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Editor's Thoughts

We've got a **GOOD** issue here! Dot Johnson of Huntsville, Ala. has made good on her promise to abstract the Mero District Records. You'll find them much more manageable to use! The Queries were on the light side for this issue so there's an extra page of the Mero District to celebrate Dot's work.

Check out how John Baker got interested in genealogy, p. 107. If you have an unusual story about getting "hooked" let us know, maybe we can publish a collection of anecdotes on "How I got started." There is a growing active interest in black genealogy; expect to see more articles dealing with African-American ancestors.

Things don't always go right, for *anyone*. The Arcade Branch of the Post Office remodeled and had to change all the postal box numbers. An aggravation for everyone concerned. Our new box number is 190625 and the last four digits of the zip code change. The zip is now 37219-0625.

We were so proud of being able to publish the index for last year separately. Still don't know exactly what went wrong (well, we know **WHAT**, what we don't know is **WHY**). The person doing the indexing included the index for the previous year. This has created a great deal of confusion.

Since the last quarterly came out we replaced a personal computer, not by choice, resulting in a great deal of extra work around this place. We fell victim to the familiar *as long as* we're changing the system, *we might as well* go ahead and upgrade the software at the same time. There is no end to the learning process! Of course we still don't have everything working exactly as we'd like and the modem isn't working at all yet. If this quarterly appears slightly different, it is. Lines here and there, type styles, etc. All are similar, none exactly the same.

I'd like to mention Bobby Ezell (queries), W. W. Watkins and George Watson—you just about never see their names but they do a LOT of work preparing material for the computer. Let's hear some applause for these guys!

There's a rumor afoot about the possibility of extended hours at the Tennessee State Library and Archives with a possibility of weekend hours. Wouldn't that delight a lot of us! Maybe we'll know for sure by the next quarterly.

Your honored president turned in such an enthusiastic column it seemed a shame to cut it. But she's only allowed one page. So cut we did, but not destroy. See box on page 105 for latest information on the computer interest group. bjs

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! When the first day of January rolls around, like most people, I spend time reflecting on the past, what things I've done right and what things I would do differently if the situation arose again. In reflecting upon the accomplishments our Society has achieved in the recent past, I am especially pleased about the condition of our treasury. In May of 1991, when I took office, our treasury stood at just a bit over \$4,200. We now boast a nest egg of about \$10,000. We're not living from "hand to mouth" anymore. Keep reading to learn how we are pooling our resources to print the best Quarterly, sponsor the best seminars, and donate needed materials to TSLA, all while retaining our low membership cost of \$15.

Readers of this column will already be cognizant of our goal to increase cultural diversity in our organization. We are trying now to put some of our money where our mouth is. The Society has recently purchased three reels of microfilm--the index to deposit ledgers of Tennessee branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874--and has donated them to the Tennessee State Library and Archives. As many members already know, a monetary gift to TSLA does not go directly to TSLA. Instead, money gifts go into a general state fund. Special gifts such as this donation, however, evade that restriction.

There is a change of meeting time that we will have to observe beginning with the March meeting. The regular Society meeting will remain at 1:00 p.m. After a short break, probably about 2:30 or so, the computer interest group will reconvene for their meeting. Remember that this change doesn't take place until March, but it is a permanent change, since we are no longer able to schedule our meeting place on Saturday mornings. January's computer interest group meeting will be at the usual time, 10:00 a.m.

We have received many letters praising the professional look of our Quarterly. Barbara Sistler, Irene Griffey and their assistants deserve plenty of credit--their hard work really shows in the quality of our publication. We did receive one letter with a local address protesting spending money for the new look, suggesting donations to the TSLA instead. However, for our members who are at too great a distance to attend our meetings, the Quarterly is the major membership benefit they receive. We want to be sure that all members get their money's worth. Your Board of Directors tries very hard to serve all segments of our Society. We do appreciate your feedback; without it, we don't know what you think!

What an exciting day November 21 was! My hat is off to Nida Wheeler for putting on the most successful November seminar to date. Speaker John Vogt was outstanding, and his display of books certainly added interest to coffee breaks. The accommodations were excellent, as well--the tables were a wonderful alternative to knees for note taking, and the delectable, hot food was a welcome alternative to cold sandwiches. Good job, Nida!

I am really proud of how our November seminar has evolved into such a successful, high caliber meeting. The next two years' November seminars promise to be more exciting than ever. In November 1993 Helen Leary, CG will speak; topics will be announced later. The following year Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL will speak. Our Society has definitely moved into the "big time" when we can attract this kind of talent! Both these women are well-known, recognized experts; both instruct at the Samford Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research and are frequent speakers at NGS. Mark your calendars for the third Saturday in November.

Best wishes,

Pat

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

No. 955.
The Claim of Doctor A. Gilbert, of Linc

No. of Item	NATURE OF CLAIM	AMOUNT CLAIMED		AMOUNT ALLOWED		AMOUNT DISALLOWED	
		Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.
63. July. 11	1 bay horse, 2 yrs.	150	-	100	00	50	00
12	1 " " 3 "	140	-			140	00
3	1 black mare, 6 "	150	-	100	00	50	00
4	1 iron-gray " 7 "	200	-			200	00
		640 -		200.00		440.00	

The claimant was a farmer in Lincoln Co. He says he was always a Union man - and that he used violence to prevent his son's joining the Confederate Army. Two of his neighbors testify to his loyalty. - We find him loyal.

Item 2. was a colt - one witness says 2 years old - another says 3 years old. - Plainly not taken for Army use. - Item 4 was a colt 4 yrs old - not fit for Army use.

The other two horses were taken for Army use - were not worth over \$100. each -

We allow \$200.00

A. O. Stiles } Claimant
J. B. Howell }
D. J. Jones } Claimant

ABSTRACT OF CLAIM BY DOCTOR A. GILBERT (1821-1902)
Against the U.S. Government for Losses During the Civil War

by Patricia A. West

No. 955, AB202
CLAIM

Doctor A. Gilbert

OF
Lincoln County,
Tennessee.

SUMMARY REPORT.

Amount Allowed \$ 200.00

SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS

December 4 1876

BY THE

COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS,

UNDER

ACT MARCH 3D. 1871.

Reference: Civil War Claims in the South: An Index of Civil War Damages Claims Filed Before the Southern Claims Commission, 1871-1880 by Gary B. Mills, 1980 (P.O. Box 2837, Laguna Hills CA 92653; (714) 586-8811). The book lists alphabetically, within states, the Southerners who filed 22,298 claims against the U.S. government to recover damages suffered in the War. A mere 7,092 claims were approved. The index includes the claimant's name, county of residence, and case number. Copies of the files may be obtained from the National Archives.

Doctor A. "Doc" Gilbert, my great-great-great grandfather, of Richmond, Lincoln Co., TN filed Claim 955 against the United States for the loss of four horses, valued at \$640, taken from him by Union forces during the Civil War. The claim was submitted to Congress on 4 Dec 1876 and he was compensated \$200 on 24 Mar 1877. His attorney was T.H.N. McPherson, Washington, D.C. Verification was by Clerks H. Spalding and ___ VanDoren of the Treasury Department.

An Act of Congress on 3 Mar 1871 enabled Southerners, under some circumstances, to be compensated for losses to Union troops during the War. In order to receive compensation, a claimant had to prove at least four things: 1) that he was/is a citizen of the U.S.; 2) that he was loyal to the Union during the War; 3) that whatever was taken from the claimant was for the official use of the Union Army; and 4) claimant had not previously received compensation for items in this claim. In addition, the claimant had to produce witnesses to verify his claim.

The finding in favor of the claimant was issued by A.O. Aldis, B. Honrll and D. Ferriss, Commission of Claims. To quote:

"The clmt. was a farmer in Lincoln Co. He says he was always a Union man - and that he used violence to prevent his son's joining the Confederate Army. Two of his neighbors testify to his loyalty.----We find him loyal.

"Item 2 was a colt--one witness says 2 years old--another says 3 years old.--Plainly not taken for Army use.-----
 ---Item 4 was a colt 4 yrs old--not fit for Army use.

"The other two horses were taken for Army use--were not worth over \$100.each-

"We allow \$200.00."

Thomas H. Bledsoe of Petersburg, TN, William Gilbert and Howell Bledsoe of Richmond, TN, and Hiram Holt of Shelbyville, TN were to have testified for the claimant. Their testimony is not part of the record.

On 8 May 1873 at Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., TN, D.A. Gilbert, George W. Higgins (attorney of Corrigan & Higgins), Peter C. Gilbert, James W. Foster and James M. Dyer testified before Daniel G. Anderson, Special Commissioner of the Commissioners of Claims. Sworn before William O. Price, JP and John Y. Gill, clerk of Lincoln Co.

D.A. Gilbert testimony: D.A. Gilbert, 52, lived in Lincoln Co. all his life and is a farmer. He was a Union man and was so considered by the community where he lived. In July 1863, a detachment of the 5th U.S. Regiment (Calvary) of Tenn. under the command of Col. W.B. Stokes took four horses from claimant's pasture. The troops took off toward Shelbyville and did not give claimant vouchers for repayment. Gilbert "never did anything to aid the rebellion directly or indirectly. One of my sons wished to go to the Confederate service and I used violence to prevent him going. Said son was not of age and under me."

Peter C. Gilbert testimony: He lived with his father during the War and is 23 years old. The soldiers took the four horses in the afternoon, in day time. The stock was not taken secretly. There were about 40 men said to be commanded by Capt. Smith. He has no interest in the claim.

James W. Foster testimony: Foster, 35, & a farmer, lives about 1 mile from D.A. Gilbert. He helped Capt. Smith of Stokes Cavalry take some stock towards Shelbyville in July 1863. He saw four horses among the stock and recognized them as belonging D.A. Gilbert. Foster was well acquainted with Capt. Smith.

James M. Dyer testimony: Dyer, 60, & a farmer, has lived near and been acquainted with D.A. Gilbert for about 34 years. "I have been and am now a Union man and so esteemed by both parties. Had frequent talks with Claimant and he always claimed to be a Union man and very much opposed to the war. I do not know that he did anything for or against the rebellion. He was always a quiet and sociable citizen and said but little during the war, and submitted to the Powers over him."

John Dyer oath: John Dyer examined the deposition of James M. Dyer and "fully endorses the same." Documents indicate that John Dyer lived in Petersburg.

About the family of D.A. Gilbert:

D.A. Gilbert, b 6 Jun 1821 in Bedford Co., TN or NC (1850 census says NC), was the son of the Rev. John Gilbert (ca 1774 NC-1842 TN) & Sarah Grace "Sallie" Bourland (b >1755 SC? & d >1842 TN). He was married ca 1839 in Lincoln Co., TN to Lucretia Roberts, b 7 Oct 1820 TN, d/o John Roberts Sr. (b ca 1765 VA & d >1850 TN) & Sarah Smith (b 1774 NC & d TN). D.A. Gilbert died 19 Feb 1902 and his will was probated 3 Mar 1902 in Lincoln Co., TN (Will Book 5, p. 185). Lucretia Roberts Gilbert died 24 Mar 1893 (from obituary). They were members of the "Baptist Church at Hannah's Gap, Lincoln Co., TN." Both were buried in the church cemetery. Nine children survived their mother. Children, all born in Lincoln Co., TN:

- a) Washington A. Gilbert (ca 1840-predeceased parents) m Margaret T. Sorrells on 3 Dec 1865 in Lincoln Co. She was born 19 Nov 1846 and d/o William Sorrells & Eleanor M. "Nellie" King. Three daughters, Alice Eugenia, Molly & Ivy.
 - b) John R. Gilbert (ca 1841)
 - c) Rezin A. Gilbert (Feb 1842 - Aug 1857)
 - d) Ambrose F. Gilbert (29 Dec 1843 - 6 Oct 1921)
 - e) William W. Gilbert (b ca 1846) m Martha Nicols on 10 Sep 1867
 - f) Sarah A. Gilbert (b ca 1847)
 - g) Peter C. Gilbert (b 26 Dec 1849) m Percilla Loucy Warren on 15 Jul 1875
 - h) James L. "Jimmy" Gilbert (1851-1923) m Effie Allen
 - i) Margaret Ann "Maggie" Gilbert (ca 1853 - 7 Nov 1890) m Andrew Jackson "Andy Burns ca 1871.
 - j) Henry Gilbert (12 Apr 1855 - 7 Jul 1865)
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SMITH-ROBERTS-GILBERT FAMILY BIBLE 1792-1898

Transcribed by Alice Kirkland West Chambers and Patricia Ann West; spelling, capitalization and punctuation not modernized. Relationships identified are from family records, census records, other official records, obituaries and clippings. The families were in Bedford Co. or Lincoln Co., Tennessee by the early 1800s. *Patricia West descends from three of the Roberts sisters--Susannah, Rachael & Lucretia--listed in the Bible and would like to share information and correspond with other descendants of these families.* []=Transcriber's comments

R. A. Wagster, of Chestnut Ridge, has an heirloom in his family that is highly cherished. It is an old bible. It was first purchased by his great great grandfather, Jack Smith, who in turn handed it down to Rason Smith, who in turn handed it down to his great grandmother, Sarah Roberts. She left it to her daughter, Rachael Gilbert, who gave it to Mr. Wagster for safe keeping. Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Wagster's grandmother, is a very old lady, now living near Chestnut Ridge, and delivered this book to her grandson, knowing it would be properly preserved by him and kept in the family as a reminder of the rising generation of the love for the book by their ancestors.

Undated, but it must be before 1898 when Mrs. Gilbert died.

Provenance: Excerpt from newspaper clipping, before 1899, found in the Bible: "R.A. Wagster, of Chestnut Ridge, [Lincoln Co., Tenn.] has an heirloom in his family that is highly cherished. It is an old bible. It was first purchased by his great great grandfather, Jack Smith, who in turn handed it down to Rason Smith, who in turn handed it down to his [refers to R.A. Wagster] great grandmother, Sarah Roberts. She left it to her daughter, Rachael Gilbert, who gave it to Mr. Wagster for safekeeping. Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Wagster's grandmother is a very old lady, now living near Chestnut Ridge, and delivered this book to her grandson, knowing it would be properly preserved by him and kept in the family as a reminder to the rising generation of the love for the book by their ancestors."

Identification of people listed in clipping: John "Jack" Smith (b 1752 VA & d 1816 Bedford Co, TN), s/o William and Jean () Smith, Sr. married Elizabeth Simpson (b ca 1750 & d 1816 Bedford Co., TN). They were in North Carolina in 1774 and moved to Pendleton District, SC before 1792. They then moved to Bedford Co., TN before 1810 (see Deed Book C, p. 556, Bedford Co.). They had 9 children, including 1) Rezin/Reson/Resin Smith (b 1781 in NC & d 1851 in Bedford Co.). He m1 Amelia Medlin & m2 Sarah Olds; and 2) Sarah Smith (b 1774 in NC & d Bedford Co) m John Roberts Sr. (b ca 1765 VA & d after 1850 Bedford Co, TN). John Smith, Elizabeth Simpson Smith, and their son, John Smith Jr. died within days of each other in 1816, probably of the cold augue, a virulent flu.

John Roberts & Sarah Smith had 12 children listed in this Bible and were said by later family members to have had 16 children. Their daughter, Rachael (1812 GA & d 1898 Bedford Co.) m John C. Gilbert on 20 Jun 1833 in Bedford Co. He (bca 1810 & d before 1850 Bedford Co.) was s/o the Rev. John Gilbert and Sarah Grace "Sallie" Bourland, who were early settlers in middle Tennessee. Rev. Gilbert was a Baptist misister at Mr. Olive Baptist Church.

John & Sarah Roberts' daughter, Mary Ann Gilbert (1835 Bedford Co.-1894 Lincoln Co. married W.C. Wagster on 12 Aug 1852. R.A. Wagster was their son.

The Bible fragment consists of pages 581-1080 and pages 1-25 of the

Psalms of David in Metre. The Bible is in fragile condition, with only a leather binding on the spine. The Bible register pages have been professionally restored--deacidified, cleaned, and strengthened. The Bible and the register pages are preserved in an archival phase box.

Mr. R. A. Wagster's daughter (?), Bessie Wagster Redd of Petersburg, Tenn., gave the Bible to Alice Kirkland West Chambers in the 1950s, along with a Gilbert-Morton family Bible belonging to William C. Morton and Sarah M. Gilbert. Alice Chambers gave the Bible to her daughter Patricia Ann West.

Alice Kirkland West Chamber's maternal grandparents, Thomas Roberts Morton and Alice Eugenia Gilbert Morton were closeblood relatives. Both are direct descendants of both these Gilberts and these Roberts. Among their eight grandparents, two Roberts sisters, Rachael and Lucretia, married two Gilbert brothers, respectively, John C. Gilbert and Doctor A. Gilbert. A third Roberts sister, Susannah, married William C. Morton. All lived in Lincoln Co., or Bedford Co., TN.

Some entries are repeated in the old Gilbert-Morton Bible.

Information about these families comes from my research, and that of Bessie Morton Spencer of Nashville, TN; John A. Foster of Winchester, TN; and Carolyn (Mrs. Joe) Ericson of Nacogdoches, TX. Mrs. Morton, Mr. Foster, me and Mrs. Ericsons' husband are descendants of John Smith Sr. and Elizabeth Simpson. Mrs. Ericson is producing a book of all Smith descendants.

Verbatim transcript: Smith-Roberts-Gilbert Bible

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BIRTHS

Sarah M. Gilbert was bornd April 21, 1834 [married William C. Morton; d/o John Gilbert and Rachael Roberts Gilbert; see below for repeat]

[Next entry is too faded to read]

Mary An Gilbert was bornd August the 11, 1835

Atemisia Gilbert was bornd December 1 + 1836 [yr?]

A.B. Gilbert was bornd march the 23 + 1838

John C. Gilbert was bornd march the 8, 1839

MARRIAGES [INCLUDES BIRTHS]

Rezin Roberts was married September 11, 1826

_____ [single line here] _____

[the following 2 Roberts may be siblings to the 12 Roberts sibs on page 678, but no proof, as yet]

John Roberts was bornd November 13, in the year 1827

Ailcy Roberts was bornd December 18th in the year 1829

===== [double line here] =====

Sarah Morton Gilbert was borne April the 21, 1834 [interesting--she married William C. Morton]

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Births [all 12 Roberts children below are known to be siblings; parents were John Roberts and Sarah Smith:]

Elisabeth Roberts was born july the 26th 1792 [m. John England]

Mary Roberts was born october 11 ----1794 [dashes there signify no omission] [m Samuel Moore]

William Roberts was born october the 19th 1796

John Roberts was born December the 25th-1798

Juten or Justen (?) Roberts was born November 29th 1800

Nancy Roberts was born December the 23-1802 [m. James Littleton Foster in Nov 1820]

Reason Roberts was born february the 19th-1805 [also spelled Rezin]

Susannah Roberts was born june 23-1807 [m. John C. Morton]

Sarah L. Roberts was born february the 18-1810

Rachael Roberts was born March the 7-1812 [m. John C. Gilbert]

Artamecy Roberts was born october the 18, 1814

Lucretia Roberts was bornd october the 7 in the year 1820 [m. D.A. Gilbert, brother of John C. Gilbert]

[The following Foster children are chn. of Nancy Roberts & James L. Foster:]

William Foster was bornd 27th of November in the year 1822

Sarah Foster was born March the 25 in the year 1824

Jack? or John? Foster was borne September the 24 1825

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BIRTHS

[The following Ingold/Ingland/England children are chn. of Elizabeth Roberts, b 1792, & John England:]

Sarah Ingld bornd July 22---1813

Mibndy? [possibly Malindy] Ingland bornd March 7th---1815

Jonathan Ingland was bornd February 15, 1817

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Tilman Ingland was bornd may the 20th 1819

Martin England was borned July the 8th in the year 1821

[Moore chn. are probably chn. of Mary Roberts and Samuel Moore; can't prove marriage yet]

Henry Moore was born January the 21 [or 27]th in the year 1823

Addaline Moore was bornd August 13 in the year 1824

DEATHS

Elizabeth Gibson diseasd on the 2 day of March 1815 [1816??]

Elizabeth Smith diseasd on the 6th day of March 1818 [this entry has a single line crossed through it; her cemetery record shows her death as 6 Mar 1816; Elizabeth and John Smith Sr. are the parents of Sarah Smith Roberts. They moved to Bedford Co., TN from Pendleton District, South Carolina.]

John Smith diseasd March _____ [Cemetery record of John Smith Sr. shows his death as 12 Mar 1816; John Smith Jr. d. 3 Mar 1816. Apparently, the Smith parents and this son died from a common illness.]

Elizabeth Smith diseasd on the 6 [?] day of March 1815 [see note above]

William Foster diseasd December 22d in the year 1822

Gerard? borned January (?) in the year 1824.

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DEATHS [ACTUALLY BIRTHS]

Newel England was born February 15th 1826 [before cleaning, appeared to be 1896]

Sally Moore was borne April 23d 1826

John Foster was born September 22d 1827

Susannah Moor--[ink blot & crossed out]

Susannah Moore was born July ____ [ink spot] 1828

Rezin Morton was borned November the 2 in the year 1849

DEATHS

[Too faded to read about half of column]

[page 680 continued]

Artamecy Roberts departed this life April the 3rd in the year 1882, age 67 years, 5 months and 15 days

Rachel Gilbert departed this life August 2, 1898. Aged 86-4-25

Computer Interest

Our Computer Interest Group refuses to die, although nobody has stepped up to take charge or to volunteer services, which we really need. However, people are responding when we call and ask them to speak. Martha Colburn has graciously agreed to conduct our computer session in January. In March Jane Blakey, Bibliographic Services Coordinator of the TSLA, will speak on the TSLA's new automated circulation program, a computerized system into which twenty-six libraries across the state can access each others' collections. These libraries are also constantly entering new information into the data base. Won't it be great to access the McClung Collection without driving to Knoxville? I'll bet this program will attract many people who would not ordinarily attend the computer interest group session.

The January session will be at the old time of 10:00 a.m. In March the computer group will meet AFTER the regular meeting. The puppeteers at the library have changed their schedule, thus we are changing ours in this respect. PGH

RESEARCH IN MACON COUNTY

by Randy East, President, Macon County Historical Society

Happy Birthday to us! Happy Birthday to us! Macon County, Tennessee celebrated its 150th birthday 18 January 1992 kicking off a yearlong celebration of sesquicentennial activities.

It was 1842 when Macon County was created from parts of Smith and Sumner counties. Macon County is bordered by the Tennessee counties of Clay, Smith, Sumner and Trousdale and the Kentucky counties of Allen and Monroe. Macon county researchers may find many ancestors may have migrated among these counties.

It was once felt that research in Macon County was a most difficult task to undertake, but not so anymore. The Macon County Historical Society was reorganized 31 May 1983. Since then resources and avenues have abounded for those interested in learning of our history.

When I first went to the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville to research Macon County, I found only three rolls of pertinent microfilm to aid in my quest. Through the efforts of our historical society there are now dozens of rolls available. Included in this collection are court records, area church minute books, early doctors' records, personal genealogies of local researchers, magistrate dockets, surveyors' dockets, general store account ledgers, newspaper records of the Macon County Times, preacher appointment book, undertakers' records, personal diaries, and even a horse breeder book 1849-1861.

Our historical society is building an extensive collection of research material consisting of books, microfilm and personal genealogies, published and unpublished, on various surnames. All are housed at the Macon County Library in Lafayette, Tennessee. Library hours are 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 12 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Included in our holdings and of particular note are: The History of Macon County, Tennessee by county historian, Harold G. Blankenship, offering an informative view of our county and its people since the county's existence; the Early Story of Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee by Vernon Roddy, a thorough researcher and historian, gives a complete history of this renowned mineral resort; Cal's Column, by Calvin Gregory, a noted local minister and historian, is 927 pages of genealogical research. There are several books on military involvement from enrollment to pension records. Macon County census records 1850-1920, Tennessee census records 1820-1880 and area county and state censuses are available either in

book or microfilm form. Land grant records for our area can be found here, as can several books on area counties and states.

The Macon County Historical Society has authored Macon County, Tennessee Cemeteries Volumes I and II. These books contain a complete listing of all known burials including both intact and destroyed cemeteries. Location of all cemeteries has been made easier with each one being charted on our county tax maps. Each cemetery has been assigned a map and parcel number relating to its exact location. A revised county map with all this information will soon be available.

It is believed by many that our three courthouse fires of 1860, 1901 and 1932 destroyed all early county records. In fact all offices have records starting in 1901 with the exception of the Clerk and Masters office. Through some miracle all records from this office are intact from the earliest book of 1844 to the present. I strongly urge checking these for there is much data to be retrieved.

An excellent source for the researcher is the Macon County Historical Society Newsletter Quarterly. This newsletter offers previously unpublished family and Bible records and local lore. Membership is now over 300 members with 35 states and 3 countries represented. Membership allows access to others working on the same genealogies and details of Macon County history. Queries are permitted and articles for publication are encouraged. Membership also includes reduced rates for grave markers and cemetery signs.

Current projects for our society include a new county history book complete with family, church, school and community histories with photographs. We are also compiling an 1850 Macon County genealogical census giving genealogical data for all households. We have gathered extensive information but would like both books to be as complete as possible. Help is needed by any who can offer assistance, however small. If you wish to become a member of the Macon County Historical Society, dues are \$12.50 yearly and can be mailed to the society care of Kay Crowder, Route 3, Maple Terrace, Lafayette, Tennessee 37083.

Macon County is not only a nice place to visit but a fine place to work and make your home. It is a rural environment with city comforts, full of smiling faces and friendly places. To live here is to feel as Dorothy did in the *Wizard of Oz*, "O Auntie Em, there's no place like home."

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THE SEARCH FOR MY AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

by John Baker

The search for my African-American heritage began in 1976 when I first saw an 1890's photograph of my great-great-grandparents in my seventh grade history book, *Your Tennessee*, by Jesse Burt. The photo was of four former slaves in chapter ten entitled "Black Tennesseans" which mainly described the slave system in Tennessee and their contributions. Though there weren't any names of the slaves listed in the book I noticed a strong family resem-

blance between the aged couple and relatives in my family; particularly the lady and my maternal grandmother. The same photo had also appeared in a local newspaper, *The Robertson County Times*, featuring an article on the plantation where the picture was taken. This article listed the names of the ex-slaves, the owner and the name of the plantation called Wessyngton.



Four of the servants (all former slaves) Standing left: Allen Washington (Head Dairyman), born September 1825; Standing Right: Granville Washington (George Augustine Washington's Personal Valet or Body Servant), born January 17, 1831. Seated left: Emanuel Washington (Uncle Man, the Cook), born April 23, 1824; Seated right: Hettie Washington (Aunt Henry), Uncle Man's Wife—the Head Laundress, born May 26, 1839. Photograph taken 1890 is the one used in *Your Tennessee*, cited above.

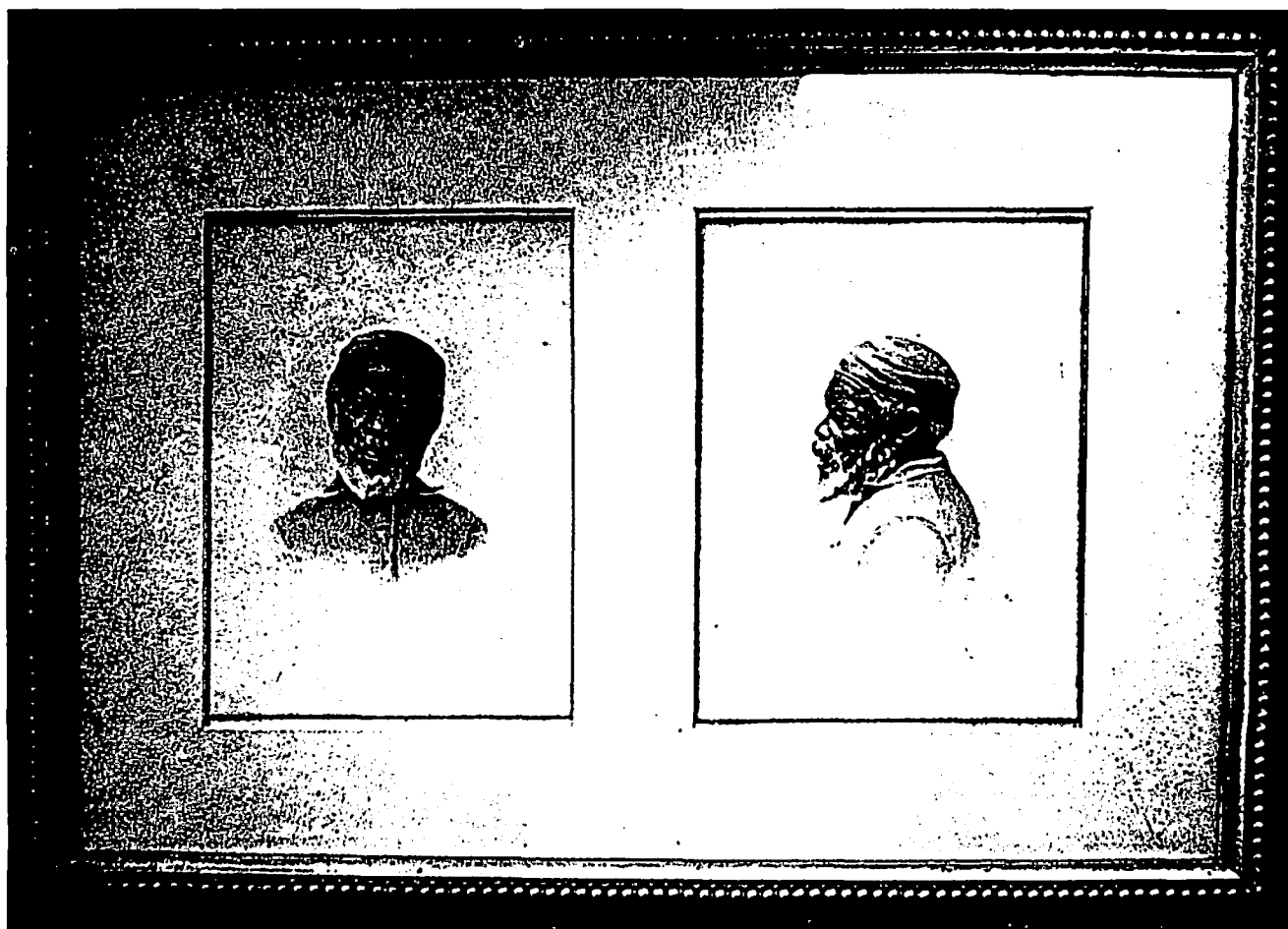
Shortly after the story appeared in the newspaper my grandmother, Sallie Washington Nicholson from Kankakee, Ill., was visiting with her brother Bob Washington in Cedar Hill, Tenn. After she saw the photograph she showed it to me and told me that these were her paternal grandparents. I then told her that I had seen the photo earlier in my history book and thought she resembled her grandmother. After the discovery of the picture I became totally fascinated by our family history and have been researching it ever since.

I soon learned that the plantation that my ancestors came from was called Wessyngton and was owned by George A. Washington (1815-1892). I also found that my grandmother's family had carried the Washington name for several generations dating back to the 1700's when they first arrived in America. The photograph had been taken on the Wessyngton plantation around 1892. Pictured were Emanuel Washington (1824-1907) who was the cook and called Uncle Man. Emanuel was a favorite among the Washington children and grandchildren for the wonderful ghost stories he told. Emanuel's wife Hettie Washington (1839-1913), the head laundress known as Aunt Henny was pictured as were Allen Washington born 1825 who was the head dairy-

man, and Granville Washington (1831-1898) who was George A. Washington's valet.

At the time I began the research on my family the Wessyngton mansion was occupied by Anne Kinsolving Talbot, a fifth generation descendant of George A. Washington. Mrs. Talbot provided estate records that enabled me to trace my ancestry back to the 18th century. The estate was the largest tobacco plantation in America and at the onset of the Civil War held nearly three hundred slaves.

My ancestors came to the Robertson County, Tenn. area in 1796 when Joseph Washington (1770-1848), the original builder of Wessyngton, brought 14 slaves with him from Southampton County, Va. Washington was the second cousin of President George Washington. In addition to tracing my own family history I have been involved in extensive research over the past fifteen years regarding the plantation as a whole including the collection of stories from direct descendants of the slaves there and the genealogies of many other African-American families associated with the Wessyngton plantation and the Washington family. The Washington family papers are now stored in the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville.



Above is a copy of a watercolor portrait of Emanuel Washington (Uncle Man), greatgreatgrandfather of the writer. The painting was done ca. 1905 at a cost of \$50 by a lady artist using the name Howard Wheaton. Uncle Man was the cook at Wessyngton for over 50 years.

Following are two Washington Family letters which show the high regard the family had for Uncle Man.

In response to being asked what he wanted for his birthday and the answer "a cake and some of Uncle Man's cornbread"...

Wessyngton
November 1st 1866.

My dear son,

I have just packed a box to send you, and it will be shipped tomorrow by Express. In it are your Grey Jacket & Pants, two white shirts, three pairs new yarn socks, some Chest-nuts, some cornbread and a cake. I hope it may reach you on the 10th for a birthday present....

You must remember the Nashville boys when you get your cake - and if there is any poor orphan, friendless boy in school, be sure to give him some, you will feel happier for being kind. Man thought it very funny that Mass Joe should send home for cornbread. I expect everything will be stale and dry when you get it but it started fresh....I have not time to write any more so goodbye my own dear boy. All send their love.

Your devoted Mother
Jane Washington

On letterhead of John Henry Hammond, Counsellor at Law, 59 Wall Street, New York

July 29th 1907

Dear Mother

I just realized that I had not yet thanked you for your offer to give me a suit of clothes. You really ought not to do that but I do not know how I am going to pay for my clothes so if you can afford to give the suit I wish to thank you very much. I have gotten a blue serge suit and also a tuxedo as my old one was worn and bob-tailed and cut for high water. I got them from Machol & Machol in New Haven.

I just this morning came back from Mantoloking. All the family there are perfect. Gus Jr is cutting some more teeth, but is just as good as he can be and looks like an apple--All of Mantoloking is still crazy about him.

I have not yet gone out to Tuxedo as I had intended as I have not been able to get off early enough in the afternoons. Several things turned up here in Mr. Hammonds absence that kept me late at the office.

I have not heard anything from Uncle Felix since he moved out of town. I am going to write to Aunt Jane today and find out whether I can go down some afternoon and see her. I think I can get to Bath Beach and back quite easily.

Uncle Man's death was very sad. He was certainly a wonderful old man whose place can never be filled. Please tell Aunt Henny how sorry I am and how I sympathize with her....

Your loving son, Geo

TRACING AFRICAN-AMERICAN ANCESTORS

by John Baker

Since the introduction of author Alex Haley's book *Roots* there has been an increasing interest in tracing African-American genealogy. Most Black Americans will not be as successful as Mr. Haley in his search because detailed records on black families were not kept prior to the 1870 U. S. census. However, this should not deter anyone interested in Black genealogy because most people will be able to trace several generations back to the mid to early 1800's, if not back to Africa. You may be surprised at the information that might be found. There are some records available to trace earlier ancestors though the task may be quite tedious.

The first step I would recommend would be to interview as many elder family members as possible to get all the oral history that can be gathered. Most black history is passed down from one generation to the next. Many of these oral histories can provide clues that lead to specific documents which will aid in the search providing names of ancestors or important dates that might otherwise be overlooked.

While interviewing relatives it is very important to ask good questions about particular ancestors or events, especially those from the slavery period. Such questions as

approximate ages, birth places, parents, siblings or other relatives, the number of children in a family as many black families are extended. If the ancestor was a slave it is necessary to find out the name of each slave owner to go back another generation.

Some slave owners kept farm records which listed slaves' births, deaths and, in some cases, family group. A slave's surname could change in some instances each time he or she was sold. Estate settlements and wills can also provide valuable information. A slaveowner's estate settlement would list each slave owned, age at that time and value. Wills would list any successive owners the slave would have and give further leads to trace.

Other sources include: birth indexes, church records, county court minutes, deeds, bills of sale, photographs, court records, land records, death records, family Bibles, cemetery records, marriage records, 1850 & 1860 slave census, tax assessments, school records, obituaries, U. S. census records, military records, and plantation records. Most of these can be found in local libraries or state archives.

Sources

Wills prior to the Civil War:	Slaves' ages, value, skills, and in some cases groups by family units. A few slaves were emancipated after the death of an owner. In rare cases as many as three generations of a slave family may be listed.
Estate settlements:	The new owner of the slave, value, occupation, and how slaves were to be divided among heirs.
Church records:	Some early church records list the names of slaves that became members of white congregations and their owners' names. After emancipation some of them formed their own churches and some genealogical information can be found from that.
County court minutes:	Some of these records list transfers of ownership of slaves and the age of the slave at the time the transaction took place.
Deed:	Early settlers often traded land for slaves which can provide leads for tracing a slave's origin.
Bills of sale:	Slave bills of sale usually provide a slave's age, or approximate age at purchase, any skills, value, complexion, height, weight, or if the slave was of mixed descent. Some bills that list more than one slave or family often include what relationship they are to each other.

- Death records:** Lists date of death, age at death, cause of death, birth place, name of parents and their place of birth, the place of burial and lists who the informant was. Most of these records were not kept in detail until 1914.
- Census records:** The 1870 U. S. census is the first census that lists blacks in family units. This includes name, age, place of birth, occupation, value of property, and the relationship of each individual in the household. Census records for 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920 can also provide valuable information. For some individuals, census records as late as 1910 list parents' birthplaces as being in Africa.
- Slave census:** The slave census for 1850 and 1860 list the slaveowner's name, the district he lived in, the number of slaves owned and their ages. Some are grouped in households with only the ages listed. This information is helpful if the researcher can find the name of the slave owner and can determine the names of slaves owned at that time. Later records such as the 1870 census can provide names of slaves listed in the 1850 and 1860 slave census to help reconstruct a family unit.
- Plantation records:** Include slave inventories for various years. Some of these list family units but most are listed by order of birth. If the slave population is not too large one can sort these into family groups with the assistance of other records. Some plantation records list the slave's occupation, value, age, size, and descent. Plantation diaries can provide personal information of the slaves and shed light on how they were treated. Medical bills for slaves can also provide genealogical information. Example: 1815, Mary's son Sam age 5 was treated for measles.

Records such as school records, obituaries, cemetery records and marriage records of later periods can give leads to earlier data. Every researcher will not be able to trace an ancestor back to Africa or to a particular tribe because sufficient documentation is not always available; everyone should have some success in tracing several generations. I would highly recommend anyone interested in his ancestry to get started in tracing his genealogy. It will be very rewarding and exciting—you can never be quite certain what you may find.

ABOUT OUR MARCH SPEAKER

Paul Clements, a native Nashvillian, was educated at Peabody. He was involved in oral history on Century 3 program in 1980 with the Nashville Heritage Project. Paul got started on local history and later genealogy with intensive historical research on the Woodmont School neighborhood in 1976. Most of our local members will be familiar with *A Past Remembered*, a lovely pictorial genealogy of Davidson County homes. He taught history briefly at Montgomery Bell Academy and is currently writing the Great American Novel.

Bernie Schweid, late owner of Mills Bookstore, long one of Nashville's favorites (both Bernie and Mills) told us the biggest day they ever had as booksellers was the day Paul Clements came for the booksigning of *A Past Remembered*. That's a remarkable thing for Bernie to have told us, therefore Paul must be a remarkable man.

BLACK COLLECTION

The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society recently purchased and donated to the Tennessee State Library and Archives three rolls microfilm of the indexes and deposit ledgers of Branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874. These reels are specifically for Nashville and Memphis. These reels can also be found at Davidson County/Metro Archives.

The information contained in many of the registers is as follows: account number, name of depositor, date of entry, place of birth, place brought up, residence, age, complexion, name of employer or occupation, wife or husband, children, father, mother, brothers and sisters, remarks and signature.

1865
How to check for
was for him
for

Record for David Crockett

Date and No. of Application, Oct 10th 1867
 Name of Master, Age 46 Raised in
Madison Co Miss
 Name of Mistress, Have been living
Memphis - since 10th Nov/64
 Plantation, Memphis
 Height and Complexion, Age 46 Light Brown
 Father or Mother? Married? Mrs. Lucy Hamilton
 Name of Children, Solly (8 mos)
 Regiment and Company, 2 Light Art. - Batt I.
 Place of Birth, Williamson Co. Missouri.
 Residence, Orleans St. - near Bruckley Art & near Hospital.
 Occupation, Jobber.

REMARKS, Was sold away from his Mother when
he was five years old. His Mother was sold first -
No bro or sisters that he knows about.
Has children. Sophy (12) & Freeman (11) & Constancy
His mother was Belia - she is dead - they are
in Madison Co Miss. Belia died there 1st Feb 1864
His wife Lucy has a child Betty (8)
He has 3 children Garry & Joseph & Jody - children
of his mother.

a typical entry

LIST OF SLAVES BELONGING TO ESTATE OF C. Z. HOOPER, DEC'D,
on this 26th of Dec. 1849

contributed by Mary Sue Smith

	Name	Age	Value
#1	Gilbert	75	
#2	Matt	55	400.00
#3	Abe] man &	48	400.00
#4	Big Sarah] wife	40	300.00
#5	Sam	45	300.00
#6	John	36	525.00
#7	Henry	29	600.00
#8	Betty	55	200.00
#9	Tom	35	525.00
#10	Little Sarah	30	375.00
#11	George	14	600.00
#12	Champ	12	500.00
#13	Ann	28	150.00
#14	Cinda	15	550.00

#15	Jerry	25	650.00
#16	Paralce (one family)	25	525.00
#17	Henry	3	175.00
#18	Eliza	3/4	100.00

#19	Alph	32	500.00
#20	Chany	23	525.00
#21	Adaline	5	200.00
#22	Mary	4	175.00
#23	Bill	3/4	100.00

#24	Cressey ?	20	625.00
#25	Henry (one family)	3/4	100.00

#26	Susan]	12	400.00
#27	Charles] (brother & sister) 7	250.00	

#28	Sophia	43	300.00
#29	Elvira	12	400.00
#30	Nicy	11	400.00
#31	Milly	9	350.00
#32	Betty (one family)	7	150.00
#33	Robt ?	5	250.00
#34	Narcisca ?	4	175.00
#35	Tom	1/2	100.00

#36	Clara	46	250.00
#37	Robt (one family)	14	425.00
#38	Mary Josephine	5	250.00

#39	Sally	26	500.00
#40	Mosses	9	225.00
#41	Isham (one family)	7	180.00
#42	Andrew	3	130.00
#43	Alex ?	1/2	100.00

#44	Cressey	30	500.00
#45	Lewis	13	400.00
#46	Jefferson	11	300.00
#47	Ellen	5	200.00

#48	Mary	32	450.00
#49	Jacob	8	300.00
#50	John (one family)	3	185.00
#51	Sophia	1/2	100.00

#52	Cilly	25	550.00
#53	Chloe	10	300.00
#54	Alph (one family)	8	300.00
#55	Easter ?	5	175.00
#56	George	3	175.00
#57	Amanda	1/2	100.00

#58	Benn ?	27	700.00
#59	Tilda (one family)	24	400.00
#60	Frank	9	280.00

#61	Vina	36	400.00
#62	Sinda (one family)	15	380.00
#63	Isam	5	200.00

Davidson County Chancery Court Loose Records
Rule #511

Wm Phillips & Others
VS
Andrew Hooper & Others



BOOK REVIEWS

by Shirley Wilson

1850 Census, South Central Kentucky, by Barbara, Byron and Samuel Sistler. Softbound 8 1/4 x 5 1/4, 382 pp., complete name index. Order from Byron Sistler & Associates, 1712 Natchez Trace, PO Box 120934, Nashville, TN 37212. \$33 plus \$3 (per order).

At last, a desperately needed every name index to the Kentucky 1850 census! This book includes the counties of Adair, Allen, Barren, Clinton, Cumberland and Monroe. The arrangement is in the same order as the names appear on the original census schedules (by neighborhood). Every person in the household is listed along with age. Individuals whose surnames differ from that of the household head are listed as a separate unit. The book has a head of household index (including age).

This book is the first of a series. The Sistlers plan to publish the entire 1850 census of Kentucky in regional volumes. A single, every name, index for the entire state is projected when the regional volumes are completed. Volume 2 of this series, *1850 Census, South West Kentucky*, Counties of Christian, Logan, Simpson, Todd, Trigg and Warren will be available mid-February. A prepublication price of \$28.50 plus shipping is in effect till February 15th. Price after February 15th is \$35.00.

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Abstracts of Death Records for Johnson County, Tennessee 1908 to 1941 by Eddie M. Nikazy. Softbound, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, 482 pp., complete name index. Order from Heritage Books (see address below). \$33 plus \$3 shipping.

An excellent contribution to the field of genealogy, this compilation of 6,500 records includes most of the information on the death certificate that would be important to the genealogist. The certificate number is cited, so that researchers can consult the original easily. Anyone interested in Johnson County families will want to have this well prepared book. Similar volumes for other East Tennessee counties are in progress.

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Cherokee By Blood compiled by Jerry Wright Jordan. Softbound 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, 489 pp., complete name index. Order from Heritage Books, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie Maryland 20716. \$25 plus \$3 shipping.

This book is Volume 8 in a series and includes application numbers from 20101 to 23800. In 1904 when it was determined that the government must compensate the Eastern Cherokees for treaty violations in the 1800's, payments were to be made to all living persons who were members of the Cherokee tribe at the time of the treaties and, if deceased, to their descendants. Thousands applied for the government money and had to submit genealogical data to prove their descent. Although many could not prove their claims, the applications survived to document their efforts. An excellent effort has been put forth in publishing these records.

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Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory (Oklahoma) Marriage Books A & B by Sandra Tedford. Softbound 8 1/2 x 11, 93 pages, surname index. Order from Sandra Tedford, 400 Sherry Lane, Farmersville, TX 75442-1538. \$15 plus \$2 shipping and handling per order. Texas residents add \$1.09 sales tax.

This book covers the time period 1895 to 1897 and the counties of Bryan, Carter, Garvin, Grady, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, McClain, Marshall, Murray, Pontotoc and Stephens. Included for the bride and groom are the places of residence and the ages. If the license was issued but the marriage was not performed, the reason was often listed. For example, "License recalled because of relationship existing between contracting parties."

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Madison Co., Tennessee 1870 Census compiled by Joy Wiggins. Softbound 8 1/2 x 11, 101 pages, surname index. Order from Joy Wiggins, 107 Mason St., Jackson, TN 38301. \$24.94 plus \$1.50 shipping/handling.

This county census is arranged by dwellings in the order of the original. The name, age, sex, and race of all members of the household are listed. The census taker used initials rather than given names and the type size is small (although easy to read). For these reasons, the book contains more information than its 101 pages would indicate. Individual county census compilations are a welcome supplement to the statewide census indexes.

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Tennessee's Confederate Widows and Their Families abstracted by Edna Wiefering and edited by Charles Sherrill. Hardbound 8 3/4 x 5 3/4, 479 pp. Order from Confederate Widows, PO Box 595, Cleveland, TN 37364. \$45.00 prepaid. Tennessee residents add \$3.50 sales tax.

Abstracted from 11,200 Tennessee Confederate pension applications, this book will be a welcome addition to the library of anyone interested in Tennessee military records. The widow's maiden name, place of birth, details about the date and place of her marriage to the Confederate soldier as well as his name, date and place of birth and the date of his death are included. Some files include additional information on other family members.

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Forsyth, Lowry, Rust, Evans and Related Families by Leona Lentz Weaver. Softbound 8 1/2 x 11, 2 volumes, 411 pp., complete name index. Order from Leona L. Weaver, PO Box 1281, Burlington, VT 05402. \$43 prepaid.

The families documented within this genealogy are primarily Colonial Virginia families who migrated through North Carolina to Tennessee. Information on the families of Cox, Lamkin, Rucker and Westmoreland is also included in this genealogy. Several of these families settled in the area of Haywood and Crockett counties and many moved on south and west. The print is large and easy to read, the numbering system is workable. Watch out for the indexes! You could miss them, as they are tucked away in the middle of the book after each individual family section. They are ancestor numbers rather than page numbers.

THE EARLIEST AMERICAN PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

by Dorothy W. Potter

American hereditary societies originated at very early dates in our country. There are six currently active organizations that were formed prior to 1800, and some of the history, purposes and objectives of five of these six will be detailed here. The sixth is the Society of the Cincinnati, 1783. This society was covered in a separate article; see *Middle Tennessee Genealogy*, Vol. IV No. 4.

ANCIENT and HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY of MASSACHUSETTS, 1637.

In 1537 King Henry VIII granted a Royal Charter to the fraternity of St. George or Artillery Guild, later known as The Honourable Artillery Company of London. It is the only military body over which the British Parliament exercises no control. It exists at the pleasure of the Crown and regards itself as a personal bodyguard to the Sovereign. The Prince of Wales, many members of the nobility, the Lord Mayor and most of London, it was decided to establish such a company in the new colony which should not only be a school for officers for the train bands, but one for officers of any future troops which would be organized. With this purpose in mind, the officers of the voluntary train bands in the seven towns, together with the civic and business leaders of the day, formed a new military association, as a means of training officers. The meetings for instruction in discipline and tactics began in 1637 and a request for a charter of incorporation for the company was submitted to the Governor.

By order of Governor John Winthrop and Council, confirmed by the General Court on 13 March 1638, a charter was granted to the Military Company of Massachusetts, later to become known as the Ancient and Honorable artillery Company of Massachusetts.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts is the first military organization chartered in the Western Hemisphere and the third oldest in the world, preceded only by the Swiss Guard and The Honourable Artillery Company of London. Its history surpasses all other institutions in the New World, except the Christian Church and the Public School, in existence on the American continent when it was chartered.

The Cradle of Liberty, Faneuil Hall in Boston, is the headquarters of the Company. An Armory, a Military Museum and Library established in 1878 is maintained and open to the public. The Company takes pride in having had four Presidents of the United States as members, namely, James Monroe, Chester Alan Arthur, Calvin Coolidge and John F. Kennedy.

The objectives of the Society is to perpetuate the traditions of the first military organization chartered in the Western Hemisphere by maintaining a Military Museum and Library and by providing an honor guard of the Company for civic and military participation in the affairs of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Membership requirements: Any citizen of the United States who is a direct descendant of a former member of the Company whose service dated prior to 1738, may, using the prescribed application form, accompanied by a sworn statement showing the line of descent, and upon compliance with the prescribed procedure, become a member by Right of Descent by vote of the Company.

THE ANCIENT and HONOURABLE ORDER of the JERSEY BLUES, 1673.

The Ancient and Honourable Order of the Jersey blues was organized at Piscataway and Woodbridge, New Jersey in 1673 "to repel foreign Indians who come down from upper Pennsylvania and western New York (in the summer) to our shores and fill (themselves) with fishes and clams and on the way back make a general nuisance of themselves by burning hay stacks, corn fodder and even barns."

In 1732, the Blues were sent to Barbados to put down the black uprising. This was the first and only time a militia regiment was not only sent out of a province but also out of the colonies to a foreign land.

In 1745, after the first campaign against the French and Indians, General Braddock spoke of them as "my beloved Blues." In this campaign they were ambushed at Sabbath Day Point and lost two-thirds of their complement. They returned home and were doubly subscribed.

With the advent of the American Revolution, The Blues went with the colonies. They fought at Brooklyn Heights, the Heights of Haarlam, White Plains, Trenton,

Assunpink and Princeton, and suffered and wintered at Morristown. They bore the main action at Springfield both times. Later, from Scotch Plains to Amboy, they hung on the rear of the retreating British. If one consults a field map of the encampment at Valley Forge, he will find that The Blue occupied the guard position for General Washington's headquarters. At Monmouth they fought under Maxwell, and by this time they were the New Jersey Continental Line.

When the Whiskey Rebellion broke out in 1794-1795 in Pennsylvania, President Washington called The Jersey Blues and the Virginia Rangers to put it down. The Regiment maintained their presence through the War of 1812, Civil War, and the Spanish-American War. When paid companies came into existence, The Blues would have passed into oblivion except that they remained as social clubs.

The objectives of the Society is to perpetuate the greatness of The Ancient and Honourable Order of the Jersey Blues, and to promote patriotism and the American Way of Life.

Membership requirements: Company A of The Ancient and Honourable Order of the Jersey Blues is composed of lineal descendants of men who fought in the Regiment in any of its engagements in the Colonial, Revolutionary, War of 1812, Civil or Spanish American Wars.

THE WELSH SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA, 1729.

The present Welsh Society of Philadelphia dates back to March 1729. Early minutes and other documents indicate that another Welsh organization, called the Saint David's Society, was in existence as early as 1809 in Philadelphia area. That Society established and maintained a burial ground for Welsh people.

The objectives of the Society is to effectively afford advice and assistance to emigrants from Wales in distress. To preserve and cultivate a knowledge of the Welsh contribution to America; the history, literature and language of Wales.

Membership is restricted to persons of Welsh birth or descent who are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. However, non-Pennsylvanians may be elected as associate members.

THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY, 1729.

The first of the Scottish Societies in the United States was the Scots Charitable Society of Boston, Massachusetts,

founded in 1657. The first of the Scottish Societies named for the Patron Saint was the St. Andrew's Society founded in Charleston, South Carolina, in November 1729. During the Revolution, members of the Society took both sides, Tory and Whig.

The Society is proud of its claim of being the oldest charitable organization of continuous existence in North America and the original St. Andrew's Society in the world organized for charitable purposes only and continuing to remain as such.

"The Saint Andrew's Society at New-York in the Province of New-York" was founded in November 1756. Among the Presidents of the Society were Philip Livingston, Signer of the Declaration of Independence; William Alexander, the Earl of Stirling; Robert R. Livingston who administered the Oath of Office to George Washington as the first President of the United States; and Andrew Carnegie.

The objectives of the Society is to perpetuate Scottish traditions and culture, to promote social activities among its members, and to afford charitable and educational assistance to Scotsmen.

Membership: Membership in the Saint Andrew's Society is limited to men of Scottish birth or ancestry. (The St. Andrew's Society in Charleston, South Carolina, does not restrict membership to persons of Scottish birth or descent.)

THE SAINT GEORGE'S SOCIETY, 1733.

The South Carolina Gazette notes in its issue of April 28, 1733 that "On Monday last (23rd April 1733) was established the St. George's Society in Honor of the Patron Saint of England,..."

The Saint George's Society of Charleston has the unique distinction of being the oldest Society named for England's Patron Saint. Other Societies were established in New York City, 1770; Philadelphia, 1772; and Baltimore in 1866.

The objectives of the organization is to give relief and assistance to distressed Englishmen and their families, and more recently, to promote social intercourse among members.

Membership requirements: Men of English birth or ancestry are eligible for membership in the St. George's Society.

The above material has been condensed from *The Hereditary Register of the United States of America* (The Hereditary Register Publications: Phoenix, Arizona: 1977).

This list was taken from the Journal of the One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held at Nashville, Tennessee October 13-16, 1942.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE DEAD

They "fought a good fight"

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance"

These bishops were members of the Tennessee Conference prior to their election to the episcopacy: Robert Paine, who died October 19, 1882; Robert K. Hargrove, who died August 4, 1905; Walter R. Lambuth, who died September 26, 1921.

No.	Died	No.	Died
1.	John Crane	1813	41.	Arron J. Gilmore	1858
2.	Learner Blackman	1815	42.	James Wilburn Allen	1858
3.	Richmond Nolley	1815	43.	Justinain Williams	1859
4.	Zachariah Witten	1815	44.	Martin Clark	1859
5.	Sterling C. Brown	1821	45.	Sion Record	1859
6.	John White	1825	46.	William P. Nichols	1859
7.	Arthur McClure	1825	47.	John Page	1859
8.	Ellison Taylor	1825	48.	Thomas Ware Randall	1859
9.	Richard Neeley	1828	49.	Joseph Willis	1859
10.	William H. Holliman	1828	50.	William J. Cooley	1859
11.	Coleman Harwell	1830	51.	Alexander R. Erwin	1860
12.	William M. Smith	1830	52.	Coleman Harwell Cross	1860
13.	Wesley Deskin	1830	53.	John W. Judd	1861
14.	Hiram Casey	1830	54.	David W. Thompson	1861
15.	James W. Farris	1833	55.	Pleasant B. Robinson	1861
16.	Simon Carlisle	1838	56.	William Jarad	1861
17.	John J. Foster	1840	57.	Burnett W. Bond	1862
18.	Isaac D. Smith	1841	58.	Abraham Overall	1862
19.	John C. Mitchell	1841	59.	Samuel S. Moody	1863
20.	Elisha I Dodson	1842	60.	Daniel H. Jones	1863
21.	Thomas Logan Douglass	1843	61.	Benjamin F. Smith	1864
22.	Thomas L. Young	1843	62.	John Kelley	1864
23.	Joshua Boucher	1845	63.	Moses M. Henkle	1864
24.	Burwell Abernathy	1847	64.	Robert L. Andrews	1865
25.	W. C. Gould	1848	65.	Elisha Carr	1866
26.	Moses M. Earhart	1849	66.	Fletcher Tarran	1866
27.	Fielding H. Harris	1850	67.	Robert C. Hatton	1866
28.	George Whitfield Dye	1850	68.	Samuel D. Baldwin	1866
29.	George W. Sneed	1850	69.	R. C. Jones	1867
30.	Albert G. Kelly	1851	70.	B. A. Simms	1867
31.	John L. Hill	1852	71.	Hartwell H. Brown	1868
32.	Ethelbert L. Hatcher	1853	72.	William Randle	1869
33.	Benjamin R. Gant	1853	73.	Thomas N. Langford	1869
34.	Reuben A. Hickman	1853	74.	William Mullens	1870
35.	Joseph F. Tinnon	1853	75.	Gilbert D. Taylor	1870
36.	James Ward Hardy	1853	76.	John McCurdy	1870
37.	Charles G. Foster	1853	77.	Adams S. Riggs	1870
38.	Mathew Pitts Parham	1855	78.	Samuel L. Orman	1871
39.	James F. McCracken	1855	79.	John A. Jones	1872
40.	Asaph H. Alsop	1856	80.	James A. Walkup	1872

81.	Isaac Milner	1872	137.	William Doss	1889
82.	Mark W. Gray	1873	138.	John F. Hughes	1889
83.	John D. Winn	1873	139.	Wallace T. Rowland	1891
84.	Fountain Elliott Pitts	1874	140.	Hugh H. Stone	1891
85.	Thomas Maddin	1874	142.	William P. Hickman	1892
86.	Alexander L. P. Green	1874	143.	Joseph B. West	1892
87.	W. J. Hale	1875	144.	Berry S. Haggard	1892
88.	Austin W. Smith	1875	145.	Elisha Ford (Undergrad)	1892
89.	Robert T. Rowland	1875	146.	Robert Green Irvine	1893
90.	Abraham F. Lawrence	1877	147.	Nicholas A. Anthony	1893
91.	Foster Fielding Fagan	1878	148.	Alexander Matthews	1893
92.	George W. Coleman	1878	149.	Samuel M. Parks	1894
93.	William B. Woodward	1879	150.	Garrett W. Martin	1894
94.	John Rains	1879	151.	William P. Warren	1894
95.	Simon Peter Whitten	1881	152.	William G. Hensley	1894
96.	Allen Triple	1881	153.	Andrew J. B. Foster	1894
97.	Finch P. Scruggs	1881	154.	John W. Register	1894
98.	Ferinand S. Petway	1881	155.	John J. Comer	1894
99.	Golman Green	1881	156.	George W. Winn	1895
100.	George W. Brown	1881	157.	William H. Wilkes	1895
101.	Ulysses S. Bates	1881	158.	John Wesley Hanner	1895
102.	Frank C. Wilkes	1881	159.	Stanford Lassiter	1896
103.	Thomas F. Brown	1882	160.	David S. Thompson	1896
104.	Caleb B. Davis	1882	161.	James M. Wright	1896
105.	A. J. Ford (Undergrad)	1882	162.	John G. Ray	1896
106.	Stith H. Andrews	1883	163.	Samuel J. Shasteen	1897
107.	W. D. Givan (Undergrad)	1883	164.	William H. Johnson	1897
108.	Abraham Coke	1883	165.	George W. Martin	1897
109.	Robertson L. Fagan	1884	166.	Richard P. Ransom	1898
110.	Robert T. Nabors	1884	167.	Ulysses N. M. Berry	1898
111.	William H. Anthony	1884	168.	William P. Warren	1898
112.	M. S. Stewart (Undergrad)	1884	169.	Richard P. Ganaway	1898
114.	James R. Plummer	1885	170.	Rolla J. Crump	1898
115.	William P. Swindell	1885	171.	Joseph H. Strayhorn	1899
116.	George W. McBride	1885	172.	William G. Dorris	1900
117.	J. M. Patterson (Undergrad)	1885	173.	Jesse G. Rice	1900
118.	L. Meek (Undergrad)	1885	174.	Joseph J. Pitts	1900
119.	Enoch L. Jones	1886	175.	Absalom H. Reams	1900
120.	William N. Moore	1886	176.	David H. Merriman	1901
121.	William M. Shaw	1886	177.	Lewis C. Bryan	1901
122.	J. J. Pitman	1886	178.	William A. Lusby	1901
123.	Benjamin Jackson	1886	179.	Robert J. Young	1902
124.	Jordan Moore	1887	180.	Robert M. Haggard	1902
125.	John Bell Hamilton	1887	181.	Robert P. Gray	1902
126.	William Burr	1887	182.	Jerome B. Anderson	1902
127.	Burkett G. Ferrell	1887	183.	Thomas B. Marks	1903
128.	John B. McFerrin	1887	184.	Burkett F. Ferrell	1903
129.	Clarence B. Farris	1887	185.	John R. Williams	1904
130.	Joseph G. Myers	1887	186.	William R. Peebles	1904
131.	John W. Tarrant	1887	187.	James D. Barbee	1904
132.	Greenville T. Henderson	1888	188.	Lewis R. Amis	1904
133.	Jasper Nichols	1888	189.	William R. Riggin	1904
134.	Elbert J. Allen	1888	190.	Nathaniel B. S. Owings	1905
135.	Jessie J. Ellis	1889	191.	William D. Cherry	1905
136.	James Wiley Hill	1889	192.	William A. Leath	1905

193.	Zachary W. Moores	1905	248.	Madison W. Charles	1918
194.	William Allen Turner	1906	249.	Green P. Jackson	1918
195.	William Wallace Graves	1906	250.	James W. Faires	1918
196.	James G. Hinson	1906	251.	George W. Nackles	1919
197.	James A. Bridges	1906	252.	Thomas H. Woodward	1919
198.	John Westley Hanner, Jr.	1907	253.	Moses J. Mabry	1919
199.	William H. Cotton	1907	254.	George M. Sanders	1919
200.	Henry S. McBride	1907	255.	Pleasant D. Freeman	1919
201.	John Matthews	1907	256.	Henry J. Ivie	1920
202.	Ephraim W. White	1907	257.	Warren B. Josselyn	1920
203.	B. H. Johnson	1908	258.	William W. Martin	1920
204.	George S. Byrom	1908	259.	John L. Kellum	1920
205.	George W. Anderson	1908	260.	Robert K. Brown	1920
206.	John Casto Keathley	1908	261.	James R. Harris	1921
207.	David C. Keyyey	1909	262.	Thomas B. Fisher	1922
208.	Andrew C. Matthews	1909	263.	Billy Floyd Tipps	1922
209.	Charles E. Heriges	1910	264.	William Booker Lowery	1922
210.	Wood Bouldin	1910	265.	Charles S. Gabard	1922
211.	Benjamin J. Gaston	1910	266.	Thomas A. Carden	1922
212.	John C. Putnam	1910	267.	Ernest W. Brown	1923
213.	Henry S. Ledbetter	1911	268.	Henry S. Kennedy	1923
214.	Martin R. Tucker	1911	269.	John W. Gilbert	1924
215.	Robert R. Jones	1911	270.	Samuel L. Fain	1924
216.	Thomas J. Baker	1911	271.	William J. Walkup	1924
217.	James A. Orman	1911	272.	J. Allison Malloy	1924
218.	John G. Gibson	1912	273.	William H. Lovell	1925
219.	James Mortimer Vaden	1912	274.	John W. Hensley	1925
220.	Albert T. Goodloe	1912	275.	William F. Powers	1925
221.	John A. McFerrin	1912	276.	William R. Wilson	1925
222.	G. B. McPeak	1913	277.	Oscar P. Hill	1925
223.	Thomas F. Kellum	1913	278.	John B. Jordan	1925
224.	Jerome Winford	1913	279.	Lawrence Hosale	1925
225.	William T. Hart	1913	280.	Emmet L. Gregory	1925
226.	John O. Blanton	1913	281.	Joseph C. Roberts	1926
227.	George W. Taylor	1913	282.	William M. Green	1926
228.	John W. Rooker	1913	283.	James R. Holmes	1926
229.	Henry B. McNeill	1914	284.	Thomas M. Dent	1927
230.	John T. Duncan	1914	285.	Bartholomew T. Smothermon	1927
231.	Sterling M. Cherry	1914	286.	Rufus W. Seay	1927
232.	George H. Detwiler	1914	287.	Cullom R. Hosale	1927
233.	John H. Nichols	1914	288.	Warren H. Baird	1927
234.	Adolphus M. Ezell	1914	289.	Thomas M. Wilson	1927
235.	William S. Harwell	1915	290.	James M. Oakley	1928
236.	David B. Coleman	1915	291.	Matthew N. Ford	1928
237.	Jeremiah W. Cullom	1915	292.	John R. Reagin	1928
238.	John R. Thompson	1916	292.	John R. Reeves	1928
239.	John G. Molloy	1916	294.	Asbury C. Couey	1928
240.	William T. Dye	1916	295.	Thomas H. Hinson	1928
241.	Thomas R. Curtis	1916	296.	John F. Beasley	1928
242.	Robert A. Reagan	1916	297.	Thomas S. Cullom	1928
243.	Thomas L. Moody	1916	298.	Wickliffe Weakley	1929
244.	Joseph B. Erwin	1916	299.	John Knox Lee	1929
245.	George D. Guinn	1916	300.	Thomas L. Darnell	1930
246.	John M. Jordan	1916	301.	William W. Pinson	1930
247.	Alexander G. Dinwiddie	1918	302.	S. S. Hartley	1930

303.	William A. Stoud	1930	333.	Robert J. Craig	1937
304.	William H. Gilbert	1930	334.	Thomas A. Kerley	1937
305.	George D. Byrne	1931	335.	John Nathaniel Handlin	1937
306.	Rufus E. Travis	1931	336.	John J. Mabry	1938
307.	John L. Chenault	1931	337.	George B. Winton	1938
308.	Berry T. Lannom	1931	338.	James Oscar Crawford	1938
309.	Robert Waite	1932	339.	Claude P. Givens	1938
310.	William H. Klyee	1932	340.	George Livingston Beale	1938
311.	James T. Brown	1932	341.	James Franklin Tinnon	1938
312.	John E. Harrison	1932	342.	Orville G. Halliburton	1938
313.	William L. Jackson	1932	343.	William B. Taylor	1938
314.	Payton A. Sowell	1932	344.	John A. Allison	1939
315.	John P. Funk	1933	345.	J. W. Cherry	1939
316.	Fountain E. Alford	1933	346.	Oswald Eugene Brown	1939
317.	E. M. Harrell	1933	347.	Benjamin Jasper Rochelle	1940
318.	William J. Collier	1933	348.	Samuel W. Bransford	1940
319.	J. H. Ray	1933	349.	William Thomas Shearin Cook	1940
320.	Bruce L. Lyle	1934	350.	John S. Rice	1940
321.	Elijah Robinson	1934	351.	Joseph Webster	1940
322.	J. W. Madewell	1934	352.	Elisha Henry	1940
323.	John J. Ransom	1934	353.	Allen P. Walker	1940
324.	W. S. Taylor	1934	354.	T. E. Marshall	1941
325.	Mark Bailey Williams	1935	355.	W. H. Williams	1941
326.	Robert McClain Chenault	1935	356.	F. H. Coleman	1941
327.	T. W. Noland	1935	357.	W. L. Suggs	1942
328.	Oliver L. Green	1936	358.	J. R. Simpson	1942
329.	Wilbur F. Tillett	1936	359.	J. B. Cheek	1942
330.	J. G. Harper	1936	360.	W. A. Bass	1942
331.	Edwin B. Chappell	1936			
332.	Berry Floyd Isom	1936			

Insanity's Causes

WORCHESTER, MASS. -

Among the patients in the insane asylum here during the past 27 years, two were here from strokes of lightning, 122 from disappointed love, 40 from jealousy, 25 from speculation, 296 from fear of poverty and 206 from religious excitement.

From *Atlanta Century*, Sunday, February 24, 1861.

(DWP)

"Persons who have a great deal to say about shedding the last drop of blood are amazingly particular about the first."

From *Atlanta (Ga.) Intelligencer*, January 19, 1862.

(DWP)

Juanita Patton, while searching for her own ancestors found the following document which she is sharing with our readers. She descends from the first name on the list, Stephen Rice Gilliam (ca 1801-1857)

1848 SUMNER COUNTY, TN VOTERS OF DISTRICT 15

by Juanita Patton

The twelfth president of the United States was elected on Tuesday, November 7, 1848. General Zachary Taylor was the Whig candidate that year and General Lewis Cass was the Democratic candidate. When the vote was counted, Taylor was the winner with 1,360,163 popular votes and 163 electoral votes.¹

In the northeastern corner of District 15 of Sumner County, TN, the voters cast 144 votes for the Democratic ticket and 24 for the Whigs. The handwritten list of 168 voters and a tally sheet for the presidential election in November, 1848, were found among the Miscellaneous Loose Records of Sumner County. The voter's names were copied exactly as they appear on the list and in the same order as recorded by C. W. Bonner, one of the clerks.²

This statement appears at the end of the list of voters: "We the undersigned clerks do certify that the above is a true list of the voters names in District No. 15 taken on the 7th day of November 1848." Signed: S. C. Taylor and E. W. Bonner, Clerks. Test. by J. W. Barr, Returning Officer.

S. R. Gillam	James Harris	Richard Mandrel
Wm. Meador	Willis Perry	Edward Fillips
Lewis Martin	Wm Gaines	James Hunt
James Coats	J. C. Morriss	Peter Borders
Joseph Gilmore	James Thompson	David Graves
Little Adcock	James Witham	Dans Brown
James Carter	Hermon Carter	Obiah Conyers
Wm. Parish, Jr.	Jarret Carter	Wm. Graves Jr
Robt. Duffer	Wm Tuttle	Harboard Perry
James Parish	C. T. Hawkins	Asa Duffer
F. S. Austin	E. S. Nidom	Jesse Perry
Yancy Turner	George Black	J. C. Sloan
Samuel Morriss	Andrew Grave	J. R. Wolf
Johnathan Escue	Solomon Mandrel	Wm Grissom
Wm. Parish, Sr.	James Fillips	Isaac Durham
Matha Hutcherson	James Hunt, Sr	Richard Martin
James Spears	Thos Rippy	Robt Angel
Wilkerson Sutton	David Mandrel	John Barber
Barnet Gillam	David Harp	Qwinton Perry
Jacob Trout	John Doss	Mastin Keen
R. J. Pike	Charles Tooley	Henry Harris
Wm. Perry	Wiley Povy	John Conyers
Thos Key	Henry Gains	B. Turner
F. B. Mason	Benj Pike	Henry Carter
John Perry	Harris Carter	Martin Key
E. W. Spears	Joshia Doss	Miles Durham
Marcus Keen	Lemuel Boyacan	Elitia Keen
H. J. Weatherford	James West	James Rippy, Sr.
Benj. Carter, Jr.	J. A. Conyers	James Angel
Wm. Keen	Noah Fillips	A. S. Simpson
Alferd Graves	James Durham	Wm. Clyn

Robert Dorris	Daniel Alsup	Wiley Brackin
Phillips Mabery	Anderson Keen	---Richmond
Moses McQuarter	Quinton Rippy	B. R. Trout
James Brown	A. G. Thomas	James Escue
Benj Maberry	Daniel Weeks	J. W. Barr
Andrew Clyn	John Maquier	Henry Morris
Thos Carter	Thomas Creecy	S. C. Taylor
Jerrymiah Alsup	John Rippy	Wm Morris
Wiley Oneal	James Morris	George Morris
R. C. House	Isam Gant	Henry Carter
Wiley Graves	A. W. Hunter	B. --Brackin
Wm Borders	Haystet Black	John Brackin
Elves Rippy	Jacob Staley	Jossiah Dorris
Wm Graves	Wm Mason	Richard Bostick
James Perry	R. G. Johnson	W. J. Edwards
Level Woollen	Anderson Rippy	Daniel Sulavan
Wm J. Fleming	Benj Gant	James Dunn
Jesse Rippy	John Drennon	Ananias Epperson
Gilam Perry	Squire Brown	J. G. Hawkins
Wiley Rippy	John Morris	James Hoskins
J. A. Rippy	Benj Gant	W. D. Turner
Drury Perry	Byrd Trout	C. W. Bonner
James Pike	John Gillam	J. S. Tucker
Jackson Harrison	Freman Senter	Thos Colyer
A. G. Sarver	Wm Culwell	Hardy Culwell
	Benj Carter, Sr	

¹ The World Almanac and Book of Facts, 1989, "Major Parties Popular and Electoral Votes for President", p. 103.

² Miscellaneous Document No. 10, Microfilm, Sumner County Loose Records. Sumner County Archives, Gallatin, TN. Transcribed for publication with permission of SCA.

Livy Simpson writes—"Any genealogist who has spent time reading deeds and their numerous references to trees will appreciate the following Tennessee statute. This statute was first put on the books in 1829. The following version is from *The Code of Tennessee, 1858* prepared by Return J. Meigs and William F. Cooper."

4654 Whoever shall unlawfully, knowingly, wilfully, and corruptly destroy the corner tree of another's land, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years.

THE CUMBERLAND SETTLEMENT IN 1785

by Dorothy Williams Potter

Introduction

During 1785, armed with a secret order, a Spanish subject named Don Luis Charchere' visited the Cumberland settlement which was in the present-day Nashville area. Estevan Miro', Spanish governor general of Louisiana and West Florida during this time, had approved the commission given to Don Luis Charchere' by Don Francisco Bouligny "to determine whether or not chalanes [boats] were being constructed on the Cumberland, or on the Ohio, as some Indians had reported, and to learn about those Countries."



The following is a translation of the ensuing Spanish report by Don Luis Charchere' to Don Francisco Bouligny dated December 10, 1785. Charchere''s report is one of the very earliest descriptions that we have of the Cumberland settlement, and was made by a man on a spying mission.

A Contemporary Translation

My dear Sir: The eight[h] of the present month I left the Chickasaws after having received from Monsieur Turnbull all the news, I continued my Journey toward the Cumberland settlement without other incident than the loss of two horses, which the Indians stole at the Lizas River. After 11 days travel we arrived at the Plantation of Mr. Robertson whom we did not see, because he had left with six or seven inhabitants, to pick out and survey lands on the Bluffs of Margot, or Chickasaw Bluffs as they call them.... These Bluffs are situated 10 leagues from the San Francisco de Arkansas River on the west bank of the Mississippi.

As I carried a Letter for Mr. Robertson, I begged his Wife to open it and read it to me, which she did; having seen it was only about me. I left the next day to present myself to the other Leaders, and went to the Town where I had scarcely arrived when I received their visit in the House of Mr. Clark, a business man in this settlement:¹ where Mr. Plesdo [Bledsoe], one of them began to speak, and after the ordinary compliments asked me what reasons had

constrained me to undertake so long and tedious a journey in such a severe season. I satisfied him, and he said to me that he had taken this step because the inhabitants feared that I was a spy sent by the Spanish Government, and they had charged him as their Leader to find out about the matter. I begged him to remember that the two Crowns were at peace, and, as I believed, there was no sign of an early break, that in my opinion anyone had a right to travel without other motive than that called forth by curiosity. He did not seem to be entirely satisfied with my reasoning, but did not openly reject it. Among other reasons he maintained that the place from which I came was under dispute, that the Mississippi River was not open, etc. I refuted his reasons and he pretended to be satisfied, promising me his assistance in anything in which he could serve me.

I remained in Cumberland the time I thought necessary to get acquainted with that settlement, its customs, and the manners of its inhabitants. On the eleventh, when I planned to leave for the falls [now Louisville, Ky.] two men arrived from the Nations. I

made the chance acquaintance of one of them, and he told me that he had letters sent by the Georgia Commissioners to the Leading Men of Cumberland, and being persuaded that these were against me, I proposed to him to show them to me, which he did, and finding one of them torn open, I plainly saw that I was denounced in it as a spy; and knowing how important it was for me to intercept it, I took the means that I believed most proper to carry out my plan, and with much difficulty I obtained it for the sum of 200 dollars, and hearing that others would be sent about my journey, I started down the River in a small canoe, the land routes being closed. The reports that I give hereafter, with the exception of those about Cumberland, which I have seen for myself, are those that I have received from persons whom I believe to be well informed....

Cumberland is on the River Chawarnon, vulgarly called by the name of the Settlement. There are about 40 souls, 20 able to bear arms which are the rifle, used by them with great skill, being for the great part hunters, and Peltry the greater part of their commerce. Thus obliged like all the other of whom I shall speak, to establish themselves by force of arms on these lands that have scarcely been abandoned by the Indians, their life is quite laborious and hard. They are large, well built and robust, as are people who come from the North: the climate is a little colder than in Natchez: the only cultivation that they care for is Tobacco, and Corn. They put up the first in Plugs which they send to Illinois, and receive in return liquors and some eatables. This kind of commerce is not considerable, but as the land is suitable to the cultivation of this plant, there would be a great quantity if means could be found for sending it out, making them greatly desire the free navigation of the River, which they believe cannot be denied them, being assured that in a short time they will be in possession of Natchez. They expect 100 to 150 Families this spring [1786].

As soon as new inhabitants come to settle, five or six families unite and build a large stockade, to contain the necessary cabins to line in, and cultivate together a Field of Corn etc. Ordinarily they look for lands three or four miles from the last Settlement, in order to have pasture for the animals: they make the great part of their clothes, or [illegible]. Those of the men consist of heavy skins, and the women dress in clothes made of cotton, or hemp that they cultivate. They send out the great part of their merchandise by the falls.

The Cumberland River empties into the Ohio about 200 miles from the town they have begun, which is at present a small thing; but it may increase much because of its location, and because the River passing it is navigable during high water by the largest Boats [Lanchones]. The water usually rises in November and remains until March, more or less. Even when it is low navigation is possible with difficulty in spite of the rapids, in canoes made in part of hugh casks. There is no other artillery than two four-pounder cannon and they are not mounted. Between this River and the Chickasaws there is another called Cherokee which is navigable for 200 leagues during high water. In low water it is impractical because of some 30 miles of shallows called Muscle Shoals. At the source of this River there is a branch called Holston which gives the name to a Settlement, which according to the reports of some persons is considerable - like Kentucky, which is located between Cumberland and the Falls, and where there are 25 to 30 thousand souls. Wheat is cultivated in that place, although in small quantity, the land being very new. Like the Cumberland, they sow tobacco, corn, hemp, cotton, all of which that is not consumed is exported by the Falls from where necessities are likewise received....

[signed] Luis Chachere²

¹This report places Lardner Clarke in the area prior to 1786 when he had been previously reported coming from Philadelphia with the packhorses "laden with wares from Philadelphia to open a store on the Cumberland." See Albert C. Holt, "The Economic and Social Beginnings of Tennessee," *Tennessee Historical Magazine*, Vol. 7, No. 3, Oct. 1921 (Nashville, Tennessee, 1921), p. 213.

²Chachere to Bouligny, "Papers from the Spanish Archives, 1783-1800" eds. D. C. and Roberta Corbitt, East Tennessee Historical Society's *Publications*, No 9, 1937 (Knoxville, Tennessee, 1937), pp. 138-141.

Thomas E. Partlow of Lebanon, Tennessee, has been compiling Wilson County records for many years. A number of these have been published in book form but many others exist only as typescripts. A copy of each was presented to the Tennessee State Library & Archives for use by patrons. He has generously offered these to us for publication. This is a continuation of *Selected Cemeteries in Wilson County, Tennessee, 1977*. See Vol. VI, No. 1 for beginning.

SELECTED CEMETERIES IN WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

by Thomas E. Partlow

These family graveyards scattered throughout Wilson county bear witness to the lives of long ago. They were once set aside in sorrowing reverence and tended with great care. Now most of them are abandoned, overgrown, and in some cases desecrated.

History and genealogy can be found. They provide family data often not otherwise available. The inscriptions are often poignant and revealing as to the lives of these early settlers. Heartbreak is still conveyed in many of them.

The intent of this book is to preserve the information still to be found in these cemeteries. This has been done through identifying remaining tombstones and recollections of remaining older residents. Regrettably, it was not possible to identify all of the graves.

CAMPER CEMETERY

(Located on the east side of the Franklin Road, Lebanon, Tennessee)

1. Reverend Joseph Camper, born 31 October 1812; died 15 February 1894.
 2. Mrs. E. A. Camper, born 15 February 1826; died 11 May 1901.
 3. Myrtle Ellen Staley, born 1881; died 1973.
 4. Robert Staley, born 1865; died 1951.
 5. Ross. Infant of Robert Staley and Myrtle Staley.
 6. Sallie E., born 4 October 1854; died 3 October 1889. Married 28 September 1879. The inscription reads, "She professed religion in 1869. United with the Methodist Protestant Church at Liberty Hill. She was an affectionate daughter, mother, and sister. One of the good ones on earth is gone. She sleeps in Jesus. Those that sleep in Jesus will God bring forth with Him. Blessed sleep from which she will never wake to weep."
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CASTLEMAN CEMETERY

(Located in Davidson County between Alvin Sperry Road and Sugg's Creek.
Moved by Army Engineers to Mount Juliet, Tennessee.)

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| 1. Marshall Cummings, born 9 September 1855; died 17 January 1944. | 4. Joyce C. Henry, died 1934. |
| 2. Charles T. Castleman, born 10 May 1854; died 27 August 1937. | 5. Nancy L. Waller, died 1901. |
| 3. Alice Luella Castleman, born 22 March 1861; died 30 July 1939. | 6. Infant. June and Judy Henry, died 1936. |
| | 7. Polk Castleman. |
| | 8. Willie Castleman. |
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| 9. Benjamin Castleman. | 16. Ann Bond. |
| 10. Benjamin Castleman. Wife. | 17. J. W. Henry. |
| 11. Ellen Castleman. | 18. Laura Henry. |
| 12. Katherine Castleman. | 19. Henry Infants. Two. |
| 13. Castleman Infants. Two. | 20. Leslie Henry. |
| 14. Charlene Castleman. | 21. Infant Waller. |
| 15. Sandford Castleman. | |
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DRENNAN CEMETERY

(Located on the north side of Stewart's Ferry Road, just beyond South Mount Juliet Road, Mount Juliet, Tennessee)

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| 1. Thomas Powell, born March 1830; died December 1907. | 15. Lucy Johnson Alexander, born 17 May 1863; died 24 July 1946. Wife of Benjamin W. Castleman. |
| 2. Sara Bruce, born 22 February 184?; died 12 March 1892. | 16. Effie N. Peach, died 11 November 1941. Age 54. |
| 3. Edward Boner, born 18 November 1912; died 28 January 1913. | 17. Joe J. Peach, died 3 March 1942. Age 68. |
| 4. Sammy Bright, born 10 August 1904; died 24 March 1907. | 18. Rebecca, born 24 January 1824; died 18 August 1905. Wife of R. A. Telford. |
| 5. Joseph H. Bright, born 17 June 1864; died 23 June 1848. | 19. Ann, born June 1822; died 8 July 1871. Wife of R. A. Telford. Daughter of W. Drennan and C. Drennan. |
| 6. Sallie Sims, born 14 April 1871; died | 20. Robert A. Telford, born 1 April 1822; died 9 November 1884. Age 62 years 7 months. The inscription reads, "Depart my friends cry up you tears. Here I must lie till Christ appears." |
| 7. Tolbert M. Peach, born 28 May 1884; died 23 April 1907. | 21. Julie A. Telford, born 4 April 1852; died 28 May 1886. Wife of H. H. Jenkins. The inscription reads, "Gently the spirit fled, Sustained by grace divine, Oh my such grace on us be shed and make our end like thine." |
| 8. Mattie A. Peach, born 19 January 1891; died | 22. Sacred to the memory of Eliza A. Peach, born 13th of November 1813; and departed this life 21st of Deceamber 1844. Consort of G. W. Peach. The inscription reads, "Tis sweet to think that when I die there's one will hold my hand and let me on his bosom lie till every breath of life is shed." |
| 9. C. S. Eakes, born July 1866; died 30 August 1889. | 23. In memory of Thomas Drennan, born 19 November 1768 A. D.; died 16th July A. D. 1835. |
| 10. Tom Telford, born 10 October 1847; died 7 April 1919. | 24. S. E. Gregory, died 1837. Age 5 years. |
| 11. Infant son of P. T. Burnett and M. A. Burnett. Born and died 11 June 1911. | 25. In memory of Maria Drenen, born 13 August 1817; |
| 12. Infant daughter of M. Peach and E. Peach. Born and died 6 November 1873. | |
| 13. Maybell G. Gleaves, born 28 February 1893; died 12 September 1897. | |
| 14. Benjamin Washington Castleman, born 6 May 1855; died 25 July 1902. | |

died June 1835. The inscription reads, "Sweet bea that sleep beneath the green trees shade."

love we deeply feel but tis God that hath bereath us. He can all our sorrows hear."

26. In memory of Ebinaide Shane, born 9 April 1825; departed this life 22 February 1841. Age 16 years, 10 months, and 15 days.
27. William (Shane), died 21 February 1903. Age 76 years.
28. Annie Jenkins Pugh, born 10 June 1894; died 30 July 1929.
29. Maude Jenkins, born 16 June 1896; died 22 February 1918. Wife of J. W. Boner.
30. Osmon Jenkins, born 16 March 1850; died 9 December 1905. Age 55 years. His wife Mollie Wright, born 9 October 1867; died 19 December 1943. Age 76 years. In memory of father and mother.
31. Henry Clay, born 3 May 1854; died 9 November 1892. Son of Samuel Jenkins. The inscription reads, "Many happy hours have we spent together that are gone to return no more on earth. But I hope to meet him in heaven above where all is joy, peace, and love."
32. Almorean Jenkins, born 11 September 1847; died 2 June 1877 at 15 minutes past 9 o'clock p.m. The inscription reads, "We only know that thou hast gone and that the same return-less tide which bore thee from us still glides on and we who mourn thee with its glide."
33. Robert P. Jenkins, born 5 November 1845; died 6 August 1876 at 10 o'clock a.m. The inscription reads, "Dearest brother thou have left us. How thy
34. Samuel Jenkins, born 15 September 1822; died 22 June 1888.
35. Ann Jenkins, born 10 August 1830; died 16 June 1858. Consort of Samuel Jenkins. Daughter of John Shane and Nancy Shane.
36. Lucinda Drennan, born 1835; died 5 April 1891.
37. J. T. McMenaway, born 7 October 1832; died 15 January 1879. Age 17 years and 3 months.
38. Martha Drennan, born 1846; died 24 June 1901. Age 55 years. Wife of Z.B. Williams.
39. T. F. Drennan, born April 1829; died 12 July 1881.
40. Catherine, born 30 April 1797; died 27 January 1875. Wife of William Drennan.
41. William Drenon, born 16 November 1800; died 20 September 1879.
42. Dick McMenaway, born 19 July 1859; died 22 March 1878.
43. John R. McMenaway, born 8 July 1831; died 23 May 1905. The inscription reads, "God gave, He took, He will restore, He doeth all things well."
44. Cynthia G. McMenaway, born 12 December 1833; died 25 January 1917. The inscription reads, "No fear, no woe shall dim that hour that manifests the Savior's power."

ESKEW CEMETERY

(Located just beyond Mount View School on the east side of Franklin Road, Lebanon, Tennessee. There are several graves in this cemetery which cannot be identified because hogs have been allowed to destroy the tombstones)

1. Lydia Eskew, born 10 June 1871; died . inscription reads, "Grandma's darling. Tis a little grave but oh have care for world's wide hopes are buried here."
2. S. J. Eskew, born 28 April 1854; died 11 November 1922.
3. Our little Loyd, born 2 August 1896; died 30 December 1897.
4. Hattie H., born 30 December 1903; died 15 July 1905. Daughter of S. J. Eskew and Lydia Eskew. The
5. Matilda Eskew, born 16 August 1818; died 27 November 1853.
6. (?) Eskew, born 5 September 1874; died 29 June 1888.

FLOYD CEMETERY

(Located on west side of the Franklin Road, Lebanon, Tennessee)

1. J. S. Floyd, born 3 May 1848; died 11 April 1918.
 2. Emmaline Floyd, born 10 October 1846; died .
 3. Simon Floyd, born 19 January 1909; died 28 May 1911.
 4. Fletcher Floyd, born 1858; died 1909.
 5. Hardy Francis Floyd. Age 36 years. The inscription reads, "Mother."
 6. Joe A. Floyd. Age 47 years. The inscription reads, "Father."
 7. Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Floyd, born 11 May 1903; died 11 May 1903.
 8. Nellie W. Floyd, born 27 April 1888; died 13 March 1907.
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HARKREADER CEMETERY

(Located on the west side of Beckwith Road, just off the Central Pike, Gladeville, Tennessee)

1. Tom Hardy, born 13 February 1857; died 9 January 1924.
2. Virginia Hardy, born 11 August 1859; died 25 December 1945.
3. Tommie V. Hardy, born 2 February 1894; died 25 July 1908. The inscription reads, "Our fondest hopes lie buried here."
4. Truett S. Hardy, born 25 September 1882; died 19 August 1952.
5. Nannie R., born 4 July 1848; died 30 July 1876. Wife of J. E. Fuqua. Daughter of C. W. Hewgley and Elizabeth Hewgley.
6. Infant Babe of J. E. Fuqua and Nannie Fuqua.
7. Martha Jane, born 25 February 1847; died 30 March 1870. Wife of John W. Gwynn. Daughter of W. Hewgley and Elizabeth Hewgley. A member of the Methodist Church. The inscription reads, "She died in full hope of a living faith."
8. Minnie Leo, born 15 December 1870; died 3 August 1877. Daughter of W. Gwynn and M. J. Gwynn.
9. Harriet H., born 26 August A. D. 1817; departed this life in prospects of a blessed immortality 21 June 1849. Consort of G. T. Gleaves. Member of Methodist E. Church. The inscription reads, "Blessed are they that keep His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and so may enter in through the gates into the city."
10. In memory of Ann, born 31 October 1819; departed this life in prospects of a blessed immortality 18 November 1847. Consort of G. C. Matlock. Member of Methodist Episcopal Church. The inscription reads, "Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?"
11. Margaret H., born 27 August 1813; died 19 July 1817. Member Methodist Episcopal Church. The inscription reads, "Blessed are the dead which are in the Lord from henceforth they can () that they may rest from their labors. Their works follow them."

12. In memory of Catherine Hardy, born in Virginia 25 September 1778; died like a shadow blowing in softly from a passing cloud. Death fell upon her 31 July 1854. Age 75 years, 4 months, 7 days. Consort of William Hardy. Member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The inscription reads, "Beneath this mound sleep, sweet Mother, sleep. We will not mourn as those who have no hope. We will see you again."
 13. To the memory of William Hardy, born in Virginia in the year 1780; died 16 November 1850. Age 70 years. The inscription reads, "A burning and shining light to the Church pattern to sinful men. An angel of mercy. By faith he lived on earth in hope. He died by love. He lives in heaven."
 14. In memory of Virginia T. Infant daughter of J. Hardy and T. Hardy. Born 27 November 1848; died 29 July 1849.
 15. Sacred to the memory of Jane E. Harkreader, born 21 January 1817; died 1 April 1856. Consort of S. H. Harkreader. Married 18 January 1838. The inscription reads, "OH death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?"
 16. Sylvanus Harkreader, born 26 September 1815; died March 1884.
 17. To the memory of Sarah, born in the State of Virginia in May 1787; departed from this life in prospects of a blessed immortality 25 April 1854. Age 67 years, 1 month, 21 days. Consort of Jacob Harkreader. Member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The inscription reads, "She died as she lived a true Christian."
 18. Jacob Harkreader, born in Virginia 5 May 1783; died 15 May 1858 and was a member of the Methodist Church.
 19. Margaret M. Hewgley, born 26 November 1821; died 16 February 1871.
 20. John W., born 13 May 1833; died 23 November 1866. Son of William A. Hamilton and Jane H. Hamilton. Erected by his father.
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HOOKER CEMETERY

(Located on the old Hooker farm on the south side of Stewart's Ferry Road at Gladeville, Tennessee)

1. Bettie Hooker, born 8 July 1845; died 19 September 1908. Wife of J. W. Hooker.
2. Jonathan Wesley Hooker, born 16 July 1832; died 30 January 1896.
3. Walter Hooker, born 12 September 1868; died 17 December 1868.
4. William Howard Hooker, born 30 July 1870; died 18 September 1875.
5. Byron Hooker, born 18 March 1867; died 24 April 1929.
6. Mollie Castleman Hooker, born 1864; died 20 September 1953. Wife of Byron Hooker.
7. Lillian May Hooker, born 19 July 1878; died 5 April 1964.
8. Howard Hooker, born 25 October 1900; died 25 October 1900. Infant son of Byron Hooker and Mollie Castleman Hooker.
9. Lois Hamblen, born 23 November 1898; died 25 October 1947. Wife of Terry Hamblen. Daughter of Byron Hooker and Mollie Castleman Hooker.

10. Ransom DeWitt Hooker, born 24 November 1854; died 10 June 1941.
11. Robert Wilson Hooker, born 26 September 1830; died 9 September 1892.
12. Sara Ann Hooker, born 2 October 1840; died 8 August 1879.
13. Margaret T. Hooker, born 8 December 1845; died 24 July 1876.
14. William Andrew Hooker, born 14 April 1834; died 18 February 1862. Civil War Soldier.
15. James Monroe Hooker, born 8 December 1850; died 11 July 1913.
16. Pursus Calhoun Hooker, born 30 October 1843; died 12 May 1916.
17. Mary Elizabeth Hooker, born 31 March 1848; died 27 July 1917.
18. Rebecca Jane Hooker, born 26 December 1827; died 15 October 1847.
19. Cloey Elein Hooker, born 20 May 1836; died 6 October 1844.
20. S. J. (Dollie) Moore, born 23 October 1851; died 26 August 1935. Wife of Silas J. Moore. Daughter of Hugh G. Hooker and Nancy Lemmons Hooker.
21. Maggie E. May, born 19 September 1875; died 27 January 1904. Wife of J. D. May. Daughter of Silas J. Moore and Dollie Hooker Moore.
22. Nancy Lemmons Hooker, born 22 September 1829; died 11 February 1904. Wife of Hugh Gwynn Hooker.
23. Hugh Gwynn Hooker, born 6 July 1829; died 4 February 1892.
24. Margaret Gwynn Hooker, born 24 March 1809; died 20 May 1889. Wife of Jonathan Frizelle Hooker.
25. Jonathan Frizelle Hooker, born 8 July 1805; died 15 October 1885.
26. Illegible stone.
27. Illegible stone. Dates 30 November 1797 and 1830 appear on the stone. Possibly the grave of Frances Hooker, the daughter of Benjamin F. Hooker and Ann Frizelle Hooker.
28. Illegible stone. The date 1830 appears on the stone. Possibly the grave of Rebecca Hooker, the daughter of Benjamin F. Hooker and Ann Frizelle Hooker.
29. Here lies the body of Ann Knight. . . departed this life. . . Possibly the mother of Benjamin F. Hooker.
30. Benjamin Freeman Hooker, died July 1834. Age 70 years.
31. Ann, died 6 April 1862. Age 93 years. Wife of Benjamin Freeman Hooker.
32. Joe Davis May, born 5 October 1878; died 30 July 1968.
33. Maud May, born 8 January 1877; died 10 October 1923.
34. Rayborn Clay Harkreader, born 1 May 1936; died 2 May 1936. The inscription reads, "Our baby."
35. Herbert D. May, born 9 July 1909; died 25 November 1910. Son of J. D. May and L. M. May. The inscription reads, "Gone to be an angel."
36. Eddie Hooker, born 21 August 1895; died 15 February 1919. Son of Robert Hatton Hooker and Laura Thompson Hooker.
37. Robert Hatton Hooker, born 22 October 1857; died 31 October 1928.

There are a number of graves with rough unmarked stones.

**MINUTES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF
NORTH CAROLINA AND MERO DISTRICT**

Abstracted by Dorothy Johnson

At the time the Mero District was organized, comprising all of what is now Middle Tennessee, North Carolina still claimed ownership of the Tennessee 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 1930s 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 proves 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.

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

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Elijah Robertson vs. Moses Shelby.

Case: "Appeal-Judgement by Default." Filed 2 Sep. 1790

Declaration: On 9 May 1786 Elijah Robertson and Moses Selby agreed that Shelby would give Robertson a bond [evidence of debt] on Eusibious Bushnell, William Dobins, and Joseph Brock for three negroes. Shelby further says he instituted a suit against one John Marshall, late of the State of Georgia, for £1200 North Carolina currency, and promises and agrees to take all lawful means to support said suit. When the "whole sum or any part thereof was obtained Shelby was to transfer and convey same to Robertson. Robertson was in turn to release a former contract made between Robertson and Shelby and give up three bonds totaling £8500. Shelby further promised to return a bond of Robertson for 50,000 acres of land.

Monday [No date given]

Plaintiff Robertson declares he has performed all covenants and agreements but that Shelby has not, to the damage of Robertson. Therefore, Robertson brought suit for £2000.

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Jury: Thomas Smith, Anthony Hart, Elias Fort, John Blackamore, Robert Disha, Joseph Hooper, William Stuart, John Pillews, Frederick Stump, David Rounsaval, John Campbell and Hayden Wills.

Verdict: Jury found for Robertson and awarded him damages of £1320 plus costs. Robertson later acknowledged satisfaction of the judgement. Moses Shelby's securities "delivered him up in discharge of themselves" and Shelby "is ordered in custody of the Sheriff [jailed]."

James White and William Blackamore were ordered fined for not appearing as jurymen as ordered.

Joseph Motheral and William Blackamore filled affidavits and were released from fine incurred for not attending this court as jurors. [Ed: They gave an acceptable excuse.]

John Caffreo, Joseph Motheral, Simon Elliott, Isaac Peterson and James Boyd were summonsed as jurors but failed to appear. They were ordered fined.

Thomas McCroy was summoned to give testimony in the suit "David [Shaffer] vs. Jason Thompson but failed to appear and was fined.

-----McWhirter ordered released from his fine for not attending as a juror in last term of court.[Ed: Had to have been either George or William but is believed to have been William.]

David Shaffer vs. Jason Thompson.

"Same jury as in No.1 except Jas. Motheral, John Caffree, James White & Wm. Blackamore." Nonsuit.
[Ed. Jury found for defendant.]

James Clamorgan vs. James Ford

Same jury as in Shaffer vs. Thompson. Nonsuit [Ed:Found for defendant.]

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John Caffree's fine recinded. He is released of his fine incurred for non attendance as a juror.

Attachment vs. David Hay. Ordered that an attachment for relief issue against David Hay for not "bringing up the papers in the Sail [sale] of Iona Skinner vs. Geo. W. Sugg."

David Hay vs. James Boscly.

Case; Slander

Plea: Not Guilty

Declaration: James Bosley is in custody [jailed]. David Hay declares he is and always has been a good, true and honest citizen of the district of Mero and from his birth has conducted himself in such a manner as to have a good name, fame and condition. He has been honest and virtuous in his life as well as amongst his neighbors and others he has known and has been free from all kinds of felony, theft, robbery, or all other wicked and horrid crimes. He has not only the good will, friendship and favor of his neighbors and others but also has been put into the Commission of the peace for Davidson County for several years past and is a Justice for Davidson County.

Nevertheless James Bosley, on 31 March 1793 in the town of Nashville, Davidson County, falsely, maliciously, openly, and publicly spoke, asserted, uttered and published and with a loud voice pronounced that David Hay was a rogue and he could prove it; that he stole his planks or that he stole Mr. O'Neals goods and he well knew it.

David Hay is greatly scandalized in his good name, fame credit and esteem and is damaged to the amount of £2000. James Bosley pleaded not guilty.

Jury: Absolem Hopper, Danl. William, Thomas Smith, Joseph Motheral, John Caffree, John Drake, James Byrns, Thomas Hamilton, Thomas French, Martin Duncan, Thomas Johnson, William Overall.

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Verdict: For Hay in the amount of £7, ten shillings and costs.

James Bosley Vs. Thomas Hickman.

Case: Theft

Plea: Not guilty

Declaration: Thomas Hickman in custody [jail]. James Bosley states Thomas Hickman with force and arms in Davidson Co., "did take and Carry away two Stills of the value of twelve hundred pounds, [£1200],

the property of the said James Bosley...''to Bosley's great damage and against the peace and dignity of the U.S. Government South of the River Ohio.

James Bosley, by his attorney, John Overton, states that Hickman entered the close [yard or enclosure] with guns, swords and staves and took and carried away the stills and committed other enormities, to Bosley's damage of £2000.

Jury: Thomas Smith, Anthony Hart, Elias Fort, John Blackamore, Robert Desha, Joseph Hooper, William Stuart, John Pillow, Frederick Stump, David Rounsaval, John Campbell, and Hayden Wills.

Verdict: The jury finds the defendant not guilty as charged.

TUESDAY, 8th 9 o'clock a.m. [No month or year given but is after Sep. 1st 1791]

Present: The Hon. John McNairy and David Campbell, Esq., Judges.

Hickson Grubbs vs. Lawrence Thompson.

Disposition of case: "Dismissed by Justiman Cartwright to whom the Covenant was assigned. Each party to pay their own attorney's fees. The Plaintiff [Grubbs] pays the Sheriff's fees and the defendant [Thompson] pays the clerk's fees. John Whiteside and Josiah Thompson assumes to pay the Clerk's fees and agrees that Execution may issue against them for same."

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Simon Elliott, James White and Absolem Hooper.

Action: Fines resinded.

Disposition: Ordered that Simon Elliott, James White and Absolem Hooper be released from payment of their fines incurred for not attending as jurors.

Henry Childress and John Boyd, Jun.

Action: Fines Set

Disposition: Henry Childers and John Boyd, Jun. were fined 40/ each'' unless proper excuse given for not attending as Constables as summoned.

James Bosley Vs. George A. Sugg

Case: Debt

Declaration: James Bosley states George A. Sugg signed a note on 17 December 1790 acknowledging himself indebted to Lardner Clark for the sum of "two hundred and fifty five Dollars Six Shillings paper money" to be paid Lardner upon request. On 29 December 1790 Lardner assigned the note to James Bosley for value received. On 1 April 1791 Sugg promised to pay Bosely the sum of \$255 and six shillings paper upon request of Bosley. Request was made but money not paid. Sugg refused to pay and still refuses to pay the damage of Bosley in the amount of £200.

Jury: Robert Deshea, Danl. Williams, James White, John Drake, James Byrns, Thomas Hamilton, Thomas Johnston, Wm. Blackamore, Anthony Hart, Elias Fort, Thomas Smith, Joseph Hart.

Verdict: For Bosley. Awarded Bosley damages in the amount of £109, one shilling and five pence plus costs. [Judgement for £109.1s.5d]

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Robert Starks vs. Frederick Stump

Case: Plea of detinue [Plea for recovery of personal property]

Declaration: Robert Starks possessed two negroe men slaves valued at £300, named Yarrow and March. Starks lost and was deprived of the negroes which negroes later came to the hands and possession of

Frederick Stump who knew the negroes to be Stark's property. Nevertheless, Stump contrived to, and fraudtently intended to subtly decieve and defraud Starks of his property, Yarrow and March, to the damage of Starks in the sum of £1000.

Jury: Joseph Motheral, John Blackamore, John Caffrey, Thomas French, Beal Bosley, Martin Duncan, James Bosley, John Pillow, Joseph Hooper, William Brown, Isaac Roberts adn John Campbell.

Verdict: For the defendant Stump. The jury found for Frederick Stump who did not detain the aforesaid negroes in the manner and form as charged in the declaration.

Thomas Hickman Vs. Andrew Thompson

Case: Debt

Disposition of case: Judgement in the amount of £100, by default for Thomas Hickman.

James White and Robert Desha

James White and Robert Desha excused from serving as jurors during this Term on "account of the Excur-sions of the Indians Committed near his home and other reasons."

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Nicholas Lewis vs. Thomas Green

Case: Debt

Declaration: Plaintiff Lewis's attorney; John Overton, Esq.

On 1 May 1781 Thomas Green signed a note due to Ezecal [Ezekial?] Parks in the amount of £50 Virginia Currency, "of the value of one hundred pounds." Green bound himself "under the penalty of one hundred pounds of like money of the value of two hundred pounds."

On 1 June 1785 Parks assigned the note to Mastin Clay and on 5 December 1786 Mastin Clay assigned it to plaintiff Nicholas Lewis. Thus, Green vecame liable to pay the said sum of £50, "of the value of one hundred pounds to the said plaintiff." Said note has not been paid.

Jury: Absolem Hooper, Simon Elliott, John Drake, James Byrns, Thomas Hamilton, Thomas Johnston, Wm. Blackamore, Anthony Hart, Elias Fort, Thomas Smith and Joseph Hart.

Verdict: The jury found for the plaintiff, Nicholas Lewis, as charged in the declaration and awards him damages in the amount of Ninety three pounds, nineteen Shillings and nine pence plus costs.
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Samuel Crockett vs. Frances Clark

Case: Debt

Declaraion: Motion by Josiah Love, Esq. that judgement be reversed. Frances Clark gave his note to Samuel Crockett for three cows and calves and Crockett got an attachment against Clark's estate for same. It was mutually agreed by council for plaintiff and defendant that this judgement be reversed and the attachment be removed from Clark's estate.

Simon Elliott

Action: Leave of absence as a Juriman [juryman]

Case: Simon Elliott, having shown sufficient reason to the court for leave of absence as a juryman was excused.

Tuesday.

William Moore vs. Thomas Cumstock

Case: Appeal of plea to "not guilty"

Appeal filed 18 October 1791.

Declaration: William Moore declares that Thomas Cumstock, now in custody, in Tennessee County, North

Carolina with "Swords, Staves & knives made an assault upon him the said William." That Cumstock then and there did beat, imprison and evilly treat Moore without any reasonable cause contrary to the laws of the land. He kept him imprisoned "a long time." Moore sustained damages in the amount of \$190. Cumstock pleaded "Not guilty."

Jury: Joseph Motheral, John Blackamore, John Caffree, Thomas French, Beal Bosley, Absolem Hooper, James Bosley, John Pillow, Joseph Hooper, William Brown, Isaac Roberts and John Campbell.

Verdict: The defendant was found "not guilty."

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Joseph Hart

Case: Fine Resinded.

Disposition: Order that Joseph Hart be released from paying a fine for not attending as a juror as he has "shown his affidavit to the court."

Anthony Hart

Action: Fine resinded.

Disposition: Ordered that Anthony Hart be released from paying a fine incurred for not attending as a juror and he is also excused from being a juror for the rest of this term of court for reasons shown to the court on oath.

James Campbell vs. Thomas Brown

Case: Recovery of property.

Declaration: James Campbell possessed, in Mero District, one steer, partly black and white, five years old marked with a crop on the right ear and a swallow fork in the left. He lost the steer and same came to the hands and possession of Thomas Brown. Brown knew the steer belonged to Campbell but "contriving & fraudulently intending to decieve and defraud the Said James Campbell in this particular, has not (tho often required) delivered the said steer to the Said James." Brown has converted the steer to his own use. Campbell has been damaged in the amount of £150 and brought this suit for recovery of same.

Jury: Danl. Williams, John Drake, Thomas Hamilton, Thomas Johnston, William Blackamore, Elias Fort, Thomas Smith, John Blackamore, Absolem Hooper, William Brown, Beal Bosley and Martin Duncan.

Verdict: Thomas Brown found guilty of converting the property to his own use and was assessed four pounds plus costs.

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William Tait vs. John Deaderick

Case: Debt:

Declaration: On 13 February 1790 John Deadricks signed a bond (note) to pay one David Hay on his return to Nashville, the sum of £100 paper money or £50 in specie. On 12 April 1791 Hay assigned the note to William Taitt of Davidson County. On 12 April 1791 Deadricks promised to pay to Tait £100 paper money, £50 in specie or the value thereof in merchandise. Deadricks has "craftly and subtly" intended to "defraud and decieve" Taitt and has refused to pay the debt.

Jury: Joseph Motheral, Joseph Hart, James Byrns, John Caffry, Thomas French, William Overall, James Hall, Alexander Ewing, James Rutherford, Joseph Hooper, William Stuart and John Shannon.

Verdict: Judgement for the defendant. The jury found the defendant paid debt as promised. Plaintiff's council moved for a new trial.

TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RECORDS
(Contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Bamman, CG)

**Supreme Court Records, Box 177, Middle Tennessee,
1871**
Madison Ray vs William Jones
(Original Bill Heard in Wayne County Chancery Court)

Your Orators and Oratrixes, Madison Ray, Moses Ray, Anderson Ray, William Ray, Jesse Dicus and his wife Nancy formerly Nancy Ray, Nancy Williams, only child of Mary Williams formerly Mary Ray, said Nancy is a minor under the age of 21 years and Jesse Dicus is her regular guardian and Rachel Ray the widow of Henson Ray and his five children to wit Eaton Ray, James Ray, William Ray, Elizabeth Ray and Nancy Ray all minors and exhibit their Bill by their next friend Madison Ray, Squire H. Turnbow and his wife Martha formerly Martha Ray, all citizens of the County of Wayne and state aforesaid would respectfully show unto your Honor that Eaton Ray departed this life some years since in said county leaving a considerable estate in real and personal property and that afterwards about the year 1859 proceedings were had in the county court of said County of Wayne to sell said real and personal estate and that a decree was rendered....

And orators and oratrixes further state that said Eaton Ray left him surviving ten children and his widow Rachel Ray to wit the children above mentioned and Sarah Ray who died a few days after her father without issue and not having been married and James Ray who sold out his interest to Henson Ray in his lifetime and Nathan Ray who intermarried with Mary Keley and died while a minor and without issue said William Jones being his regular guardian and since the death of said Nathan his said widow has intermarried with Calvin Keelen and who resides in the county of Perry in said state....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 177, Middle Tennessee,
1870**
Daniel Corkran, admr. et als vs Roxana Corkran et als
(Original Bill Heard in Robertson County Chancery Court)

Daniel Corkran, Henry A. Brinkley and his wife Dorothea V. Brinkley, Perry H. Corkran and Mary E. Corkran, citizens of Sumner County, Tennessee; Dixon E. Wil-

liams and his wife Eliza Williams of Missouri; Perry Payne, Richard Payne, William Payne, Mary Ann Payne, Julius Gilbert and his wife Martha Gilbert and Larkin Payne, citizens of Robertson County, Tennessee, Complainants vs Roxana Corkran, Warren Corkran, William D. Corkran and John W. Corkran, minors of Sumner County Tennessee for whom Compl't. Perry H. Corkran is regular guardian; John Payne and Amos Payne, minors of Robertson County, Tennessee who have no guardian, Defendants.

Complainants respectfully show to the court that about November 1856 Complainants Dixon and Larkin Payne and their brothers Joseph and David Payne jointly bought the land their late father Warren L. Payne owned at his death. Said land lies in the 1st Civil District of Robertson County, Tennessee. It consists of 2 tracts, one of about 233 acres which is the home tract....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 177, Middle Tennessee,
1871**

R. W. Land, Admr. of A. J. Sisco, dec'd. vs John E. Sisco et al
(Original Bill Heard in Hickman County Chancery Court)

Your Petitioner R. W. Land, Admr. of A. J. Sisco, dec'd. files this his petition against John E. Sisco citizen of Hickman County and ____ [blank] Sisco who lives in Humphreys County, and a minor under twenty-one, also William Humphries and Malinda Humphries, citizens of said county of Humphreys. Your Petitioners would state that in or about 1860 your Petitioner administered upon the estate of said A.J. Sisco who died intestate about that time and proceeded in the county court of said county to wind up the seat of his intestate, and in so doing has exhausted the personal assets of said estate.... Petitioner further states that Malinda Humphries is the widow of said Sisco who has married said William Humphries, and said John E. Sisco, and the minor ____ [blank] Sisco are the legitimate heirs of said A. J. Sisco, dec'd....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 177, Middle Tennessee,
1871**

Z. B. Lane et als vs John O. Cage et als
(Original Bill Heard in Sumner County Chancery Court)

Z. B. Lane, Elizabeth Lane, Martha Lane, Sarah Lane, and William Lane minors by their next friend and mother Sarah E. Lane, Catharine and Harriet Bandy minors by their next friend and father W. Bandy, T. Vaughan and wife Milly Ann Vaughan, G. W. Douglass and wife Luella Douglass, Francis M. Eubank vs T. R. Eubank citizen of Sumner County, W. T. Anthony, George Anthony, Lewis Anthony and Minor Moore citizens of Kentucky, John O. Cage, citizen of Wilson County, John L. Saffarrans citizens of Shelby county, and B. R. Howard citizen of Mississippi, Isaac B. Saffarrans and Daniel T. Saffarrans, non-residents of the state.

Complainants would respectfully show that Bennett Lane died some years since, leaving as his heirs Z. B., Elizabeth, Martha, Sarah and Willie Lane minor children of W. R. Lane (now dec'd.) who was a son of said Bennett Lane, and Catharine and Harriet Bandy minor children of Lucinda (now dead) a daughter of said Bennett Lane, she having intermarried with W. Bandy, Milly Ann a daughter of B. Lane intermarried with T. Vaughan, Luella another daughter intermarried with G. W. Douglass, and Frances M. another daughter intermarried with T.R. Eubank. The said Bennett Lane was the owner of a tract of land in Sumner County on the Cumberland River....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 173, Middle Tennessee,
1868**

J. D. Forsee, Admr. of David Forsee, vs J.H. Matlock
(Original Bill Heard in Humphreys County)

...one night when sitting up there the deceased said to witness he wanted John and Salley, "alluding to Plaintiff and his wife to stay with him and wait on him as long as he lived or until he got well, that if he lived he would pay them and if he died there would be plenty left to pay them. One of the defendant's witnesses says that on one occasion that he was there his grandfather told him that the children had been talking about his getting some of them to live with him another year that some of them wanted Valentine Forsee to live with him, but the deceased said he would not do that, that he, Volentine, had too many children, that he had as soon be bothered by a pack of dogs, that he would rather have John and Sallie, alluding to plaintiff and his wife. They had no children. The deceased was very old, eighty years of age.

The witnesses on both sides prove that the intestate had a negro man and woman living with him or in his yard, but who did not come into the house and wait upon the old man, and that the negro man and woman lived in the neighborhood of the Plaintiff ever since I lived in the county which was in the year 1856 to the best of his knowledge and belief had lived about two miles from him has lived at the same place ever since.

Daniel Foresee was a very old man, was frequently at the house of the deceased during his last illness, sat up there several nights during his said last illness, generally saw the plaintiff and his wife there. Plaintiff's wife was a daughter of Daniel Foresee. Mrs. Jones, one of the daughters of defendant intestate lived with her father at the time. He always found Mrs. Nolen another daughter there. He generally found J. D. Foresee the defendant who is a son of the said Daniel Foresee there. They all seemed to be giving marked attention to the deceased, saw no difference in their treatment. Saw nothing unusual in the conduct of any of his children toward him all seemed equally willing to wait upon him....Deceased was a man generally beliked by his neighbors. He never saw plaintiff and his wife there without seeing plaintiff's son by a former wife there with him. Plaintiff's son is now about twelve or fourteen years old and has ordinary intelligence for a boy of that age, is the only child of plaintiff's is still living and resides with the plaintiff in Humphreys County, Tennessee....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 174, Middle Tennessee,
1871**

John C. Holman, wife et als vs John A. Green et als
(Original Bill Heard in Robertson County Chancery Court)

J. Calvin Holman and his wife Winfred William Roberts Jesse Roberts J. G. C. Mason and his wife Mary Mason Elizabeth Johnson, Mary Wells Nancy Draughon Carroll Huey Thomas West and his wife Puss John A. Roberts E. W. Willis and his wife Rebecca Spencer Jamison and his wife Sophrona Jackson Roberts Richard E. Holland and his wife Ellen and Willis Campbell all of lawfull age and Elizabeth Long who is a minor and has no guardian and appears and complains by her next friend and father Meredith Long all of Robertson County, Tennessee, Complainants vs John A. Gunn, Dr. S. H. Scott, G. R. Scott, Esqr. all of Robertson County, Tennessee, David Vanhook James S. Rosson and his wife Cracy of Cheatham County, Tennessee, Dr. Richard Vanhook Lewis and his wife Nancy Mary Morton and her husband William Morton Alonzo Thompson lawful age and Mildred Thompson a minor who has no guardian all of

Kentucky and J. S. Roberts and his wife Elizabeth of Arkansas and J. W. Draughon and H. C. Smith of Mississippi and Carroll Draughon William Parker and Nancy Parker all of Missouri and George Roberts and Amanda Roberts of Illinois, Defendants.

Humbly complaining the Complainants show to your honor that they and the defendants (except the defendants John A. Gunn, S. H. Scott and G. R. Scott) are the heirs at law and distributees of J. M. Roberts being his three uncles and six aunts and making 17 distributive shares in and to the realty of the said J. M. Roberts who left surviving him neither father nor mother nor brother nor sister nor the issue of such.

The complainants state that the said J. M. Roberts died in Robertson county, Tennessee on the 24 day of May 1870 age 19 years and about 11 months and not having attained the age of 20 years. Before his death said Roberts was the owner absolutely in fee in his own right of a tract of 199 acres of land lying in the 4th Civil District of Robertson County, Tennessee....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 174, Middle Tennessee,
1872**

**Elizabeth Kirkman, Admr. of Thomas Kirkman,
dec'd. vs George Phillips et als**
(Original Bill Heard in Stewart County Chancery Court)

Your Complainant Elizabeth Kirkman, Admr. of Thomas Kirkman, dec'd. brings this her bill against George Phillips Lewis M. Dayton and wife Ellen P. Kate Phillips and Sarah Phillips heirs at law and devisees of Thomas Phillips dec'd. all of whom are non-residents of the State of Tennessee and all citizens of the state of Ohio and against H. H. Holister a citizen of Stewart County, Tennessee and John W. [Himro?] a citizen the State of Ohio. Your Complainant would most respectfully represent to your honor that Thomas Phillips her husband was the owner of a tract of land situated in the county of Stewart and State of Tennessee....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 174, Middle Tennessee,
1870**

D. M. Long et al vs Elizabeth Warden et al
(Original Bill Heard in Humphreys County Chancery Court)

D. M. Long, J. C. Pickett and J. C. M. Lewis all citizens of the County of Humphreys and State of Tennessee Complainants against Elizabeth Warden, J. William

Warden, Eudorah Warden James Wakefield and Sallie Wakefield, citizens of the same county; and Mary Phillips a resident of the State of Kansas; and Jacob S. Steiner and M. J. Steiner residents of the state of New York, defendants.

The Complainants would state and show to the court about the 12th of January 1860 one John Plant sold and conveyed by deed in fee to one W. B. Warden, a certain town lot in the town of Waverly in said County of Humphreys....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 174, Middle Tennessee,
1869**

A. B. Harrison vs B. H. Wisdom et al
(Original Bill Heard in Montgomery County Circuit Court)

A. B. Harrison vs B. H. Wisdom, Bryce Stewart, B. F. McKraye and Sarah A. Williams, Admr. of Jos. P. Williams, dec'd.

You are hereby commanded to summon Cave Johnson, B.H. Wisdom, B. W. Macrae, Admr. of T. W. Wisdom, dec'd., Bryce Stewart, B. F. McKeaye and Sarah A. Williams, Admr. of J. P. Williams, dec'd.... [Rice?] Macrae Admr. pleads that he has resigned as Admr. of T. W. Wisdom and that J. H. Johnson is now Admr.

A meeting of citizens was called at the Mayor's office in Clarksville, Tennessee on the 17th February 1862 the day after the fall of Fort Donelson to take measures in reference to the whiskey in town. Witness saw A. B. Harrison the Plaintiff on the street in front of the Mayor's office, who asked witness what meeting was about. Witness told him it was to take measures about poaring [sic] out the whiskey in town. Plaintiff was on his horse at the time.

**Supreme Court Records, Box 173, Middle Tennessee,
1870**

George B. Farror vs W. R. K. Blackman et al
(Original Bill Heard in Maury County Chancery Court)

This respondent [Robert E. Thompson] admits that William R. K. Blackman was the guardian of complainant and his brother Leonidas Farrar, and as he is informed and believes, said Leonidas Farrar has died intestate, and

Complt. is his admr.... [that] Edward F. Church is the father-in-law of S. K. P. Godwin the son of the said Seth Godwin....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 173, Middle Tennessee,
1870**

**Mary Jane Skeggs and others vs Thomas L. Skeggs
and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Davidson County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Mary Jane Skeggs, Thomas B. Skeggs, Charles H. Skeggs, Eugene F. Skeggs, Clifford E. Skeggs, Edwin E. Skeggs, William B. Skeggs, Mary K. Skeggs, Sarah E. Skeggs, John F. Skeggs and H. D. Skeggs and Paul A. Skeggs, all citizens of Davidson County, Tennessee except Thos. B., and the last six of whom are minors and in conjunction with their mother Mary Jane who is a married woman, sue by their next friend Noble D. Ellis vs Thos. L. Skeggs a citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee, the Louisville & Nashville R.R. Co. a corporation chartered by the Legislature of Tennessee and Kentucky and having an office of business in said County of Davidson, and Rebecca Higgins, a citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee.

And thereupon your complainants complain and say that on the 1st day of August 1833 one John Boyd by deed of gift of that date conveyed to your oratrix Mary Jane a lot of ground in the City of Nashville, Tennessee situated on Front Street in said city....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 173, Middle Tennessee,
1867**

**Josiah Walker, Admr. vs the heirs of Philip Moses,
dec'd.**

(Original Bill Heard in Marshall County Chancery Court)

Josiah Walker, Mary Moses Samuel Moses John Barham and wife Isabella H. formerly Isabella H. Moses, James B. McFadden and wife Mary A. formerly Mary A. Moses all _____ [blank] bring this bill of complaint into your Honors Court against Milis [sic] Moses, Charlotta Moses, William S. Moses, Manda J. Moses, Peter Moses, Sarah M. Moses, all of whom are minors and have no regular guardian Joel Shires Harvill [___? ink-smudged] Shires Christian Shires Samuel P. Doyle and wife Adaline formerly Adaline Shires all residents of Marshall County,

Tennessee W. R. Shires who resides in said county and is a minor of tender years and has for his regular guardian George W. Harmond of said county, Christian Shires who is a minor of tender years and resides in Maury county and who has for his regular guardian the forenamed Joel Shires and Jacob Shires who resides in Maury County and the children and heirs at law of Solomon Shires, dec'd. whose names, ages, or sex or guardians if any are unknown to Complainants and who reside, as Complainants are informed, in the State of Illinois.

Complainants would respectfully represent unto your Honor that on or about the ____ day of ____ [blank] 1859 one Philip Moses a resident of said Marshall County departed this life intestate leaving complainants Mary his widow Samuel J. Moses, John Barham and wife Isabella and James B. McFadden and wife Mary A. and the minor defendants by the name of Moses his only children and heirs at law.

Complainants further state to your honor that the said Philip Moses at the time of his death was the owner of seven tracts of land....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 172, Middle Tennessee,
1870**

**Walter A. Childers vs Presley W. Nave and David H.
Parsons**

(Original Bill Heard in Giles County Chancery Court)

Complainant would respectfully state and show unto your Honor that he is a son and heir at law of James M. Childers, dec'd. and that on the 5th day of July 1869 he and Edwin P. Tinnery and his wife Mary J. Tinnery who is a sister of Complainant and also an heir at law of said James M. Childers filed a bill in your Honorable Court of Chancery for the sale of all the lands belonging to the estate of said James M. Childers in said County of Giles and that George W. Childers, Jane Childers and Martha C. Childers who were children of said James M. and James Goodrich his grandson were made defendants to said Bill. And said parties are the only heirs and distributees at law of said decedent. And said Bill was filed for the purpose of selling said lands for distribution among said heirs....

QUERIES

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ALLEN: Does anyone know parents of Mary ALLEN (b VA) who married Allen COTTEN & lived in Sumner Co TN early 1800s. Will pay postage & copies. Nina M. Martin/34953 Mathews Rd/Eugene OR 97405.

BELL: I have reason to believe that my Great Grandfather John Newton BELL (b 29 Aug 1827 TN) is kin to the Jon BELL's of Robertson County. He could have been a son of Jesse BELL & Martha GUNN, or John BELL & Elizabeth GUNN, or Benjamin BELL or Zadok BELL. The BELL Witch stories have been part of my family in Texas for many years. Any Info you could provide on the Robertson Co BELL's would be greatly appreciated. Frank Norwood/1051 Dominion/Katy TX 77450.

BRYANT: Would like to correspond with anyone researching BRYANTs in TN 1830/40 (names Joseph & Thomas). Want parents of Thomas BRYANT (b 1813 TN) who m Nancy ? (b TN). Oldest son Joseph killed in Civil War in 1864. Other children: Elizabeth, Huddleston, Miles, Eliza, John, Merinda, & Alexaander. Will pay for copies, postage, etc. Nina M. Martin/34953 Mathews Rd/Eugene OR 97405.

CANNON: I have been working on the line of Samuel CANNON of Cannon Co TN. I would like to know if there is an old cemetery in the Sunny Slope area near Hollis Creek. I am seeking a death date for Samuel CANNON who is last recorded in the 1850 Cannon Co census. Gloria Getman/20634 Avenue 256/Exeter CA 93221.

CROCKETT/ELLIS: Looking for someone with info abt William CROCKETT. Simeon ELLIS, orphan, was bound to William CROCKETT at age 9 in 1818 to learn tanning & curing in TN. Was this Simeon ELLIS III - son of Simeon ELLIS Jr (d ca 1818) & Delilah SMITH? Did this Simeon later move to Fulton Co IL & Delaware Co IA? Did William CROCKETT remain in TN or move to IL? Also seeking info abt family of Absalom ELLIS & Abigail WOODS. Children included James Tillman (b 1791), Thomas W. (b 1799), Absalom Jr (b 1801) & Isaac (b 1803). Family was living in SC between 1785 & 1803. Lived in Wilson Co TN in early 1800s. Most later moved to Fulton Co IL. Any info would be greatly appreciated. Ann McGuffey/1805 Taylor/Cedar Hill TX 75104.

CROWDER/NIMMO/NIMO: Thomas CROWDER (b ca 1800 VA, Mechenberg Co?) to Sumner Co by 1811; m 18 Sep 1816 to Mary Elizabeth NIMMO/NIMO, dau of Wm.; to Ohio Co KY with children Lucinda, Elizabeth Ann/Eliza, David H., Lavina, Thomas Cage, Henry, Calvin Green, & Wm. A. Glenda Potts Thacker/3135 Settles Rd/Owensboro KY 42303.

CUNNINGHAM/McCORMACK/BIRDWELL/ROWE/BUTLER/McGUIRE/GRISSOM: Looking for parents of Martha CUNNINGHAM & George W. GRISSOM whom 1870's. Also searching for ancestors John McCORMACK & Mary BIRDWELL - known ch: Mary Jane, Marcella (m Alfred ROWE), Elizabeth, Emily, John, Martha (Lincoln, Giles Co). Looking for info abt Cornelius W. McGUIRE who m Sarah MEALANA - then dau Sarah m J. C. BUTLER (LINCOLN, Giles Co). Regina Roper/ 547 NE 4th Ave/Gainesville FL 32601.

DENSON/DENNISON/FLYNN: Seek any info on Green (Gwin?) DENSON (DENNISON?) who m Malvania FLYNN 4 Jul 1878 in Jackson Co TN, then moved west? Also seek info on Malvania FLYNN (b 1853 Jackson Co TN). Her parents, Andrew FLYNN & Polly GHORMLY. Any info appreciated. Joey L. Denson/ P O Box 347/Gainsboro TN 38562.

GAMBLE: Need help finding parents of Patrick Kinchen GAMBLE (b NC). He was drafted in Maury Co TN in Cpt Andrew McCARTNEYS Co. in 1st Reg. of TN Militia in War with Creek Indians in 1814. Any info appreciated & will reimburse all costs. Anne M. Steverson/1101 North Nashville Ave/Sheffield AL 35660.

GRIME(S)/SMITH: Seeking info on Jacob GRIME (b ca 1782 NC, d aft 1860 Putman Co TN). Wife Elizabeth born ca 1790 NC or VA, resided 1870 Putman Co. Son John GRIMES (b 1809 Ashe Co NC, d 1892 Putman Co) m Margaret SMITH (dau of "Elder" William SMITH) in 1829 Russell Co KY. Other sons Obediah, Simeon, & Mathias. Family located 1820 Franklin Co IN; 1830 Adair Co KY; 1850 Jackson Co TN. Daniel G. Webber/Boz 699/Watonga OK 73772.

GUINN: Seeking parents & siblings of Jeff H. GUINN (b ca 1856 TN) who m Juda Lee HOPKINS. They resided in Lawrence Co TN in 1880. Bobby A. Ezell/5004 Bonnahill Dr/Hermitage TN 37076/(615)883-1726.

HAMILTON: Who is Ferdinand HAMILTON who signed a petition to General Assembly of TN in 1806 to establish Montpelier Academy in Jackson Co TN and was appointed trustee for the Academy in same year? What are names of his family? How is he related to Ferdinand Randolph HAMILTON b 5 Jul 1851 in Celina TN? William K. Daugherty/309 East June St/Alpine TX 79830.

HOBDY/COTTON: Robt. HOBDY (b 1744 Gloucester Co VA); m/2 Talitha COTTON, dau of Thomas COTTON Sr & Patience BRIDGERS; to Sumner Co TN; children Robert, Edmund, Ropsy Anna, & Hannah by first wife; Thomas Cotton, Elizabeth, Wm., John, Richard (Dick), Talitha, Babitha, & Patience by Talitha. Glenda Potts Thacker/3135 Settles Rd/Owensboro KY 42303.

KENNEDY/PRICE/SPRAY/COOPER/TAYLOR: Looking for photos of the following: from Davidson Co: parents of Henry Gardner KENNEDY (abt 1860 to 1910); from somewhere in middle TN: parents of Emma Harriette PRICE (1864-1942) Joe? & Harriet (HARBARD) PRICE; Abraham SPRAY (1852?-1890) & his parents (unk); from Rutherford Co: mother of Mary Manervia (BROWN) SPRAY (1854-1929), her dad was Edmund D. BROWN; & the remainder from Cannon Co: parents of Thomas Jefferson COOPER - John & Lavisa (GOODING) COOPER; & finally the wife of Robert McDonald WILLIAMS (1827-19?), Frances Ann (Fannie) TAYLOR (1835-?) the dau of James Robards & Elizabeth Jane (BARTON) TAYLOR. David Russell Kennedy/1707 Acklen Ave A-2/ Nashville TN 37212/(615)292-1954.

LYNN/McCURLEY/LUNDY: Seek any info on John Thomas LYNN (b 25 Apr 1863, d 17 Dec 1926) who m Nancy McCURLEY (b 13 Apr 1867, d 19 May 1939). Lived in Jackson & Clay Co's in TN. Also info on David LYNN (b 1847?) & wife Celina (Salina) LUNDY (b 1847?). Lived in Clay Co & maybe Jackson Co TN. Both LYNNs are descendants of "Old" Asa LYNN of Jackson Co TN around early 1800's. Any info appreciated. Joey L. Denson/P O Box 347/Gainsboro TN 38562.

MENIFEE/MENEFEE/MENIFREE: Were Hocket MENIFEE (sp?), age 38 in 1850 census for Davidson Co TN & Elvira, age 33, parents of the Nicholas, age 10, who married Lucy F. LAWRENCE in Oct 1870 in Davidson Co TN? Were Nicholas S. MENIFEE & Lucy F. LAWRENCE parents of Nettie May MENIFEE LOWENHAUPT of Covington TN? Joy Moore/7675 NW 14 St/ Ocala FL 34482-4482.

O'NEAL/McCLOUD: James O'NEAL (b ca 1760 prob NC) m Martha McCLOUD abt 1810. Children were: Phoebe who m Hugh HENRY; Rachel m Aaron SPRING; John m Dorcas MIDGETT; Elizabeth m Henry MOSSER; Custis m Polly BROOKS, James m Elizabeth CAPLINGER. Need birthdates & places for both James & Martha McCLOUD O'NEAL & their parents. Barbara Moore/RT 12 Box 378/New Braunfels TX 78132-1602/(512)885-2194.

PARSONS: Searching for parents of Johnathan PARSONS (b Jun 1797 NC, d Jul 1861 Iuka, Tishomingo Co MS) who m Lydia PATTERSON ca 1818 (dau of Joel & Sarah (HARDIN) PATTERSON of Surry Co NC). Lived in Warren Co TN 1827 & in Coffee Co TN in 1840. Moved to Iuka MS bef 1850. Was the Martha, John, Joseph, James & Raymond PARSONS listed on early 1830 Warren Co TN Tax List related to Johnathan PARSONS? Children of Johnathan & Lydia PARSONS: Oliver, Caroline, Jesse, Hiram Nathaniel, Martha Jane, Richard Allen, Greenberry, Johnathan, William C., Joel G., Sarah Elizabeth, Lewis Elsberry, Lydia Paralea, Lucinda A., Nancy, & Rebecca. Appreciate any help & will share info I have on this large family. LaVerne Good Parsons/6 Chameleon Court/Austin TX 78738-1323.

PEMBERTON/CASON: Seeking death date for Harriet A. CASON who m Joshua PEMBERTON 18 Jan 1832 in Wilson Co TN & apparently had a son James F. (my gr-gr-grandfather). She probably died in 1832 in Wilson Co TN. Joshua then m Millie DUDLEY on 14 Jun 1836(?) & had 12 more children, with 9 of the 13 apparently born in Wilson Co. This leads me to believe Harriet died, probably, in childbirth. I would like to confirm this - either with a cemetery record, death record, will, etc. I would be interested in any info regarding the PEMBERTON surname. Laura Pemberton Sparr/15421 49th Ave S. E. /Bothell, WA 98012-4700/(206)337-2476.

RICHARDSON/COCK/JUSTUS/HARPULE(?) /REILEY: I am working on Joshua RICHARDSON who m Mary COCK & moved to Warren Co in 1809; also John COCK (d 30 Jul 1834) & Rebecca JUSTUS who moved to Warren Co in 1811. John COCK lived on Barren Fork of Collins River & died 30 Jul 1834. Also I am working on Daniel HARPULE(?) who m Rachel REILEY 24 Apr 1800 Sumner Co TN. I think her father was John REILEY of Sumner Co TN. I will exchange info with anyone working on these families. LaVera Jones/218 W 33rd/Shawnee OK 74801.

RIPPY/DURHAM: Seeking parents & birth location of Matthew RIPPY (b Ireland, d 1817 Orange Co NC). He was father of James RIPPY Sr who resided in Sumner Co & died there ca 1860/61. His grand-daughter Sarah M. RIPPY m William G. DURHAM 16 Oct 1838 in Sumner Co TN. Who is William G. DURHAM (1813-1897) parents? Need proof. Mike Padgett/7100 E 10th St/Indianapolis IN 46219.

SAYNES/SAIN: Seeking data on SAYNE/SAIN family of Warren & Grundy Co TN; blacksmith Wm. SAYNES (b ca 1821, d 1852/60) (son or g'son of Daniel SAYNE(s) & Martha DAVIS); m. Gemima STREET, dau of Bird STREET; children: Lydi Lavonna Ann m. Wm. Martin BLANCETT; Martha M., and Thomas B., and William J. (both of Warren Co). Glenda Potts Thacker/3135 Settles Rd/Owensboro KY 42303/502-926-4444.

STONE: Elizabeth Ann STONE (b 9 May 1856 Celina TN) was wife of Ferdinand Randolph HAMILTON (b 5 Jul 1851 Celina TN). Is her father Micajah STONE? What is her mother's name? Who are her brothers & sisters? William K. Daugherty/309 East June St/Alpine TX 79830.

WILLIAMS/LILE: Who were the parents of Christopher WILLIAMS who married Lucinda LILE 8 Mar 1820 in Davidson Co TN. Albert W. L. Moore Sr/1425 North Spring/Independence MO 64050-1733.

OF INTEREST

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