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### Editor's Thoughts

We've got a terrific quarterly thanks to the hard work of Irene Griffey and Barbara Sistler. With a little help during the transition I hope we can continue the quality you have come to expect.



*Joyce Todd (on right) is a member who lives in Newtonville, MA. She was in town visiting family and doing research. Also pictured is her cousin, Blanche Faircloth Shankle, of Mt. Juliet.*

*Taken after the May meeting. We wouldn't want you to think those chairs were empty during the meeting, they weren't.*

*Snapshots by Barbara Sistler. She admits to being a much better editor than photographer. Her apologies to Joyce and Blanche. They are much prettier ladies than this photo suggests.*



*George Watson and wife, Virginia Gooch Watson.*

Your articles are a vital part of this publication. Send them in!



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our membership year started June 1, and already there has been excitement, not entirely of a pleasant nature.

Our newly elected Vice President, T. Vance Little, has resigned. Let's give Vance credit—before resigning he arranged an impressive list of speakers for the entire year. Since the annual Seminar is coming up in November, and one of the Vice President's responsibilities is organizing and conducting this meeting, it was imperative that a successor be selected immediately by the Board of Directors. On Wednesday, June 23, we held our regular quarterly meeting, at which the following changes were arranged:

1. Mary Glenn Hearne elected Vice President.
2. Danya Downey elected Recording Secretary.
3. Duties of the Recording Secretary reduced (they had become almost a full time job) by parceling out responsibilities among several individuals.
4. Steps taken to transfer the increasingly burdensome surname file to computer, with the proposal that printouts or photocopies from this file be made available, probably for a small fee, to interested members.

This is my seventh year on the Board. It has been a remarkable group through the years, with much discussion but little argumentation, and decisions are almost always made by consensus. Many excellent ideas have come from the various members.

If we have failed it is through an unwanted in-breeding process, by which professional genealogists and persons close to them have dominated the activities and decisions of the Society. We did not want it this way; we made stumbling efforts to get others involved, but possibly because of who we are, we have not been able to marshal the grass roots participation in decision making which would be desirable.

The membership of 700, about half in the Nashville area, will need to come forward and help us in this respect. You people out there, most of whom we barely know or don't know at all, need to come forward and help us develop a more democratic society. Volunteer yourselves or guide us to able people who could be assets to the organization.

## CORRECTION

In an article entitled "The Census" which appeared in the Winter 1992 issue of *Middle Tennessee Genealogy* I made the statement that the early census schedules "are thought to have been destroyed when the British burned Washington during the War of 1812."

William Thorndale, who was co-author of the authoritative and useful *Map Guide to the U. S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920* has kindly called my attention to the introduction to that book, which cites the stipulation requiring the population schedules (before 1830) to be stored in the various federal district courthouses, which should mean those schedules were not in Washington at all, so we can't blame the British, after all, for their loss.

So you see I was simply relying on what amounts to folklore in making my statement.

For many years I have been urging people to read the introductions of books they use. Here I violated my own counsel, and must eat a bit of crow as a result.

Byron Sistler

**DEACON WILLIAM CHEW**  
**GRAND SACHEM OF THE TUSCARORA NATION OF INDIANS**  
Contributed by Ouidabel Corlew



**WILLIAM CHEW**  
Grand Sachem of Tuscarora Indians

**Inscription front of monument:**

Sehagritihreh. Dea. Wm. Chew. Grand Sachem of the Tuscarora Nation of Indians who died Dec. 19, 1857 in the 61st year of his age. The memory of his many \_\_\_\_\_ will be embalmed in the \_\_\_\_\_ a good many a [?] \_\_\_\_\_. [Blank lines undecipherable.]

**Inscription right (South) side:**

He was a wise counselor, a peaceful citizen, a kind husband, an affectionate father, a faithful friend, an exemplary christian, and one of His brightest ornaments of of [Sic] the christian church. And he said I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts.

**Inscription left (North) side:**

He was the son of Capt. Chew of the British army in the war of 1812 who married Margaret daughter of Capt. John Mt. Pleasant of the British army during the Revolution. He held the office of Grand Sachem 30 years & was missionary helpmate 29 years.

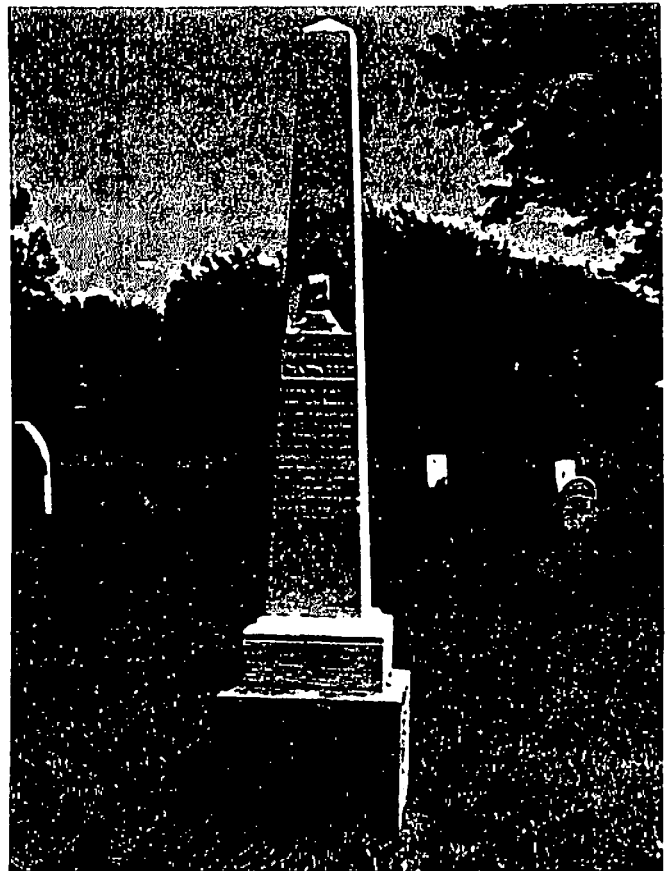
Photo taken by Barbara Graymont, Prof. of History Nyack College, Nyack, N. Y. Aug. 1985.

**DEATH OF A TUSCARORA CHIEF**

We learn from the Niagara City Herald that William Chew, Grand Sachem of the Tuscarora tribe of Indians, died on Friday night. Deceased was one of the Turtle tribe, and one of the most conscientious and honorable members of his nation. He has been for a period of some twenty or thirty years an interpreter and member of the Church at Tuscarora village.

He was of course extensively known among the old residents of the western part of the county. Thus one after another, does the remnant of this tribe go down to forgetfulness. We think that we are correct in saying that there is not a full blood now in the tribe, for we well remember that there were but three or four some fifteen years ago. We presume an election will be held before long to choose a Grand Sachem to succeed Mr. Chew.

from *Niagara Falls Gazette* Niagara Falls, N. Y., December 30, 1857, Page 3:1



# **WILLIAM CHEW (1796-1857) GENEALOGY**

Joseph Chew (Englishman)		Capt. John Mountpleasant (Englishman)
William Chew (Englishman)	m.	Margaret Mt. Pleasant (English father, Tuscarora mother) [Mother probably Mary Jack.]

## **Children:**

1. **William Chew** (married four times, became a chief, active in the Tuscarora Congregational Church, a deacon and interpreter.
2. **Guy Chew** (attended Princeton College, but there is no record of him.)
3. **Mary Chew** (married Benjamin Garlow, Oneida Indian) --  
Children:  
Alexander b. 1823  
William b. 1825  
George  
Isaac

Mary married (2) The Rev. James N. Cusick (native Baptist preacher.)

## **3 children:**

1. **Cornelius Charles Cusick** (served as lieutenant in Civil War, U. S. Army, stayed with army after war, became a captain) - succeeded his uncle William Chew as sachem chief of the Turtle Clan, chief's name: Sagwarithrah. Gave up chieftainship when he received his permanent commission.
2. **Harriet Cusick**, married Dennis Jack.
3. **Esther Henry** (in Ontario, Canada)

## **TUSCARORA CHIEF WILLIAM CHEW:**

[Note that the Tuscaroras have matrilineal descent.]

**First marriage:** Jane [maiden name unknown] d. ca 1822.

## **Children:**

1. Jane (born Sept 1819) m. Stuart Patterson
2. William Chew, Jr. (born 1822) m. Mary Johnson

**Second Marriage:** Eliza Thompson d. May 10, 1844 [Onondaga lineage, daughter of Joseph Thompson, Tuscarora Indian, and Martha Thompson (Onondaga Indian.)

Children: (All Onondagas living on Tuscarora Reservation.)

1. Charles (b. ca 1828) m. 3 Jan 1846, Susan Peters - 3 or more children.
2. Mary Ann (1829-1894) m. Simon Cusick (son Albert)  
m. (2) Chief James Pembleton
3. Charlotte (b. 1830) m. Clinton Mt. Pleasant (died in Civil War)  
m. (2) John Green (common law marriage) - 3 children
4. Elizabeth (b. July 1, 1833/4) m. Chief Daniel Printup - 7 children
5. Leah m. William H. Patterson (July 18, 1858) - 4 children

6. Enoch (b. ca 1835, d. May 1, 1868, age 33)  
m. (1) Hannah Murhett, June 20, 1856; d. April 17, 1857  
m. (2) Mary Ann, d. Dec. 9, 1866, age 28 years - 5 children  
m. (3) Helen Gansevoort Aug. 7, 1867  
one son John H. Chew, born May 31, 1868; d. 1911
7. Ozias (b. May 1837; d. July 24, 1906), served in Civil War  
m. Lucy Jack - 4 children.

**Third Marriage:** Mohawk woman from Six Nations Reserve, Ontario - name unknown  
A Margaret Chew died August 1846 - Could have been either William's  
mother or wife but date of the birth of first child by Hannah  
Whitcomb would indicate this was not likely his wife.

**Fourth Marriage:** Hannah T. Whitcomb - missionary schoolteacher. Miss Whitcomb arrived  
at the station 5 October 1839, under appointment of the American Board of commissioners for Foreign  
Missions (Boston); received into the church by letter November 7, 1839 from the Congrega-  
tional Church in Homer, N. Y.

#### **BAPTISMS: TUSCARORA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Lydia Margaret (date not clear) born 18 February 1847

Guy Chew bapt. June 16, 1850

Clark Whitcomb Chew, bapt. Oct. 1852

Thaddeus Chew, bapt. Nov. 5, 1855

[Dollie Chew not mentioned in the church records.]

William Chew died December 19, 1857, of tuberculosis

Hannah T. Chew died January 29, 1862, age 46 years  
buried on the Tuscarora Reservation



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## **ABSTRACTS FOR THE SLAVE RECORD BOOK OF ROBERTSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE PLANTER, JOSIAH W. FORT**

by Sandra G. Craighead

When researching our family's genealogy, each of us at some time has come across a gem of a record or document which did not relate to our own family, but was such a gold mine of information we simply could not pass it up, hoping that at a later date someone, somewhere, through a query or other vehicle would seek this very information. So we copy it and then file it away under "miscellaneous." Such was the case when I happened upon the Josiah W. Fort Slave Records in Robertson County, Tennessee Deed Books (pps. 46-49), about 5 years ago. Because I am no longer content to indefinitely wait for a research distress call from an ancestor searchin' Fort family descendant, I decided to present the information in this forum and hope that it will fall into rightful hands.

The following are abstracts from the account book containing slave birth and death dates, slave purchase and sale information including names of buyers and sellers and purchase prices made by Josiah W. Fort and attested to at the end of the record by the slaves' last owner, his son, Joel B. Fort, "Written by My father Josiah W. Fort, before the Civil War." Please note that in some cases both names of the parents of the slave children were given and some of the birth dates are post Civil War. Further, an analysis of the names and ages (and dates supplied in the margins) indicate that three generations of Fort family members, from Old Rachael's oldest child, George, born in 1808 to her grandchild, Harriet Charity, born in 1880, lived on the same plantation for approximately 75 years.

I was so intrigued by the specificity of information noted that I began an investigation of other Tennessee records to determine the post Civil War status of these former Fort slaves. By comparing the names, sex and ages given in the Account Book to the 1870 U. S. Federal Census for Robertson County, I found many of these same African-American Forts still residing in the county in the same vicinity with their families. For example, Old Rachael's children, George and Melinda, were found, respectively, on pages 106 and 211. Several of Old Rachael's adult grandchildren and their families were enumerated practically "door-to-door" to each other: Nelson on page 211, his sister Melissa and her husband, Mack, who, according to the Account Book was bought in 1853 at age 22, lived next door. Cora is listed on page 212, along with Richard and Frank, Henry (a/k/a Clay) and a younger George, on page 90.

There are several other examples in the 1870 census of former Fort family slaves still living in Robertson County, but the most challenging to research, in this writers's opinion, would be Allen Fort, age 81, found on page 212. It is my guess that he possibly could be the patriarch of Old Rachael's children, but further research would be required to substantiate such a theory. For an African-American Fort family descendant, it would be well worth the effort to research other records, such as Robertson County wills and deeds and the various collections of genealogical materials of the Robertson County Genealogical Society and the main Robertson County Public Library to illuminate the personal history of not only Allen Fort, but the entire Fort clan of Robertson County, Tennessee.

*Old Rachel's Children*

1. George was born May 5th 1808
2. Rachael was born July 15th 1819
3. Jacob was born July 11th 1827
4. Anica was born June 21st 1825
5. Charity was born May 7th 1829
6. Queen was born Oct 7th 1831
7. Melinda was born 1837

*George and Sucky's Children*

1. Mariah was born April 1841
2. Mary was born Dec. 27th 1848

*Major and Mariah's Children*

1. Melissa was born Jany 28th 1833
2. Nelson was born Jany 28th 1835
3. Nelson was born Jany 28th 1837
4. Delilah was born April 28 1839

## Charity had 5 Children, all dead

- George was born November 1855  
Rhoda died Oct. 1858  
Prudy (in) October 1859

*Young Rachael's Children*

1. Jane was born March 20th 1834
2. Richard born Nov. 25th 1835
3. Lee was born March 2nd 1837
4. Mariah was born Oct. 5th 1838
5. Minerva was born Dec. 1st 1840
6. Margaret was born March 1842
7. Clay was born March 1844
8. Green was born Dec. 9th 1846
9. Cora was born Oct. 2nd 1849
10. Major was born July 27th 1854
11. Warrick twins died June 6th 1858
12. Warren died June 6th 1858
13. Rose was born Sept. 1st 1860

*Jane's Children*

1. Scott was born Jany 24th 1850
2. Ginney was born Dec. 15th 1851
3. Laura was born Sep. 25th 1853
4. Anica was born May 2nd 1855
5. Ginney was born August 1856
6. Bob was born Feby 1858
7. Kitty wa born October 1859

- Austin was born Jany 6th 1811  
Eliza was born 1813

*Austin and Eliza's Children*

1. Anny was born Sept. 28th 1831
2. Matilda was born March 1835
3. Frank was born April 10th 1837
4. Galbraith was born June 13 1839  
(sold)
5. Martha was born March 11 1844
6. Jesse was born July 21st 1846
7. Abbey was born May 1st 1849
8. Ned was born Nov. 1851
9. Jone was born Dec. 24th 1855

*Spencer and Anny's Children*

1. Spencer was born May 25th 1850
2. Chaney was born June 15th 1852

*Jacob and Matilda's Children*

1. Matilda was born March 15th 1853  
died 1855

*Anny and Shedric's Children*

1. Washington was born 1855
2. Kiah was born January 1857
3. Margaret was born April 1859

Eli was born 1827  
 Mahaley was born 1833

*Eli and Mahaley's Children*

1. Jim was born April 27th 1849
2. Melbry was born December 1850  
[died] June 1857
3. Fanny was born Nov. 25th 1852
4. Lucinda was born April 27th 1855
5. Allen was born March 27th 1857
6. Eli was born April 1859

*Leana's Children*

Smith was born May 13 1870  
 Joc was born August 27 1872

*Anica's Children*

1. George was born April 1st 1846
2. Margaret was born Dec. 1847
3. Lewis was born Jany 15th 1849
4. Jo was born November 1850

*Mack and Melissa's Children*

1. Amelia was born May 20th 1854
2. Major was born June 25th 1856
3. Coleman [was born] July 1858

*Nelson and Piety's Children*

Nelson was born Dec. 18th 1869  
 Malissa was born Feb. 9 1871  
 Fisher born May 1873

*Bought*

1853 Anderson was born (750\$) 1828  
 Jan 1854 Sold to B. S. Guinn for (800\$)

June 1854 Sedrick bought of B. Grady for  
 \$1000 - age 28 years

Aug 1854 Matilda bought of P. H. Grissard  
 for \$5000 - aged 27 years

Feb. 1856 George bought of Wm Bourne for  
 \$700 - age 21

Feb. 1858 Caroline bought of D. Marr for  
 \$1000 - age 25  
 Lucy 3 years old

Apr. 1860 Jim bought of Dr. Jones, Springfield,  
 Tenn. for \$1350.00  
 Swapped to Smithy Day on Sept 27th  
 1860  
 16 years old when bought

May 1860 Emily bought of Joseph W. Fort for  
 Austin \$1400 [?sent to Louisiana]

Exchanged Jim with Smith Day for a  
 boy Dave - 11 years old and \$100

*Queen's Children*

1. Anthony was born Nov. 15th 1854
- 2, Harriet was born April 23rd 1856

*Bought*

1852 Jordon was born (1100\$) 1822

1853 Mack was born (750\$) 1831

*Emily's children*

She was born 1843  
 Henrietta 1860

*Melinda's Children*

1. Courtney was born Aug. 10th 1856
2. Patsy June 1858
3. Edy was born Aug. 20th 1860
- Esquire July 127th 1862
- Jacob June 1st 1864
- Mary March 10th 1866
- George November 27th 1868
- Louis December 25th 1871
- Joseph December 21 1873
- Alber May 21 1876

*Minerva's Children*

1. Ruth was born July 75h 1857
- Died 1858

*Caroline's Children*

- Lucy born 1855  
 Florence born Dec. 1858

*Matilda and Jordan's Children*

- Bettie born Decv. 1858

*Malinda's Children*

- Courtney born August 10th 1856  
 Patsy June 1858  
 Edd Aug. 10th 1860  
 Esquire July 1 1866  
 Jacob June 1 1864  
 Mary March 10 1866  
 George November 27 1868  
 Louis December 25 1871  
 Joseph December 20 1873  
 Albert May 21 1878  
 Harriet Charity Feb. 5th 1880

**Ages of Taxable Slaves****1860**


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George	52 years
Austin	49
Jacob	33
Jordon	38
Eli	33
Shiarcon [sic]	32
Mack	29
Nelson	25
Richard	25
Lee	23
Frank	23
Dabney	23
Clay	16
Galbraith	21
Jessie	14
Eliza	47
Rachael	41
Matilda	31
Charity	31
Queen	29
Amy	29
Melinda	23
Caroline	27
Minerva	20
Martha	16
Mariah	19
Mary	12
Jane	26
Mahaly	27
Melissa	27

*Children not listed.**Joel B. Fort*

# CANTRELL & ALLEN, MERCHANTS

contributed by Mary Sue Smith

## DAVIDSON COUNTY DEED BOOK 'W' (pages 435 - 457)

EDWIN H. EWING of CANTRELL & ALLEN Reg. 19 July 1834

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GEORGE M. D. CANTRELL & WILLIAM ALLEN have transferred to EDWIN H. EWING the following items: 13 shares of City Hotel stock, 5 shares of stock in the Nashville & Franklin Turnpike, the stock of goods, wares & merchandise of their store in Nashville is annexed and marked exhibit A, their interest in a Deed of Trust made by MOESSSPEAR & CO. to J. S. YERGER, derived by assignment through A. CUNNINGHAM & CO.

(signed) G. M. D. CANTRELL

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Wit: JOHN H. EWING, WILLIAM CLARK

pages 444-452 - Schedule A - itemized list of merchandise

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CHARTER, ROBT.	GUNTER, GREEN B.	NEWGENT, JNO.D.	WADE, MIDDLETON
CARRINGTON, JNO.B.	GOWER, WILSON L.	PETWAY, THOS.M.	WATKINS, GEO.W.
CANTRELL, L.P.	HAYS, ANDW.	PARKER, GEO.B.	WALKER, JNO. R.
CAMPBELL, PHILIP	HUGHES, ROBT.	PARKS, JAMES	WILLIAMSON, GEO.
DONLEY, JNO.	HAYS, HUGH	PEAY, SAML.	WILLIAMSON, WM.
DYER, ISHAM			WALLACE, EUPHEMIA
			YEATMAN, PRESTON

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WM ALLEN vs JEFFERSON PAGE (Judgmt Oct. 22, 1833)

WM ALLEN vs JAMES M. CLOYD (Judgmt Oct 16, 1833)

Notes recd of A. CUNNINGHAM & CO 26 June 1834

CUNNINGHAM, A.	HUGHES, ROBT	PATTERSON, THOS.
CARRINGTON, JNO.B.	KEMPER, JAMES	PORTER, JAS.M.
DOBSON, ELIAS	KINNIE, ORIN A.	SPEAR, MOSES & CO.
DEMUNBRA, FELIX	MENEFEE, JAS.N.	TAYLOR, LUTHER
DOUIS, THOS.	McGAVOCK, RANDAL	VANCY, RUSSELL B.
EARTHMAN, ISAAC	MATLOCK, R.A.	WATSON, WM.W.
FUDGE, JACOB	LUCAS, JNO.	WHITSON, GEO
HEWLETT & PETERSON	McFARRIN, WM.	WAITES, ALEX

Constables receipts; WM.WATSON, THOS.STRATTON, WM.W.BROWN



DAVIDSON COUNTY DEED BOOK W

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Reg. 17 Dec. 1834

EPHRAIM H. FOSTER of MARGARET JANE DUNCAN

I, MARGARET JANE DUNCAN of Montgomery County, Tennessee, for ten dollars, do sell to EPHRAIM H. FOSTER, Esq. a certain negro man named Willis upon the following conditions; said Willis having been a faithful and trust-worthy servant and M.J. Duncan wishing to emancipate him and the laws of Tennessee preventing the same ... the said Ephraim H. Foster shall use his influence to procure a special act of assembly, authorizing the county court to emancipate said slave ... in case he shall not succeed in procuring said act, then he, Foster, shall give to said Willis the necessary vouchers to procure his emancipation in any other state. 16 Dec. 1834

JANE M. DUNCAN

Test: Thomas Edmondson, William T. Stothart, William Allen

Deed Book 'W'

p32) WILLIAM ALLEN of STEPHEN CANTRELL      Reg. Sept 26 1833

Deed of Trust - Cantrell & Allen, merchants in Nashville - to secure notes of STEPHEN CANTRELL sell to WILLIAM ALLEN the following slaves: Bowers, negro man, about 40 years; Jack, about 40; Alfred, about 30; Harriet (wife of Alfred) about 25, and her four children, Ephraim, about 6 or 7, Joe, 4 or 5, Amy 2 or 3 & Caty, 7-8 months; Emiline, about 24, and her two children; Jno. & Jane. A Deed of trust heretofore given upon them to LUNSFORD P. YANDELL, Reg. in Davidson County Deed Book 'T', pp337-338.

p45) JOHN D. CARRIL of THOMAS W., & WILLIAM SHELTON

Bill of Sale      Reg. Oct. 3, 1833

THOMAS W. SHELTON, of Davidson county, and WILLIAM SHELTON, of Wilson County, sell unto JOHN D. CARRIL, of Vixburg, Miss, a negro girl, named Kiziah, about thirteen years of age.

3 Oct. 1833      THOMAS W. SHELTON    WILLIAM SHELTON

p46) LEDBETTER & LAUGHLIN of SAMUEL H. LAUGHLIN

Conveyance -      Reg. Oct. 3, 1833

...the late JAMES BASS, by his last Will, devised certain certain real and personal property -in Trust- to WILLIAM LEDBETTER & JOHN R. LAUGHLIN for the maintenance and support of my wife, MARY, his daughter, and the children of her body ...to fulfil said Trust, I hereby sell to said Trustees: negro girl named Anne, daughter of Nancy, about 10 years; negro boy, named John, son of Peggy, 8 years; Harry, son of Danah, about 5; Harriet, daughter of Louisa, about 4; and Nancy, daughter of Peggy, about 2 years old.

29 Jan. 1831      Sam'l H. Laughlin

Wit: Martin Clark, R. R. Ledbetter



## BOOK REVIEWS

by Shirley Wilson

*Ridley of Southampton*, by Lyndon Hobbs Hart III and Bromfield Bradford Nichol Jr., hardbound 6 x 9 1/4, 670 pp., complete name index. Order from Bromfield B. Nichol Jr., 408 West Garden Street, Pensacola, FL 32501. \$47.50 prepaid.

This impressive genealogy traces the descendants of Nathaniel Ridley of Isle of Wight County, Virginia who was born circa 1675. He married Elizabeth Day, the daughter of James and Mary (Thompson) Day of Isle of Wight County. The ancestors of James Day, son of John and Mary (Bennett) Day are also included in the book. Scattered throughout the text are some excellent old photographs of family members. Pedigree charts are placed periodically through the book and serve as a guide to the numbering system, which might otherwise be somewhat difficult to decipher. Descendants live in many parts of the country.

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*Mecklenburg: The Life and Times of a Proud People* by Howard White and Ruth White. Hardbound 6 1/4 x 9 1/4, 494 pp., complete name index. Order from Howard White, Pickers Rest Books, 2731 New Halls Road, Greenbrier, TN 37073. \$29.95 plus \$3 shipping.

The authors have divided this book into six sections and each chapter within those sections is carefully footnoted. The first two are devoted to the history of the area and the life of the people. The third centers on the heroes in the community of Sharon while the fourth tells about the folklore. Section five is the Sharon Presbyterian Church Cemetery listing. The sixth section is devoted to genealogy and contains information on the families of Alexander, White, Stewart, Porter, Elliott, Flenniken, Jackson, Polk, Knox, Phillips, Morrison, Lemonds, Rogers, Harris, Brown, Hartgrove, Freeman, Wyle, Shelby, Sharpe, Crockett and Graham. The numbering system follows an outline format and is easy to use.

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*Carter County, Tennessee Marriages 1871-1920* by Eddie M. Nikazy. Softbound 5 1/2 x 8 1/4, 322 pp. Order from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie, MD 20716. \$24.50 plus \$3 shipping.

The marriage records are arranged alphabetically and include both the bride and the groom. A single asterisk indicates that the license was issued but no marriage date was recorded. A double asterisk indicates that the marriage did not take place. This is Nikazy's third contribution to the field of Tennessee genealogy in a remarkably short period of time. It is hoped that he will continue producing such competent, well organized books.

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*Blount County, Tennessee Deeds 1819-1833* by Jane Kizer Thomas. Softbound 5 1/4 x 8 1/4, 283 pp., surname index . Order from Heritage Books, Inc. (see address above). \$24.00 plus \$3 shipping.

Thomas has done an admirable job in abstracting the early deeds of Blount County. The book is particularly valuable because all of the deeds have been abstracted, not just those deemed to have genealogical significance. A work of this scope deserves a complete name index, which is lacking. The surname index ranks above average in that it includes creeks, rivers and slaves. The reader is notified at the bottom of each index page that the index references deed numbers not page numbers.

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*The Jean Family of North Carolina and Tennessee* by Glenn Jean. 3-Hole Punch Typescript, 8 1/2 x 11, 70 pp. plus appendices, chart of descendants, complete name index. Order from Glenn Jean, 2834 15th St. Boulder, CO 80304. \$20 prepaid.

This offering traces approximately 550 descendants of William Jean Sr. who was born in Virginia about 1735. William was an Episcopal Methodist minister in Brunswick, Virginia. He moved to Bute County, North Carolina by 1771 where he bought land. His will was probated in Stokes County, North Carolina in 1803. Descendants lived in Lincoln County, Tennessee. Included are many footnotes and some excellent material is contained within the appendices.

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*1850 Census, Western Kentucky, Volume 3* by Barbara, Byron and Samuel Sistler. Softbound, 5 1/4 x 8 1/8, 452 pp., indexed. Order from Byron Sistler & Associates, PO Box 120934, Nashville, TN 37212. \$35 plus \$3 shipping.

This is the third volume in a series of books on the 1850 census of Kentucky. Counties included are Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Marshall and McCracken. This is an every name listing of persons in the census, arranged by neighborhood. The index within each volume is to the heads of the households. An every name, statewide index to the completed set is planned. This series has already proved tremendously valuable to me personally and certainly all genealogists with Kentucky roots will find it helpful.

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*1850 Census, Southeastern Kentucky, Volume 4* by Barbara, Byron and Samuel Sistler, Softbound, 5 1/4 x 8 1/8, 409 pp., indexed. Order as above. \$35 plus \$3 shipping.

This is the fourth volume in the series and it utilizes a similar format. It includes the counties of Clay, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Pulaski, Russell, Wayne, and Whitley.

## CD-ROM

by Martha Colburn

**Does a Genealogist really NEED a CD-ROM? The short answer is: probably not yet.**

What is a CD-ROM? ROM stands for Read Only Memory. Most of us are acquainted with CD's (Compact Disks) for music. A computer CD is a Compact Disk with LOTS of data on it. One CD disk holds a lot more data than even the largest of our hard drives. It is called a ROM because you cannot write data to it, like you can a floppy or hard disk. You can only read it.

In order for our computers to use these special CD's (that look just like the music CD's) we need to have a few things. First is a CD Drive. A slot to put the CD in for it to "Play" to the computer.

Recently CD Rom drives have taken a new turn. They are now "Multi-media." That means they can show you data AND pictures AND music. Genealogists do not need CD Rom drives that do all these things. If you are going to buy one, you should give serious consideration to getting one that will.

There are several things to look for in a CD Rom drive. First, it should have the "MPC" (Multimedia PC Marketing Council) logo on it. This is a specification that means the drive meets certain minimal criteria.

The next thing to look for is access speed. This is how long it takes to retrieve a piece of information. You need it to be as fast as you can afford. The smaller the number the better. A number around 350ms. is acceptable, with 200ms. being better.

Another criteria is the transfer rate: how fast can it stuff data from the CD into the computer. The bigger the number the better. You want something over 150 K/sec. (Kilobytes per second). You also would like a buffer for the CD Rom drive. For a better discussion of CD Rom drives, see *PC WORLD* magazine, May, 1993, page 215. Remember that CD Rom drives are slower than your hard drive. It will take longer to get data from it.

Costs: a really good CD Rom drive should be available for \$500. You should shop around. You can install it in your computer, like a disk drive, or get a box that sits outside the computer.

Now lets look at software (Disks) to go into this CD Rom drive you have. There are some CD's with genealogical information on them. The question is, is this data useful, and in a form you can easily get to. To find the information stored on the CD, there has to be a program that will know how to search for it. Some CDs have it on the CD. Others, you need to buy the program that does the hunting for you.

This data you are hunting for on the CD may be stored as text, or as pictures. If it is stored as text, the search

program should be able to find it. For example, you may want to hunt for the name "Smith." You should be able to tell it to find all cases of "Smith." You should even be able to ask it to find all names that start with an S and end with a TH (thus picking up variant spellings). The beauty of this CD Rom is compact storage of lots of data, but it is only of use if the computer can find the data easily. All of us are familiar with piles of data, all of which is great stuff. We also know how hard it is to find just that one piece of information that is somewhere in that pile. The computer should be able to find that piece easily and quickly.

The data on the CD is only as good as the data put in it. If it is the index to the 1790 census, then it is no better than that index is. If this index was typed into the CD, then it is also no better than the input clerk's typing ability. The time of having a copy of the actual census on CD so you can view it is not yet here. The search program to find "Smith" written by the census taker in 1790 is also not available yet. There do appear to be some census available on CD, but they are still only indexes.

There are suppliers of Genealogy CD's. You can buy or rent them. The NEHGR is expected to be available on CD sometime soon. The cost is unknown, and the quality of the search program that goes with it is unknown.

Should you get a CD ROM for Genealogical use? If you are a professional who frequently has to have access to piles of data that you need on site, and have no library space for all those books, then maybe yes. If you are researching your family line only, then you probably don't need a CD ROM yet.

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### Roots IV

This summer a new version of Roots by Commsoft is coming out. Roots IV will run on DOS computers, preferably a 386 or better. It runs like Windows, but does not require Windows to run. It is supposed to have solved the little irritations that the older program has. If you are currently a registered user of Roots III, then you have received notice of its pending arrival and will receive notice when it is ready. If you do not yet have Roots, you might want to call Commsoft and ask to be put on their mailing list. (1-800-32-roots). In listening to the Beta testers discuss the program, it is a truly new and better version of Roots, and much more user-friendly.

## EARLY CENSUS STATISTICS FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE COUNTIES

by Dorothy Williams Potter

In May 1790, Congress passed a law for the government of the country southwest of the River Ohio, and President Washington appointed William Blount as the first governor of the territory. Governor Blount arrived in the territory in October, 1790, and took up his residence in East Tennessee. By the ordinance of 1787, whenever the Territory should contain five thousand free male inhabitants, they were to be entitled to a Territorial legislature. On the last Monday in June, 1795, the members of the Assembly were convened by the Governor and took up the question of qualification to become an independent state. It was decided to take a census, and the number was found to be 77,262. This was 17,262 more than the number entitling them to form a constitution. The Territory then contained the following counties: Blount, Davidson, Sullivan, Greene, Jefferson, Sevier, Hawkins, Sumner, Washington and Tennessee (now Robertson and Montgomery).<sup>1</sup>

A Convention convened at Knoxville on the 11th of January, 1796. William Blount was chosen President, and William Maclin, Secretary. On the 6th day of February, 1796, in the name of the people south of the river Ohio, they mutually agreed with each other to form themselves into a free and independent state, by the name of TENNESSEE. Tennessee was organized as a state in March, 1796, and officially adopted into the Union as the sixteenth state on June 1, 1796.<sup>2</sup>

By the time the Federal census was taken in 1800, Tennessee contained a population of 105,602, of which 13,584 were slaves.<sup>3</sup> The number of persons in the state in the 1810 census was 261,727, of this number 44,734 were slaves, leaving a free population of 216,983. The number of iron works in 1810 was as follows: 6 bloomeries, valued at \$17,000; 7 forges, valued at \$10,000; 6 furnaces, valued at \$9,800; and 7 naileries, valued at \$128,000.<sup>4</sup>

In 1820, the statistical tabulation for the Tennessee census contained a population of 422,813, of which 80,097 were slaves, and 2,739 were free persons of color. There were 101,717 persons engaged in agriculture and 892 in commerce.<sup>5</sup>

### First Complete Extant Census

The census of 1830 is the first complete extant census of Tennessee. In that year, Tennessee was the fifth most populous state of the Union. Under the reapportionment after the census, the state had thirteen representatives in the House of Representatives.

The *Tennessee Gazetteer* of 1834<sup>6</sup> published a statistical tabulation using the census for the year of 1830 taken under the authority of the United States. It was interesting to note that Middle Tennessee was the most populous area in the state, with a total of 389,395 souls. East Tennessee had a total of 196,44 persons, and West Tennessee trailed with 99,001. The county totals for the Middle Tennessee area are enumerated below.

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<sup>1</sup>Eastin Morris, *Tennessee Gazetteer*, 1834, Robert M. McBride and Owen Meredith, eds., reprint (Nashville, Tennessee: The Gazetteer Press, reprint, 1971), p. 34.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid*, pp. 34-35.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid*, p. 38.

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid*, pp. 43.

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid*, pp. 49-50.

<sup>6</sup>*Ibid*, pp. 60-62.

## 1830 Middle Tennessee Census Population

<i>County</i>	<i>Free White Male</i>	<i>Free White Females</i>	<i>F. People of Color</i>	<i>Slaves</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bedford .....	12755 .....	11941 .....	86 .....	5662 .....	30444
Davidson .....	8432 .....	7556 .....	472 .....	11629 .....	28089
Dickson .....	2862 .....	2709 .....	32 .....	1658 .....	7261
Franklin .....	6122 .....	5893 .....	39 .....	3590 .....	15644
Fentress .....	1343 .....	1297 .....	1 .....	119 .....	2760
Giles .....	6808 .....	6061 .....	16 .....	6035 .....	18920
Hardin .....	2278 .....	2111 .....	62 .....	416 .....	4867
Hickman .....	3509 .....	3382 .....	15 .....	1226 .....	8132
Humphreys .....	2751 .....	2682 .....	31 .....	725 .....	6189
Jackson .....	4407 .....	4222 .....	138 .....	1135 .....	9902
Lawrence .....	2492 .....	2360 .....	5 .....	555 .....	5412
Lincoln .....	9196 .....	8738 .....	64 .....	4088 .....	22086
Maury .....	9293 .....	8871 .....	28 .....	9961 .....	28153
Montgomery .....	4412 .....	4087 .....	63 .....	5803 .....	14363
Overton .....	3695 .....	3637 .....	67 .....	847 .....	8246
Perry .....	3645 .....	2980 .....	5 .....	408 .....	7038
Robertson .....	4888 .....	4696 .....	95 .....	3623 .....	13302
Rutherford .....	8831 .....	8490 .....	155 .....	8654 .....	26130
Smith .....	9391 .....	7723 .....	83 .....	4294 .....	21492
Stewart .....	2864 .....	2644 .....	85 .....	1395 .....	6988
Sumner .....	6702 .....	6477 .....	133 .....	7247 .....	20559
Warren .....	6986 .....	6669 .....	40 .....	1656 .....	15351
Wayne .....	2937 .....	2783 .....	14 .....	279 .....	6013
White .....	4576 .....	4402 .....	67 .....	922 .....	9967
Williamson .....	8236 .....	7770 .....	129 .....	10473 .....	26608
Wilson .....	9853 .....	9399 .....	302 .....	5923 .....	25477
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>149264 .....</b>	<b>139580 .....</b>	<b>2227 .....</b>	<b>98324 .....</b>	<b>389395</b>



## An Early State Census

In the year 1833, as part of the state election, a census of the free white male inhabitants above the age of twenty one years was taken. The *Tennessee Gazetteer* gives a statistical table that included not only the year 1833 but also 1805, 1812, 1819, and 1826.<sup>7</sup> The counties for the Middle Tennessee area follow.

### *Free Adult Male Inhabitants.*

<i>Counties</i>	<i>1805</i>	<i>1812</i>	<i>1819</i>	<i>1826</i>	<i>1833</i>
Bedford.....		1731	2519	3195	4277
Davidson .....	1855	2235	1882	2965	3668
Dickson .....		683	740	857	1038
Fentress .....				460	643
Franklin .....		1180	1516	2025	2230
Giles.....		1056	1383	2013	2485
Hickman .....		539	602	1021	1316
Humphreys .....		282	594	796	1153
Jackson .....		957	999	1398	1742
Lawrence .....			458	601	1014
Lincoln .....		1391		2825	3379
Maury.....		1864	2311	3418	4093
Montgomery .....	675	993	1245	1670	1879
Overton .....		882		953	1430
Robertson .....		852	1210	1726	1968
Rutherford .....		1543	2076	3038	3541
Sumner.....		1754	1781	2684	2648
Smith .....		1640	1769	2510	3267
Stewart .....		625	915	879	1325
Wilson .....		1947		2930	3516
Williamson .....	1051	1759	1948	2398	3368
Wayne .....		1030		752	1276
Warren .....			1591	2148	2495
White .....			1087	1478	1873

*Total in Middle Tennessee for 1833: 55,624*

<sup>7</sup>Eastin Morris, *Tennessee Gazetteer*, 1834, Robert M. McBride and Owen Meredith, eds., reprint (Nashville, Tennessee: The Gazetteer Press, reprint, 1971), p. 66.

# FAMILY RECORD.

## DEATHS.

Martha Totty consort  
of Harrison Totty  
departed this life on  
the 9<sup>th</sup> day May 1835

Harrison Totty departed  
this life 34<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> in the  
morn of our Lord 1868

Elizabeth B. Hine departed  
this life June 1878

Leilie D. Woods  
departed this life  
Nov. The 20<sup>th</sup> in the  
morn of our Lord  
1885

Matilda Totty  
wife Harrison Totty  
departed this life  
Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1897 (A.D.)

## DEATHS.

Matilda Totty was  
born April 5-1818  
Martha's sister  
Died Aug 14-1915-

## **HARRISON TOTTY BIBLE**

Transcribed by Jeanne Rogers

*Harrison Totty was not born in Tennessee. He did, however, marry twice and raise a very large family in the Hickman County-Totty's Bend area. His Bible is in very poor condition, and it has survived fire, and years of open storage. Many, many pages are missing. There is no back or front cover—therefore, the copyright page could not be copied. The spine is broken and taking pictures without further damage was difficult.*

### **Marriages**

Harrison Totty & Matilda was married Oct 1st 1837.

### **Births**

Matilda Totty was born April 5th 1818.

Lollie C. Woods born July the 6 1882.

Madilda Woods was born Feb 23 1884

Harrison Totty was born 25th day of Dec 1788.

Martha T. Totty was born 25th of Dec 1796

Katherine T. Totty was born 25th day of June 1814.

Louisa H. Totty was born August 14th 1816.

Daniel C. Totty was born November 8th 1819

Sara Ann Totty was born Sept 30th 1820.

Harrison I., (or) J? Totty was born April 25th 1834.

Demarcus Lafayette Totty was born June 25th 1827.

Samuel Moore Totty was boran June 13th 1832.

Martha T. (or) J.? Totty was born the 23rd day of August 1838.

Ephraim H. Totty was born the 25th day of January 1842.

Jonathan N. Totty was born April 6th 1844.

Nancy E. Totty was born June 11th 1846.

Elisabeth C. Totty was born the 18th Oct 1848.

Jennie L. Totty was born February 27, 1850.

Mary Coleman Totty was born November 17, 1853.

Little B. Totty was born December 25th, 1856.

Vicel Totty was born July 11, 1857.

Zollicoffer R. Totty was born February the 10th 1862.

Emily Grant Totty was born July 15 1866.

Miles J. (or) I. Totty was born August 20th 1838.

Albert H. Totty was born Dec 28th 1840.

Georg A. Woods was born May the 10 1866.

Jkon Waltter Woods was born Jan the 30th 1865.

Lailie J. Woods was born March 18\_2 (1812 or 1827).

Mollie B. Woods was born April 181\_.

S. B. Woods was born May the 3 18\_\_.

### Deaths

Martha Totty consort of Harrison Totty departed this life on the 9th day of May 1835.

Harrison Totty Departed this life Feb 17th in the year of our Lord 1868.

Elisabeth C. Hine\_ departed this life June 1878 Laillie D. Woods departed this life Nov the 26 in the year of our Lord 18\_5.

Matilda Totty wife Harrison Totty departed this life Sept 13th 1897 (AD).

Matilda Totty was born April 5, 1818.

Martha T. Griner died Aug 14th 1915.

## THE OLD WALTON ROAD

by Dorothy Williams Potter

### A Short History

As the white settlements pushed down the Holston Valley to the Knoxville region, the pioneer road from Jonesboro and Greeneville came along with them. Called the Cumberland Road, it was in the nature of a horseback trail from Campbell's Station, passing the location where Southwest Point was later built, and proceeding across the Cumberland Plateau to the Cumberland River settlements. As early as 1788, an extension of this route was opened, built by Robert King. He was owner of extensive lands at the junction of the Tennessee and Clinch Rivers and the person for whom Kingston was subsequently named.

In 1791, one stipulation of the Treaty of Holston, entered into by and between the United States and the Cherokee Indians, was that the citizens of the United States should have "the free and unmolested use of a road from Washington District to Mero District. Therefore, power became vested in the United States" to mark out and open a road for the use and benefit of their citizens...<sup>1</sup> Shortly after Knoxville and Knox County had been established, the assembly of the Southwest Territory provided in 1794 for holding of a lottery to obtain funds for the improvement of this trail into a "waggon road." It appears that this improvement had been made by the summer of 1795, and it was reported that during the next season at least 300 wagons had passed over the road from Knoxville to Middle Tennessee.

### The Walton Road

Later, in the year 1797, the first legislature of the state of Tennessee authorized Captain William Walton to survey and construct a second road that was to begin near a junction of the Tennessee, Clinch and Emory rivers at SouthWest Point, now Kingston, in East Tennessee, and go west.

Southwest Point, the government's outpost on the Cherokee frontier,

was within five miles of the only two practicable fords on the Tennessee River in the eastern part of the state, and the main gap in the Cumberland Mountains was scarcely more than ten miles away. Long lines of caravans met at Southwest Point and waited for military escorts which took the early settlers overland to the Cumberland country. From here, Captain Walton chose the route that had been blazed by the Indians long before the white settlers entered the area. It went westward through Indian lands passing south of the Cumberland river near at the mouth of Caney Fork at Waltons Ferry. It appears that present-day roads U.S. 70N and Tennessee 24 follow the same or nearly the same route in that area.

The Federal Government delayed obtaining the necessary land and permission from the Indians, however. Memorials, petitions, and even the enactment of a law on the part of Tennessee did not move the Federal Government in this matter. The latter had simply failed to take any favorable action concerning the much-desired road from the Washington District to the Mero District as approved in the Holston Treaty of 1791.

Finally, the Tennessee legislature of 1799 enacted a law in which the preamble cited the provision of the Holston Treaty concerning the road and mentioned that the road being used "was not opened or marked by the authority of the United States, but came into use by one traveller first picking out a way for himself through the wilderness, and others following his track."<sup>2</sup> The purpose of the act was to awaken inactive authorities of the Federal Government and move ahead in designating the



<sup>1</sup>John Haywood and Robert L. Cobbs, eds., *The Statute Laws of Tennessee*; volume II, (Knoxville, Tennessee, 1831), Appendix, 200.

<sup>2</sup>Robert H. White, ed., *Messages of the Governors 1796-1821*, Vol. I (Nashville, Tennessee: The Tennessee Historical Commission, 1952), pp. 118-125

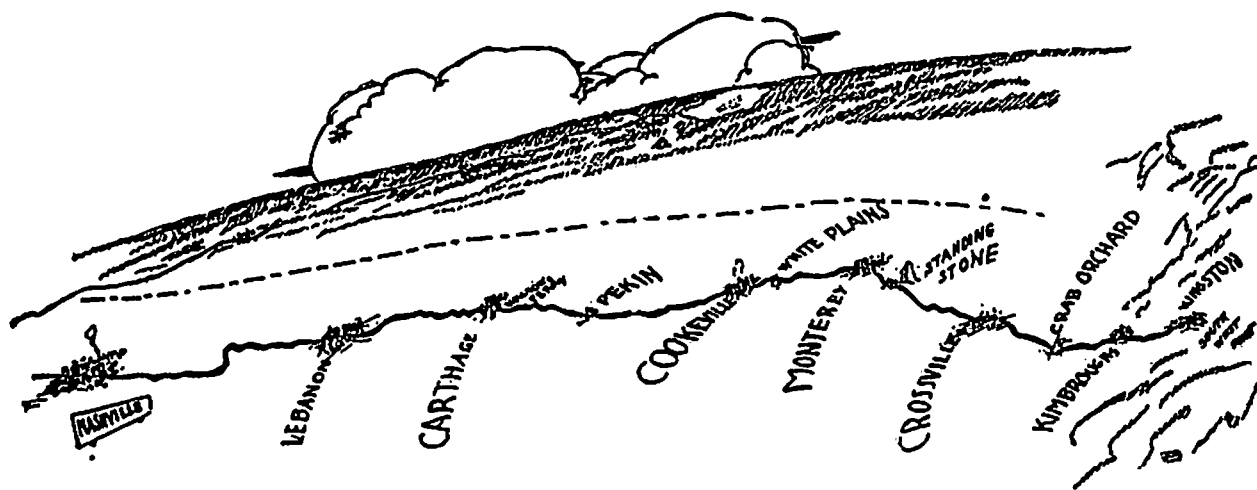
route along which the road would be marked and made safe for travel. The new law requested the President of the United States to appoint commissioners to mark out a new road, following the "levelest way through the said country, paying as much regard to distance as shall accord with the convenience of passing the water courses at fords, and the mountains at the gaps most easy of ascent." The State Legislature then named three commissioners, William Walton, William Martin, and Robert Kyle, who were authorized, as soon as the road had been marked, "to have the same cleared out at the cost and expense of the state." The legislature appropriated one thousand dollars for the purpose and authorized the collection of specific tolls from the users of the road.<sup>5</sup>

Thus, as a result of this first state appropriation in Tennessee for road building, there came into existence the famous "Walton Road."<sup>6</sup> As shown in the map, the road began near Southwest Point, passed over the mountains near the present town of Crossville, and continued on to Nashville by way of the present town of Carthage.<sup>7</sup>

The road which bears Captain Walton's name was about 100 miles long and contained four stands (primi-

tive inns) for the accommodation of travelers. Coming west, the first of these was Kimbrough's on the eastern foot of the Cumberland mountain. The second was Crab Orchard on the mountain plateau in Cumberland County. The third was at White Plains in Putnam County on the western foot of the mountain and the fourth was at Pekin, also in Putnam County.

A traveler of 1802 writes of a trip over the Walton road: "The road that crosses this part of the Indian territory cuts through the Cumberland mountain. It is as broad and commodious as those in the environments of Philadelphia. In consequence of the amazing number of emigrants that travel through it to settle in the western country, it is notwithstanding, in some places, very rugged, but not near so much as the one that leads from Strasburg to Bedford in Pennsylvania. About forty miles from Nashville we met an emigrant in a carriage followed by slaves on foot. It was not yet safe to travel without numbers, for there were roving bands of Indians and the danger was great. They had performed their journey thus far without accident. Little boards painted black and nailed on trees indicate the distance they have to go."



Route of Old Walton Road, with principal stage coach stops, as drawn by Charles Young, 1934, Member of C.C.C. Camp staff at Oglethorpe. From *The Chattanooga Times*, Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 22, 1934. p. 2.

<sup>5</sup> Robert H. White, ed., *Messages of the Governors 1796-1821*, Vol. I (Nashville, Tennessee: The Tennessee Historical Commission, 1952), pp. 118-125

<sup>6</sup> Mary U. Rothrock, Ed., *The French Broad-Holston Country* (Knoxville, Tennessee: East Tennessee Historical Society, 1946, rep. 1972), pp. 91-92

<sup>7</sup> *Acts of Tennessee, 1801*, p. 135-136



## DESCENDANTS OF LAZARUS CRAWFORD 1745-1818

Compiled by Cornelia Burns Holland

**LAZARUS CRAWFORD 1745-1818.** Johnstown/Wayne Co., NC. Born about 1745, moved to Rutherford Co., TN., near the Blackman community after 1800 and died before 11 November 1818. His will was probated at this time. Although his lineage is unknown, he had at least one brother, Robert Crawford, who married Sara Anna Cogdell, whose middle Tennessee descendant was the early Baptist Minister Robert Boyt Crawford Howell.

### CHILDREN OF LAZARUS CRAWFORD BY FIRST WIFE (Temperance?).

1. **JOHN CRAWFORD.** Born about 1772 in Wayne Co., NC. Died in Hardeman, TN about 1840. Married Ann Fellows, who was born about 1785. Died 20 February 1846. She was the daughter of William Fellows and Susannah William Fellows Blackman.

#### Children:

A: William F. Born 1809, TN. Died 1878. Married Martha Ann Ward 22 May 1845.

B: Temperance Evaline. Born 1811 NC. Married W.B. Faison 5 February 1846.

C: Isaac W. Born 7 January 1813. Died 28 October 1873. Married Sarah S. Lillard 12 August 1846.

D: Ashley R. Born 1823. Married Elizabeth J. Ward 2 March 1848.

E. Alexander James B. Born 1826. Married Cynthia A. Williams 7 June 1852.

F. Franklin A. Born 1832. Died young.

G. Eliza. Married Henry Stephens.

H. Elizabeth Ann (Betsy). Married Willoughby L. Thompson 23 October 1837.

I. Nathan.

J. M. (daughter). Married Solomon Jacobs 30 January 1838.

K. Susan. Married: First, John R. McKinnie 16 February 1830. Second, Joseph Sellers 4 March 1840.

2. Daughter (name unknown)

3. **JULIA CRAWFORD.** Born before 1790. Died or married Hanes? before 1800.

4. WINEFRED? CRAWFORD. Born about 1780. Died before 1818 as In the Will of Lazarus. Married \_\_\_\_\_ Sasser of NC.

Children:

- A. Ollin Crawford Sasser.
- B. Son
- C. Son

5. EDWIN CRAWFORD. Born 1780-1783. Died 15 December 1867. Married Jane Reagen of Hardeman Co., TN, 24 February 1824. Records are in Rutherford Co., TN. also.

Children:

- A. Mary Jane. Born 1825. Married M.E. Woodfin 27 April 1843.
- B. Celia M. Born 1830. Married Charles H. Wellons 28 November 1850.
- C. Rufus Gaston. Born 1832. Married Cornelia David 12 January 1864.
- D. Thomas N. Born 1835. Married Amelia A. David (twin of Corrie) 12 November 1867.
- E. Mariah. Born 1838. Married James A. Park 3 January 1856.

6. SARA CAROLINE CRAWFORD. Born about 1782. Died before 1850. Married John Stephen Hollowell before 1814. They lived in Wayne Co., NC., and Rutherford Co., TN. (See Hollowell papers, TN., State Archives.)

Children:

- A. Carolyn Temperance. Born 1824.
- B. Edwin Crawford.
- C. Robert. Born 1827.
- D. William Benjamin. Born 1814. Married Sara Casandra Wade.
- E. Joseph. Born 1809. Married Miss Beasley.
- F. James Calvin.
- G. Thomas Raiford.
- H. C. R. Born 1825. (See Salem Methodist Church, Rutherford Co., TN.)

7. RAIFORD CRAWFORD. Born 10 August 1788 in Wayne Co., NC. Died 16 November 1875 in Hardeman Co., TN. He was a resident of Rutherford Co., TN., 1818-1824. Married Nancy Jane Coor 15 July 1839, Hardeman Co., TN.

Children:

- A. James. Born 1840. Married Mary Ann Tackett 21 February 1861.

- B. Robert Raiford. Born 21 June 1842. Died 22 May 1925. Married Matilda Carolyn Soloman 22 April 1867, Hardeman Co., TN.
- C. John Franklin. Born 1844.
- D. William Lazarus. Born 16 February 1847. Married: First, S.J. McKee 9 February 1875. Second, Jerusha Laurena Field 14 July 1886.
- E. Isaac Charles. Born 5 September 1849. Married Lula Arnold 25 November 1880 in Durant, MS.
- F. Sara Temperance. Born 1850.
- G. Thomas Coor. Born 1855.

8. ELIZABETH CRAWFORD. Born 1791. Died 28 September 1865. Married Alfred Blackman of Rutherford Co., TN. before 1810.

Children:

- A. Olin McKinney. Born 8 November 1811. Died 1840. Married Johanna Mayfield 21 December 1835.
- B. Julia Ann. Born 7 June 1813. Died 3 January 1891. Married Hezekiah Howse 13 November 1828.
- C. Raiford Crawford. Born 17 December 1815. Died 24 December 1888. Married Ann Rebecca Ridout 5 October 1856.
- D. Lazarus Crawford. Born 1818. Died 1852. Married Virginia Americas Smith 6 October 1845.
- E. Sara Jane. Born 1819. Died 1842. Married Charles McLanes 22 December 1835.
- F. Mary Hollowell. Born 24 April 1822. Died 8 August 1913. Married Giles Scales Harding 7 October 1840.
- G. Hillery Oates. Born 4 January 1824. Died 15 September 1872. Did not marry.
- H. Delia Elizabeth. Born 24 July 1826. Married Col. William Lilliard of Culpeper, VA., 24 April 1842.
- I. Lucia Temperance. Born 27 October 1827. About 1854 married either Andrew Jackson Fanning or Tolbert Fanning.
- J. Alfred James. Born 25 December 1830. Died 5 January 1853. Married Miss Dorris.
- K. William. Born 6 September 1834. Died 21 August 1853.
- L. Benjamin E. Born 1842. Died 1843.

9. DELIA McKINNIE CRAWFORD. Born 1800. Died after 1860. Married Lewis Joslin of Davidson Co., TN., 11 September 1817. (See Whitley papers, Williamson Co., TN., Public Library).

Children:

- A. John McKinnie. Born 1823.

- B. Robert Crawford.
- C. Lewis Foster.
- D. Hugh Lawson White.
- E. Thomas Peck.
- F. Sarah.
- G. Amanda Raiford.
- H. William Bibbs.
- I. Temperance Kathryn. Born April 1820. Died 8 July 1876.

10. TEMPERANCE B. AMANDA CRAWFORD. Born 1799. Died 17 March 1843 in Weakley Co., Tn. Married: First, Jacob Thompson 1 March 1817 in Rutherford Co., TN. Second, John Peck May 1832 in Davidson Co., TN.

Children:

- A. Sarah Caroline Peck. Born 6 November 1834.
- B. Temperance Amanda Peck. Born 17 December 1836. Died 24 January 1875.
- C. Delia Elizabeth Peck.

11. LAZARUS CRAWFORD. Married: Second, Rebecca (Ezell?) after 1810. She moved to Williamson Co., TN., after 1820 census taken.

Children:

- A. Baldwin Augustus. Born 1815 Rutherford Co., TN. Died after 1880. Married: First, Deborah Ezell. Second, S. F. Pegram 19 October 1857. He is reported to have been the first elected mayor of Martin, TN.
- B. Unnamed child born between 1815 and 29 March 1818 in Rutherford Co., TN. Died by 1820. (Lazarus Crawford provided for the education of "my two youngest children by last wife" (Rebecca) in his will, only one of these children, Baldwin, was named.)

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Female English given names have a greater variety than male names. However, there are a few variants that one should be aware of. Evan is the Welsh form of John, while Ian is the Scottish form. The Irish form of John is Sean, and the Russian is Ivan. James is actually a variant of Jacob. Ted is short for Edward but often used as short for Theodore. Wyatt is a variant of Guy. Eliot is a variant of Elias, whereas Elias is the Greek form of Elijah.

Ref.: *English Given Names*, The Random House College Dictionary, Revised Edition, 1975.  
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## SELECTED CEMETERIES IN WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

by Thomas E. Partlow

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### JENNINGS' CEMETERY

(Statesville, Tennessee)

1. G. W. Jennings, born 1823; died 1867.
2. L. E. Alsup, born 1854; died 1896. Wife of M. W. (Monroe) Jennings.
3. W. E. Jennings, born 1852; died 1911.
4. M. W. Jennings, born 1849; died 1919.
5. William M. Jennings, born 1846; died 1948. Son of J. B. Jennings and M. J. Jennings.
6. John S. Jennings, born 1836; died 1897.
7. W. D. Jennings, born 1820; died 1897.
8. Mary Ann Burns, born 1822; died 1898. Wife of W. D. Jennings.
9. William A. (Billy Buck) Jennings, born 1813; died 1894.
10. Beatrice Jennings, born 1763; died 1852. Wife of Jacob Jennings.
11. Rial Cason Jennings, born 1808; died 1894.
12. D. C. Jennings, born 1817; died 1894. Wife of Rial Cason Jennings.
13. Edmund Jennings, born 1822; died 1843.
14. Susan F. Jennings, 1828. Wife of Edmund Jennings.
15. Bryan Jennings, born 1804; died 1881.
16. Cates R. Jennings, G. L. Jennings, Beulah Cox, Willie E. Jennings. Children of Alonzo Jennings.
17. Alonzo Jennings, 1853. Nicknamed Crippled Buddy.
18. Mary Elizabeth Jennings, born 1858; died 1911. Wife of Alonzo L. Jennings.
19. Joshua Lester Jennings, born 1827; died 1906.
20. Martha Jane Doss, died 1907. Wife of Joshua Jennings.
21. James Jennings, born 1810; died 1865.
22. Cinderilla Jennings, born 1818; died 1881.
23. Achel (Drew) Jennings, born 1798; died 1844.
24. Craddock Jennings. Wife of Achel Jennings.

25. Jackson Jennings, born 1820; died 1897.
26. Hannibal Jennings.
27. Jacob R. Jennings, born 1822; died 1850.
28. Erastus Jennings, born 1846; died 1886.
29. Johnny Jennings, born 1885; died 1939.
30. Newborn A. Jennings, born 1874; died 1921.
31. Shedrick Jennings, born 1848; died 1932.
32. Martha Jane Whitlock, born 1853; died 1929. Wife of Shedrick Jennings.
33. Wiseman Jennings.
34. Charlie Jennings.
35. Nubie Jennings, born 1861; died 1918.
36. Mattie Jennings Thompson, born 1872; died 1912.
37. Hangulem L. Jennings, born 1866; died 1886. Son of J. B. Jennings and Mary J. Jennings.
38. Cain Jennings, born 1815; died 1859.
39. James H. Jennings, born 1810; died 1865.
40. Newborn Jennings, born 1861; died 1918.
41. Sallie D. Jennings, born 1873; died 1954.
42. American Jennings Stroud, 1878.
43. Coe Jennings, died 1874.
44. (Era) Jennings, died 1878. Wife of Coe Jennings.
45. Edmund D. Jennings, born 1856; died 1941.
46. A. B. Armstrong, born 1859; died 1891. Wife of Edmund D. Jennings.
47. F. Oden Jennings, born 1882; died 1969.
48. Geneva Jennings Stroud.
49. Ella Jennings Hale.
50. Minnie Jennings Henderson.
51. Newburn Jennings, born 1837; died 1875.
52. Carrie L. Jennings, born 1904; died 1924.
53. William Harry Jennings, born 1906; died 1921.
54. Elizabeth F. Jennings, born 1869; died 1911.
55. William Aubrey Jennings, born 1877; died 1959.
56. Malcolm Robert Jennings, born 1809.



57. John Erastus Jennings.
  58. Nora Richard Jennings, born 1887; died 1918.
  59. Spencer B. Jennings, born 1827; died 1934.
  60. Peter Jenninngs. A free Negro who served in the Revolutionary War.  
Martha Jennings James married second William A. Jennings, born after 1823.
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#### JOHNS CEMETERY

(Located in Rutherford County, Tennessee two miles north of Jefferson Springs)

1. Lycurgus Arnold, born 16 January 1879; died 15 October 1917.
  2. Minnie Johns, born 18 May 1880; died 11 May 1916. Wife of L. G. Arnold.
  3. Bluford H. Johns, born 16 June 1844; died 30 November 1903.
  4. Eliza S. Johns, born 10 October 1854; died 30 May 1888.
  5. Annie C. Arnold, born 13 April 1916; died 30 June 1916.
  6. Mintie Johns, 18 May 1880. About three months.
  7. Mary E. Johns, born 15 April 1849; died 10 May 1896. Wife of D. A. Bridges.
  8. D. A. Bridges, born 30 January 1844; died 7 February 1920.
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#### JOHNSON CEMETERY

(Located just beyond Barton's Creek Baptist Church on west side of Barton's Creek Road,  
Lebanon, Tennessee. Most of the markers are only rocks)

1. Andrew E. Johnson, born 12 October 1850; died
  2. Malissa Lane. Wife of Andrew E. Johnson.
  3. Orlena P. (Ring) Owen. Third wife of Andrew E. Johnson.
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### JOHNSON CEMETERY

(Located on West Adams Street, Lebanon, Tennessee)

1. James Henry Johnson, born 1783; died 1855.
  2. James M. Johnson, born 30 August 1827; died 16 April 1908.
  3. Elizabeth Susan Bettes, born 17 November 1829; died 3 November 1880. Wife of James M. Johnson.
  4. 'Aunt Sid'. A slave who is buried under the walkway.
  5. Sallie Bett Johnson, born 21 January 1908; died 29 December 1909. Daughter of Mitchell W. Johnson and Nora Dovie Ligon Johnson.
  6. Infant son of Ira Mitchell Johnson and Julia Newby Johnson.
  7. Infant son of Roy Ligon and Kate Reed Ligon.
  8. Infant son of Ed Ligon and Mattie Carpenter Ligon.
  9. John Mathias Johnson, born 6 April 1854; died .
  10. Tom Lewis, born May; died .
  11. Christine Lewis, born March; died @ age 50. Wife of Tom Lewis.
  12. Una, born 1851; died 1901.
  13. Von, born 1900; died .
  14. Ruby, born 1894; died 1912.
  15. Emma, born 1898; died 1900.
  16. 'Sister'. A baby's grave whose inscription reads, "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed thought."
  17. Carl Carpenter.
  18. Mother of Carl Carpenter.
  19. Infant son of John Daugherty and Zorah Dixie Johnson. Born and died 1887.
  20. Mary W., born 31 August 1855; died 9 January 1892. Wife of John M. Johnson.
  21. Sallie Elizabeth Johnson, born 10 July 1856; died 30 March 1877.
  22. Mary Jane, born 2 October 1849; died 26 March 1877. Wife of W. A. Johnson.
  23. Henry Odes Johnson, born 16 August 1890; died 16 April 1891. Son of John M. Johnson and Mary W. Johnson.
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### LAIN CEMETERY

(Located on Oak Grove Road which runs off the Franklin Road, Lebanon, Tennessee of the marker are only rocks)

1. Edward H. Lainc, born 19 November 1911; died 25 June 1913.
  2. Jessie M. Lain, born 22 November 1915; died 22 November 1919.
  3. Nannie M. Lain, born 26 August 1875; died 5 May 1895.
  4. John Randolph (Jack) Lain.
  5. Mary F. Wright. Wife of John Randolph Lain.
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LAIN CEMETERY

(Located on the Robert Bradshaw Farm off of Beckwith Road)

1. Emma A. Lain, born 19 June 1858; died 24 June 1920.
  2. Martha G. Lain, born 25 November 1829; died 19 May 1909.
  3. R. P. Lain, born 4 December 1823; died 9 January 1902.
  4. J. L. Lain, born 23 December 1829; died 14 February 1908
  5. M. A. Lane, born 14 July 1833; died 14 February 1908.
  6. Lem Hardaway, born 30 June 1847; died 25 July 1922.
  7. Alice Hardaway, born 3 February 1860; No death date.
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LEEVILLE CEMETERY\*

(Located to the side of the Leeville Methodist Church at Leeville, Tennessee)

1. Clara Mai Robertson, born 1881; died 1907.
2. Joseph E. Robertson, born 1850; died 1901.
3. Lewis W. Robertson, born 13 November 1805; died 11 May 1887.
4. Elizabeth Glenn, born 6 September 1831; died 21 November 1900. Wife of Lewis W. Robertson.
5. James H. Denton, born 3 August 1809; died 24 July 1890.
6. John B. Denton, born 1838; died 1914.
7. Mary G. Denton, born 1839; died 1908. Wife of John B. Denton.
8. Dr. A. J. Winter, born 21 February 1819; died 28 December 1890.
9. Margaret A. Winter, born 25 December 1826; died 4 June 1892.
10. John Glenn McCallic, born 20 February 1876; died 18 July 1903.
11. William Y. Massey, born 24 February 1840; died 23 January 1909. Married 10 December 1867 to Sallie Williams.
12. Sallie Williams Massey, born 17 October 1842; died .
13. R. H. Sherrill, born 21 July 1848; died 28 March 1923.
14. Texie, born 6 July 1857; died 21 March 1883. Wife of R. H. Sherrill.
15. Bettie E., born 23 April 1859; died 23 April 1879. Daughter of William E. Walker and E. D. Walker.
16. Edny D., born 11 February 1829; died 26 February 1882. Wife of William E. Walker.
17. W. E. Walker, born 18 November 1827; died 14 March 1907.
18. W. B. Walker, born 1862; died 1933.

\*Incomplete list

#### LIGON CEMETERY

(Located on Oak Grove Road which runs off Franklin Road, Lebanon, Tennessee.  
Most of the markers are only rocks.)

1. Ann P. Ligon, born 22 March 1837; died 6 January 1857.
  2. Richard L. Ligon, born 1808; died 1874.
  3. Rosaline DeJarnette Ligon, born 8 March 1820; died 5 March 1855. Wife of Richard L. Ligon.
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#### LIGON CEMETERY

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

1. Annie L. Harris, born 14 September 1851; died 19 April 1927.
2. A. M. Harris, born 1 February 1849; died 22 November 1927.
3. Emmitt T. Rogers, born 19 September 1902; died 29 May 1968. Tennessee. Pvt. AT Co. 154 Inf. World War II.
4. Fred Rogers, born 1 March 1896; died 27 August 1968. Tennessee. Pvt. Co. D. 161 Inf. World War I.
5. Rosa Ligon Rogers, born 27 September 1876; died 10 June 1924.
6. J. C. Rogers, born 29 May 1866; died 16 March 1945.
7. Minnie Lasater Ligon, born 1872; died 1929.
8. Charles Richard Ligon, born 1872; died 1965.
9. 'Little Johnnie Ross,' born 6 June 1901; died 19 September 1902. Son of John C. Rogers and Rosa L. Rogers. The inscription reads, "Budded on earth to bloom in heaven."
10. Emily, born 4 October 1840; died 13 December 1901. Wife of Charles W. Ligon. Married 23 August 1863. The inscription reads, "Since thou can not longer stay to cheer me with thy love, I hope to meet with thee again in yon bright world. A loving wife, a mother dear, lies buried here."
11. Charles W. G. Ligon, born 13 April 1840; died 10 August 1927. Husband of Emily Lain Ligon. Co. H, 7th Tennessee Inf. Confederate Army, CSA.
12. Infant of Nannie and A. E. Ligon, born and died 1911.

13. Nannie O. Ligon, born 1884; died 1967.
14. A. E. (Day) Ligon, born 1884; died 1958.
15. Anna Maie Ligon, born 13 January 1891; died 3 February 1917. Wife of W. L. Jones. The inscription reads, "She was the sunshine of our home."
16. Houston Vanhook, born 25 December 1880; died 2 March 1895.
17. Frances Rosaline, born 22 June 1890; died 11 August 1894. Daughter of R. R. Ligon and Kitty Ligon, The inscription reads, "A sunbeam from the world has vanished."
18. Argalus L. Ligon, born 1849; died 7 February 1887.
19. Armisted Hannibal (Wes) Ligon.
20. Dovie Tomerlin Ligon. Wife of Armisted Hannibal Ligon.
21. Lafayette Ligon, born 25 January 1853; died 12 June 1927.
22. Mary E. Ligon, born 11 July 1859; died 27 July 1899.
23. Andre W. E., born and died 28 July 1899. The inscription reads, "Infant babe of L. Ligon and wife."
24. Martha A. Wade, born 1 May 1835; died 19 April 1908.

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#### McCARTNEY CEMETERY

(Located on the old McCartney farm about one mile southwest of the Barton's Creek Baptist Church)

1. Mattie, born 2 September 1872; died 22 September 1898. Wife of J. L. McCartney. The inscription reads, "A Christian wife, a kind mother."
  2. Catherine, born 26 September 1857; died 3 February 1883. Wife of R. D. Holloway.
  3. Quingy Harrison, born 23 November 1820; died 15 August 1869. Wife of J. W. McCartney.
  4. J. W. McCartney, born 29 July 1821; died 3 March 1901.
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**MINUTES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF  
NORTH CAROLINA AND MERO DISTRICT**

Abstracted by Dorothy Scott 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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The Honorable John McNairy and David Campbell, Esq., Judge.

James Robertson (General) vs. George A. Sugg

Case: Broken Contract

Declaration: The contract of agreement, was made in Davidson County on 7 September 1790 by and between James Robertson and George A. Sugg. The agreement was that George A. Sugg should "pay and deliver unto" the said James Robertson on or before the first day of September 1795, one good, sound, healthy, sensible negro, either male or female between the age of 12 years and 20 years and make him a good title to the same under penalty of £240 current money of the State of North Carolina. The contract was never fulfilled and Robertson asks for £240 North Carolina currency.

Jury: Joseph Motheral, John Drake, Thomas Hamilton, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Hart, Elias Fort, John Blackmore, William Brown, Absolom Hooper, Beal Mosley, Martin Duncan and Thomas French [written "Frenceh"].

Verdict: Found for plaintiff Robertson. Awarded him £94, 1s plus costs.

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James Robertson vs. George A. Sugg

Case: Broken Contract.

Declaration: The contract or agreement was made 31 August 1789 in Davidson County, between James Robertson of Davidson County, North Carolina and George A. Sugg. George A. Sugg was to deliver to James Robertson, on or before 1 September 1795, one likely, sensible, sound negro above the age of 12 and under age 20 under the penalty of £250 current North Carolina money. The negro was never delivered to the damage of Robertson in the amount of £250.

Jury: Danl. Williams, John Caffree, Wm. Blackmore, Thomas Smith, James Byrns, Glidwell Kilabrew, James Bosley, James Hutchins, Anthony Foster, Richard Hightower, James Shaw, Danl. Rowan

Verdict: The covenant was broken as charged in declaration. Robertson awarded £90, plus costs.

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**Finis Ewing vs. Isaac Roberts**  
Case: Assult and Battery

Declaration: In 1791 in Mero District, with staves and swords, Isaac Roberts, assulted Finis Ewing and did beat, wound and ill treat him whereby Ewing was in danger of losing his life.

Jury: Joseph Mo...[illeg.], John Drake, Thomas Hamilton, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Hart, Elias Fort, John Blackamore, William Brown, Absolom Hooper, Beal Mosley, Martin Duncan and Thomas French.

Verdict: Defendant Roberts found guilty of trespass, assult and battery as charged in declaraion and award plaintiff Finis Ewing sixpence in damages and sixpence in costs.

**Robert Stark vs. Peter Johnston's estate.**  
Case: No case given. Same ended in mistrial.

Jury: William Blackamore, Thomas Smith, James Byrnes, William Mears, David Roundsaville, Richard Hightower, James Bosley, Saml. Buckhanon, David Smith, James McKain and John Newell.

**Robert Stark vs. Peter Johnston's executors.**  
Case: Fraud

Declaration: This appeal filed in Superior Court 9 April 1792.

Robert Stark "interpleads [When two or more persons claim the same thing (or fund) of a third, and be, laying no claim to it himself is ignorant which of them has a right to it. Black's Law Dictioary, Fifth Edition] and Claims the Negro man named Phill attached by viture of an attachment [by] Peter Johnson's Executor against Thomas Green by viture of a purchase made from Eusebicus Bushnell on [the] 28th day of September 1789." The defendants by their attornies, plead fraud and covin [A secret conspiracy or agreement between two or more persons to injure or defraud another. Black's Law Dictionary, Fifth Edition] against creditors in the conveyance from Thomas Green to Eusebious Bushnell.

Witness: Amos Byrd was introduced and examined.

Jury: James Byrns, James McKain, Richard Hightower, Thomas Smith, David Rounsaviile, David Smith, William Blackamore, Elias Fort, Wm. Mears, John Steel, Thomas Hanilton and John Drake.

Verdict: Find for defendants: judgement for defendants.

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**James Boyd and William Williams.**  
Case: Ordered that James Boyd and William Williams be released from a fine incurred for not attending as jurors on reasons satisfactorily shown to the court.

**Lawrence Sproutzman vs. Elijah Roberston**  
Case: Court ordered deposition taken of Thomas Molloy, David Hay and John Boyd, Jun., in State of Kentucky by Thomas Smith after giving 30 days notice.

**The Territory vs. William Pillow**  
Case: William Pillow was found guilty of trespass, assualt and battery committed on the body of Mary Armstrong and it is ordered that he be fined three pounds.

Hannah Porter vs. Anthony Crutcher, John Bell and John Hinds.

Case: "The matter coming before the court [is] whether Anthony Crutcher broke the prison bonds in the manner described." After the matter was fully agreed by lawyers for both parties, it is the opinion of the Court that Crutcher did not break the bonds and therefore, the securities liberated.

Thomas Johnson

Case: Excused as a juror. Johnson gave sufficient reasons to the court for being unable to serve.

Thomas Hardiman vs. Anthony Crutcher, James Lenier, and Henry Lenier.

Case: Writ of Error

Declaration: Henry Leneir asked to be dropped from this suit. The case was argued in court. [Opinion of court or outcome not given.]

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Finis Ewing vs. Isaac Roberts, James Mears

Case: Witness attendance:

James Mears, witness proved £2,7s

John Harvey, witness, £1,11s,2d

Thomas French, witness proves £2,10s

John Marney vs. Joseph Calvit

Case: Ordered that the depositions of Isaac Johnson, John Foster, Jo's. Harison and Stephen Minor be taken in Natches before a public notary with 60 days notice be given.

Simion Spring vs. David Smith and William Smith

Case: Ordered that the depositions of the subscribing witness to the bond [not named] be taken in Natchez before the public notary with 60 days notice given.

William Taitt vs. John Deadrick

Case: Motion for a new trial.

Declaration: Plaintiff asked for a new trial due to the misbehavior of one of the jurors. Said juror left his fellow jurors after retiring from the Bar. It was the opinion of the court that no new trial was necessary. [Juror not named].

Hannah Porter vs. Anthony Crutcher, John Bell, and John Hinds.

Case: Motion for a new trial.

No particulars given. Motion overruled.

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The Territory vs. James Bosley

Case: Perjury

Declaration: James Bosley, a prisoner, was brought into court and charged as follows: "the jurors for the Territory upon their oaths present that James Bosley, late of the County of Davidson and District of Mero, farmer," on 20 January 1795 did appear before Judge John McNairy who gave him a Bill of Injunction. The injunction was to stay the proceeding on a Judgement obtained by Nelson on a promissory note given by James Bosley to Frederick Stump and assigned by Stump to Nelson. Judgement was obtained against Bosley at a County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in Nashville, Davidson County, in July 1795. Frederick Stump, Danl. Rowan and Robert Nelson were made defendants in the Injunction. Bosley swore that the matters and things contained in his Bill were of his own knowledge and true. Having no "fear of God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil" Bosley intended to unjustly defraud Robert Nelson in obtaining the judgement. Bosley knowingly, falsely, wickedly, maliciously and corruptly stated that Daniel Rowan was to settle the accounts between Bosley and Frederick Stump. Bosley in his Bill of Injunction, fasley stated that Frederick Stump was to take up the Bond (note) given to Bosley by Rowan in



the name of Bosley and to give him credit upon a Bond which Stump gave to Bosley for hard money. At the time Bosley utterly refused to take up said note and Daniel Rowan had no power from Bosley to give a note in Bosley's name. Bosley then told Stump that Rowan had included his own amount which he owed to Stump in a note that he had given in the name of Bosley...[illegible]

Whereas the truth is that Bosley had impowered and authorized Rowan to settle the accounts between Bosley and Stump as will appear by a written power of attorney, to transact the business of Bosley and dated 10 March 1786. Bosley also gave many verbal powers and instructions to Rowan empowering him to settle Bosley's accounts with Stump and give a note in Bosley's name for any sum that might appear due by Bosley to Stump. In truth and fact at the time Bosley took his oath he well knew that Stump never applied to him to take up the note given by Stump to Rowan in Bosley's name...

On 20 January 1791 Bosley in Davidson Co., Mero District, knowingly, falsely, wickedly, maliciously and corruptly committed perjury before Judge John McNairy of the Superior Court of Law and Equity for the Territory.

Plea: Not guilty

Jury: Thomas Smith, William Overall, William Brown, Joseph Motheral, Thomas French, John Drake, John Blackamore, Daniel Williams, Absolem Hooper, Joseph Hart, William Blackamore and Martin Duncan.

Verdict: Bosley is not guilty of the perjury in manner and form as charged in the Bill of Indictment.

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Moore vs. Cumstock

Case: Proved his attendance £1,12s

1st Monday in November 1792

Court held in Nashville, Mero District.

The Hon. John McNairy, Es. presiding.

Proclamation

Proclamation being made that several Sheriffs, Coronors, Justices of the peace withing Mero District should make return of the different writs and precepts to them directed [and] recognizances and inquests by them taken that the Honorable Court might proceed thereon.

Jurors Called

The sheriff of Davidson County made return of the venire facias, viz:

John Buckhanon, Frederick Stump, Alexander Ewing, Frederick Davis, William Overall, Ephraim McLein, Jun., Joseph Hanah, Joseph Hooper, Jonas Manifee, Saml. McCutchin, James Billingsly, Andw. Carnehan, Thoas McCrory, Thomas Hardiman, Bevely [sic] Ridley, Reece Porter, James Rutherford, Elisha Rice and Elisha Patten Chambers.

The sheriff of Tennessee made return of the venire facias to him directed, viz:

John Montgomery, Robert Nelson, Mathew Williams, Hayden Wills, Hugh Bell, John Edwards, Francis Prince, Isaac Wilcox and Robert Lancas-ter.

James Bosley vs Wm. Wicoff.

Case: "Plev. Att'a."

Anthony Crutcher vs. Wm. Todvine.

Case: "Plev. Cap."

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"The Indians were so Troublesome on the Frontiers about this time that the Court and Jury thought it most advisable to adjourn Court till Court in Course."

"At Superior Court of Law and Equity opened and held for the district of Mero at the Court House in the town of Nashville, on first Monday of May" 1793 and in the 7th year of American Indendence.

Present: The Honorable John McNairy, Esquire, Judge.

Proclamation: The Sheriffs of the several counties in the Mero District ordered to summon hte jurors in their respective counties.

Davidson County Jurors:

James White, Mathew Talbot, Joseph Hanah, Joseph Hart, John Childers, Robert Thompson, John Cockerall, Thomas Hardison, Jonas Manifee, Robert Boyd, James Scott, James Dean, John Bell, Andrew Caleman, Isaac Roberts, Jacob Caselman, Robert Lewis, Richard Cross, John Lays and Nimred Williams.

Sumner County Jurors:

Gasper Mansker, John Commons, Thomas Walker, Stevin Cantrill, Simon Kyrkindol, William Gilaspie, John Whitesitt, John Young, Edward Givin, John Hamilton, John Brigance and John Wilson.

Tennessee County Jurors:

James Ford, John Montgomery, Robert Nelson, Thomas Johnston, Brazil Borin, Barkley Wm. Pollock, Jacob McCarty, William Brown, John Coutz, James Starks, Jonathan Prince and Moses Shelby.

The following persons were impannelled as Grand Jurors:

Isaac Roberts (foreman), Jonas Manifee, John Young, Robert Nelson, John Hamilton, John Childers, John Montgomery, John Whitsitt, James Dean, James Scott, Joseph Hanah, William Brown, Joseph Hart, John Bell, Moses Shelby, Nimrod Williams, Gasper Mansker and Andrew Caselman.

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Charles Campbell was appointed Constable to attend the Grand Jury this term. He qualified accordingly.

Jonathon Skinner ads. George A. Sugg

Case: Certiorari [A writ issued by a superior to an inferior court requir-ing the latter to produce a certified record of a particular case. Black's Law Dictionary, 5th Edition.]

David Smith vs. William Fletcher's Adminstrator

Case: Title to land.

Declaration: William Fletcher was ordered to answer David Smith of a "Plea of Covenants Broken" but he died. The suit was revived against his adminstrators.

On 6 October 1781 William Fletcher gave Smith a note acknowledging himself indebted to Smith in the sum of five pounds lawful money of North Carolina upon the condition that Fletcher make a good and lawful title to 500 acres of land and his head right on the Cumberland River, clear of any claim whatsoever. This was to be done as soon as the General Assembly allowed Fletcher the land. Smith has been unsuccessful in obtaing the land or the value thereof, and has been damaged in the amount of £1000.

Jury: Jon Cockerall, Richard Cross, John Commons, Simon Kyrkendo, John Brigance, Mathew Talbot, Robert Thompson, Robert Boyd, John Lain, Stephen Cantrill, William Gillaspie and James Ford.

Verdict: The covenant was broken as charged in the declaration and the jury awards David Smith £40 plus costs.

## TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RECORDS

(Contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Bamman, CG)

**Supreme Court Records, Box 179, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**William Hunt, Administrator of Joseph Trimble, dec'd.  
vs J. Westley McKnight et als**  
(Original Bill Heard in Rutherford County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of William Hunt, Administrator with the will annexed of Joseph Trimble, deceased of Rutherford county against J. Westley McKnight, John A. McKnight, F. W. Rankin and wife Martha P. Wm. Morton McKnight, George L. McKnight, and Virginia F. McKnight, all of Rutherford county, the two last of whom George L. and Virginia F. being infants without guardian, filed in the Chancery Court of Rutherford County.

Complaining your Orator William Hunt shows to your Honor that Joseph Trimble late of Rutherford county departed this life in the year 1857 having first made and published his last will and testament by which he nominated and appointed A. M. McKnight his executor.... The testator was possessed of considerable estate, real and personal, consisting of land, slaves and other personal property. he left surviving him a widow Nancy Trimble now deceased, but no descendants, never having had any children....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 179, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**A. G. Cobb et al vs H. C. Roberts et al**  
(Original Bill Heard in Stewart County Chancery Court)

A. G. Cobb and wife Rebecca Cobb formerly Shaw T. E. Thomas and wife Fannie Thomas formerly Shaw, all of the County of Trigg and State of Kentucky and W. L. Vinson and wife Martha Vinson formerly Shaw of the County of Henry and State of Tennessee and B. L. Curtis of the County of Stewart State of Tennessee and J. D. Shaw of Trigg County State of Kentucky bring this their bill against H. C. Roberts formerly Clerk and Master of the Dover Chancery Court but now a citizen of Davidson County State of Tennessee, James C. Roberts a citizen of the City St [sic] Joseph State of Missouri John Henson N. Brandon and A. J. Shamwell of the County of Stewart and State of Tennessee being the securities upon the official of the aforesaid H. C. Roberts W. W. Roberts of the County of Henry and State of Tennessee and J. Stanly Rolls and both of the County of

Stewart and State of Tennessee and thereupon your complainants represent unto your Honor that one Thomas Shaw a citizen of \_\_\_\_ [blank] died on or about April 1852 being seized and possessed among other property of a negro man named Joe, that by his last will and testament duly made published and of record in the \_\_\_\_ [blank] a copy of which is herein filed marked Exhibit A, as follows, I, Thomas Shaw of the County of Stewart and State of Tennessee planter do make and publish this my last will and testament....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 179, Middle Tennessee,  
1870**

**Robert Carr vs William Moore and W. B. Lowe**  
(Original Bill Heard in Robertson County Chancery Court)

Robert D. Carr who became 21 years of age in July 1869 and is a citizen of Arkansas and Joseph J. Carr, Elizabeth H. Carr, and Gideon W. Carr, the last three being also of Arkansas and being minors and having no regular guardian and appearing and suing by their next friend and brother the aforesaid Robert D. Carr, complainants, vs William Moore, and W. B. Lowe, citizens of Robertson County, Tennessee, defendants.

And thereupon your complainants come and complain and respectfully show to the court that their father Robert D. Carr died at his residence in Mississippi County, Arkansas about the month of June 1859, leaving a last will and testament, of which his widow Elizabeth A. Carr became executrix. Said testator left said widow and your complainants and three other children his only heirs at law and legatees. One of said children viz James A. Carr died in January 1864. He had never been married. He died intestate, leaving his said mother Elizabeth A. Carr and his brothers and sisters his sold heirs at law and distributees.

Said Robert D. Carr, deceased, also left as his other two children Wm. M. Carr, and Mary A. L. Carr. Said Wm. M. is aged 33 years and lives in Tennessee. Said Mary A. T. intermarried in January 1868 with John D. Garrettson. She then being over 21 years of age. She also lives in Tennessee.

Said Wm. M. Carr and Garrettson and wife are not made parties herein because they have no interest in this proceeding, they being barred by the statute of limitations. Said Elizabeth a. Carr, the widow of Robert D. Carr, deceased, died in November 1869, having never married again....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 178, Middle Tennessee,  
1867**

**Sims et al vs Earles**

(Original Bill Heard in White County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of Caroline E. Earles William P. Earles Margaret Earles and Celia Earles by O. H. [Perkins?] their next friend and O. H. P. Sims as guardian of the said Caroline E., William P. Margaret and Celia, all of White County, Tennessee and Nancy Earles of the same residence against Martha Anderson Richmond Earles of White county, Tennessee and William Earles Margaret Earles and Alexander Earles of Warren County, Tennessee.

Your complainants would respectfully represent to your Honor that one Pleasant Earles departed this life about the last of the year A. D. 1844 and before he died made his last will and testament. That the said Nancy is the widow of the deceased and that the other Earles above mentioned are the only children....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 178, Middle Tennessee,  
1868**

**M. C. Cearnall et al vs The Nashville and North-Western Railroad Company and the Nashville and Chattanooga Rail Road Company**

(Original Bill Heard in Humphreys County Chancery Court)

M. C. [Cearnall?], T. G. McKelvey and wife V. W. McKelvey, Thomas White and wife Martha W. White and R. C. Cearnall and C. D. Cearnall the last two of whom are minors suing by M. C. Carnall as their next friend and all citizens of Humphreys County except Thomas White and Martha W. White who reside in Hardin County, Tennessee, Complainants against The Nashville and North-western Railroad Company and the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company, both corporations of the State of Tennessee having their chief office in the City of Nashville in Davidson County, Tennessee, Defendants....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 178, Middle Tennessee,  
1870**

**O. Powell and wife and others vs D. W. Alexander,  
Administrator, and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Marshall County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Edward G. Townsend Thomas P. Townsend, David W. Alexander and Sarah J. his wife Daniel C. Townsend, John T. N. Card and Elizabeth his wife filed in the Chancery court at

Lewisburg against Robert W. Townsend, Emily Townsend, Parks H. Townsend, Mary S. Townsend, Ann F. Townsend, all of whom are minors under the age of twenty one years, and have for their regular guardian Elizabeth Townsend widow of said Thomas Townsend, also a defendant to this bill.

Your orators and oratrices would state unto your Honor that Thomas Townsend a citizen of Marshall county, Tennessee departed this life in March last intestate the owner of a large estate both real and personal leaving Elizabeth Townsend his widow and your orators and oratrices (except Alexander and Card) and the defendants his children and only heirs at law. A short time after his death letters of administration on his estate were granted to David W. Alexander and Thomas P. Townsend, and they have proceeded to wind up the estate of the said Thomas Townsend....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 178, Middle Tennessee,  
1869**

**Mathew McCauley vs Wm. Hurst and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Humphreys County Chancery Court)

Mathew McCanley vs L. D. Plant and wife, Margaret Plant, H. Harper, D.M. Long, J. T. Winfrey and Wm. Hurst. Your orator Mathew McCauley a citizen of Humphreys County, Tennessee humbly complains of L. D. Plant and wife Margaret Plant, H. Harper D. M. Long, J. T. Winfrey and Wm. Hurst citizens of said county and state....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 180, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**Charles Buford and wife Rosalie L. Buford of Giles  
County, TN vs John O. Carter and Francis R. Carter of  
Giles County and John W. Miller of Williamson County**  
(Original Bill heard in Giles County Chancery Court)

Complainants show unto your Honor that John C. Carter died at his residence in Williamson County, TN about 1 November 1869, having previously made and published his last will which has been duly probated and recorded in the county court of said county. He left him surviving as his only legatees and devisees his widow, Defendant Francis R. and his two children viz: Complainant Rosa L. who has since intermarried with Complainant Buford, and the Defendant John O. Carter. The Compl. Rosalie L. is now 21 years old and the Def. John O. is about 13 years old. Defendant Miller was appointed Administrator with the will annexed....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 180, Middle Tennessee,  
1870**

**Sarah Harris et al vs Sterling Walker, Extr. of T. W.  
Harris**

(Original Bill Filed in Cheatham County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Sarah Harris and of Benjamin Harris the latter an infant under the age of 21 years who sues by his mother and next friend the said S. Harris, both citizens of Cheatham County, TN against Sterling Walker, Executor of the last will and testament of Thomas W. Harris, dec'd., the said Sterling Walker and his wife Rose, James W. Harris, Gad E. Harris, Thomas J. Harris, Burgess F. Harris, Bird McLaughlin and Mary T. his wife, Alex. Harris, Harriett S. Harris, George Ann Harris, all citizens of Cheatham County, TN except McLaughlin and wife who reside in Dickson County, TN, and the said Alex Harris Harriett Harris George Ann Harris and Mary Walker Latitia Walker and Martha Walker children of Delilah and Thomas Walker being under the age of 21 years, defendants.

Complainants state to your Honor that in the year 1860 Thomas W. Harris a resident of Cheatham County died having made a last will and testament...by which he devised that all his estate real and personal should be divided between all of his children so as to make them equal and directs that if any one of his children should have property settled on it that such child should receive only sufficient property from his estate to make them equal to the others and lastly he appointed Sterling Walker Executor to his will....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 180, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**E. M. Shields, use etc. vs Mary L. Dunn, Trustee, and  
others**

(Original Bill Heard in Davidson County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of E. M. Shield, suing for the use and benefit of James E. Mooney, a citizen of the State of Kentucky, against Mary L. Dunn, Trustee, Elizabeth Farnsworth, and E. D. Farnsworth of the County of Davidson.

Humbly complaining your Orator would show to your Honor that Mary L. Dunn, one of the Defendants named, holds the legal title to a certain house and lot on High Street in the City of Nashville, near Broad Street, conveyed to her as Trustee for Defendant Elizabeth Farnsworth, wife of Defendant....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 180, Middle Tennessee,  
1869**

**Moses A. Davis et al vs Alexander Orr et al**

(Original Bill heard in Marshall County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of M. A. Davis, Admr. of Elizabeth Davis, dec'd., Owen Christopher and wife Persilla Christopher formerly Persilla Davis, and Elizabeth Davis, all of Marshall County against Alexander Orr and Rebecka his wife formerly Rebecka Worldly and Love Worldly non-residents, but not known in what state, and James Davis, Admr. of Mrs. Worldly, dec'd. of said county and state. Your orators and oratrixes respectfully represent to your honor that Moses Worldly late of this county departed this life intestate in March 1862. The County Court of said county at the \_\_\_\_ [blank] Term 1862 appointed said James Davis, Admr. of his personal estate...They further represent that soon after the death of said Moses Worldly Elizabeth Davis daughter of said Moses Worldly departed this life in said county intestate and the county court of said county at the \_\_\_\_ [blank] Term 1863 appointed said M. A. Davis her administrator....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 181, Middle Tennessee,  
1866**

**Isaac D. West, a citizen of Montgomery County, vs James  
Nolin of Montgomery County and others**

(Original Bill heard in Montgomery County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Isaac D. West a citizen of Montgomery County, TN against James Nolin of Montgomery county, TN, Christopher Dudley of Kentucky, W. B. Russell, Montgomery County, David Graut, Admr. of Samuel Deever[?], E. Adkins, H. C. Rye, B. B. Spicer of Humphreys County, John Stacker of Montgomery County, W. L. Dunbar of Stewart County, J. Cobb and D. N. Kennedy of Montgomery County, Geo. T. Lewis trustee of Montgomery County in the case of Sallie Willis heirs and in behalf of Ormsby heirs, John Miner and Charles Minor, D. Weaver trustee of the Planters Bank of Tennessee a citizen of Nashville, TN and Samuel Watson, Trustee of the Bank of Tennessee also a citizen of Nashville, TN, George C. Allen a citizen of Nashville, TN and John Porterfield a citizen of Nashville, TN, Defendants, humbly complaining your Orator would respectfully represent and show to your Honor that before and at the beginning of the war he [Isaac D. West] was the owner in his own right of 50 or 60 negroes and about 13,000 acres of land, and upon this land there was and is a large iron furnace for smelting iron ore and a flouring mill grist mill, saw mill, shingle machine, storehouses, there are also six farm and dwelling houses....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 181, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**McClure vs Harris**

(Original Bill heard in Williamson County Chancery Court)

Newton McClure, Executor of Mary A. Harris, deceased, and Felix Z. Harris, a minor who sues by his next friend and guardian Newton McClure, the former of Davidson County and the latter of Williamson County, Complainants, bring this their bill of complaint against Pryor N. Harris of Cordova Mexico or other parts unknown, Thomas Holt, Elizabeth L. Owen, Executrix of J. W. Owen, dec'd. and John M. Winstead, Administrator of Zachariah Allen, dec'd. of Williamson County, Defendants.

And thereupon your Orators respectfully represent unto your Honor that on the \_\_\_\_ [blank] day of \_\_\_\_ [blank] 1864, Mary A. Harris, the then wife of the defendant P. N. Harris, being at the time a married woman made and published her last will and testament, and therein nominated your Orator Newton McClure the Executor to said will. That shortly thereafter she departed this life leaving her surviving her husband, the defendant Pryor N. Harris, and a minor child, the complainant Felix Z. Harris....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 181, Middle Tennessee,  
1870**

**C. T. Cook, Executor, et al vs Jo C. Stark and others**  
(Original Bill Heard in Robertson County)

Mary C. McKinney, a citizen of Robertson County, TN, Complainant, vs Jo C. Stark, Thomas L. Green, James Roberts and his wife Julia Roberts, Walter Green and Richard Green the two last minors with no guardian, all of the same residence and Albert P. Green of Cincinnati, Ohio, Defendants.

Mary C. McKinney filed her bill vs Jo C. Stark and T. L. Green, the Extr. of Joakin Green and the children and heirs at law of Jo. Green, in which she shows that on the 21st day of October 1862 the defendant Stark and Jo. Green executed to her their title bond in the sum of \$5,000.00 reciting that on that day they sold to her a house and three lots of ground in what is known and called Green's addition to the town of Springfield...The said complt. was then the wife of Dr. C. McKinney, that he died about 12 July 1865 leaving her his widow and six children several of them of tender years, she having but little to live on or with but the home purchased as aforesaid....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 182, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**Shy vs Hughes**

(Original Bill heard in Williamson County)

The Bill of Complaint of James L. Shy and wife Tennie B. Shy of the County of Williamson against Barnett R. Hughes, Executor of the last will and testament of James Hughes, dec'd. and James B. Hill, Persons W. Moss, William H. Crouch, Senior, Thomas Hughes the surviving sureties on his bond as such executor, and Charles W. Allen, the admistrator of Sanford G. Allen, dec'd., and Isaac Ivy, Administrator of Wiley B. White, his deceased sureties and John A. Wilkins and his wife Elizabeth Wilkins and Benjamin F. Brown and his wife Virginia Brown and Harry Parrish and his wife Eudora Parrish all of the county and state aforesaid and James E. Partee a minor who has no guardian of the County of Maury, \_\_\_\_ [blank] Work and \_\_\_\_ [blank] Work, minors who have no guardian and Thomas Herndon and wife S. O. J. Herndon and George Trimble and wife Rosanna Trimble of the County of Haywood in said state.

Thereupon your Orator and Oratrix show unto your Honor that James Hughes departed this life testate in the County of Williamson...and Barnett R. Hughes the Executor therein nominated, appeared in said court gave bond and security as such executor and took upon himself the burden of the execution of his will, that the said James B. Hill, Persons W. Moss, Thomas Hughes, William H. Crouch, Senr., Wiley B. White and Sanford G. Allen were the sureties so given by him ...of whom the said Wiley B. White has departed this life and the said Isaac Ivy is his administrator and Sanford G. Allen has departed this life and Charles W. Allen is his administrator; that your Oratrix and Elizabeth Wilkins, Virginia Brown, Mary Hughes afterwards Partee, Lucinda Patton, aforwards Work and James K. Hughes were the legatees and devisees under his will; that the said Lucinda Patton afterwards intermarried with one Ephraim Work and departed this life, leaving surviving her the following children, to wit: \_\_\_\_ [blank] Work and \_\_\_\_ [blank] Work who are minors and have no general guardian and Eudora Patton who has intermarried with Harvey Parrish, Septimia O. J. Patton who has intermarried with Thomas Herndon, and Rosanna Patton who has intermarried with George Trimble, and that Mary intermarried with Edward C. Partee and afterwards departed this life, leaving surviving her, one child named James E. Partee....

## QUERIES

NOTICE: WHEN SUBMITTING QUERIES, PLEASE CHECK FOR CORRECT SPELLING AND LEGIBILITY OF NAMES. PARTICULARLY SURNAMES WHEN HANDWRITTEN. NAMES WILL BE SHOWN IN QUERIES AS BEST CAN BE DETERMINED WHICH MAY NOT BE WHAT YOU INTENDED. WHERE THE CORRECT SPELLING CAN'T BE CONFIRMED USE THE ONE YOU PREFER FIRST WITH OPTIONAL SPELLING IN PARENTHESES.

Would like to share info on the fol. fams.: RHODES, HOBODY, COTTON - Davidson, Sumner Cos.; WHITE - Maury Co.; MEDLIN, KEMP, REECE, YOUNG - Wilson, Smith Cos.; HESTER, Rutherford Co. Jeff Reece/1550 North Parkway, #610/Memphis TN 38112.

ADCOCK/SMITH: The person submitting the query on Stephen ADCOCK, Henry ADCOCK & Joseph Henderson SMITH should send their name & address to MTGS, attn Query editor. Your letter & envelope with return name & address became separated.

ANDERSON/WILCOX/WALLIS/FRIERSON: Dr William I(nsley) ANDERSON of Marshall Co TN & Eloise WILCOX had a son named Joseph I. ANDERSON. Joseph, who at least initially resided in that county, m Margaret WALLIS, & had a dau named Sarah Harriet "Sallie" ANDERSON who m my gr-grandfather Calvin Meade FRIERSON in TN probably between 1840-50. Seek info on any of ANDERSONs since I don't have any dates from Bibles, records, etc. Meade Frierson III/P O Box 130969/Birmingham AL 35213-0969.

BAKER/EZELL: Who were parents of Rosanna BAKER (b ca 1817 Bakerstown, Davidson Co)? She m Gregor McGregor EZELL 28 Oct 1835. She was the niece of Francis D. & Jane J. BAKER of Davidson Co whose daughter Louvicia (Lucrecy) J. BAKER (1816-1846) was the 1st wife of Dr Lafayette EZELL. When did Rosanna die? Will reimburse all expenses. Kathleen Ishikawa/2206 Bataan Road/Redondo Beach CA 90278.

BELL: I would like to correspond with anyone researching Hugh F. BELL (b 1753, d 1849 Clarksville TN). Also Montgomery BELL (b 3 Jan 1769, d 1 Apr 1855 Nashville TN). Montgomery BELL was the early iron master in Dickson Co TN. He had eight brothers & sisters. I am seeking the names of Hugh F. BELL's brothers & sisters. Mary Frances Bell Dennison/P O Box 7295/Arlington VA 22207-0295.

BOWLIN: Looking for parents & siblings of Larkin BOWLIN (b 1811 NC) m Rebecca (b 1821 TN) who appear in 1870 Jackson Co TN census with the following ch: Rutha (b 1845 TN), Ann (b 1854 TN), Emily (b 1856 TN), George (b 1857 TN), Amelia (b 1859 TN), Joseph (b 1862) & Harry (b 1864 TN). Will pay postage & photocopying expenses. Lynn McCuiston Burnett/102 Olde Springs Rd/ Columbia SC 29223.

BREEN/DWYER: My grandmother Alice Marie BREEN was born 21 Aug 1879 in Davidson County to Phillip G. BREEN (1831-1906) & Bridget E. DWYER (1845-1881). I know names of their parents but need dates of their marriage & for both set of ancestors. Meade Frierson III/P O Box 130969/Birmingham AL 35213-0969.

CARDWELL/RICHARDSON: Need info on parents & ancestors of Martha S. CARDWELL (b 7 Nov 1834 Jackson Co TN) who m Samuel Glaspy RICHARDSON (b 4 Jul 1822 Jackson Co TN) on 22 Jul 1852. Who were ancestors of Samuel RICHARDSON? Possibly from Baltimore MD. Could Martha's parents be Leonard H. CARDWELL who came to Smith Co TN before 1840? James Grayson McCain/312 Seven Oaks Trail/Knoxville TN 37922/(615)539-1426.

CARGILE/CLOUD/COWAN/DORAN/GRIDER/HACKWORTH/LOVELACE/MARTIN/RAULSTON/RIGNEY(REIGNEY)/WALKER/WYNNE: Would like to correspond with anyone researching these families in Franklin, Hawkins, Henderson, Marion Co TN; Jackson Co AL. Barbara Gonce Clepper/406 Wilson Dam Ave/Sheffield AL 35660-5624.

CARTER/GARRINGTON/GREEN/GREENSON/SARDEN/TUCKER: Seeking info on ancestors of following families: GREENSON families from Limestone Co AL & Giles Co TN in 1830's; SARDEN family from Knoxville TN in 1860's. Mother was Martha J. CARTER & lived in Limestone Co AL in 1880's. Do not have father's name - it is believed he died by 1880; Leonard GREEN & wife Millie GARRINGTON from Union Co NC ca 1850. Son Levi GREEN m Rebecca TUCKER in Lawrence Co TN in 1871. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego CA 92111-4234/(619)279-2677.

COONROD(CONRAD)/WHEELER: Would like to develop ancestry of John COONROD (d ca 1837 Wilson Co TN) m 1828 Matilda DOUGHTY WHEELER (Widow of John WHEELER). Known ch: 1) Amanda "Elvira" COONROD m William Lane SWANN in Warren Co TN 2) Robert "Newt" (Newton) COONROD m Margaret BONNER in Warren Co. 3) John Deskin WHEELER 4) Mary D. WHEELER & 5) George Henry WHEELER stepchildren of John COONROD. Were there other COONROD children? Did Mary D. WHEELER m in Warren Co? Were Jacob & Reuben COONROD brothers to John? Margaret COONROD m 1829 to Joseph ECHOLS a sister? Was John COONROD m 1820 to Catey MORRIS of this family? Frances I. Brown/5240 Tyosa St/Fair Oaks CA 95628/(916)961-4741.

COVINGTON/MITCHELL: Need any info about C. D. (Cameron Duncan?) COVINGTON. In 1850 Wilson Co census, mother Rebecca b ca 1812 NC only listed. C. D. born ca 1837, served in Civil war, m Sarah Ann MITCHELL ca 1859. Mildred S. Strickland/P O Box 331/Smithfield NC 27577.

EWING/DILLARD: James EWING's will is recorded in Smith Co TN in 1810 & names wife Ladovesy [DILLARD]; sons John, James, Reuben, William P., daug Ruthy [CELLARS/SELLERS] & Edy EWING by an unkn 1st wife & Alfred, Sally, Melinda & Nancy by Ladovesy. The younger EWING children & members of the DILLARD family: Owen, Orrin [both of whom m the above Sally EWING], Jane (m Henry JACOBS) & Willis DILLARD moved to Hardeman Co TN by late 1820s & to Pontotoc Co MS after 1830. I am seeking any info concerning this family, particularly the fate of Ladovesy DILLARD EWING after the death of her husband in 1810. It is believed she remarried & had other children. William P. (b 1802 m Sarah?), Alfred (b 1805 m Milly?), Melinda (b 1806 m Robert JONES) & Sally (b 1808 & 2nd husband Orrin DILLARD) settled in the Clark Co - Hot Springs Co area of AR by 1850. Bobbie Jones McLane/222 McMahan Dr/Hot Springs AR 71913-6243.

FARMER: Researching Henry E. FARMER (b ca 1814 NC) who m Minerva MALLORY (b ca 1820 VA) ca 1837 TN. He is listed in 1850 Williamson Co census along with John H. (14 Apr 1838), Sara A. (1840), Mary J. (1842), James Monroe (4 Mar 1844 - my grandfather), Meredith Pinkney Gentry (22 Aug 1846), Napoleon B. (1848) & Andrew (1850). Family apparently moved shortly after that, first to MS & then to western TN (Dyer, Crockett, Lauderdale Counties) where other children were born. Franklin Farmer/3511 Elgenwood/Arlington TX 76015-3224.

FARMER/CONN/MOSS: Need help on Martha Conn FARMER (b 11 Dec 1811 Warren Co NC, dau of John FARMER & Mary Ann CONN). Parents moved to Williamson Co where Martha m William J. MOSS 22 Dec 1836. They lived for awhile in Peytonsville. Son William Mortimer MOSS (b 3 Aug 1839) attended Hardeman Academy at Triune & his sisters attended school in Nashville. Any help on connection of these families appreciated. Franklin Farmer/3511 Elgenwood/Arlington TX 76015-3224.

GOSSETT/LOCKRIDGE/SEBASTIAN: Please contact me if you are researching any of these families. E. Steele/3094 Paisley Place/Victoria B. C./Canada V9B269.

HARDY/HUGELY: Need any info about William HARDY (b 1780 VA?, d 16 Nov 1850 Wilson Co TN) who m Catherine HUGELY (b 25 Sep 1778, d 31 Jul 1854. Daughter Harriet m Guy Trigg GLEAVES. Mildred S. Strickland/P O Box 331/Smithfield NC 275

JAMES/ROBERTSON/POWELL: Would like to exchange info with anyone researching these families in Rutherford Co during the period 1810-1850. Believe JAMES & ROBERTSON families from Brunswick Co VA. George Krebs/P O Box 2373/Beaufort SC 29901.



**JONES/TYNDALL:** Need any info on Lou Ann TYNDALL (1816-1857) who m my gr-gr-grandfather Willis C. "Pegleg" JONES (1815-1883) in 1832. They lived in Maury or Williamson Co. I know nothing of her background, ancestry, etc. Meade Frierson III/P O Box 130969/Birmingham AL 35213-0969.

**KILLINGSWORTH:** I'm attempting to find the divorce records of Jackson Carroll KILLINGSWORTH & Anna GRAVES KILLINGSWORTH in TN, ca 1865-67. Known locations for them between 1860 & 1870: 1860 Marshall Co TN census - KILLINGSWORTH, J.C. 30, Anna 36, Cincinatti 12, Savanah 7, William W. 5, Isaac D. 2; Civil War service 1861-65 Jackson Carroll KILLINGSWORTH - Enlisted from Marshall Co 28 May 1861 as a gunsmith. Detached duty out of Knoxville from Co. H., 17th Tenn Volunteers. On register of Wayside Hospital in Farmville VA 4 Apr 1865; On 29 May 1867 Jackson m Margaret A. HOLDER in Rutherford Co. Note: Margaret was living with her mother, Malana & her step-father, J.K. SCOTT in Grundy Co TN in 1860. Also Marion Co records; 1870 Cannon Co TN census - KILLINGSWORTH, J.C. 40, Margaret A. 25, Robert Lee 2, Ida M. 6/12; 1870 Marshall Co TN census - KILLINGSWORTH, A. 45, Lavinia (Savanah) 17, Isaiah 12, T.C. 7. I would like to correspond with any researchers working with these families. Barbara A. Lumbard/13027 La Barranca/Los Altos Hills CA 94022.

**MALLORY:** Minerva MALLORY, wife of Henry E. FARMER, was b ca 1820 in VA to Uriel MALLORY & Julia (?). I have indication there is a MALLORY cemetery on Mallory Road in northern Williamson Co on a farm of Marvin PRATT. I wrote for wills of James H. MALLORY, WB 12/355 (1857), James W. MALLORY, WB 13/336 (1859), John MALLORY, WB 13/267 (1860), Philip MALLORY, WB 6/477 (1838), & Thomas G. MALLORY, WB 5/161 (1832). The Chancery Court will no longer make copies of the earlier will books. James & John, at least, were children of Robert MALLORY, who is buried in above cemetery--& I think there is a direct connection with Uriel & Julia. Do you have info on the MALLORY's? Franklin Farmer/3511 Elgenwood/Arlington TX 76015-3224.

**MITCHELL:** Need any info on Sarah Ann MITCHELL who m C. D. COVINGTON ca 1859. Is father Henry MITCHELL b NC? Is mother Elizabeth CRAIG? Mildred S. Strickland/P O Box 331/Smithfield NC 27577.

**PARKER/PURDUE/WOODWARD/WILLIAMS/CLAYMON:** Need info on William & Clara CROOK PARKER, parents of Henry P. PARKER. Need birthdate & names of wives of Richard PURDUE (d ca 1810 Montgomery Co TN). Need parents & siblings of Benjamin F. WOODWARD (b 26 Nov 1829 Robertson Co TN). Who were parents of Frances WILLIAMS m William MOUNT 24 Sep 1829 in TN. James CLAYMON & Lydia PETERS m 1 Aug 1835 in TN. Who were their parents & siblings? Will exchange info, pay postage & copying costs for any info I receive. Sue Mount/6249 Walnut Hill Rd./Texico IL 62889.

**PHILLIPS/HOLLAND:** Seeking info on William PHILLIPS (b ca 1829-30 Woodbury, Cannon Co TN, served in Confederate Army, 23 Ind) m Sarah HOLLAND; son John Nelson (b 18 Jul 1849). Sarah died when John was a baby, William m again to ?. % children Jack, Ben, Tennessee, Mary Ann & another girl. John PHILLIPS m Lucinda PRATER (b 1 Dec 1858) dau of Mark PRATER & Rue BURNETTE of Cannon Co TN. When did John move to Robt. Co TN? John's children were Joe, Sally, Dele, Laughton, Bob, Martin, Lou, Novella, & Kernal. Will trade info & correspond with any Cannon Co PHILLIPS descendants. Glenna P. White/5820 Betts Rd/Greenbrier Tn 37073.

**POWERS:** Looking for parents & siblings of Holloway POWERS of Lincoln Co TN who m Narissa BATES 9 Mar 1841. Will pay postage & photocopying expenses. Lynn McCuiston Burnett/102 Olde Springs Rd/ Columbia SC 29223.

**ROBERTSON:** Looking for parents of Delilah ROBERTSON (b 10 Feb 1824 TN, d 1853 Ray Co MO) who m James Herd OFFUTT (b 24 Jan 1821 Logan Co KY, d 16 Oct 1851 Ray Co MO) 18 Feb 1842 in Ray Co MO. Will pay postage & photocopying expenses. Lynn McCuiston Burnett/102 Olde Springs Rd/ Columbia SC 29223.

**SCRUGGS:** Need any info abt family of Drury SCRUGGS. He was in Davidson Co prior to 1800. Who were his parents, siblings, wife? His dau Elizabeth (Betsy) my gr-gr-gr-grandmother m William HOBODY of Sumner Co on 20 Dec 1810. Who were Drury's other children? Will reimburse expenses. Kathleen Ishikawa/2206 Bataan Road/Redondo Beach CA 90278.

**SLATE/SUDDARTH:** Need any info about Lucinda SLATE (m Exum first?)(b 25 Mar 1827) who m Jerome SUDDARTH 5 Nov 1854. May have been born in Castalian Springs. Mildred S. Strickland/P O Box 331/Smithfield NC 27577.

STONE: My gr-grandmother was Elizabeth STONE (b 9 May 1856 Celina TN). I am seeking info on three ancestors from STONE family of TN who served in military: Micajah STONE - War of 1812 - Reference shows Maj Wm WOODFOLK & Capt Jas TURNER as officers in unit which Micajah served; Micajah STONE - Civil War - H Co, 8th Infantry; William STONE - Civil War - C Co, 4th Tenn Cavalry (dates of service 11/17/1863-7/26/1865). I would appreciate any help. William K. Daugherty/309 East June St/Alpine TX 79830-2015.

TRENARY/KERNEL/CUNNINGHAM/SAWYER/TATE: Ursula TRENARY (b 1842 Davidson Co TN) daughter of William Bishop TRENARY (minister at Union Hill Baptist Church for 35 Yrs) & Keziah Hezekiah KERNAL married ? Don. Need any info on Ursula & her husband. Joyce Wilkinson/314 Layne St/Tulahoma TN 37388.

WESTBROOK/EDDINS: Who were parents of Nancy (Nannie) WESTBROOK (b Jun 1858) & where was she born? Per census her father b AL, her mother b TN. Nancy m Jordan EDDINS Nov 1876 & resided in Wilson Co. Known ch: Harvey (b 1882), James F. (b 1884), Thomas H. (b 1888), Paul (b 1891), twins Sarah (Sallie) H. & Jane P. (b Aug 1894 (Jane m Hugh CHENAULT) & David EARL (b Aug 1886) who m Grace BRAMBLETT STEPHENS. Will reimburse all expenses. Kathleen Ishikawa/2206 Bataan Road/Redondo Beach CA 90278.

WHITE/TRUE: Need info on parents of John WHITE (b ca 1850's W TN or NC) who m Nancy TRUE dau of Billy TRUE & Maranny STEWART. When did they migrate to Robt. Co TN? Could "Boone" WHITE & Morning WIND, full blooded Cherokee Indian be John's parents? John & Nancy, parents of Hugh, Looney, Fannie m Albert TRUE, Callie m Ewing BURNETT, Lify & Melissa, both m John B. cook, Susie m William Henry (Bob)? POOLE, John James m Ova BAGGETT, Tom m Althea COOK & then Buena BROWN. All were buried in Robt Co. Will exchange info. Glenna P. White/5820 Betts Rd/Greenbrier Tn 37073.

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### Unable to find your ancestor?

When studying old records, English given names may occasionally cause confusion when they are used interchangeably. Here are a few examples. Nancy is a diminutive of Anne or Anna, and the same person could be found using both names. Nettie is the Scottish diminutive of Janet, while the name Janet itself is a diminutive of Jane. Isabel, Isabella, and Isabelle are a few of the many variants of Elizabeth. Others are: Bess, Lizzie, Beth, Lisa, Betsy, Bettina, Betty, Libby, and even Elsie. The Spanish form of Agnes is Inez. The name Helen has one of the most unusual lists of variants: Ellen, Elaine, Eleanor, Elena, Lana, Nell, and the Irish form, Aileen.

Ref.: English Given Names, *The Random House College Dictionary*, Revised Edition, 1975.  
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**November 20, 1993:** Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Annual Seminar. Speaker will be Helen F. M. Leary, CG, CGL, FNGS. Ms. Leary is President of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, Trustee of Association of Professional Genealogists and founding member of the Genealogical Speakers' Guild. She is coordinator of Course 5, "Genealogy as a Profession," at Samford University Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research. The subject of the seminar lectures will be "Dead Ends and Open Roads; Open Roads are Better: A Workshop on Genealogical Problem Solving." Mark your calendars now; you'll be receiving a flyer soon and there will be detailed information in the fall issue of the quarterly. Ms. Leary draws huge crowds. Since our space is limited you will want to register early!

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**Request for Information Regarding Black Family Reunions.** I am an independent researcher working on a project that involves African American family reunions. Though I am not presently funded for this research, I feel that it is important to document this aspect of the African American experience. Would you be kind enough to let me know about your reunion or any others in your area? I will then contact you about my project. Basically, I need to know the following: Name of family reunion, location, dates, estimated attendance and the contact person. Please send your information and your questions to me at the following address.

Dee Parmer Woodtor, PhD  
535 Dodge Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60202

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On the subject of family reunions—this quarterly will be glad to publicize yours on this page. But since it is a quarterly be sure to get the information to us as soon as you have it together. We have received several that could not be used because of timing. Need by June 15th to make the Summer issue out mid-July. Add three months to each of these dates to determine deadlines for the other issues.

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