grand Jury Discharged.

Lardner Clark vs. James Kell

Josiah Fort ordered reimbursed for his expenses as a witness in the amount of \$11.91.

The Territory vs. Jacob Rider

Case: Indicted by Grand Jury for Petit Larceny

Bill of Indictment: No information given.

Plea: Not guilty.

Jury:

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. James Bosley | 7. Joseph Motheral |
| 2. Thomas Cox | 8. George Perry |
| 3. James Franklin | 9. William Rowan |
| 4. James Frazier | 10. John Shannon |
| 5. Peter Looney | 11. William Starks |
| 6. Wm. Mitchael | 12. Thomas Talbott |

Verdict: Jacob Rider found guilty of petit larceny as charged.

PAGE 147. Tuesday. 1794 [No date given.]

William Blackamore vs. William McGennis

Case: Appeal

Action: Appeal filed too late and case dismissed. Appellant to pay 12½% from time of judgment and is subject to double costs in the Superior Court.

Adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday. 1794 [No date given.] Hon. John McNairy, Esq., Judge.

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The Territory vs. Elijah Robertson

Case: Indicted by Grand Jury of Assault and Battery charges.

Bill of Indictment:

Elijah Robertson, Esq., late of Davidson County, Mero District, on 21 August 1794 with force and arms in Davidson County did assault John Richardson. Elijah Robertson beat, wounded, and ill treated Richardson so that his life was greatly despaired of plus "other wrongs" to Richardson's great damage and against the peace and dignity of our territory.

Plea: Not guilty.

Jury:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. George Blackamore | 7. James Hamilton |
| 2. James Bosley | 8. Peter Looney |
| 3. Robert Clark, Sen. | 9. William Mitchael |
| 4. Thomas Cox | 10. Joseph Motheral |
| 5. James Franklin | 11. George Perry |
| 6. James Frazier | 12. Thomas Talbott |

Verdict: Elijah Robertson found guilty as charged.

Lardner Clark vs. James Kell

Robert Lein [written Lain in next entry] proved his attendance as a witness, viz, ten days, forty miles travel, and two ferriages.

Alexander Moore vs. Noah Sugg.

Robert Lain [Written Lein in above entry] proved his attendance of twelve days in Superior Court, nine days in County Court, forty miles and two ferriages.

The Territory vs. Elijah Robertson

John Anderson proved his attendance as a witness, five days and eight miles. John Richardson proved nine days. Iabus Fisher proved six days and Mashack Baker proved six days. [Amounts of reimbursement not given.]

Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

PAGE 148. Thursday. 1794. Hon John McNairy Esq., Judge [No date given.]

The Territory vs. Jacob Reeder

Case: Reeder filed motion for a new trial.

Verdict: Solemn arguments being heard for and against motion, the Court ruled that a new trial be granted.

(To be continued.)



WEALTH IN 19TH CENTURY WILLIAMSON COUNTY

By Rick Warwick

SINCE 1799, Williamson County has ranked as one of the richest counties in Tennessee. That wealth came largely from the fertile soils found along the four rivers and many streams flowing through it. The best lands were claimed by the early settlers who came with large land grants and a desire for wealth. Using Williamson County tax records, now housed in the Preservation of Records Office located in the Old Post Office at Five Points, in Franklin, Tennessee, it is interesting to compare the wealth of our past.

Revolutionary War soldier Colonel Hardy Murfree was the county's richest citizen during his lifetime. Though he died in 1809, his estate in 1813 was listed with 12,742 acres in Williamson County and 55 slaves plus twelve thousand acres in other Tennessee counties.

Nicholas Bigbee Perkins, the richest citizen during his lifetime, died in 1848 leaving a large family and fortune. His estate was estimated at half a million dollars and included over 6,000 acres, two iron furnaces, eight town houses and lots in Franklin, a tanyard, and 310 slaves.

The following tax lists identify the leading planters and the obvious connection of land and slaves to wealth. The once numerous Perkins family increased and concentrated their wealth by marrying cousins and other wealthy Williamson County families. Marriages between the McGavock, Pointer, Reece, Puryear, DeGraffenried, and Watson families also strengthened their holdings within the county.

Those interested in social history might notice that these well recognizable 19th century Williamson County surnames are today only names found in the Afro-American community. Few descendants of these once influential families remain in the county. Of the twenty-five men worth over \$50,000 in 1860, only nine have homes still standing in 1994. Interesting, only the homestead of Samuel Fielding Glass, Jr. remains in the family. The Lysander McGavock family sold Midway within the last five years. The Nicholas E. Perkins family sold Meeting of the Waters in 1990.

The year 1837 was the first year that land, slaves and total wealth were listed in the tax rolls. and the leading planters identified are given here.

Williamson County Tax Records for 1837

| Name | Acres | Slaves over 15 | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Thomas H. Perkins | 4,789 | 79.. | \$89,500 |
| 2. William Murfree heirs . . | 2,194 | 47.. | \$50,000 |
| 3. Nicholas Perkins | 2,000 | 41.. | \$44,000 |
| 4. Ruben Gentry | 1,100 | 27.. | \$38,700 |
| 5. John Watson | 1,380 | 57.. | \$38,585 |
| 6. Samuel Perkins, Sr. | 1,261 | 40.. | \$38,240 |
| 7. Patrick Reese | 900 | 27.. | \$35,500 |
| 8. William S. Webb | 975 | 19.. | \$26,000 |
| 9. James H. Wilson | 1,150 | 4.. | \$23,200 |
| 10. Lysander McGavock | 810 | 14.. | \$24,600 |
| 11. Randal McGavock** | 640 | 8.. | \$23,200 |

**Randal gave son, James Randal, 715 acres valued at \$14,300 in 1833. Randal also owned valuable town lots in Nashville.

Williamson County Tax Records for 1847

| Name | Acres | Slaves over 15 | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Nicholas Bigbee Perkins . . | 6,185 | 135. | \$105,968 |
| 2. John Watson | 1,308 | 40.. | \$42,580 |
| 3. Jabez Owen | 1,394 | 17.. | \$33,592 |
| 4. M.F. DeGraffenried | 771 | 19.. | \$31,840 |
| 5. A.P. Maury | 775 | 30.. | \$30,000 |
| 6. Samuel Perkins, Sr. estate . | 1,118 | 23.. | \$29,160 |
| 7. Thomas E. Perkins | 1,306 | 22.. | \$28,790 |
| 8. Lysander McGavock | 1,080 | 17.. | \$29,000 |
| 9. Henry Pointer | 890 | 36.. | \$26,885 |
| 10. Patrick Reese | 535 | 28.. | \$25,650 |
| 11. Jordan Puryear | 538 | 37.. | \$24,500 |
| 12. John McGavock | 640 | 11.. | \$24,250 |

Williamson County Tax Records for 1860

| Name | Homes still standing | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1. M.F. DeGraffenried | | \$92,900 |
| 2. S.A. Pointer | | \$86,350 |
| 3. James Caruthers | | \$83,690 |
| 4. Thomas J. Watson | Willows | \$80,850 |
| 5. Joseph W. Baugh | | \$77,550 |
| 6. John McGavock | Carnton | \$74,950 |
| 7. Patrick Reese | | \$73,575 |
| 8. Thomas E. Perkins | | \$72,700 |
| 9. Samuel E. Glass, Jr. | Pleasant View | \$72,650 |
| 10. J.W. Starnes | | \$72,335 |

Williamson County Tax Records for 1860

| Name | Homes still standing | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| (continued) | | |
| 11. N.E. Perkins | Meeting of the Waters | \$68,320 |
| 12. James H. Wilson | Ravenwood | \$67,700 |
| 13. Samuel Perkins, Jr. | | \$65,200 |
| 14. William Harrison, Sr. | | |
| | Harrison House | \$64,000 |
| 15. R.G. Ellis | Eventide | \$59,700 |
| 16. Jo A. Johnson | | \$58,992 |
| 17. John S. Claybrook | | \$58,851 |
| 18. A.C. Mayberry | | \$56,025 |
| 19. James T. Allison | | |
| | Allison's Heights | \$55,300 |
| 20. William King | | \$53,958 |
| 21. Peter A. Perkins | | \$53,936 |
| 22. Williamson Jordan | | \$53,275 |
| 23. Chesley Williams | Eagleville | \$52,995 |
| 24. J.S. Fitzgerald | | \$51,650 |
| 25. Samuel Fleming, Sr. | | \$51,120 |

Total in County: 1,756 polls and 5,984 slaves

Total value in County: \$14,092,186

THE FOLLOWING post-Civil War tax record points out that not all Williamson Countians were destroyed financially by the conflict. Slaves were important financial investments in 1860 and their loss during the war was ruinous to many families. A few wealthy citizens had investments in railroads and businesses other than farming. Some Williamson Countians were suspected of trading with the Federal Army and thereby profitted from the war. However, most of those citizens listed in 1860 with wealth over \$50,000 managed to keep their farms intact by changing from slave labor to sharecropping or tenant farming.

Williamson County Tax Records 1873

| Name | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Samuel Fielding Glass, Jr. | \$79,739 |
| 2. Samuel Perkins, Jr. | \$69,725 |
| 3. John B. McEwen | \$63,400 |
| 4. S.A. Pointer | \$58,660 |
| 5. Young Redmond | \$57,574 |
| 6. John McGavock | \$40,750 |
| 7. Thomas F. Perkins | \$38,965 |
| 8. Thomas Holt | \$26,750 |
| 9. H.M. Hayes | \$25,500 |
| 10. N.E. Perkins estate | \$23,503 |
| 11. John S. Claybrook | \$20,700 |

FOUNDING OF NASHVILLE

"APRIL SESSION, 1784.¹

"An Act establishing a Town on the Cumberland River, at a place called the Bluff, near the French Lick.

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same that the directors or trustees, hereafter appointed, or a majority of them, shall, so soon as may be, after the passing of this act, cause two hundred acres of land, situate on the South side of Cumberland River, at a place called the Bluff, adjacent to the French Lick, in which said Lick shall not be included, to be laid off in lots of one acre each, with convenient streets, lanes, and alleys, reserving four acres for the purpose of erecting public buildings, on which land so laid off, according to the directions of this act, is hereby constituted, erected, and established a town, and shall be called and known by the name of NASHVILLE, in memory of the patriotic and brave General Nash.

"SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passage of this act, Samuel Barton, Thomas Malory, Daniel Smith, James Shaw, and Isaac Lindsay be, they and every of them, are hereby constituted Directors and Trustees, for erecting and laying out, and carrying on the said Town, and they shall stand seized of an indefeasible estate in fee of the said two hundred acres of land, to and for the uses, intents and purposes hereby expressed and declared.

"The lots contained each one acre, valued at four pounds, and drawn for as in a lottery. James Robertson, Esq., had first choice of four lots, for which he paid the same amount.

"Water street was laid off in 1786. At the same time a lot was appropriated on the Public Square for the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the same liberal policy was extended to other Churches, as soon as they might be ready to build.

"An order was passed for the building of a market-house in 1801. The first warehouse was built by John Harman, on the land of John McNairy, Esq., near the mouth of the Lick Branch.

"An act was passed, in 1806, to incorporate the inhabitants of the Town of Nashville. After this, the jurisdiction of the Town passed from the State of North Carolina to the board of mayor and aldermen of Nashville."

¹ *Nashville Business Directory*, Vol. II, 1855-56, compiled by The Rev. John P. Campbell (Nashville, Tennessee: Printed for Author, 1855), pp. 138-139.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER

No. 8 - Winter 1996

by William D. Jackson, Ed. D

1996 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE

By now you probably have seen announcements about the 1996 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States to be held at the Nashville Convention Center in May 1996. Anyone with a computer or thinking about getting one, should make plans to attend. There will be a computer learning lab with 12 computers loaded with genealogy software in addition to two computer labs, a vendor demonstration room and a room for Macintosh computer users. The two computer labs are scheduled concurrently with more than 40 hours of hands-on activities. Topics are scheduled for beginners, as well as intermediate and advanced computer users. Sessions start at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 8 and continue through Saturday afternoon. Lab sessions on genealogy software will include PAF, Brother's Keeper, Family Tree Maker for Windows, Family Treasures for Windows, Visual ROOTS, Using Ancestral Quest, Family Roots for Beginners, Everyone's Family Tree, Cumberland Family Tree for Windows, and GEDCOM Do's and Don'ts. Those interested in using multimedia should consider "Recording Multimedia Family Memories with Echo Lake." Other lab presentations include "How to Use an Electronic Bulletin Board," and "Let's Dust Off That Modem and Use It! A Look at Telecommunications Programs for Beginners."

EARLY REGISTRATION ADVISED

Register early if you want to attend a "hands-on" lab sessions. It is

important to note that each lab session has been identified for "beginner, intermediate or advanced" users. Each lab will have 15 computers with two people assigned to each computer. Don't sign up for an advanced lab if you are a beginner or a beginner lab if you are an intermediate or advanced user. This is a real problem when a beginner is paired with an advanced user or one person takes control of the computer and doesn't share it with the other. Perhaps you can get a friend to sign up for the same lab so that the two of you could share a computer. Be aware that a fee is charged for these labs and prior registration is required. However, the Exhibits Area, Vendor Demonstrations, Computer Learning Lab, and Computer Lectures are free.

COMPUTER LECTURES

The Computer Lecture series should be popular with beginners as well as the more experienced computer user. If you are interested in the Internet, then a lecture by Mike St. Clair "Traveling Electronic Trails" will start at 11 A.M. John Whitaker will conduct a session "How Do I Do Computer-Aided Research" at 2 P.M. Wednesday. Beginners might be interested in "Don't Be Afraid: It's Only a Computer," a two hour session with Russ Holsclaw, starting at 3:30 P.M. Wednesday. Later that evening at 7:30 P.M., Carla Ridenour will conduct a session on "Selecting A Windows Genealogy Program."

Sessions scheduled Thursday include "Shortcuts in PAF to Get More Done Faster," at 2 P.M. with Barbara Renick, and Brian Mavrogeorge will follow at 3:30 P.M. with "Genealogical Resources on the Internet Using the World Wide Web." Later that evening, at 7:30, the NGS/CIG Telecommunications Open Forum will

be in session.

Brian Mavrogeorge is back Friday morning at 8 A.M. with a session on "How to Use a Bulletin Board System for Genealogy." The 9:30 A.M. session is "Go West Young Man! Finding Federal Land Records via CD-ROM," followed by "Using PAF as a Research Tool" by Barbara Renick at 11 A.M. John Whitaker will start the afternoon session at 2 P.M. with "CD-ROM What You Need to Know," and Russ Holsclaw will follow at 3:30 P.M. with "Hardware and Data Protection Issues."

Russ Holsclaw will also conduct a session on "How to Cite Your Sources Using Any Genealogical Software," on Saturday at 2 P.M.

Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the 1996 NGS Conference of The States in Nashville May 8-11. Register early and plan to attend the computer lectures, maybe enroll in one or more computer labs, visit the computer learning lab, stroll through the exhibits, talk to vendors, meet new friends, share experiences with other genealogists and take advantage of the other scheduled events.

A NEW YEAR AND NEW CHALLENGES

Christmas sales of computers for home use in 1995 was projected at 4 million which exceeds the total purchased by home buyers in all of 1991. New genealogy software makes it easy to do genealogy research and interest in genealogy will increase as more and more people get home computers. A laser printer, scanner, fax, CD's, e-mail and access to the Internet enables anyone to conduct unlimited searches in a matter of minutes without leaving the comforts of home. However, we should be vigilant and not let our quest for new information inundate us with megabits of data that is inaccurate, cannot be documented and is of dubious value to the serious researcher.

Brian Mavrogeorge and Jan Unter address this issue in the July/August 1995 issue of the *NGS/CIG DIGEST*. Jan Unter is Editor of the Sili-

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con Valley PAF Users Group *PAFinder* newsletter. This group developed *PAF Documentation Guidelines*, now in its fourth version, and widely accepted as the standard for citing sources within PAF and elsewhere. Some programs such as PAF don't have direct provisions for footnoting. Jan ends his article with a plea: "Just say 'No' junk genealogy! and make a sincere effort to include source citations in all your computerized genealogical efforts."

Brian Mavrogeorge thinks genealogists who have resisted technology, are dealing in varying degrees, with "future shock." However, he is more concerned about "future schlock." He describes "bad data" and tells about finding a GEDCOM file on the Internet showing a person with ancestry traced all the way back to Noah. He also raises many interesting questions about how we do research, that we tend to be lazy and ease of use is more important than content. He says "put something on-line—anything—and researchers will love it, whether or not it's right." He thinks we should give as much weight to documentation of sources as we do to the family data but still explore and embrace the use of new technology for genealogy. Emphasis is given to the need for critical review of electronic publishing, correction of mistakes, documentation of sources and rules of evidence. This would serve as a "fair warning" to suspecting genealogists. He ends with a challenge to be "dedicated to genealogy founded on solid research principles - get to the source, explain discrepancies, provide proof, and evaluate evidence." Brian was the speaker for the NGS/CIG banquet at the 1995 NGS Conference in San Diego. He is also the operator of the oldest genealogy bulletin board and will be making a presentation at the 1996 NGS Conference in Nashville.

WINDOWS 95 ISN'T FOR EVERYONE — YET!

Many of you are using genealogy programs such as PAF, Brother's Keeper, ROOTS III or IV, which are

DOS programs and you don't really see the need to upgrade your computer or software. If you are satisfied with your system and it does everything you want, then why waste time and money upgrading to a Windows 95? There is no need to upgrade at this time and you should not do it just because of the publicity associated with Windows 95. At some point in the future however, you could be faced with the need to upgrade whether you want to or not. Running out of disk space on your hard drive or a system failure for example might force you to upgrade or replace your computer. Therefore you should prepare for the worst case scenario. This also applies to anyone thinking of installing Windows 95 now or later.

Failure to properly manage files and directories is perhaps the cause of many disk drive problems and was discussed in the Spring 1995 issue of this *Journal*. Microsoft suggests you run "chkdisk" or "scandisk" on a regular basis to clean up your hard drive. Fragmented files can slow down disk access time and eventually cause other problems. Once you have cleaned up your hard drive, you should also check to see how much unused disk space you have on your hard drive. Windows 95 needs 35-40 MB of space to successfully install the upgrade over an older version of Windows and DOS. You will also need a minimum of 8 MB of memory, at least a 386DX or later processor running MS-DOS version 3.1 or later, and be running Windows 3.0 or later. A good place to check out your system and see what you have is to "maximize" program manager, and double click on the "System Information" icon. The screen will display categories of information including processor type, memory, space on hard drive, and applications running. Windows 95 will not install properly if TSR's (Terminate & Stay Resident) are running. This information can be printed and used as a reference when talking to someone about your computer.

Well I finally did it! I installed

Windows 95 and ended the year with a different view of how a computer works, or should work. After seeing demonstrations, talking to friends, reading unending press reports and magazine articles, I purchased the upgrade software package for Windows 95. According to my sources, this would be a simple exercise if I got the CD-ROM version, which I did. As they say, the rest is history. A few mouse clicks later and the setup routine took over. The CD was spinning, screens would come and go, then after only a few minutes, Windows 95 was up and running. A click on the "Startup" button and a series of windows appear allowing you to select familiar icons, folders, files or programs to run. There are other nifty things you can do, such as hiding an open file in the tool bar and then when you want to open it again, just click on the icon and it is there. The upper right side of the screen on all open files has three icons, one that looks like a minus sign, a frame and a box with an X in it. Click on the X to close a file, or click on the frame icon to get a full screen. Click on the minus sign and it clears the screen and an icon for that file appears in the tool bar next to the start button. I was able to run all my DOS programs without any problems and was beginning to feel comfortable with the way things worked except for one thing. I had removed the mouse from my computer and installed a tablet with a pen, which is indispensable when retouching photographs or preparing artwork. Windows 95 did not recognize it and would not let me install it. Back to the mouse. After a few days of complaining and no obvious solution to my problem in sight, I reluctantly removed Windows 95 from my computer. The process is simple and easy. The control panel has an icon to add/remove programs. Windows 95 was highlighted, a click of the mouse and in a matter of minutes, the computer rebooted. Everything is just the way I remembered and the mouse is disposed of, at least until next year. ■



BIBLE RECORDS DEPOSITED IN THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES, (1974-1995)

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An article appeared in the Fall 1989 *MTGS Quarterly* (Volume 3, No. 2, p. 51) which listed all of the family Bible records available on microfilm through the Tennessee State Library and Archives. At that time only donated records through 1974 had been microfilmed. No further microfilming has been done since that date.

At the request of the *MTGS Journal* Editor, the following listing was compiled of records placed in the files since the microfilming in 1974. Included are the penciled copies made by WPA workers during the 1930's, as well as other sources. These Bible records are on file at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and are available in the Manuscripts Collection.

Name; Born/died; Resided (if indicated); Collateral Surname

ACKLEN, Joseph A. S.; (1816-1863); FRANKLIN
ADAMS, Alfred Armstrong; (1804-1854); ALBRIGHT
ADAMS, P. C.; (1845-?); DOAK
AKIN, James Harrison; (1830-1898); Maury Co. TN; AB-
BOTT
AKINS, Eugene; (1893-1944); Anderson Co. TN; HALL
ALEXANDER, William; (1808-?); Fulton Co. KY; RICKMAN
ALFORD, John; (1760-1833); Davidson Co. TN; BIBB
ALISON, John; (1797-1835); Lewis Co. TN; COBLE
ALLEN, William Sutton; (1841-1916); RODGERS
AMIS, John; (1774-1852)
ANDERSON, James; (1825-?); McFERRIN
ARMSTRONG, William; (1815-1899); Robertson Co. TN;
COVINGTON
ATKINS, James J.; (1816-?); Stewart Co. TN; BRINTON
AUSTIN, James; (1772-?); KEELING
AUSTIN, William; (1798-?); Jefferson Co. TN
AYERS, John A.; (1844-?); LARKIN
AYMETT, A. S.; (1837-1871); Giles Co. TN; BUCHANAN

BAGGETT, Eli; (1829-1915); SHANNON
BAGGETT, William; (1797-1850)
BAILEY, Joseph P.; (1823-?); Sumner Co. TN; BAKER
BAIRD, David; (1774-1864); Simpson Co. KY; SLOSS
BAIRD, P. William; (1768-1837); Hickman Co. TN
BAIRD, Wilson; (1813-?); Gibson Co. TN; DRAPER
BAKER, Blake; (1804-1852)
BARBEE, A. C.; (1825-1854); TRICE
BARRON, Thomas; (1817-1905); Fayette Co. TN; TAYLOR
BASS, Adolphus; (1871-?); PHILLIPS
BASS, John; (1802-?)
BASS, Richard; (?-1860); DUKE
BAXTER, Nathaniel; (1844-1913); JACKSON
BEASLEY, William Hilliard; (1835-1891); Hickman Co. TN
BEAZLEY, B. H.
BETTY, Benjamin Rucker; Davidson Co. TN; SOUTHGATE
BILLINGSLEA, Clement; (1794-1870); LANE
BIRCHFIELD, Thomas; (1811-?); PATE
BLACKBURN, Samuel S.; (1883-?); LAIRD
BLACKMAN, Samuel G.; (1844-1880); Bedford Co. TN;
LAURENCE

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BLACKMAN, Stephen; (1724-1776); KING
BLAIR, Hugh; (1774-?); JOHNSON
BLEDSE, J. D.; WILKS
BLUNKALL, William; (1829-1899); Davidson Co. TN; TROT-
TER
BODENHAMER, William; (1759-1834); Giles Co. TN
BOMAR, J. H.; (1859-1930); Benton Co. TN; HARVEY
BOMAR, Robert J.; (1829-?); Benton Co. TN
BOON, Bryant; (1789-1837); Davidson Co. TN; PHIPPS
BOON, William Fulton; (1826-?); Davidson Co. TN; AL-
LOWAY
BOONE, Spencer Moore; (1830-?); Franklin Co. NC; WEBB
BORUM, Henry Z.; (1816-1885); CARTER
BOYD, John; (1770-1837); PARKS
BRADEN, John W.; (1804-1871); Lincoln Co. TN; TAYLOR
BRANN, James; (1794-1864)
BRASWELL, Isaac Cromwell; (1855-1932); Edgecombe Co.
NC
BREISSIE, John M.; (1810-1873); Sumner Co. TN; WOOTON
BREVARD, Cyrus Winslow; (1847-1934); Obion Co. TN;
CRENSHAW
BRIDGEWATER, Richard A.; (1821-1875); SEAY
BRIGGS, James G.; (1822-1899); Lewis Co. TN; WARREN
BROOKS, James W.; (1815-1891); IN; ASHTON
BROWDER, Augustin; (1803-1873); Fulton Co. KY; JACK-
SON
BROWDER, Rupert Edgar; (1875-1955); Fulton Co. KY;
PERRY
BROWN, Andrew Edward; (1803-1875); COBBS
BROWN, Calvin; (1833-1915); Claiborne Co. TN; CLOUSE
BROWN, James; (1775-1827); MASON
BROWN, Oscar D.; (1844-1895); Obion Co. TN; PANKEY
BROWN, William; (?-1759)
BROWN, William; (1799-?); Lewis Co. TN
BRYANT, Absalom; (1842-?); Putnam Co. TN; LEE
BRYANT, Elijah London; (1811-1864); Jackson Co. TN;
McCONNELL
BRYANT, Isaiah Burney; (1834-1917); Maury Co. TN; IVY
BRYANT, Robertson; (1795-1872); Marshall Co. TN; ZEBNY
BRYANT, William M.; (1837-1901); Dekalb Co. TN
BUCHANAN, Joshua; (1778-1854); WOOD

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BUCHANON, Alexander; (1800-?); AR/TN
 BUCKNER, Elliott; (1868-1925); ELLIOTT
 BUCKNER, Henry Brewster; (1833-?); GARDNER
 BULLITT, Henry Massie; (1817-1880); HOWARD
 BUNHAM, Horace E.; (1850-1913); OH/IN
 BURCHAM, William Johnston; (1827-?); Lewis Co. TN
 BURDITT, Sam Marion; (1833-?); SWAFFORD
 BURNETT, W. B.; (1843-?); GA/AL/MO; GILL
 BURROW, Hiram; (1808-1893); HOUSE
 BURT, J. J.; (?-1878); CASTELL
 BURTON, Henry; (1781-?); Putnam Co. TN; WILLIAMS
 BYERS, Abijah; (1807-?); STEVENSON
 BYERS, James Anderson; (1848-1929)

CAIN, Augustus W.; (1820-1887); DICKINSON
 CALDWELL, Robert; (1740-?); HANNAH
 CARMACK, James L.; (1829-?); Overton Co. TN; BILBERRY
 CARPENTER, William S.; Hancock Co. TN; BARNARD
 CARROLL, Andrew; (1835-?); Lewis Co. TN
 CARTER, Edward Milton; (?-1962); Giles Co. TN; GLAZE
 CARTER, F. J.; (1831-?); PARKER
 CARTER, James Edwin; (1886-1969); GA; BINNING
 CARTER, Milton; (?-1894); Maury Co. TN
 CARUTHERS, Reid L.; (1863-1928); Davidson Co. TN; ANDREWS
 CARUTHERS, Robert; (1791-1829); NC/TN; PORTER
 CAULKINS, William; (1749-?); THOMPSON
 CAWOOD, John; (1747-?)
 CERTAIN, James Monroe; Dekalb Co. TN; YOUNG
 CHADWELL, John; (1794-?); NC/TN; MOORE
 CHASTEEN, Miles; (1807-1882); Warren Co. TN; SMOOT
 CHEAIRS, William M.; (1849-?); Maury Co. TN; HUGHES
 CHILCUTT, Martin Reed; (1823-1914); WEATHERLY
 CHILDRRESS, R. M.; (1805-?); Giles Co. TN; GENTRY
 CHRISTIAN, Thomas N.; (1829-?); Dekalb Co. TN; WINFREE
 CHISM, William; (1784-1867); KY/TN; BREED
 CLARK, Darias; (1810-1885); FISHER
 CLAUD, William; (1810-?); Lewis Co. TN
 CLAY, Henry; (1777-1852); HART
 CLAYTON, Willis C.; (1845-1923); Lake Co. TN; EDWARDS
 CLEMMONS, Samuel Thompson; (1781-?); NC/TN
 CLOYD, Ezekial; (1802-1847); Davidson Co. TN; CAMPBELL
 CLOYES, W. B.; (1831-1914); Obion Co. TN
 COCHRANE, David; (1808-1864); Ireland/TN; BRADLEY
 COCKE, William; (1757-1812); NC; BEDFORD
 COKER, Albert; (1887-?); BUTLER
 COLE, Samuel Francis; (1807-1861); Granville Co. NC; WALKER
 COLE, Thomas Ezekiel; (1871-1934); Davidson Co. TN; BLACK
 COLEMAN, Virgil Blackwell; (1868-1920); CLARK
 COLLINS, Robert Lee; (1867-?)
 COLVILLE, Lusk; (1791-1865); HACKETT
 COOPER, John Wortham; (1824-1895); McADDAMS
 COPE, Morris; (1842-1925); BROWN
 COPPINGER, J. L. Jr.; (1853-?); BARNES

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COTHAM, Thomas; SC/GA
 COTHREN, William A.; (1821-?); Davidson Co. TN; LOVELL
 COTHREN, J. B.; (1864-?); Macon Co. TN
 CRADDOCK, Robert Lee; (1868-1908); Obion Co. TN; WARREN
 CRAIG, P. H.; (1836-1919); Wayne Co. TN; MITCHELL
 CRAWFORD, John William; (1873-1937); Obion Co. TN; VINSON
 CRAWFORD, William Robert; (1867-?); Lincoln Co. TN; GRANTLAND
 CRAWLEY, L. D.; (1816-1898); Decatur Co. TN; STEPHENS
 CROCKETT, Wilson; (1788-1858); Davidson Co. TN; ABERNATHY
 CROWDER, Henry; (1797-?); Madison Co. TN; STROADE
 CROWELL, Jacob; (?-1855)
 CROWELL, John B.; (1861-?); Dekalb Co. TN; STALEY
 CRUTCHER, Edmund; (1774-1846); Wilson Co. TN; KNIGHT
 CRUTCHER, William H.; (1815-1901); LEE
 CUMMINS, John; (1783-1868); Jackson Co. TN; COTHRAN

DABBS, Zachariah; (1821-?); GRINDER
 DALE, William; (1778-?); Overton Co. TN
 DANIEL, Henry Clay; (1868-1887); BROWN
 DARBY, James Virgil; (1809-1861); SHORT
 DARBY, William J.; (1890-1947); AR; DOUGLASS
 DAVIS, M. D.; (1844-?)
 DAY, Wiley G.; (1808-?); Fayette Co. TN; LEE
 DEBOW, David Danel; (1849-1889); Obion Co.; ALEXANDER
 DENNIS, Isaac H.; (?-1849); PRICE
 DICKERSON, Susan; (1774-1863)
 DICKENS, William A.; (1864-1941); Davidson Co. TN; PERRY
 DILL, Bernard; (?-1846); NEVILLE
 DOAK, John W.; (?-1820)
 DOAK, Samuel; SMITH
 DODD, James; (1782-?); CRIPPS
 DORAN, John Edward; (1786-?); Giles Co. TN
 DRAPER, Edward G.; (1851-1924); Overton Co. TN; CHAPIN
 DRAPER, Thomas; (1768-?); Overton Co. TN
 DRIVER, Sarah Elizabeth; Dekalb Co. TN
 DRIVER, William; (1803-1886); Davidson Co. TN; BABIDGE
 DUNCAN, Sanford; (1786-?)
 DYCHE, William H.; (1845-1925); Loudon Co. TN; PRICE

EASLEY, James; (1882-?); Obion Co. TN
 EASTERWOOD, Thomas Jefferson; (1863-1959); Obion Co. TN; MILLER
 EASTLAND, J. G.; (1782-1862)
 EASTLAND, James Warren; (1806-?); SWAN
 EBLEN, John L.; (1846-1899); Loudon Co. TN; JONES
 EDMISTON, John; (1771-?); BUCHANAN
 EDWARDS, Aaron Burr; (1799-1850); Lewis Co. TN; MOODY
 EDWARDS, Andrew Johnson; (1868-1906); DUNCAN

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EDWARDS, Arthur M.; (1797-1854); Rutherford Co. TN
EDWARDS, Leander H.; (1842-1897); Rutherford Co. TN;
ELAM
EDWARDS, Thomas; (1830-1907); Rutherford Co. TN;
VAUGHN
ELLIS, Elizah S.; (1768-1856); Putnam Co. TN; TAYLOR
EMERSON, Isaac Marion; (1847-?); STOUCHE
ESTES, Brackett Lot; (1801-?); Dekalb Co. TN;
ESTES, James G.; (1789-1863); NAYLOR
ESTES, John G.; (1853-?)
EVANS, David A.; (1800-1838); BEARDEN
EVANS, William; (1820-1863); FORD
EZELL, Benton R.; (?-1877); ARTHUR
EZZELL, J. R.; (1862-?); MCKENZIE

FARLEY, Pleasant C.; (1781-1851); Putnam Co. TN
FARLEY, Jesse; (1825-?); Putnam Co. TN;
FELTS, Richard P.; (1845-1922); Robertson Co. TN; ORMAN
FERREL, Josiah; (1798-?)
FIKE, James Emerson; (1825-1911); Meigs Co. TN; LOCKE
FINNEY, Benjamin; (1775-1826); DEGRAFFINRED
FITE, Jacob; Lewis Co. TN
FITE, Peter Francis; (1840-1921); Lewis Co.; TN; KIRK
FLORA, Daniel; (1787-1838); Hawkins Co. TN; POTRUM
FLY, William Abijah; (1836-?); Gibson Co. TN; HALE
FOGGY, George; (1821-1866)
FOLLIS, William T.; (1824-1853); Crockett Co. TN; OLIVER
FOSTER, George Lee; (?-1797); Giles Co. TN; HAMBLEN
FOULKS, James Monroe; (1848-1907); Obion Co. TN;
THOMAS
FOWLER, Coleman Franklin; (1885-?); Obion Co. TN;
GLOVER
FOWLER, John Willis; OLDHAM
FOX, John B.; (1784-1850); Maury Co. TN; HARRIS
FOX, Robert M.; (1841-1890); MARTAIN
FREY, Joseph; (1800-1858); AMIS
FUQUA, Joel; (1797-1857); GALASPECHES
FUQUA, John I.; (1805-1845); BEASLY
FUQUA, Lee Andrew; (1875-1942); Macon Co. TN
FUQUA, Robert Vance; (1926-?); COFFIELD

GALLAHER, George; (1762-1837); KING
GAMBILL, Franklin Forrest; (1902-1943); Rutherford Co.
TN; MULLINS
GAMBILL, William Marlin; (1858-?); TUCKER
GARDNER, Alfred; (1805-1882); STOVALL
GARDNER, John Almus; (1809-?); Robertson Co. TN; TER-
RELL
GARDNER, Robert H.; (1808-?); McCLUNG
GARRIGAN, M. F.; (1850-1929); Obion Co. TN; MALONE
GARY, Absalom; (1788-?); RABB
GEER, Solomon; (1817-1888); HARRIS
GENTRY, Meridith; (1823-1897); Putnam Co. TN
GIBSON, John M.; (1804-1882); Bedford Co. TN
GILBERT, Benjamin; (?-1832); ALLEN
GILLENWATERS, William Terrel; (1795-1865); Rhea Co. TN;
RODDYE
GILLESPIE, George H.; (1856-1914); DOWD

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GIRARD, W. W.; (1873-?); Cheatham Co. TN; FELTS
GLASGOW, James Harvey; (1850-1927); FOWLER
GLASS, Robert Vincent; (1862-1933); ROBINSON
GLOVER, Charles Powell; (1829-1909); Obion Co. TN;
NORRIS
GLOVER, Jesse Lafayette; (1846-1928); Obion Co. TN;
CALDWELL
GLOVER, M. L.; (1818-1880); Obion Co. TN; ALLEN
GOOCH, David; (1763-?); WILLIAMS
GOOCH, Nathaniel; (1840-1918); Williamson Co. TN;
RIDLEY
GOODBAR, Joseph; (1786-1859); MASTERS
GOODSON, Andrew Jackson; (1859-1908); Dekalb Co. TN;
WEBB
GOODSON, James Frank; (1850-1913); Grainger Co. TN;
TURLEY
GRAFF, David; (1818-?); PA
GRAHAM, W. J.; (1833-1895); Warren Co. TN
GRAY, Absalom; (1768-?); RAMSEY
GRAY, Benjah; (1828-?); Davidson Co. TN; WILLIAMS
GRAY, (Family)
GRAY, George; (?-1824)
GRAY, Hinkley Rankin; (1818-1887); Douglas Co. IL; BUR-
DETT
GREENE, James Ridley; (1854-1890); Obion Co. TN; JONES
GREENHILL, Phillip W.; (1796-1865); PEGRAM
GREGORY, John; (1844-?); Smith Co. TN; ODELL
GRIFFITH, Johnathan; (1782-1848)
GRIGG, Isaac; (?-1901); MONTAGUE
GUILD, Josephus C.; (1803-?); BLACKMORE

HAGEWOOD, Nicholas P.; (1806-1846); Dickson Co. TN;
CARROLL
HALE, Alexander; (1768-?)
HALEY, Robert H.; (1829-1923); Williamson Co. TN; AL-
LISON
HALL, Henry White; (1846-1914); Williamson Co. TN;
HALEY
HALL, Johnathan; (?-1903); Dekalb Co. TN
HAMILL, Daniel B.; (1823-1874); JONES
HAMPTON, J. M.; (1841-1920); VA/MO; McCLANAHAN
HARDER, S. H.; (1837-?); Lewis Co. TN; HALBROOK
HARDIN, Thomas Jefferson; (1843-1931); GALLOHER
HARDING, Nicholas Dee; (1850-1905); BLACKMAN
HARGIS, James; (1837-1920); Jackson Co. TN
HARKREADER, Jacob; (1783-1858); Wilson Co. TN; HAL-
SEY
HARPER, Benjamin Gerald; (1831-1894); Montgomery Co.
TN; MCGREGOR
HARPER, W. D.; (1854-1923); Montgomery Co. TN; TROT-
TER
HARRIS, Giles T.; (1806-1866); Maury Co. TN; STEELE
HARRIS, Matthew H.; (1839-1920); LIGON
HARRIS, Mildred; (1815-1878); Hardeman Co. TN; SILLIS
HARVEY, Thomas Jackson; (1831-?); WILLIAMSON
HARVEY, James Owen; (1854-1929); BAILEY
HASSELL, Joshua; (1765-1846); Wayne Co. TN; LOCKHART
HAWKINS, John; (1766-1821); Shelby Co. TN; BUGG

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HAYNES, B. B.; (1815-1897); Knox Co. TN; WARWICK
 HAYNES, William; (1785-?); Jefferson Co. TN;
 HAYS, John C.; (1805-1863); Washington Co. TN; BLAKELY
 HENDERSON, John M.; (1806-1875); Montgomery Co. IL;
 STEELE
 HENDREX, Henry; (1782-?)
 HENDRICK, William; (?-1798); PALMER
 HENRY, Michael; (1761-1811); NY/AL; HARARD
 HERVEY, Oney S.; (1776-1839); WILLIAMS
 HICKS, B. N.; (1840-?); Dekalb Co. TN
 HICKS, Perry Green; (1866-?); Dekalb Co. TN
 HIGHT, Christopher C.; (1849-1925); CARR
 HILAND, George W.; (1799-1862); Dickson Co. TN
 HILL, Charles Clayton; (1886-1961); Obion Co. TN;
 GLOVER
 HILLMAN, Daniel; (1807-?); MARABLE
 HINDS, Z. T.; (1857-1913); Putnam Co. TN; DOUGLAS
 HINTON, Jeremiah; (1774-1833); BOYD
 HOBBS, William J.; (1876-1973); Davidson Co. TN;
 CARNEY
 HOBSON, Francis Wade; (1839-1920); Dekalb Co. TN;
 REYNOLDS
 HOGG, James J.; (1816-1880); GILLESPIE
 HOGGE, James; (1769-1825); Obion Co. TN; MYRICK
 HOGGINS, William Rufus; (1874-?); Obion Co. TN
 HOLLAND, John A.; (1817-1857); STANDROD
 HOLT, Elias C.; (1830-1897); MILES
 HOLT, Jordan Cain; (1794-1853); Bedford Co. TN; WIL-
 HOITE
 HOOPER, Edward E.; (1777-1838); Dekalb Co. TN; SCOTT
 HOOPER, William; (1823-?); Robertson Co. TN; CASEY
 HOOVER, Rufus A.; (1843-1901); Rutherford Co. TN; BELL
 HOPE, John B.; (1820-1868); Davidson Co. TN; WATSON
 HOWZE, Wilber Kelly; (1876-?); GARNER
 HUMPHREY, William D.; (1825-?); Lewis Co. TN; BELON
 HUMPHREYS, George William; (1771-1844); Shelby Co. TN
 HUNT, Lewis; (1820-1908); Monroe Co. TN; TORBETT
 HUNT, Lewis Allen; (1866-1938); Wood Co. WV; BUCKLEY
 HUNTER, J. W.; (1836-1905); Williamson Co. TN; HOOPER
 HUNTER, Joseph Tate; (1845-?); Haywood Co. TN;
 WEAVER
 HUTCHERSON, Peter; (1777-1827)
 HYDER, Benjamin; (1745-1826); Putnam Co. TN; HESTLEP

 ISBELL, James M.; (1807-1873); Obion Co. TN; MARSHALL
 ISBELL, Joe Campbell; (1849-1924); Obion Co. TN; CLOAR

 JACKSON, Francis; (1766-?); CHILDRESS
 JACKSON, James F.; (?-1873)
 JACKSON, John; (1821-?); Wayne Co. TN; SKILLERN
 JACKSON, Louis Isaac; (1874-?); Bedford Co. TN; HASTY
 JACOBS, John Wesley; (1833-1906); Dekalb Co. TN;
 PORTERFIELD
 JARED, Moses Alexander; (1827-1903); Putnam Co. TN;
 PRICE
 JERROLD, John Bell; Hardin Co. TN; WOOD
 JOHNSON, Ezekial R.; (1850-?); Madison Co. TN; ASKEW
 JOHNSON, James; (1801-1860); Davidson Co. TN; BRUCE

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JOHNSON, James; (1825-1887); Mecklenburg Co. VA; HOL-
 MES
 JOHNSON, James T.; (1842-1921); REDMON
 JOINSTON, John; (1793-?); Lewis Co. TN; FARMER
 JOINSTON, Lloyd Ivison; (1889-?); LINDSAY
 JONES, G. M.; (1843-1901); Lewis Co. TN; JOHNSON
 JONES, James Gray; Williamson Co. TN; THARP
 JONES, James Jefferson; Obion Co. TN; RICKMAN
 JONES, L. R.; (?-1888); Gibson Co. TN; WILKINS
 JONES, Lemuel; (1816-1900); Marshall Co. TN; MOORE
 JORDAN, William M.; (1881-?); DRAKE
 JARRETT, Thomas; (?-1864); Overton Co. TN; CHILTON
 JOYNER, William H.; (1855-1924); Shelby Co. TN; GUY
 JUDD, Bluford Lloyd; (1864-1926); Overton Co. TN
 JUDSON, David Lewis; (1830-1858); NY/CT; SHELTON
 JUSTICE, William S.; (1801-1877); WILKERSON
 JUSTIS, John; (1720-?)
 JUSTIS, Justinian; (1694-?)

 KELLEY, Elisha; (1795-1858); Hardin Co. TN; HIGGIN-
 BOTHAM
 KELSO, Milton G.; (1810-1883); AR; FITZGERALD
 KELSO, William A.; (1829-1896); Haywood Co. TN;
 HUNTER
 KENDALL, David; (1825-?); LEE
 KERBY, John; (1802-1849); McNairy Co. TN; RITCHIEY
 KEYES, Ephraim; (1781-1822); CT/OH; SABIN
 KINCAID, Samuel Ingram; (1825-?); Giles Co. TN
 KING, John; (1838-?); COOLEY
 KING, William D.; (1830-1888); Humphreys Co. TN; BRITT
 KING, William Thomas; (1865-1940); Graves Co. TN; BOL-
 TON
 KIRK, Joseph Walter; (1875-1954); Greene Co. TN; LESLIE
 KIRKLAND, Anderson Melville; (1860-1906); Shelby Co.
 TN; McNEELY
 KIRKPATRICK, James; (1746-1773); OH/IN; LILLANCE
 KNOX, R. A.; (1838-?); Cannon Co. TN
 KOONCE, Henry Clay; (?-1924); CARR

 LAKE, Richard Pinkney; (1848-1921); HOFFA
 LAMKIN, William; (1750-?); VA; MOORE
 LANE, Josiah C.; (1806-1885); IN; TOMLINSON
 LANE, Thomas C.; (?-1837); Davidson Co. TN; MULCAHY
 LANFORD, Manoah Lasley; (1818-1871); Louisa Co. VA;
 LASLEY
 LANGFORD, Leonard Monroe; (1904-1979); JONES
 LANIER, Burwell; (1854-1895); FORD
 LANKFORD, James A.; (1854-1916); DUFFEL
 LARKIN, Joseph; (1786-1837); Obion Co. TN; CLARK
 LASLEY, John Bickley; (1785-1870); VA; PERKINS
 LAWRENCE, Luther Fleming; (1882-1940); Henry Co. TN;
 LEFEVER
 LEAGUE, Thomas Jackson; (1862-?); SC; NIGHTINGALE
 LEFTWICH, William; (1827-?); Putnam Co. TN; BROWN
 LETT, Samuel Lee; (1867-1944); RIGBY
 LEUTY, David; (1795-1842); Rhea Co. TN; WOODSON
 LEWIS, Isaiah; (1851-1901); McMinn Co. TN; ENSMINGER
 (To be continued.)



POST OFFICE CALLS, RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Transcribed by Dorothy Williams Potter

"**A** LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at **Murfreesborough**, Tennessee, on the first day of **April 1824**, which if not taken out before the first day of July next, will be sent to the General Post Office as dead letters."¹

A

David M. Andrews, Wm. Ammitt, Charles Abbott, Enoch Arnold, John Andrews.

B

Dasset Anderson Beadles, Isaac C. Brown, Burton D. Brothers, Thomas Beasley, John C. Beaty, Jas. Brothers, Capt. Barks, Solomon Beasley, Jas. Beasley, Nathaniel H. Buckley, Benj. Bett, N. Blackwell, Elihu Bone, Thomas Blanton 2, Leonard Barnes, Obadiah B. or Joseph C. Bell, messrs. S. & H. Butcher, Robert Boid, Blake Barefield, Mrs. Margaret Barfield, Alfred Blackman, Wm. Barefield, Mrs. Sophia M. Brady, Wm. D. Baird, Jos. Brady.

C

Wm. Corbell, Thomas Carlton 2, Wm. Clement, U. Cummings, Dr. George Calhoon, Genl. Coleman, Mathew C. Carithers, Wm. G. Childress 2, W. G. & A. Childress, Wm. Crisp, Michael Cee, John Clark 2, Wm. Caton, Joshua Cates, Benajah Carlton, P. I. Curle, Jane Cartright (black

woman), John Clark or Esther Harriss.

D

Wm. Davis or Caleb Wade, Charles Dvis, Jas. Daugherty 2, John Dobson 2, Charles Derby, Lewis Davis 2, John M. Davis, Charles Dement, Jas. Dawson, Dr. Edward Donoho.

E

Robert Edmunds, Capt. Jas. Eliott.

F

Charles A. Frensley, Allen Ferguson, Robert Freeman, John Furr, George Furr, Joel Ferguson.

G

Jonathan Griffith, Joseph Good, Henry Goodloe, John Glase, John Goodloe, Miss Sarah Gilliam, Sam'l. Gorden, Wm. Gregory, David Gorden.

H

Solomon Heath, Mrs. Martha Hartwell, Mrs. Elizabeth M. House, Anthony Huddleston, John Henson, Claiborne House, Albert G. Henderson, Stephen Hutchings, Joshua Hamm, Armsted Harwell, Edgar Hartwell, rev. R. Henderson, Wm. Hicks, Wm. Hill, Jas. Higgins, Dr. H. Holmes, John Henson, Dr. Wm. Hodg, Daniel Henrix, John Hoover, esq. Andrew I. Hoover.

J

Robert Johnson, Samuel Jacobs, John Johnson, Wm. Johnson, Cary James, Benj. Johnson, Devreux Jarratt, Jas. Johnson, Thomas Jarrett, Wm. Johns.

K

Benjm. Karsner 2, Mrs. Rebecca Kelton, John Kennedy.

L

Wm. Lumbley, Mrs. Susan S. Lane, Richard H. Lee, John H. Low, rev. Benj. F. Liddon, David Ledbetter, Thomas Linster, Samuel Lewis, James Larrence or Joanthan, Mrs. Mary Lock, S. H. Laughlin, Jas. Lawrence, Miss Martha and Nancy Lock, Maj. Wm. Lock.

M

Peter Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth M'Dowell, Nathaniel Miller, John Mullins 2, Charles McBride, Wm. Mullins, Jas. McDowell, Samuel Morgan, Ephraim M'Adows, Jacob M'Far, Thomas Milles, Esq. John G. Murphey, Ephraim Meadows, Thomas Mullins 2, Wm. Mayfield, Baxter M'Lean, Jas. S. McLin, Benj. Marable, Wm. Mother, Wm. Mitchell, Esq. John Morrison, Jackson G. Minton, Miss Martha Marshall 2, Jas. Montague, Jos. Marlin, Maj. M'Knight 2, Burton L. M'Ferrin, Esq. Jas. Morton, Abraham Martin, Archer Michael, Wm. W. M'Kelvy, Jas. McDowell, Hugh May, Miss Mary Mitchell, J. A. Montgomery, John McFarland, Thomas Montague, Jas. Maxwell, Jr.

N

Charles Niles, Isaac Nivvins, Williamson Nipper, Mrs. Susannah Norman.

O

Mrs. Rosanah Ou, Thomas A. Oden, Philip Osborne, sr., Phineas Olliver, Capt. Jas. Oliphaut.

P

Col. Abner Potts 6, Wm. Powell, Nathaniel Pucket, William Pope 2, Jacob Payne, Esqr. Hardy Pope, Genl. Robert Purdy, Wm. H. Palmer.

¹ *Murfreesboro Courier*, April 15, 1824, p. 518 [in pen], fourth and fifth column. Microfilm Roll, 1820-1904, Tennessee Library and Archives.

R

John Reeves, John Ross, rev. Baxter H. Ragsdale 2, Dr. Wm. R. Rucker 2, S. R. Rucker 2, Gillay Ridout, Saml. Richardson, Robert Rankin, Walter Rutherford, Peter Read, miss Martha W. Ragsdale, Hugh Robertson, Esq. maj. David Robertson, mrs. Mirah L. Rucker.

S

Capt. Jas. Smith, Jesse Sikes, Henry Sumrow, Charles Stathum, mrs. Elizabeth R. Scales, Robt. Strother, John Sage, I. Sancalford, Theophilus W. Short, Wm. Shepard, John Stockard, Thomas Sherewood, Dr. S. Sims, Abraham See, J. S. Simpson, Jas. Sharp, esq. Bennet Smith, esq. Jas. Stephens, Wm. Swann, Wm. Smith, Peyton Smith, rev. Thomas Smith, Col. R. Smith, mrs. Mary Smith, Col. Wm. W. Scarcy, Jack Smith.

T

Jeremiah Terry, Esq. Archibald Tennison, Samuel Tucker, John R. Tinch, Jas. A. Tarpley, Whatcoat Tarpley, Jas. P. Thompson, John Trigg, Lewis Taylor, George M. Thompson, Wm. Thomas (care O. B. Bell).

V

Wm. Vinson, Benj. J. Vaughn

W

Henry H. Wood, Wm. Webb, Wiley Willis, John Wheler, Wm. Walker, William Winston, John Warren, Wm. White, Mathew Wells, Nathan Williams, Jas. Wills, Capt. Thomas G. Watkins, Wm. Wilson, Frederick Watkins, mrs. — Williams, Dr. John M. Watson, Robert Warnick, Pleasant H. Walker, Wm. Winset, esq.

Y

Francis Youree, Thomas Young, Thomas Yardly.

DAVID WENDEL, P.M.

READYVILLE, 1834

"LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Readyville T. on the first day of **July 1834**, which if not taken out before the first day of October next will be sent to the General Post Office as dead letters."²

[Readyville was a "post town in Rutherford County, on the east fork of Stones river, 15 miles a little N. of E. from Murfreesboro', and 42 miles south west from Nashville." Eastin Morris, *Tennessee Gazetteer 1834* (reprint, Nashville: The Gazetteer Press, 1971) p. 241. — Ed.]

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Andrews, Ephraim | Gowen, Dr. Wm., 4 | Robinson, Jesse, 3 |
| Aspy, John, 2 | Gannon, George | Robinson, Hugh, 2 |
| Bragg, Thomas | Gannon, B. | Read, Hugh, 2 |
| Bragg, John | Givins, William, 2 | Rogers, John, 3 |
| Bever, John | Givins, Merideth | Russel, Sam'l. |
| Bell, Samuel | Geaslin, William | Reid, Sarah |
| Blanset, Jesse | Gooding, Martha | Striklin, Warrin G. |
| Byford, William | Holt, Joseph D. | Simpson, Volintine |
| Bowen, Abner | Hays, Benjamin | Sissom, James |
| Barton, Swinfield | Hays, E. & E. | Steel, James A. |
| Bethel, Church | Holt, Feikding, 2 | Stewart, Martha A. |
| Cooper, Henry | Hoover, Solomon | Soap, Joseph |
| Conley, John W. | Herrod, Henry | Tennison, |
| Conley, Alfred W. | Herrod, Joseph | Archabald |
| Clements, | Hilyard, Benj. F. | Thompson, |
| Hezekiah | Hambleton, Jane | Sam'l., 2 |
| Curlee, Calvin | Henry, S. L. | Tod, William |
| Cooper, Micaja | Ivey, Benjamin | Thopson, Merideth |
| Carnehan, James | Ivey, Charles | Thompson, Mr. Mc |
| Curtis, Samuel | Johnson, Garret | Tabour, John |
| Carson, Robert | James, Harmon | Tennison, Hiram B. |
| Cathey, James | Knox, Joseph, 4 | Vance, Daniel |
| Donel, Francis | Jurnatzer, Nicholas | Walker, George |
| Elrod Harmon, 2 | McGill, David | Walker, Charles |
| Edwards, Thomas | Moore, Ruth | Wright, John |
| Fowler, Joseph, 2 | Maxey, Joel | Willis, Wiley |
| Fagin, Robert | McLain, John | Warrin, Henry |
| Fagin, Henry | Martin, Robert | Weatherspoon, |
| Finley, Daniel | Nichols, Byron | John |
| Finch, John | Nichols, Martha | Wimberly, Isaac |
| Ferrel, James | Nichols, Arthur | Weatherly, Abner |
| Fulks, James | Pose, William | Zachary, Hartwell |
| Faulkenberry, | Price, John W. | S. |
| William | Porterfield, Sam'l. | |

CHARLES READY, P.M.
July 5, 1834.

² *The Central Monitor*, Murfreesborough, Tennessee, July 12, 1834, Volume 1, Number 35 [no page number shown]. Microfilm, Tennessee State Library and Archives.



BOOK REVIEWS

by Shirley Wilson, CG

Sumner County Tennessee Court Minutes 1787-1805 and 1808-1810 by Carol Wells. Softback 5 1/4 x 8, 271+80 pp., two complete name indexes, copyright 1995. Purchase from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 300, Bowie MD 20716. \$25.50 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling (Visa/MasterCard/ checks/money orders accepted).

Cut from Davidson County in 1786, Sumner County covered a large area which was later divided into many other counties. Since the first deed book in Sumner did not begin until 1793, these early minutes include the recording of early deeds not found elsewhere. The minutes record chronologically the history of the county on a day to day basis relating to roads, mills, ferries, probate issues, minor misdemeanors and major crimes.

The type is small, although dark and quite legible. The complete name index is an important addition and is a joy to use. Do be aware of the fact that this publication is actually two books in one. The index for the first volume follows it and precedes the text on the second volume. Those with roots in Middle Tennessee will want to add this helpful book to their library collection. I've already ordered mine!

Annals of a Scotch-Irish Family: The Whitsitts of Nashville, Tennessee by William H. Whitsitt. Spiral bound, 8 1/2 x 11, irregular pagination, complete name index, 1995 reprint of a 1904 publication. Purchase from Friends of Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard, 2635 Nolensville Road, Nashville, TN 37211. \$15.

This was originally published in 1904 in four issues of the American Historical Quarterly. Born in 1841, the author was the grandson of Rev. James Whitsitt in whose home the Mill Creek Baptist Church was founded in 1797. A tribute to the memory of Rev. Whitsitt written by Robert Boyle C. Howell, D. D. in 1850 is included.

A Xerox copy of the original record, this book is enhanced with a complete name index to all four parts of the book. The index appears in the middle of the book, so be sure to look for it.

Mill Creek Church Meeting Minutes April 1797 to April 1811. Spiral bound, 8 1/2 x 11, 61 pp., complete name index. Order from Friends of Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard (see above). \$12.

Included in this book is the conference business of the Baptist Church under the care of Rev. James Whitsitt, on Mill Creek in Davidson County, Tennessee. There is a list of members from the year 1800 as well as interesting information on various other members.

An every name index has been added at the front of the book. The type is large and the book is easy to read with plenty of white space.

Mill Creek Grange No. 182 of the Patrons of Husbandry Minutes 1873-1874. Spiral bound, 8 1/2 x 11, 60 pp., complete name index, 1995. Order from Friends of Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard (see address above). \$10.

The Grange, officially known as the Patrons of Husbandry, is a nationwide organization for farmers founded in 1867. Its purpose was to combat the high prices being charged by the railroad companies to transport farm produce to market. Grange No. 182 held meetings alternately at Thompson's Chapel and at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Davidson County, Tennessee. The accounts of the meetings and social interactions of many of the residents of southern Davidson County represent a treasure house for family historians.

The type is large and easily read with plenty of white space. An added every name index makes this book especially helpful.

Statesville: A Visual Image of Our Heritage, Volume II, by Sue B. Corley. Softback, 8 1/2 x 11, 480 pp., copyright 1993. Order from Mrs. Sue Corley, 490 Hardin Hollow Road, Watertown, TN 37184. \$39.50. Note: A few copies of Volume I are still available - contact the author.

Statesville is located in southeastern Wilson County and this history, although billed as a pictorial history, contains much information about the area and its early settlers. The old photographs are plentiful and so very interesting. The book is chock full of family information. Some family names that jumped out in a quick perusal were those of William Bumpass, the Oakleys and the Johnsons among many others.

The print is easy to read and the author has done a commendable job in collecting old photographs. An index would have been an extremely welcome addition to this book. If you have ancestors from Statesville, you will almost surely find

their photos in this huge publication.

The Goodwin Families in America, by Judge John S. Goodwin. Softback, 5 1/4 x 8 1/4, 200 pp., complete name index, 1995 reprint of William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, originally published in 1897. Purchase from Heritage Books, Inc., address above. \$15.00 plus \$3.00 shipping.

This genealogy deals primarily with the York County, Virginia Goodwins beginning with Major James Goodwin who settled there in 1648. The author explored many unconnected branches of the family and included these in his book. Of particular interest to MTGS members will be Appendix I which details the family of George Goodwin born 31 August 1753 in Virginia who settled in Davidson County, Tennessee before 1800.

The type size is small but legible. Use caution with the index which is composed of numerous individual indexes for the various branches of the family.

Caldwell County, Kentucky Will Book B 1835-1889, by Brenda Joyce Jerome. 8 1/2 x 11, 142 pp., complete name index, copyright 1995. Purchase from Brenda Joyce Jerome, 300 W. Water Street, Newburgh, IN 47630-1158 Softback \$25.00 and Hardback \$30, both prepaid. Indiana residents include 5% sales tax.

Formed in 1809 from Livingston County, Ken-

tucky, the County of Caldwell was home to many settlers who came through Middle Tennessee on their way from North and South Carolina and Virginia to Western Kentucky. This book is more than abstracts of wills, containing almost complete transcriptions of wills. Included are several unrecorded and/or rejected wills not found in the recorded county will book.

The print size is legible and the type is dark with bold type used for the surnames. The index is excellent. Those with roots in Western Kentucky will want to add this book to their library collection.

Fantastic Family Gatherings: Tried and True Ideas for Large and Small Family Reunions, by Kathy Smith Anthenat. Spiral bound, 8 1/2 x 11, 188 pp. Purchase from Heritage Books (see address above). \$29.00 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling.

A comprehensive how-to book on family reunions for ten or a thousand, this helpful guide will show you how to make it fun and a I-can't-wait-to-do-it-again event. Chapters include information on Organizing the Reunion, During the Reunion, Decorations, Mementos, Fund-raising Ideas, Recreations Ideas and much more. There's even a list of the addresses of the State Tourism offices at the end of the book. If you're planning a reunion, you'll find lots of good ideas in this guide!

KEEPING THE STARS AND CARS IN LINE¹

Phil of Nashville is seeing stars – in curious formations. “How do the three stars on our flag go? The license plate has it one way and state flags different. Help!”

State law addresses this subject with its usual clarity:

“The arrangement of the three stars shall be such that the centers of no two stars shall be in a line parallel to either the side or end of the flag, but intermediate between the same; and the highest star shall be the one nearest the upper confined corner of the flag.”

I have no idea what that means, but the handy pictures we've provided here should help.

It's illegal to make or sell an official state flag

that looks otherwise. But the law doesn't apply to miniatures, souvenirs or novelties. And while the old official car tags featuring the stars should have had the proper configuration, those unofficial tags people often place on their front bumper don't seem to conform to the law.

By the way, those stars represent the three grand divisions of the state, “bound together by the endless circle of the blue field, the symbol being three bound together in one – an indissoluble trinity,” flag designer LeRoy Reeves says in Tennessee's Blue Book.

YES:



NO:



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WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS¹

By Thomas A. Partlow, 1978

LESTER CEMETERY

(Located about two and a half miles northwest of Cainsville on the St. John Lane)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. James Lester, born 3 April 1823; died 18 January 1899.2. Jannetta C. Lester, born 26 October 1829; died 4 August 1882. Wife of James Lester. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Martha Lester, born 23 August 1859; died 23 December 1918.4. Grave. |
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MAJOR CEMETERY

(Located one and a tenth miles south of Gladeville and east of the road about 300 feet)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Samuel Major, born 3 August 1812; died 20 June 1865.2. Frances Majors, born 14 October 1825; died 2 October 1880.3. Willie S. Taylor; died 20 February 1900; died 8 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">October 1936.4. Joe Taylor, born 20 June 1857; died 14 March 1902.5. Bettie Taylor; died 19 May 1861; died 10 January 1940. |
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MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY

(Located on the Statesville Highway between Watertown and Statesville)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. William Henderson Talley, born 10 March 1842; died 25 January 1902.2. Robert Euless Talley, born 4 January 1883; died 27 June 1913.3. Infant Delay, born 8; died 21 February 1905. Daughter of F. Delay and M. H. Delay.4. W. A. Whitlock, born 5 February 1840; died 9 October 1898.5. Nancy E. Cornelius, born 9 October 1861; died 6 February 1911.6. Mattie Whitlock, born 1868; died 1923.7. Grave.8. Louaney Cassit; died 17 July 1869; died 4 September 1899.9. Julia A. Patton, born 7 October 1896; died 19 Feb- | <ol style="list-style-type: none">ruary 1903. Wife of T. P. Cassity.10. Thomas P. Cassity, born 4 May 1818; died 6 November 1902.11. Margret E. D., born 16 September 1887; died 16 August 1888. Daughter of H. C. Jones and M. E. D. Jones.12. Ora Z. Oakley, born 9 October 1878; died 29 July 1870. Age 9 months, 21 days.13. Elmer Alvin Young, born 23 November 1876; died 30 November 1878.14. M. E. D. Jones, born 15 August 1852; died 29 September 1887.15. Grave.16. Grave.17. John Williams, born 10 November 1824; died 3 January 1886.18. Elizabeth Cantrell, born 20 August 1830; died 17 August 1911.19. J. P. Cunningham, born 25 January 1852; died September ____. |
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¹Continuation of second volume of unpublished Cemetery Records for Wilson County, Tennessee. Used with permission of compiler.

20. Grave.
21. Grave.
22. J. Wilson Payne, born 1867; died 1937.
23. Stella T. Payne, born 1879; died 1955.
24. Betty Bell, born 1873; died 1938.
25. Clera Bell, born 1889; died 1968.
26. Fate Patton, born 1864; died 1949.
27. Dora M. Patton, born 1868; died 1943.
28. J. H. Griffin, born 25 October 1861; died 16 February 1938.
29. Mary Ellen Griffin, born 1 June 1869; died
30. Newbern Jennings, born 1875; died 1942.
31. Lillie W. Jennings, born 1875; died 1951.
32. Deed R. Patton, born 25 August 1875; died 17 January 1949.
33. Mandie A. Patton, born 1 August 1875; died 6 February 1963.
34. Elzie Hue Tarpley, born 1915; died 1951.
35. Shelvie Eugene Tarpley, born 1876; died 1958.
36. Alice Bess, born 1871; died 1965.
37. Four graves.
38. J. Wilson Patton, born 1860; died 1920.
39. Minnie M. Patton, born 1870; died 1950.
40. Homer Lofton Jennings, born 1897; died 1924. Tennessee. Corps U. S. Army, 3 August 1924.
41. Ettie Payne Jennings Word, born 1889; died 1963.
42. Infant Jennings, born 19 January 1917; died 21 June 1917. Daughter of H. L. Jennings and Ettie Jennings.
43. J. C. Payne, born 1838; died 1920.
44. E. J. Payne, born 1848; died 1937.
45. Dovie E. Chastain, born 22 September 1881; died 2 July 1918.
46. S. S. Ayers, born 25 February 1827; died 10 August 1919.
47. Rebecca Patton Ayers, born 17 August 1845; died 19 June 1888.
48. James Edgar. Son of T. M. Johnson and A. G. Johnson.
49. James Ricketts, born 6 October 1797; died 23 January 1887. Age 89 years, 2 months, and 17 days.
50. Catherine Ricketts, born 17 October 1805; died 14 July 1881. Age 75 years, 8 months, and 27 days.
51. James Nelson, born 11 May 1872; died __ December 1873. Son of J. B. Patton and S. E. Patton.
52. Infant Patton, died 1875. Son of J. B. Patton and S. E. Patton.
53. Grave.
54. T. E. Patton, born 1865; died 1877.
55. C. M. Patton, born 13 February 1876; died 22 August 1877.
56. J. H. Patton, born 16 August 1871; died 22 August 1872. Age 1 year, 6 days.
57. Nancy L. Patton, born 28 August 1844; died 10 January 1880. Age 35 years, 8 months, 10 days.
58. M. M. Oakley, born 1852; died 1906.
59. John C. Oakley, born 18 April 1854; died 3 January 1923.
60. Three graves.
61. Samuel A. Ricketts, born 27 July 1839; died 7 March 1912.
62. Laurence E. Talley, born 20 August 1810; died 16 May 1880. Age 69 years, 8 months, and 27 days.
63. Jane E. Talley, born 20 January 1811; died 20 September 1887.
64. Two graves.
65. Annie Patton, born 7 April 1844; died 22 October 1869.
66. Agnes Patton, born 8 March 1861; died 26 May 1884. Wife of W. M. Sherrill.
67. Mary Phillips, born 6 November 1820; died 16 May 1865. Wife of James T. Patton.
68. James T. Patton, born 5 November 1818; died 7 January 1901.
69. Lucy Fay, born 1 January 1829; died 25 December 1906. Wife of James T. Patton.
70. Grave.
71. A. A. Patton, born 22 October 1866; died 1 December 1878. Daughter of R. H. Patton and M. E. Patton.
72. John W. Herman, born 7 October 1818; died 29 January 1881.
73. Two graves.
74. Donnell Patton, born 10 June 1832; died 26 February 1895.
75. Sallie Jane Patton, born 27 May 1827; died 27 November 1898.
76. Josie, born 1878; died 1914. Wife of E. E. Keaton.
77. Grave.
78. Phillip S. Patton, born 1933; died 1935.
79. Dessie Patton, born 1884; died 1964.
80. Turney Patton, born 1880; died 1939.
81. Thomas Lynn Gammons, 1949.
82. Wanda K. Gammons, 1950.
83. Maude Murphey Simpson, born 27 December 1886; died 27 June 1933.
84. Charlie Hall Simpson, born 11 January 1888; died 20 April 1932.
85. George D. Chastain, born 1903; died 1916.
86. W. T. Talley, born 1868; died 1940.
87. Eudora E. Talley, born 1863; died 1925.
88. Stacie T., born 1890; died 1891. Son of Levi Harden and Fannie Harden.
89. Freddie, born 21 October 1894; died 13 August 1902. Son of W. T. Talley and Dora Talley.
90. () of W. C. and M. J. Talley, born 22 January 1882; died 3 September 1898. Age 16 years, 7 months, and 5 days.
91. Effie, born 26 January 1877; died 2 July 1886. Daughter of W. C. Talley and M. J. Talley.
92. W. C. Talley, born 1847; died 1919.
93. M. J. Talley, born 18 January 1848; died 16 July 1921.
94. S. E. Thompson, born 19 September 1870; died 18 January 1879.
95. Four graves.
96. Nancy An Ayers, born 28 October 1847; died 12 February 1851. Age 3 years, 3 months, and 22 days.
97. M. T. Ayers, born 11 August 1817; died 7 September 1912.

- ber 1861.
98. Susan B. Ayers, born 19 April 1827; died 4 March 1908.
 99. Elizabeth Patton, born 28 September 1850; died 29 May 1872.
 100. Elizabeth. Wife of L. T. Patton.
 101. Laura A. Patton, born 16 November 1874; died 26 August 1880.
 102. Rutha Patton, born 15 July 1796; died 16 January 1869.
 103. Jonathan Patton, born 1803; died . Ruling Elder of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.
 104. Grave.
 105. James Godfrey Patton, born 21 September 1828; died 13 September 1850. Son of Jonathan Patton and Rutha Patton. Member Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.
 106. Ann A. W. Patton, born 19 October 1800; died 10 May 1835.
 107. Joseph Patton, born 21 September 1792; died 6 November 1859.
 108. Margaret, born 8 March 1808; died 15 January 1885. Wife of Joseph Patton.
 109. Nancy E., died 16 November 1858. Age 22 years. Wife of S. D. Patton.
 110. Two graves.
 111. Mary E. Patton.
 112. Cornelia A., born 7 May 1869; died 7 August 1878. Daughter of Ed Patton and M. J. Patton.
 113. Effa, born 24 February 1874; died August 1878. Daughter of Ed Patton and M. J. Patton.
 114. Jimmie W., born 1 May 1871; died 20 August 1878. Son of Ed Patton and M. J. Patton.
 115. Edward Patton, born 25 November 1837; died 1 April 1880.
 116. Malina Patton, born 20 February 1834; died 22 November 1902.
 117. Fannie E. Patton, born 18 October 1866; died 6 July 1884. Wife of L. R. Ayers.
 118. Nancy Margaret Patton, born 1838; died
 119. John Patton, born 20 January 1836; died 22 April 1886.
 120. Samuel Patton, born 21 September 1808; died 12 July 1890.
 121. Elender Compton, born 20 September 1809; died 3 August 1890. Wife of Samuel Patton.
 122. L. J. Patton, born 8 April 1833; died 29 November 1891. Wife of James T. Patton.
 123. Samie Marler, born 1919; died 1920.
 124. John L. Lewis Marler, born 20 October 1903; died 1 May 1909.
 125. Etter B. Patton, born 8 December 1875; died 30 August 1878.
 126. Nancy Patton, born 22 May 1871; died 17 August 1878.
 127. Joseph S. Patton, born 15 July 1874; died 13 August 1878.
 128. Mary Tribble, born 5 December 1823; died 20 May 1877.
 129. Lowry Ayers, born 15 March 1831; died 13 Decem-

- ber 1858.
130. Fannie Jennings Ayers Dean, born 30 September 1836; died 23 April 1896.
 131. James L. Ayers, died 17 December 1853. Age 27 years and 28 days.
 132. Arabella Ayers, born 11 July 1854; died 16 October 1863.
 133. Margret Ayers, born 16 February 1789; died 23 February 1868.
 134. Thomas R. James, born ; died 15 April 1869. Age 18 years, 1 month, and 27 days.
 135. Rachel Marler, born 1855; died 1929.
 136. Harrison B. Marler, born 9 May 1890; died 5 August 1927.
 137. Robert W. (Marler), born 13 April 1915; died 24 February 1917.
 138. Nina, born 5 June 1892; died 19 January 1893. Daughter of E. M. Thompson and S. A. Thompson.
 139. Ressie, born 14 January 1869; died 8 January 1893. Wife of S. Coffman.
 140. J. M. Vaught, born 18 October 1821; died 5 April 1900.
 141. Elizabeth Jane, born 24 January 1832; died 12 June 1888. Daughter of E. M. Thompson. Wife of John M. Vaught.
 142. Josephine G. Womack, born 1 July 1853; died 5 July 1887. Wife of E. T. Vaught.
 143. Martha T. Wife of Reverend J. G. Patton.
 144. Abigail Godfrey, born 16 October 1801; died 4 July 1881. Wife of E. M. Thompson.
 145. John F. Patton, born 17 December 1825; died 6 March 1900.
 146. Andrew Thompson, born 15 September 1806; died 25 August 1866.
 147. Milly Thompson, born 16 March 1802; died 19 August 1897.
 148. Three Graves.
 149. J. G. Thompson, born 27 March 1823; died 2 September 1855. Age 32 years, 3 months, 6 days. Son of E. M. Thompson and Abigail Thompson. Born again in early life. Joined Presbyterian Church 30 April 1845. Elected and ordained ruling elder at Mount Vernon Church the 11th of May 1851.
 150. T. W. Patton, born 1832; died 4 May 1899.
 151. Martha, born 15 April 1833; died 10 September 186_. Wife of T. W. Patton.
 152. James N. Patton.
 153. Margaret Aldona Patton, born 10 May 1870; died 4 December 1873.
 154. M. E. Patton, born 3 January 1845; died 23 May 1875.
 155. Andrew Patton, born 1800; died
 156. Elizabeth, born 12 August 1800; died 5 May 1881. Wife of Andrew Patton.
 157. Two graves.
 158. C. M. Patton, born 14 December 1864; died 1 August 1891.
 159. Samuel Hill Patton, born 22 August 1883; died 19 August 1896.

160. A. F. Moore, born 1888; died .
161. James A. Young, born 14 March 1854; died 19 June 1909.
162. V. V. Moore, born 18 October 1894; died 26 July 1887. (sic) Daughter of J. B. Moore and M. E. Moore.
163. M. E. Moore, born 22 February 1854; died 20 May 1886. Wife of J. B. Moore.
164. Elizabeth Walden, born 1822; died 1885.
165. W. H. Walden, born 14 September 1822; died 10 October 1892.
166. G. D. Young, born 23 October 1823; died 26 April 1905.
167. Maranda Thompson, born 2 May 1827; died 16 April 1896. Wife of G. D. Young.
168. Anna Thompson, born 1788; died 1863.
169. Andrew Thompson, born 1778; died 1858.
170. G. G. Thompson, born 10 October 1846; died 28 January 1898.
171. Infant Payne, born 8 December 1904; died 20 December 1904. Infant of J. W. Payne and Stella Payne.
172. Two graves.
173. Mary Jane Patton, 11 December 1924.
174. T. W. Harvey, born 26 June 1916; died 13 December 1966.
175. Mattie H. Harvey, born 15 November 1885; died 17 April 1918.
176. C. L. Harvey, born 17 November 1878; died 9 April 1939.
177. Tom D. Patton, born 10 March 1849; died 6 April 1913.
178. Martha J. Patton, born 30 June 1849; died 6 September 1908.
179. John Patton, born 12 May 1824; died 17 April 1904.
180. Octie Lee Sherrill, born 22 July 1880; died 30 September 1899.
181. Rhoda, born 12 December 1819; died 12 February 1878. Wife of John Patton.
182. Two graves.
183. Son of John Patton and Rhoda Patton.
184. Mrs. Sarah Fisher, died 27 March 1836. Age 57 years, 6 months, and 4 days. Consort of John Fisher.
185. ? M., born 12 December 1847; died 19 December 1894. Wife of W. Patton.
186. J. W. Marler, born 1860; died 1940.
187. Mary Marler, born 1865; died 1934.
188. Grave.
189. Infant of J. R. Bess and Della Bess.
190. J. R. Bess, born 23 January 1874; died 26 October 1945.
191. Della Bess, born 18 June 1882; died 29 March 1935.
192. Henry Clay Ricketts, born 23 August 1894; died 23 November 1921.
193. Lotie Grimes Ricketts, 24 August 1899.
194. Anna Rakes, born 19 October 1878; died 29 November 1920.
195. Johnnie Rakes, born 20 November 1906; died 29 October 1918.
196. Three graves.
197. Z. F. Marler, born 1892; died 1896.
198. Minnie Marler, born 4 August 1872; died 24 November 1907.
199. Mattie M. Porterfield, born 10 September 1897; died 10 December 1915.
200. Nancy Payne, born 1867; died 1940.
201. Minnie Sorrells, born 1886; died 1920.
202. Mary E. Payne, born 1843; died 1913.
203. Henry Payne, born 1842; died 1912.
204. M. Z. Davis, born 9 December 1878; died 1879.
205. Al J. Rakes, born 1871; died
206. William Newton Ricketts, born 19 November 1845; died 4 October 1896.
207. Annie E. Lane Ricketts, born 11 January 1851; died 13 February 1917.
208. Orro Virginia Ricketts, born 25 October 1869; died 6 June 1897.
209. William Lane Ricketts, born 3 January 1890; died 23 March 1902.
210. Kathy Ferguson, 1959.
211. Grave.
212. Margaret Walden, born 1887; died 1935.
213. Joe M. Walden, born 1859; died 1898.
214. Emily G. Bess November 11 June 1838; died 6 February 1921.
215. W. L. Bess, born 7 June 1837; died 14 February 1898.
216. Ernest Lofton, born 1895; died 1897. Son of John Tarpley.
217. Chris Ashworth, born 1860; died 1907.
218. William Toy Tarpley, born 1904; died 1926.
219. Sallie Ashworth Beadle, born 1868; died 1934.
220. J. Thompson, born 22 January 1858; died 5 September 1907.
221. Girtie Porterfield, born 1883; died 15 August 1907. Daughter of J. W. Thorn and S. A. Thorn.
222. James I. Porterfield, born 29 February 1835; died 13 February 1917.
223. ? Thorn.
224. Charlie M. West, born 28 January 1883; died 10 April 1944.
225. Maud T. West, born 27 September 1889; died 31 March 1954.
226. Edith Mary West, born 1909; died 1913.
227. T. B. Thorn, born 1872; died 1918.
228. S. J. Thorn, born 17 April 1876; died 24 March 1917.
229. Indiana Thorn, born 1852; died 1921.
230. J. W. Thorn, born 1848; died 1933.
231. Lassie Patton, born 1890; died 1935.
232. Johnie Patton, born 1874; died 1947.
233. Gallie Patton, born 1875; died 1918.
234. Sam A. Harden, born 1862; died 1945.
235. Tennie Harden, born 1868; died 1933.
236. Billie Louis Ferrell, born 1932; died 1936.
237. Tom Bland, born 1878; died 1956.
238. Zella Bland, born 1886; died

239. Sam Payne, born 1859; died 1938.
240. Mary Payne, born 1857; died 1947.
241. Dan G. Talley, born 1856; died 1935.
242. Three graves.
243. Porter Graves, born 1884; died 1949.
244. Mollie T. Marler, born 1876; died 1959.
245. John G. Talley, born 30 October 1871; died 10 February 1936.
246. Vina M. Talley, born 1868; died 1936.
247. Ollie Mack Payne, born 18 December 1892; died 20 January 1968. Tennessee Pvt. U. S. Army, World War I.
248. Two graves.
249. Esther Thompson, born 15 March 1814; died 21 May 1894.

250. S. S. Ricketts, born 16 January 1803; died 15 July 1871.
251. W. G. Ricketts, born 12 May 1804; died 27 June 1877.
252. John N. Thompson, born 16 May 1811; died 10 June 1846.
253. Samuel Thompson, born 12 December 1838; died 1 December 1840.
254. James O. Thompson, born 5 December 1836; died 30 September 1845.
255. John G. Thompson, born 26 February 1844; died 1 September 1859.
256. Maggie J. Bass, born 14 April 1847; died 16 April 1865.
257. Numerous other markers without names.

POWELL CEMETERY

(Located on west side of U.S. 231 1/4 mile south of Richmond Shop Road. About 500 feet west of the highway behind a house on a small knoll with a low rock wall around the cemetery.)

1. Ellen Hancock, born 11 April 1860; died 25 December 1892. Wife of Dr. C. S. Powell.
2. C. S. Powell, Jr., born 5 September 1829; died 4 May 1855.
3. Sarah A. Jennings, born 6 December 1835; died 2 July 1880.
4. Dr. N. A. Jennings, born 15 September 1837; died

- 31 March 1875.
5. Newbern Powell, born 13 February 1889; died 15 December 1891. Son of J. D. and Rosa Jennings.
6. M. A. E. F. Richmond, born 23 January 1841; died 26 November 1882. Wife of J. B. Richmond.
7. Hancock Powell, born and died 27 January 1889. Son of C. S. Powell and Ellen Powell.

(To be continued.)

"Indifferent Flour"¹

If you should have indifferent flour of which you cannot get rid, bear in mind that it will sometimes make excellent beaten biscuit when it will not make good light bread. In making beaten biscuit, always put one teaspoonsful of salt, a piece of lard the size of an egg, and a teacup of milk to a quart of flour, adding enough cold water to make a stiff dough: no other ingredients are admissible.

Make the dough much stiffer than for other breads, beat steadily a half hour, *by the clock*. [their italics] Cut with a biscuit cutter or shape by hand, being careful to have the shape of each alike and perfect. . . .

¹Housekeeping in Old Virginia, Marion Cabell Tyree, ed., (Louisville, Kentucky: John P. Morton and Company, 1879).

THE DAVID JEAN, SR. FAMILY of LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Contributed by Glenn Jean

DAVID JEAN, SENIOR was born late in 1794 or early 1795 in Stokes County, North Carolina, to Rev. Edmund Jean and his first wife. He died 6 January 1878 near his home "1/2 mile from Brighton, Tennessee." Jean enlisted in Captain John Hauser's Company of Infantry in the 5th Regiment of North Carolina Militia on 28 November 1814 at the age of twenty, and served until 21 February 1815. At his discharge he held the rank of Sergeant. For his services in the War of 1812, David Jean, Senior received Land Grant Warrant #6720 for 160 acres of land and later received a pension.

David Jean, Sr. moved with his stepmother Martha (Patty) Beasley and his half brother John to Lincoln County, Tennessee, between 1815 and 1818. About 1819 he married Grisilla [last name unknown], probably in Lincoln County. For about ten years David and John Jean lived in Washington County, Indiana where they were listed in the 1830 census as "Janes." The 1840 census shows they were back in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

They were nine known children born to David and Grisilla Jean:

- i. William W. Jean, born ca 1819 in Tennessee
- ii. Wiley Jean, born ca 1826 in Tennessee
- iii. Nancy Jean, born ca 1818 in Tennessee
- iv. John Jean, born ca 1832 in Indiana
- v. Joseph Jean, born ca 1834 in Indiana
- vi. Mary Jean, born ca 1836 in Indiana
- vii. Wyatt Jean, born ca 1839 in Tennessee
- viii. Sarah Jean, born ca 1842 in Tennessee
- ix. David Jean, Jr., born ca 1845 in Tennessee

After Grisilla's death between 1850 and 1857, David Jean, Sr. married (2) Elizabeth C. Bryant in Lincoln County on 20 November 1857. He was 62, and Elizabeth was 22 years of age. To David and Elizabeth were born four children.

- x. Eliza A. Jean, born ca 1858
- xi. Thomas Jefferson Jean, born ca 1861 (md. Sarah Harris in 1886)
- xii. Wesley L. Jean, born ca 1864
- xiii. Hosea Jean, born ca 1868. Died young.

Lincoln County Cemeteries by Timothy Richard and Helen Crawford Marsh records David, Sr. as buried in the Jean Cemetery, Flintville #11 in

Lincoln County, Tennessee. This cemetery is plotted by the Marshes as about 0.7 miles north of the "T" intersection near Brighton.¹ The Harris-Jean Cemetery, Flintville #12 and the Harris Cemetery, Flintville #13 are both within a mile of this sight.² The sources of information on burials were given as "family records" for the Taylors and "Newspaper" for David Jean who died March 6, 1878. The "1/2 mile from Brighton" statement as the location of David's home and the place where he was married and died is contained in his pension records at the National Archives. At present the burial site is clear of large trees, has twenty or more unidentified sunken graves and the recently installed tombstone of David Jean, Sr. Weeks and low bushes were mowed by Raymond Harris in October 1991. (Raymond is a descendant of Hosea Lee Harris, a son of William Newton "Bill" Harris who married Elizabeth A. Jean, born in 1858.)

The tombstone, provided by the Veterans Administration as part of their program to recognize all veterans of wars, was erected on 12 October 1991. Inscribed on the new stone is: "David Jean, Serg. N. C. Militia, 5 N.C. Militia, War of 1812; 1795-1878." About twenty-five persons attended the informal erection and dedication of the tombstone. Among those there were David Jean, Jr. and his son, David Jean III of Chapel Hill, Tennessee, and David Jean, Sr. of Nashville, Tennessee. David Jean, Sr. was the sixth child of Arthur Glenn Jean, a son of David Jean, Jr. who was a Civil War pensioner and is buried at Lone Oak Cemetery in Lewisburg, Tennessee. If Arthur Glenn Jean had been named David, the present David Jean III would have been David Jean VI.

To reach the David Jean, Sr. gravesite from Fayetteville, Tennessee, go 11 miles east on the Winchester Highway to the Flintville turn-off; turn right and go 1/2 mile to the first intersection and look for a stone storm cellar on the left (south) side of the road at the intersection; turn right and go about 1/2 mile to the first of two house trailers on the right. Between the house trailers is a driveway to the left (west) which leads to this house. Drive to the left and to the back of the house and look for the tombstone of David Jean, Sr.

¹ Timothy Richard and Helen Crawford Marsh, *Cemetery Records, Lincoln County, Tennessee* (Shelbyville, Tennessee: 1972).

² *Ibid.* In 1972 when this book was published it was said of the Jean Cemetery that "many Taylors, Jeans, Cashions & others are buried here. No signs remain."

TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RECORDS¹

Contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Williams Bamman, CG, CGL

Supreme Court Records, Box 257,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**Martha Wood and others vs.
Sarah Cunningham and others**

(Original Bill heard in Warren
County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Martha Wood, William Cunningham, Jane Cunningham, Issac M. Cunningham and Sarah Cunningham who sue by their next friend C. J. Spurlock, all the Cunningham are the heirs at law and the only heirs of Jno. Cunningham Jr. dec'd. except Martha Wood who was his widow who has since the death of said Cunningham married one H. R. Wood all citizens of Warren County, Tenn., Compls. agst. Sarah Cunningham, Geo. W. Cunningham, Geo McWhirter and H. R. Wood of the same residence, Defts. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 262,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**H. C. Whitaker and
Isaac J. Sebastian vs. John E.
Warren and others**

(Original Bill heard in Lincoln
County Chancery Court)

H. C. Whitaker and Isaac J. Sebastian, dec'd., H. C. Whitaker as admr. of Philander R. Whitaker, dec'd., Hugh Thomson, admr. of Matilda Randolph, dec'd. and H. D. L. Whitaker all citizens of Lincoln County, Tennessee, Lucious J. Whitaker, citizen of Bedford County, Tenn. vs. John E. Warren and wife Jane and their children adults and minor names unknown, citizens of the State of Mississippi, A. B. Chilcoat and wife Sallie C. citizens of the State of Alabama, Lawson S. Whitaker, Valentine C. Whitaker, John P. Whitaker, A. G. King and wife Finetta, the minor

children of Larkin Whitaker, dec'd. all citizens of the State of Texas, defts. vs. A. S. Thomas admr. of Nancy Whitaker, dec'd citizen of Lincoln County, Tenn., Daniel Whitaker Sr., citizen of Obion County, Tenn., the three sons of Matilda Randolph dec'd. to wit Robert Randolph Jas Randolph and D____[blank], residence unknown, Wm. Spencer Jr. and wife citizens of Moore County, Tenn., Mrs. Mary Weaver, Mrs. Thurman, of full age, Miss Fannie Randolph a minor child of Matilda Randolph, dec'd. citizens of Lincoln Co., Tenn.

Compls. would respectfully submit unto your Honor that on or about the 3rd day of November 1863 Joseph Sebastian late of Lincoln County, Tennessee departed this life, testate having first made and published his last will and testament. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 195,
Middle Tennessee, 1872

**Matilda B. Barry and others vs.
Geo. W. Cunningham
and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Davidson
County Chancery Court)

Mrs. Matilda B. Barry, widow, etc., W. G. & Fannie Barry, minors, etc., by their mother and next friend Matilda B., citizens of Davidson County, Edwin Burnett and wife Kate, J. E. & F. G. Barry citizens of West Point, Miss. vs. Geo. W. Cunningham, Thos. H. Malone, Admr. etc. of Alexander Fall, deceased, and in his own right with his wife Ellen J. Elizabeth J. widow of said deceased Alexander, and J. H. E. H. & A. H. Fall, minor children of the said Alexander Fall, J. G. S. Fall & James Wharton and ____[blank] Keiser all citizens of Davidson County, Tenn.

Complainants respectfully show the court that on 6th September 1858, the said Fall and Cunningham as partners, etc., and the said Alexr. Fall, as Admr. etc. of John Barry, deceased, pled their bill in this Honorable Court

against complainants, except Burnett, who has since intermarried with complainant Kate (called in said bill Catherine). . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 232,
Middle Tennessee, 1872_

**Samuel G. Delk & others vs.
Joshua Crowell**

(Original Bill Heard in Maury County)

The Bill seeks to have a resulting trust declared, & title divested of defendant and vested in complainants, in and to the tract of land described in the pleadings. The facts are: Jane Anderson departed this life being the owner of a valuable tract of land in Maury County, leaving as her only children three daughters, Sarah E., Isabella, and Mary A. Anderson. Sarah E. married Michael Crowell and Isabella married Samuel G. Delk, all of whom are complts. Mary E. married Joshua Crowell about the ____ [blank] day of 1853, 4 or 5, and died in 1863, without issue, never having given birth to a living child, leaving complainants, as her heirs at law and her husband, Joshua Crowell, being the defendant in the bill. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 229,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**M. V. Ingram vs. Jo. B. Thomas,
J. R. Miller, Jo. T. Johnson
& others**

(Original Bill Heard in Montgomery
County Chancery Court)

Jo. B. Thomas a citizen of Kentucky, J. R. Miller a citizen of New York, Jo. T. Johnson, Webb T. Garth, Mrs. Amanda Munford, widow and Admr. of W. B. Munford, Arthur, Ella, Lewis, Edward & Irwin Munford, all infant children of said W. B. and Amanda Munford, James E. Bailey as Admr. of Chas. Bailey, dec'd., Mrs. Bailey widow of said Charles, Dr. Bright Bailey a citizen of Kentucky, James E. Bailey and Charles Bailey children and heirs at law of said Charles Bailey, dec'd. all of lawful age, and Charles Bailey the son of Henry Bailey, dec'd. and grandson of Charles Bailey, Sr., dec'd. also citizens of the State of

¹ Cases selected for genealogical content. This series does not represent all filed records. -Ed.

Tennessee, Thomas W. King, Trustee. .

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Supreme Court Records, Box 307,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**W. H. Bradford et al. vs. James
Hamilton et al.**

(Original Bill Heard in Davidson
County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Wm. H. Bradford a citizen of Davidson County, Tenn. and James O. Alexander a citizen of Arkansas and general guardian of his children James M. Alexander, Milton W. Wm. M. Susan A. and Martha A. duly appointed by the Probate Court of Benton County, Arkansas the county and state of their residence filed in said court of chancery at Nashville against James Hamilton, executor of the last will and testament of James Bradford late of Rutherford County, Tennessee, A. H. Hurley of Davidson County, Tenn., the said Hamilton being now a citizen of the State of Alabama, and Betsey Bradford a citizen of the said County of Rutherford, Tenn. and James M. Alexander about 19 years old, Milton M. Alexander 17 years of age, Wm. M. Alexander 14 years old, Susan A. Alexander 9 years old, and Martha A. Alexander 5 years old all minors and residents of the State of Arkansas and Martha Zackery and her husband [blank] Zackery formerly Martha Cox a child of Franklin Cox, dec'd. about 5 years old, whose name is unknown to complainants, James Cox, Julia Joiner and her husband [blank] Cole she was formerly Susan Cox, Sarah Cox, Milley Cox, Malinda Cox, all these last named defendants are the descendants of Malinda Cox the late wife of Thomas W. Cox of Texas, where they now all reside and are all of full age except the child of Franklin Cox dec'd. The Alexanders the defendants in Arkansas are the children of Malinda A. Alexander, dec'd. who was a daughter of the late Eli M. Bradford, dec'd. and a granddaughter of the late James Bradford, dec'd.

Thereupon Complainants would respectfully show to your Honor that the late James Bradford of Rutherford County, Tennessee died about the year 1849. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 295,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**Wm. H. Roberts et al. vs. Wm.
Stone et al.**

(Original Bill Heard in Jackson Chan-
cery Court)

The amended bill of complaint of Micajah Stone and James S. Stone, Administrators with the will annexed of Bennett Stone, dec'd. and of Wm. S. Stone by his guardians James S. Stone and Micajah Stone the former James S. Stone a citizen of Jackson Co., Tenn. and the said Wm. S. Stone and Micajah Stone, citizens of Overton Co. in said state against Jo. B. Roberts, Lafayette Butler, Wm. L. Gates and his wife Clarinda Gates, Wm. M. Weaver and his wife Ethalinda Weaver and Varney Andrews citizens of the State of Texas, Jeremiah Stone a citizen of the State of Illinois, James A. Stone and his wife Sarah Stone, citizens of the State of Kentucky Hensley G. Blewett and his wife Martha Blewett citizens of Gibson County, Tenn., Jacob W. Gates and his wife Fannie Gates, Micajah Stone, Jr., Wm. Stone, Jr. Riley Peterman and his wife Susan Peterman, James Richard Stone a minor without any regular guardian, Emily Pardue, Van Brown and his wife Elizabeth Brown, Nancy Stone citizens of Overton County, Tenn. Jno. N. D. Stone a person of imbecile mind, Geo. H. Morgan his guardian, Saml. Weaver admr. of Stephen Langford, dec'd. Eliza Biggerstaff, James Roberts, Francis M. Garr and his wife Sarah Garr, George W. Reesor and his wife Nancy Reesor, Elizabeth Hamilton a minor whose regular guardian is F. M. Garr Ferd R. Hamilton and Geo. W. Hamilton minors whose regular guardian is complainant J. S. Stone and Mary T. Armstrong citizens of Jackson Co., Tenn. and Geo. W. H. Butler a citizen of Davidson Co. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 229,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**Logan Deitz and wife et al. vs.
Jno. W. Mitchell, extr,
and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Warren
County Chancery Court)

The Amended Bill of Complaint of Logan Deitz and wife Ahiniam[?], Anderson Saffley and wife Mira William Gardner and wife Sarah Ann citizens of Warren County Peter Hunter and wife Nancy of the State of Missouri W. J. McGregor of the State of Mississippi and James M. Ware and wife, Mexico of the State of Texas, Compls. Against Jno. W. Mitchell, Extr. of the last will and testament of Willis McGregor, dec'd. and his security Asa Faulkner and Geo. W. Smith also Jno. W. Mitchell and wife Orpha late Orpha McGregor also Vesta McGregor and Levonia McGregor, W. L. Swann and wife Cinthia, Leonidas Stubblefield and wife Nancy, Cham [?] Martin and wife Mira, Peter Gartner and wife Missouri and Christianna Hoodenpyle the last a minor without guardian all citizens of Warren County, Tenn., also Washington Allen and wife Susan, formerly Hoodenpyle of the State of Georgia.

Compls. respectfully show to the court that the parties mentioned in the caption are the representatives and devisees of Willis McGregor, dec'd. who departed this life in the County of Warren about the year 1861 having made his will in which the deft. Jno. W. Mitchell was appointed his Extr. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 228,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**Amos K. Williamson and wife,
et al. vs. James A. Montgomery,
Extr., and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Jackson
County Chancery Court)

Amos K. Williamson and wife Julia E. Williamson Jasper J. McDonald and wife Martha E. McDonald Eliza A. Draper Rufus Goodall Lucy A. Goodall William H. Cornwell and wife Cornelia William Cornwell and wife Louisa Cornwell and Allezena Goodall vs. James A. Montgomery, Executor of James Draper dec'd James E. Wheeler and David L. Goodall.

The Bill of complaint of Amos K. Williamson and wife July E. Williamson Eliza A. Draper Rufus Goodall Martha W. Goodall Lucy Goodall Caroline C. Goodall Louisa Goodall Allejona [?] Goodall the last three minors who sue by their next friend Amos K. Williamson all citizens of Jackson County,

Tenn. and Daniel L. Goodall a citizen of Sumner County, Tenn. and oratrixes most respectfully represent to Your Honor that William L. Goodall departed this life intestate in Jackson Co., Tenn. in November 1856. Your oratrix and orator are the children of the said intestate A. K. Williamson who intermarried with complainant July E. who is a daughter of said deceased the father of William W. Goodall died in Sumner County, Tenn. in 1857 having first made and published his last will and testament which has been duly probated in Sumner Co., Tenn.

...Your orators and oratrixes further state to your Honor that they cannot state exactly the provisions of the will of their grandfather but state from information and belief that he willed to them a large legacy. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 208,
Middle Tennessee, 1872

**Adam Thrasher and wife vs.
Hector M. Kyle et al.s.**

(Original Bill Heard in Overton
County Chancery Court)

Adam Thrasher and his wife Catharine Thrasher against Hector M. Kyle, John F. Kyle, Joseph Johnson and his wife Jerriet Johnson of Overton Co., Tenn. and Daniel Kyle of the State of Kentucky, Job Carter, Hugh Carter, John Thomas and his wife Jerriet Thomas, Andrew J. Carter, George W. Carter, Wm. Carter and Catharine Carter, children of Nancy Carter, dec'd. of the State of Arkansas, Susan A. Chapin, Martha Chapin and Eli Chapin, children of Elisabeth Chapin, dec'd. the later three are minors under the age of twenty-one years, and have no regular guardian known to complainants John A. Chapin Hugh K. Chapin, Paul S. Chapin John O. Chapin, Wm. Chapin, Harrison H. Chapin, Arminta C. Chapin and Sarah M. Chapin, the latter named seven are the children of the said John A. Chapin and his wife Sarah Chapin; the said Sarah Chapin being dead; and the said seven children being all minors under the age of twenty-one years; and have no regular guardian known to complainants of the State of Missouri, defendants.

Humbly complaining, your orator and oratrix would respectfully repre-

sent to Your Honor that Hugh Kyle departed this life in Overton County, Tenn. on the 16th day of September 1860 leaving the complainants and defendants his only heirs at law and distributees, having made no last will and testament. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 264,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**A. G. Goodlett, Admr. vs. Wm.
G. M. Campbell and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Davidson
County Chancery Court)

A. G. Goodlett, Admr. of Robert Goodlett, dec'd. vs. Wm. G. M. Campbell, Louisa Goodlett, widow of Robert Goodlett, dec'd., and others, the children and heirs of said Robert Goodlett, dec'd.

Your orator states that Robert Goodlett, late of Davidson County, died in September 1857 and ...that the said Robert Goodlett left him, surviving a widow, the defendant Louisa and nine children, his only heirs at law Mary Fanny, John W. Adam, Rebecca, Ann Eliza, Robert, Donald D. Ida, and Alphonso G. all of whom are under the age of twenty-one years, live in Davidson County, and have no general guardian. The first - to wit- Mary Fanny, has since the death of her father intermarried with Obadiah Owen. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 263,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

Sawyers vs. McAfee

(Original Bill Heard in Lincoln
County Chancery Court)

James M. McAfee guardian of Susan, Eliza J. and Nancy A. Collins, minors and Margaret E. Hovis [?] and William F. Collins, citizens of said county, complts. vs. John Wood, George W. Sawyers, Salatheil H. Kimes, Admr. of David J. Hines, dec'd., Henrietta Hines, all of full age and Toosie Hines, a minor citizen also of said county, defts...that Samuel D. Collins departed this life intestate in said County of Lincoln many years ago and that his estate has long since been settled up...

That said S. D. Collins left him surviving his widow and the following

children viz, your complts, Margaret E. who intermarried with one A. E. Hovis now dead, and William F. Collins now of full age, and Susan Collins, Eliza J. Collins and Nancy A. Collins who are still minors, and have for their regular guardian James M. McAfee — That one E. M. Wright became the regular guardian for all of said children. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 233,
Middle Tennessee, 1874

**J. L. Bryant and others vs. A. D.
V. Benson and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Lincoln
County)

J. L. Bryant, H. T. Benedick, Martha Benedick and the unknown minor heirs of Mary Nichols and Albert Bryant, by their next friend J. L. Bryant vs. A. D. V. Benson, David A. Benson and Mary Benson, parties by their attorneys. . . .

Supreme Court Records, Box 227,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

**David T. McGavock and others
vs. Miss Louisa A. Pugsley and
others**

(Original Bill Heard in Davidson
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of David T. McGavock Felix R. Cheatham and wife Ophelia C. Dallas Bache [?] and wife Alberta P. and Caroline McGavock and Daridella McGavock infant children of David T. McGavock and Caroline E. McGavock, dec'd. who file this bill by their father and next friend David T. and Sterling R. Cockrill Junior and Emmett Cockrill Junior infant children of Emmett and Eliza Cockrill deceased, who file their petition by their uncle and next friend Felix R. Cheatham, all citizens of Davidson County against Miss Louisa A. Pugsley and James Woods both citizens of said county and state of Tennessee.

Humbly complaining Complainants now show unto your Honor that their grandfather Charles Pugsley died sometime in the year 1832 possessed of considerable personal and real estate situated in said County of Davidson. . . .
(To be continued.)

BYLAWS OF THE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

The name of this non-profit Society shall be Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society.

ARTICLE II.

Objectives.

The objectives of this Society shall be to create and stimulate interest in the study of genealogy and family history; to collect, preserve and make available to others genealogical information pertaining to Middle Tennessee; to provide assistance to others in genealogical pursuits through all means available or developed by this Society.

ARTICLE III.

Membership and Dues.

SECTION 1. Any person interested in the study and pursuit and preservation of genealogy and family history shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be granted upon submission of application and payment of dues.

SECTION 2. Dues shall be payable on or before the first day of June each year in an amount set annually by the Board of Directors of the Society.

SECTION 3. No member shall be deemed a member in good standing whose dues shall be in arrears for more than thirty (30) days. The Recording Secretary shall notify the member of the delinquency and advise that the member will be dropped from membership unless dues are paid within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

SECTION 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Not less than six months before the annual meeting in May, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five (5) persons, one of whom shall be named as chairperson, to be approved by the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in May. The Nominating Committee shall report at the regular meeting in February. Before the election at the meeting in May, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. Each candidate shall have consented to the nomination.

SECTION 3. The Officer or Director shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected and assume office. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting in May. In the event there is only one candidate for any office, voting on that office may be by voice vote.

SECTION 4. No Officer shall hold more than one office at a time or be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

SECTION 5. A. A vacancy in the office of President shall

be filled by the Vice President who shall succeed to the office of President for the remainder of the term. B. If a vacancy should occur during the year in any office or directorship other than Presidency, the vacancy shall be filled through appointment by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. A. **The President** shall: 1. Preside at all meetings of the association and the Board of Directors. 2. Appoint all standing Committee Chairpersons and such other committees as authorized by the Society or Board of Directors. 3. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. 4. Appoint a member to serve as Parliamentarian. 5. Perform other duties as pertain to the office of President.

B. **The Vice President** shall: 1. Be an active aid to the President. 2. Conduct him/herself so as to obtain the greatest possible acquaintance with the affairs of the Society. 3. In the event of the absence or inability of the President to perform his/her duties, the Vice President shall perform the duties of and have the authority and privileges of the President. 4. Serve as Chairperson of the Program Committee.

C. **The Recording Secretary** shall: 1. Take minutes of the meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors; keep a permanent, continuous record of all activities of the Society; make a report of the written record at each meeting. 2. Maintain an accurate list of membership. 3. Perform other duties as pertain to this office. 4. Notify members of delinquent dues per Article III Section 3.

D. **The Corresponding Secretary** shall: 1. Notify all members of meetings. 2. Conduct the correspondence of the Society as directed by the President or Board of Directors. 3. Perform other duties as pertain to this office.

E. **The Treasurer** shall: 1. Receive and deposit all funds of the Society in a suitable depository bank. 2. Receive all monies and disburse funds that are proper and reasonable expenses of the Society. 3. Submit a full written report at each regular meeting giving full account of all financial transactions. 4. Maintain a permanent record of all receipts. 5. Submit all financial records for audit upon vacating the office. In addition, the Board of Directors may require a special audit. Audits are to be performed by a committee selected by the Board. 6. It shall be the Treasurer's responsibility to file any federal, state or local tax forms required.

F. **The Immediate Past President** shall: 1. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors for one year following the term of office as President.

SECTION 7. In the event an Officer or Director fails to attend at least one half (1/2) of the stated meetings without valid reason or just cause, the office held by such person(s) shall be declared vacant and a new Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors to serve the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V.

Board of Directors.

SECTION 1. Four Directors of the Society shall be elected at annual meetings of the Society and shall serve for a term of two (2) years except that, at the first election, one half

(1/2) of the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve for one year and one half (1/2) for two years. Thereafter, two Directors are to be elected annually. Any elected Director who shall have served as much as two terms of two years each shall be ineligible for re-election as a Director for a period of one year immediately following the expiration of such second full term.

SECTION 2. The Officers and Directors of this Society shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society between its business meetings, make recommendations to the membership and perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the membership and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Society. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, unless otherwise ordered by the Society at a place and time determined by the Board.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall develop annually a budget for approval by the Society at the annual meeting, and shall have authority to expend funds in accordance with the budget. In addition, they may transfer funds from one item of the budget to another and may expend monies not to exceed the contingency fund, without prior approval of the Society.

SECTION 4. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to develop a policy for answering requests directed to the Society for general information and/or genealogical research and to develop and approve all public releases pertaining to the Society.

SECTION 5. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors shall appoint one Director to serve on the Board of Directors whose responsibility is to serve as Editor of the Society quarterly publication. This Director is to be a voting member of the Board and is to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Saturday of May, August, November and February, unless otherwise ordered by the Society or Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of June and end on the last day of May. The regular meeting in May shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of election of Officers, receiving reports of Officers and committees, and any other business that may arise.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors or upon the written request of ten (10) members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be considered at that special meeting. Except in cases of emergency, at least thirty (30) days' notice shall be given.

SECTION 4. Fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.

SECTION 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Program; Collection and Archives; Public Relations and Membership; Publications and such other committees as may be authorized by the Society or Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Duties of Standing Committees. A. **The Program Committee** shall: 1. Arrange a program for presentation at each of the quarterly meetings of the Society. 2. Any seminars sponsored by the Society shall come under the direction of this committee. B. **The Collections and Archives Committee** shall: 1. Receive and process any genealogical information received by the Society in the form directed by the Board of Directors so as to preserve and make such information accessible to the public. C. **The Public Relations and Membership Committee** shall: 1. Actively seek new members for the Society. 2. Publicize information pertaining to the Society as directed by the Board of Directors. D. **The Publications Committee** shall: 1. Prepare materials, other than the quarterly journal, for publication as approved by the Board of Directors. 2. Assist the Editor of the quarterly as needed. 3. Provide input to the board on matters relating to publication.

ARTICLE VIII.

Parliamentary Authority.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure for this association not specifically covered by its bylaws and standing rules.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendment of Bylaws.

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote of members present provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting or has been mailed to the entire membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which they shall be considered.

ARTICLE X.

Dissolution of the Society.

To effect dissolution of this Society, these bylaws must be rescinded by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present after thirty (30) days notice has been mailed to each member. In the event of dissolution, all assets and holdings of the Society shall be converted into an acceptable form and presented to the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

ARTICLE XI.

SECTION 1. No Society member shall accept remuneration for any research or general information request DIRECTED to the Society.

SECTION 2. This Society shall be operated as not for profit organization and no part of the assets or net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

*Original bylaws adopted 15 August 1987,
Proposed amendments approved unanimously
by Board of Directors 2 January 1991.*

TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY: SISTER STATES?

By Byron Sistler

We commonly think of Kentucky and Tennessee as being sister states—areas of similar composition in both population and attitudes. Is this really true?

Certainly they are geographical tied together like Siamese twins, with a very long common boundary. Both are border states between North and South. During much of the 19th century, a period of greater interest to genealogists than the present (or so it seems), the population of the two states remained nearly identical.

A look at the 1850 census of these two states reveals some surprising dissimilarities, however. In that year the population of Kentucky was just under 1,000,000 and that of Tennessee just over 1,000,000. The percentage of free population to the total was 78 in Kentucky and 77 in Tennessee. But look at the number and distribution of foreign born:

Number of Free Foreign-born Persons

| Birthplace | Kentucky | Tennessee |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| England | 2805 | 706 |
| Scotland | 683 | 327 |
| Wales | 171 | 17 |
| Ireland | 9466 | 2640 |
| Germany | 13607 | 1168 |
| France | 1116 | 245 |
| Italy | 143 | 59 |

The total foreign-born Caucasians were 31,401 in Kentucky and only 5638 in Tennessee. Compared to the total population of these states these figures are indeed small, with the vast bulk of the residents in each case being of U. S. nativity.

The reason for almost 5 to 1 ratio of foreign born in Kentucky as opposed to Tennessee is to be found on the northern border of Kentucky, where the Ohio River washes past the state for hundreds of miles. This was the pathway for a great migration from Europe, which was particularly troubled in the 1840s, first by the potato famine in Ireland in 1846 and 1847, and then by the Revolutions of 1848; the latter was a particular impetus for the departure of Germans to America.

As one would expect, almost all these Europeans who came to Kentucky settled in the counties nearest the Ohio, so that in spite of their small numbers they made a distinct contribution to the ethnic coloration of that part of the state.

We have long imagined that there was much movement of people from Kentucky to Tennessee and vice versa in the early years. Yet in 1850 only 23,623 persons living in Kentucky were born in Tennessee; and only 12,609 of those living in Tennessee were born in Kentucky. ■

Notice: It is very important that your name and address be placed on the same sheet as the query. Please capitalize, underline or highlight all surnames and maiden names only. Check for correct spelling and legibility of names, particularly surnames when handwritten. Where the correct surname spelling cannot be confirmed, use the one you prefer first with optional spelling in parentheses.

Bobby Ezell - Queries Editor.

VIVRETT: I am seeking parents & ancestors of Thomas VIVRETT (all various spellings inc VIVRETTE, DUVIVIER, VIVIER). Thomas (b 1750 Edgecombe Co NC, d 1791 Nash Co NC) m 1770 to Elizabeth **HICKMAN - DEW**, a widow. Elizabeth was the dau of Nathaniel L. **HICKMAN** Sr. Thomas VIVRETT's parents were French Huguenots - refugees who first fled France between 1629-1685. Probably Alencon in Lower Normandie, by 1685 to Ulster (Northern Ireland) & left the Belfast region for America by 1717. Who landed in America? When, Where, & from which port? Bill Vivrett/No 3 Great Knight Court/Manchester MO 63011/(314)227-4692.

CAMPBELL: Searching for parents of Samuel Paxton CAMPBELL (b 24 May 1824 Cocke Co TN, d 1 Apr 1910 Doniphan, Ripley Co MO); m 2 Feb 1843 Hardin Co TN to Frances DeHart **THAXTON** (b Apr 1822, ?) dau of William W. **THAXTON** & Martha ?. Betty Sheppard/3657 Bermuda Circle/Augusta GA 30909-2603.

RESEARCHING following with middle TN connections: Gr-gr-grandparents Ervin **CHERRY** b 1818 Cannon Co/ wife Serena **DUNCAN** b 1817 SC; Uriah **JACO** b 1814 Warren Co/wives (1) Rody **CARDWELL** b 1820 TN (2) Pricilla **ROWLAND** b 1823; Martin **ISBILL** b 1827 Monroe Co/wife Harriett **ALLEN** b 1821 SC (Harriett 1st m Isaac **WEAVER** b 1814 TN); Gr-grandparents John R. **FAGG** b 1844 Franklin Co/wife Sara Frances **PETTY** b 1854 Franklin Co/brother Zachery Taylor **FAGG** b 1846 Franklin Co/bro's wife Sara J. **JONES** b 1855; Thomas Floyd **HAMRICK** b 1844 MS/wife Martha Elizabeth **WARREN** b1845 Franklin Co (Martha 1st m Benjamin **LINN** b 1836 Franklin Co who was killed by indians while serving as a Ranger in TX.) Would like to exchange & share data with anyone with info on these families. Cherry Williams/1000 Rocky Canyon Rd/Arlington TX 76012.

Wish to Correspond with **WILSON, BAILEY, DANIEL & NELSON's** in Lawrence, McMinn, Wilson, & Bedford Co's TN 1820 thru 1850. Researching: A. M. **WILSON**, prob Archibald **WILSON**; E. John **NELSON**; George **NELSON**; Enoch R. **NELSON**; Andrew **NELSON**, farmer. Will share, or pay postage & copying. Suzanne Nelson Thomas/5515 Fall Creek Hwy/Granbury TX 76049.

BRYANT/WINFREY: Need info: James T. **BRIANT/BRYANT** (b 1790 Albemarle Co VA, d 1850 Marion Co IL) m Rachel (b 1800 TN). Is he son of John **BRYANT** & Judith

Elizabeth WINFREY, m VA before 1781? Family also resided Adair Co KY, Lincoln Co TN & Jackson Co AL. Traveled with SHELTON, LUTTRELL, EASLEY families. Also need Rachel's surname & where she is buried. Their son William Gleason BRYANT resided & died Liberty, DeKalb Co TN (bur Overall Cem). His ch: Jane L. m Obediah BARRETT; James T.; Joseph W.; Rachel m Wills BARRETT; Ailsey; John; Margaret m John R. ADAMSON; Zachary T. m Rachel P. DODD; Nancy Ann m G. W. ADAMSON; William Riley m Martha Ann WILLIAMS; & Lucetta. Eager to correspond & exchange info. Mary Bryant Park/2204 West 5th/Stillwater OK 74074 (Payne).

WHITE/MULLEN: Who were the parents of Edmund WHITE (a. 1804-?, b KY)? He 1st m Mary MULLEN (a. 1810-?, b GA) on 10 Apr 1848 in Davidson Co & later to Mary A. ? (a. 1846-?). His ch. were Lucy WHITE (a. 1831-?, b KY), George Washington WHITE (15 Mar 1834-2 Apr 1909). E.W. is listed in Davidson Co TN census for 1850 & 1860. Joseph C. Kennedy/14882 Gable Ridge Rd/San Diego CA 92128 (619)674-1263.

WHITE/VAUGHN: Who were parents of Amanda VAUGHN (18 Feb 1834-20 Jan 1901 Nashville TN). She m George Washington WHITE (15 Mar 1834-2 Apr 1909) on 1 Mar 1853 in Davidson Co. Their ch. were Jackson B. WHITE Sr (7 Mar 1856-9 Jan 1929); Thomas WHITE (a. 1850-?); Edmund WHITE (a. 1854-?); & two other males (names unk). G. W. WHITE may have been a Confederate veteran. They lived in Davidson Co TN throughout their lives. Joseph C. Kennedy/14882 Gable Ridge Rd/San Diego CA 92128 (619)674-1263.

PHILLIPS: William J. (b ca 1805, d aft 1864 at ?). Wife Mary A. (b 7 Dec 1812 TN, d 14 Apr 1895 TX). All Children born Rutherford Co TN, where family known to have lived 1835-1860's. Ch: Nancy, John L., Josiah, Sarah, Wm. J., Wilson, Francis, Mary, & Robert. All came to TX after 1880 except John L. who m Jennie RUCKER in 1859 in Rutherford Co TN, living there until 1880. They had children Charles (b 1861), Charles (b 1863) & Kate. John Luke & family was in Gibson Co TN by 1880, which is last record of family. Seeking info on John & family & any info as to what might have happened to Wm. J. the father of all, and where he came from, etc. N. Sidney Graves/3025 Chimney Hill Dr/Waco TX 76708/(817)753-2200.

George LOVEFACE/LOVELESS came to Hickman Co TN from Caswell Co NC sometime before 1830 with three young children: Pryor Lee, Peter R. & Lucy Ann. He remarried in Hickman Co & had several more children. Does anyone know the name of his first wife & mother of his first three children? Any help will be very much appreciated. Katherine P. Robinson/5224 Doles Road/Albany GA 31705.

SWIFT: Alfred SWIFT (b 22 Mar 1815, d 17 Dec 1870)

m Martha M. JERRELS in 1833. Believed to have had a brother Anthony SWIFT who m Anna JERRELS 9 Jun 1842 in Jefferson Co IL. I think Anthony & Anna went back to TN, in or around Nashville. Who were Alfred & Anthony SWIFT's parents? Would welcome any SWIFT or JERRELS information. Mrs Martha (Swift) Foster/Route 5 Box 58, Mt Vernon IL 62864.

PRITCHET (PRICHARD) / BROWN/BOYD/DRAPPER /EVANS: Benjamin PRITCHET (PRICHARD) (b 1816 NC) m Alvira BROWN (b 1819, d 1879 Smith Co TN) 6 Feb 1838 in Orange Co NC; Benjamin CARROL was marriage surety. Jackson Co TN 1850 census shows ch: Ira 10, John 9, Melvina 8, Sidney 7, Stephan 5, Tracy 3, Zachariah 2. Son, Zacharias (b ca 1848) m Francis Leatha BOYD (b 1859 TN). Her parents Alexander BOYD (b Oct 1821 Jackson Co TN) & Leatha EVANS (b ca 1823 TN). Could Stephen PRITCHARD who m Nov 1804 Orange Co NC to Polly CARROLLE be parents of Benjamin (b 1816 NC)? Aleatha EVAN's parents were Obadiah EVANS m 1820 Salley DRAPPER (b 1792 SC). Obadiah's parents? Barbara McCain/312 Seven Oaks Trail/Knoxville TN 37922.

CUNNINGHAM/MURPHEY/CROPPER/MOSS: Would like to exchange information on these family lines in Wilson & Rutherford Counties in early 1800's. Looking for descendants of John CUNNINGHAM, John Greene MURPHEY, James CROPPER, & Gilbert MOSS. Beverly White/116 McSaubia/Charlevoix MI 49720.

ANDERSON/SHINN/GREER: Seeking info about children of Joseph Baird ANDERSON, grandson of Robert ANDERSON & Jane SHINN, & Martha GREER, dau of Benjamin GREER. Children were S. C. F. ANDERSON, female, b 1857 & John ANDERSON b 1859. Were there more children? What happened to them & Martha? Joseph Baird ANDERSON later married Mila J. SAVAGE, a school teacher in 1871. Leona Orton Pipkin/1432 Baldwin Court/Naperville IL 60565.

ARNOLD: Henry ARNOLD (b 1820) m Elizabeth (?). Daughter Julia Ann ARNOLD (b May 1846 Bedford or Rutherford Co TN, d 8 Oct 1908). I need the father of Henry ARNOLD & family etc., back where they came from Ireland or England. Violet Prater/700 Ruth St Athens/TX 75751.

LANE/LAWRENCE: Peyton L. LANE (b 1839 TN, d 13 Oct 1897) m Margaret LAWRENCE (b 12 Jul 1849 TN, d 11 Jul 1896). I need the LAWRENCE line. Violet Prater/700 Ruth St/Athens TX 75751.

SNELLIN(GS)/BYRD: Who were the parents of Sarah Elizabeth SNELLINS (b 1844 AL). She m James Jordan BYRD in 1864 (where?) She may have been a sister to Lucinda V. SNELLINS who m W. Blake BYRD. Was this family in Lawrence Co TN 1860? Is she related to the SNELLINGS of Bedford Co TN? Wanda Killgore/PO Box 419/Allardt TN 38504.

OLIVER: Seeking info on Richard H. OLIVER (b ca 1822 TN) m Elizabeth Jane (?) ca 1825. Living in Washington Co AR in 1846. Had at least 2 sons, William Yell & James OLIVER. Living in Crawford Co AR in 1850. Possibly related to the following OLIVERS who moved to Washington Co AR from TN about the same time: Eli, Joel, William G. & James J. Need help. Jimmy Hicks/309 W. Kibler Hwy/Van Buren AR 72956.

WILHITE: Seeking parents of Hiram WILHITE (b 1810 TN) m Mary Ann "Polly" STRICKLER 18 Oct 1830 in McMinn Co TN. Hiram was living in McMinn Co TN when the census was taken in 1830, but moved to Washington Co AR in early 1830's. He lived there until he & his son Thomas were murdered by a confederate raiding party 10 Apr 1864. On the 1830 McMinn Co TN census there was one WILHITE named Kinsey, 20-30 yrs old, wife, 3 children & another adult male 20-30 in the house next door to Mary Ann STRICKLER's home. Trying to find the connection between Hiram & Kinsey that would put Hiram in that household. Having a hard time finding WILHITE's who will claim us!!! Jimmy Hicks/309 W. Kibler Hwy/Van Buren AR 72956.

MOULTON: Seeking siblings, parents, place of birth of John M. MOULTON (b ca 1788 VA?), wife Nancy SMITH. Resided in Robertson Co TN until approx 1844 when they moved to Williamson Co IL. Two sons remained in Robertson Co; John Jackson MOULTON (1826-1903)(wife Susannah COBB) & Wesley W. MOULTON (1819-1901)(wife Serena STARK). John M. MOULTON had 13 other children; Mary P., Frederick C., Miles M., Eliza, Jane, Angeline, William R., Mahala, George W., Thomas Greenberry, Malvina, Alvina (twins) & Sterling. Any relations to the Knox Co or Meigs Co TN MOULTON's? Bonnie Schwarz/705 Maywood/Hoffman Estates IL 60194.

ROBERTSON: Seeking siblings, parents, birthplace of Joseph A. ROBERTSON, 6 Feb 1815-9 Jan 1883 Williamson Co IL. stated place of birth as TN. Wife Cordelia (Candace) Caroline DEAN (DUNN). Married in Williamson Co IL 26 May 1844. Cordelia born approx 1824, Robertson Co TN? They had 12 children; Wilmoth, Nancy, Anderson, Thomas Wiley, Mary Jane, Sarah, Martha Ann, Eugenia A., Lucy Bell, Charles B., Arabell, Joseph H. Joseph A. was first married to Esther PERRY, 15 Sep 1839, in Williamson Co IL. They had a dau Louisa who died prior to 1860. Bonnie Schwarz/705 Maywood/Hoffman Estates IL 60194.

GREESON/HODGES: Seeking parents of Augustus A. GREESON (b Jan 1811 Possibly AL or GA, d May 1848 Limestone Co AL) who m Lucy HODGES before 1830. Augustus was a Constable in Giles Co TN in 1840 & a Justice of the Peace in Limestone Co AL at the time of his death. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego CA 92111-4234.

SARTIN/CARTER: Seeking info about William SARTIN

who m Martha Jane CARTER CA 1864 in area of Knox Co TN. They had 3 daughters Elnora Cordelia (b Nov 1865) m James Thomas GREESON June 1884 Limestone Co AL; Florence (b 1869) m Samuel Littleton WRIGHT; Savannah Ann (b 1871) m Bryant Smith BASSHAM Dec 1887. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego CA 92111-4234.

MEADOWS / SHERMAN / PARDUE / LEWIS: James MEADOWS (1730-1815) & wife Eleanor (SHEARMAN/SHERMAN) of Granville Co NC had the following MEADOWS ch: Jesse (1755-1811), John, Daniel (1762-1836), Isaac, Michael (1765-1819), Ephraim (b 1768?- d, aft 1850), Rachel, & Mercy. Compling material for a book on these family lines & seeking info on any of the MEADOWS siblings & their descendants, some of whom left NC in early 1800's to settle in TN (counties of Warren, Bedford, Rutherford & elsewhere?). Michael MEADOWS (d 1819 Bedford Co TN), Daniel MEADOWS (b 1762, Rev War Soldier, d 1836 Bedford Co), Ephraim MEADOWS (resided in Rutherford Co). Did the siblings Isaac & John MEADOWS also move to TN? Did their married sisters, Rachel MEADOWS (m Blackmun PARDUE) & Mercy MEADOWS (m Thomas LEWIS) also move to TN? Will gladly exchange data. Maryland (MEADOWS) Campbell/14207 N. 27th Drive/Phoenix AZ 85023-5801.

BULL/HORN: I am looking for any info concerning the BULL & HORN families from the Montgomery & Dickson Co TN area. Jeremiah BULL (b 1825 TN) m Mary E. HORN (b 1829 Montgomery Co TN, d 1901) on 6 Jan 1846 in Dickson Co TN. Jeremiah's father is possibly Balaam BULL married to Sarah in Montgomery Co TN. Mary's father is possibly Theolophis HORN married to Patsey WALL. Any info will be appreciated. Willis E. Osburn/9447 South Chelsea Road/Columbia SC 29223.

BRYANT/HENDERSON: Who was the father of Alfreta BRYANT (29 Feb 1864-1955, b GA)? Her mother was Martha Elizabeth HENDERSON (a. 1846-?, b GA), dau of Sam HENDERSON (a. 1814-?, GA) & Mary STUART (a. 1820-?). Family lore is that he was Hugh BRYANT Jr. Does anyone know? Joseph C. Kennedy/14882 Gable Ridge Rd/San Diego CA 92128 (619)674-1263.

SLAUGHTER: Seeking info on Jacob SLAUGHTER & wife. Their dau Barbara SLAUGHTER m Jacob STRICKLER from Sullivan Co TN. Barbara left her husband & moved her children to McMinn Co TN & then to Washington Co AR in early 1830's. Her children were Benjamin, Jacob, William, John, Mary Ann, Elizabeth & Christina. Would be delighted to get info on this family. Jimmy Hicks/309 W. Kibler Hwy/Van Buren AR 72956.

WOOD: Seeking info about the Francis (b ca 1784 VA) & Susan (b ca 1794 NC) WOOD family of Smith Co TN. Their Children were William A., (b ca 1823 TN); John (b ca 1825 TN); Josiah Frank (b ca 1827 TN). He may have been the brother of Josiah D. WOOD (b ca 1798 & m to

Eliza (1806-?). He may also have been the son of Josiah WOOD. Joseph C. Kennedy/14882 Gable Ridge Rd/San Diego CA 92128 (619)674-1263.

VANCE: Need info on John VANCE (b ca 1801 TN) who m Mary (?) (b ca 1811 TN) prob ca 1829. (Some say that Mary may have been a full blooded Cherokee.) Moved to Washington Co AR & had following children mostly born in 1830's & 1840's: Thomas, Joseph, Harris, Martin, Malinda, Pennington, Andrew, Hannah, Tabitha Cumi, Wm Jasper, Sarah, Lucinda, Jesse, & Mary. Please help me learn about my VANCE heritage. Jimmy Hicks/309 W. Kibler Hwy/Van Buren AR 72956.

CARSON: Seeking info about the parents of James S. CARSON (b c 1807 TN) listed in the 1850 Smith Co TN

census. He was m to Polly ? (b ca 1816 KY). Their Children were David W. (b ca 1836); James F. (b ca 1839); Pandora (b ca 1841); Buford A. (b ca 1842); Morning Anne (b ca 1847); Louis F. (b ca 1848) & William W. CARSON (b ca 1850). Joseph C. Kennedy/14882 Gable Ridge Rd/San Diego CA 92128 (619)674-1263.

GOWER: Need maiden name of Elizabeth Jane (maybe **PIERCE**) (b ca 1824 TN) who m James GOWER (b 1816 TN). They lived in the following places: Tancy Co MO, Searcy Co AR, & Franklin Co AR. Trying to find if Elizabeth GOWER belongs with the following: Mary "Polly" PIERCE (b ca 1793 KY), Gideon PIERCE (b ca 1828 TN), Morgan PIERCE (b ca 1836 TN, Sarah PIERCE (b 1815 TN). Jimmy Hicks/309 W. Kibler Hwy/Van Buren AR 72956. ■

OF INTEREST

In an issue of the *Confederate Veterans* magazine early this year, there was a reprinted editorial from John Perry, editor of the *Confederate Gazette*. He detailed how over 5,700 cubic feet of Confederate Archive records, including muster rolls, payrolls, hospital records, etc. are in danger. These records were stacked in card boxes in the non-climate controlled area of the National Archives. He also stated that the documents were not slated to be housed in the new building at College Park, Maryland. Therefore, their future is uncertain. Mr. Perry further wrote that Dr. Miscall Meir, a National Archives spokesman, admitted they were "going to seed" rapidly. Write your Senators and Congressmen to urge their assistance in helping to preserve these records.



The Valentine Prentice Descendants group, c/o L. J. Dewald, 9190 Oak Leaf Way, Granite Bay, CA 95746, has developed a large database for people surnamed Prentice, Prentis and Prentiss, including some who moved to and/or through Tennessee. Write to the address above for free help.



Interested in the Wheeler family? Forty-eight pages of Wheeler information annually, including queries, group sheets, wills, land records, etc. are available for \$10.00 per year. Write "Wheeler Tracks," c/o Frances Wheeler, 9920 NE 120th St., Okeechobee, FL 34972-7453.

Ms. Wheeler also edits the **Granville Queries**, a newsletter for researchers of Old Granville County, North Carolina. Published quarterly, the price of \$10.00 per year. Write Ms. Wheeler, address above.

A number of middle Tennessee counties have active historical and genealogical societies. As space permits, a number of these will be included in "Our Interest" column. Write directly to the following groups if you wish more information. (If you have information on other societies in the middle Tennessee area, please send them to the Editor for listing in future "Of Interest" columns.)

- The Franklin County Historical Society
P. O. Box 130, Winchester, TN 37398
- Montgomery County Historical Society
P.O. Box 262, Clarksville, TN 37040-0262



MTGS member, Dr. Betty Drake, 513 N. 19th Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401, writes a column, "Meet Your Ancestors" for her local paper. Queries are free and should refer to South Mississippi families. Write to her home address, above.



Genealogy Destinations, a division of Colpitts World Travel, presents "Genealogy at Sea Seminars," offering lecture programs on board the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's feature ship in Alaska. Contact, Colpitts World Travel, 1- (800) 972-7777, ext. 205, for further information.



The Fourth Annual Eastern Kentucky Searchers Seminar will be held June 22-24, 1996, at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Registration, \$25 per person. For more information write KFB Enterprises, P. O. Box 182, Batavia, IL 60510.

OF INTEREST

ATTENTION SOCIETIES! WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE SPEAKER FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING?!

Many of you already know that an exciting event will take place next May 8 to 11, 1996 when the National Genealogical Society Conference in the States is held here in Nashville with the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society as sponsor.

In order to get the word out to as many genealogists and historians as possible, MTGS has developed a presentation which will make a nice program for meetings of local societies. The 45 minute program explains in detail the types of lectures, computer programs, exhibits and social activities which will be available to you as part of this conference. Those in attendance will receive application and program information and have the opportunity to ask questions. MTGS reserves the right to beg the local societies for volunteer assistance at conference time!!

If your society is interested in such a presentation, please contact the following person to schedule a program. (Leave message on answering machine if not at home.)

Jean Rowlett
525 Leeanne Drive
Nashville, TN 37211
(615) 832-4334

MTGS hopes to make this program available to any interested group. Depending on the response, societies in nearby states could also have the program available to their members by providing travel expenses.

The success of the First Families of Tennessee has inspired the Bledsoe County Historical and Genealogical Society to initiate a similar project First Families of Bledsoe County. Membership is open to anyone who can prove descent from a man or woman living in Bledsoe County, Tennessee, at the time it became a county on November 30, 1807. A list of names is available of those the society believes can be proven.

For more information call or write the Bledsoe County Historical & Genealogical Society at P. O. Box 465, Pikeville, TN 37367, (615) 447-2817. The proof submitted will be placed in the Bledsoe County Public Library and will become a legacy for future generations and researchers.



This fall a local group (Tent) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, will be organized in Tennessee. All women who have attained the age of eight years and over, are eligible for membership if they are lineal descendants of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Union Army or Navy.

The Daughter of Union Veterans of Civil War is the only Civil War lineal descent women's organization recognized and endorsed by the Grand Army of the Republic. Interested women should contact DUV, 6876 Richard Wilson Drive, Millington, TN 38053-3934. Internet address: OM-WILKINSON@DELPHI.COM.



The Henderson County Genealogical & Historical Society, P. O. Box 303, Henderson, KY 42420-0303, publishes a quarterly called *The Revue*, and has a number of interesting books, pewter plates, note cards, and T-Shirts for sale. Write for their price list and more information.



Send notices at least four months prior to the class or event to the Editor, 200 Sheffield Place, Nashville, TN 37215-3235.

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