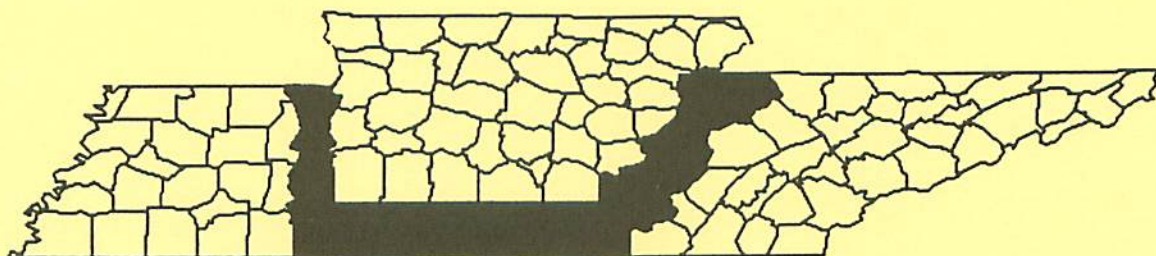


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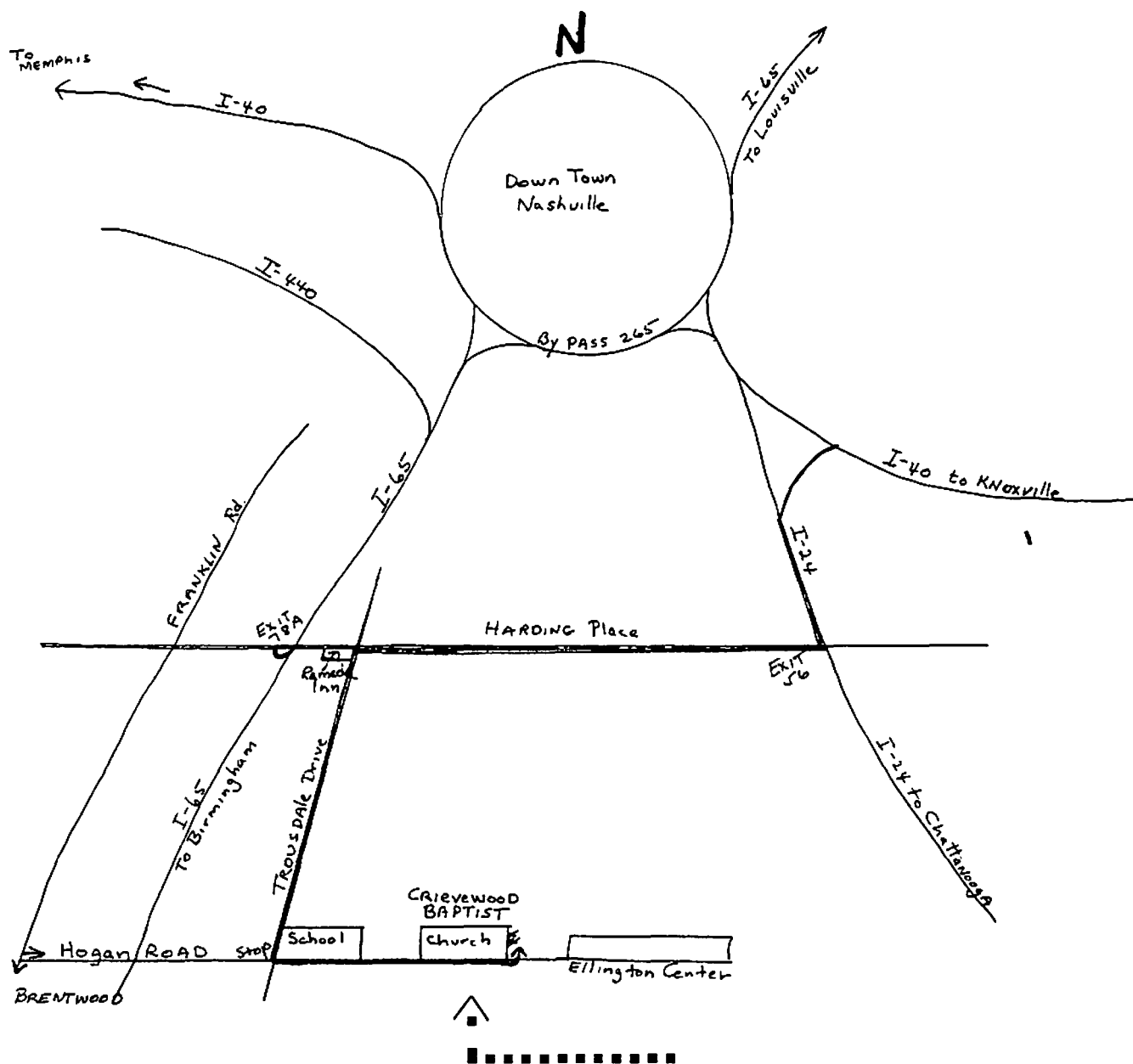
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## **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

To my great surprise, the most difficult and frustrating task facing the person assigned the job of president of a genealogical society is turning out a column or page in every issue of the quarterly, whether one has anything to say or not. I used to wonder why my predecessors invariably produced this page only at the last minute, and only after being prodded by the journal editor.

A communication has arrived from one Mark D. Treadway, 217 Smith St., Monroe, MI 48161 (phone 1-313-242-2490) with a list of census records and obituaries he has published on Claiborne Co.; also some Hancock Co. census records. Members interested in research in those counties may wish to contact him for details. This, incidentally, is not a recommendation, as I have not seen his work.

Mrs. Dorothy Scott Johnson of Huntsville, AL, who has been abstracting the Mero District records for our quarterly, has generously given MTGS permission to print and sell copies of an 11 x 17 family group sheet she created some years ago. It is unique among forms of this nature in that there is room—it is printed on both sides—to insert a great deal of information about each family member. At this writing, particulars concerning distribution and price have not been settled.

For those interested in German research we have a letter from Hans-Joachim Hinnners, Wurster Strasse 390b, 27580 Bremerhaven, Germany offering his services as researcher in the general area between Cuxhaven, Bremen “and the old City of Stade.” He says he can offer references.

In this issue of the journal you will find an application form for registering for the annual seminar, which will be November 20, again at the Crieveewood Baptist Church. The lecturer, Helen F. M. Leary, is a certified genealogist and well known nationally, being noted also as an unusually well informed and effective speaker. Since the maximum number of persons who can register is 165, it may behoove you to get your registrations in early.

As many of you know by now, the computer interest group now has a (hopefully) permanent leader, Frank Collier. He reported at the latest board meeting that the group needs to be divided into two sections, one for beginners and one for experienced users. At present details have not been work out. Frank can be contacted at 871-0680 (residence) or 883-1400 (business).

Byron Sistler

*The following two Bible records were contributed by Mrs. Gloria (Buchanan) McAbee, 205 Blanchard Place, Nashville, TN. 37214, a descendant of Revolutionary War veteran Archibald Buchanam through his son, James Buchanan.*

## BUCHANAN BIBLE

Archibald and his family moved from Augusta Co., VA., to Nashville, TN. in 1785 and settled on a 640 acre tract called Clover Bottom where he built a large two-story home named Old Blue Brick which served as a mustering point for General Andrew Jackson's Tennessee Militia before the Battle of New Orleans. The Buchanan family is very prominent in the settlement of Nashville and the Clover Bottom area. The Clover Bottom tract is on the west side of Stones River about three miles upstream from the Cumberland River and about three and a half miles northwest of the log fortification known as Buchanan's Station.

With the death of Archibald Buchanan in 1806, his son, James Buchanan inherited half of his father's lands. About 1800 or before, James Buchanan began construction of his two-story log house which is still standing on a rise overlooking McCrory Creek. James married Lucinda East 24 April 1810 and as their family increased to 6 sons and 10 daughters, a one-and-one-half story log pen was added to the house. James operated a modest yet successful farm which by 1850 was 260 acres and valued at \$5,500. James, with the help of 14 slaves, grew wheat and corn and raised a variety of livestock.

After James Buchanan died 14 Feb. 1841, the farm was entrusted to his wife, Lucinda and their son, Addison. At Lucinda's death 15 April 1865, the farm was sold to Criminal Court Judge Thomas N. Frazer, an important figure in Reconstruction politics, and then passed to his son, James B. Frazer, Governor of Tennessee from 1903-1905. The James Buchanan house derives further significance as one of the oldest two-story log structures in Davidson County and Middle Tennessee and was registered on The National Register of Historic Places on March 29, 1984. Typical of construction techniques from the frontier period, the soundly built house displays a high level of craftsmanship and is in a very good state of preservation. The presence of a full dovetail purlin in the roof system is a very unusual feature not typically found in Tennessee today.

Mrs. McAbee's 2d, 3d, and 4th great grandparents all lived in the home and her great grandfather, James Thomas Buchanan, was born in the home on 8 Jan. 1845. He was the last in her line to be born and raised in the home before it was sold out of the family in 1865.

Today, the home is located at 2910 Elm Hill Pike in Donelson and in June 1992 it was transferred to the care of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities through an agreement with the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. The Donelson-Hermitage chapter of the APTA will be responsible for the house and plans for the home include public tours and educational programs to the community.

Following are the two Bibles and the genealogy pages contained therein:

### 1. BUCHANAN - CORBITT BIBLE.

"Self-Pronouncing King James Authorized Version of the HOLY BIBLE Containing the Old and New Testaments Translated Out of The Original Tongues... Revised and Newly Edited by W. C. Sanderson, A.B., LL.B., Manufactured Exclusively by A.J. Holman Company, Philadelphia, 20th Century Edition, c.1925, 1937.

"THIS CERTIFIES That Clara Estelle Corbitt of Mr. & Mrs. William E. Corbitt, and J. E. Buchanan, Jr. of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Sr. WERE UNITED BY ME IN THE BONDS OF HOLY MATRIMONY AT Franklin, Ky. on the 18th day of December 18th 1933 in the year of our Lord 1933. In Presence of Gentry Buchanan & Grace Buchanan."



FAMILY RECORD. DEATHS.

Mrs. Grayce Buchanan  
July 2, 1946 Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Ida Mac Buchanan Beeler  
Feb. 19th 1960 - at 4.5 PM Hospit. 47 yrs.

Ida Mac Castleman Buchanan  
March 4th 1960 at 4.0 PM at Home 79 yrs.

John Edward Buchanan Jr.  
Feb. 8 or 9 1963 - 54 yrs. (Note: he died 9 Feb. 1963  
as Tenn. Death Certificate No.63-03256 shows)

John Edward Buchanan Sr.  
April, 1971 (Note: he died 16 April 1971 in Warren,  
McComb County, Michigan, as his death certificate  
shows)

Gentry L. Buchanan Sr.  
March 20, 1974

William Hill Ryan  
December 5, 1974  
3 P.M. Veteran's Hospital  
Nashville, TN.

George H. Corbitt - died April 1-1984

Jim C. Corbitt - died April-20-1946

William Edward Corbitt - Clara's Father  
March 30th 1931  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dorothy Louise Corbitt Daughter  
Jan.26 - 1925

(Arthur Lee Williams) Clara's Step father

Walter Rice Williams Clara's Step brother  
May 22nd 1936  
Ashland City

Mrs. Bill Williams  
April 25, 1945 at 4:05 PM  
Nashville, Tenn.

Cliffard E. Griffin  
Sept. 1st 1945  
at Vandy Hospital

Henry Buchanan  
December 1956  
At Hospital

Eveling Sandusky

2. BUCHANAN - CASTLEMAN BIBLE.

No title page exists.

"THIS CERTIFIES THAT  
J. E. Buchanan  
and  
Ida C. Castleman  
WERE UNITED IN  
HOLY MATRIMONY  
on the 22 day of January  
in the year of our Lord 1908  
at Donelson Tenn.  
by F. B. Shryley  
Witness: Guy H. Cougill  
Witness: Hattie Cougill"

"FAMILY REGISTER  
Jan. 22, 1908 Marriage Donelson, Tenn.  
John Edward Buchanan, Husband  
Date of Birth: July 23, 1882  
Birthplace: Donelson  
Died: Detroit April 16, 1971

Ida Castleman, Wife  
Date of Birth: Jan. 26, 1881  
Birthplace: Donelson  
Died: March 5, 1960 Nashville, Tenn."

Note: Tenn. Death Certificate No.60-06605 for Ida C.  
Buchanan shows death date as March 4, 1960, not 5.

"CHILDREN

John Edward Jr. Date of Birth: Jan. 4, 1909 Nashville,  
Tenn.  
Date Married \_\_\_\_\_ Where: Nashville  
To Whom: Clara Corbet

Gentry Louis Bu Date of Birth: Febe.10, 1911  
Couchville, Tenn.  
Married: To Whom: Grace Tanner

Ida Mae Bu      Date of Birth: Feb. 5, 1913 Gallatin, T.  
Date Married \_\_\_\_\_ Where: Nashville, T.  
To Whom: L.L. Beeler  
Date of Death: March 20, 1960 Nashville, T.

Richard D. Buchanan Date of Birth: Sept. 14, 1914 at  
Gallatin, Tn.  
Date Married: 11/16/40 Franklin, Ky.  
To Whom: Pauline A. Nicholson  
Date of Death: 12/18/17 Montgomery Cty., Tn."

#### "FAMILY RECORD. PARENTS' NAMES

Husband J. E. Buchanan Sr.  
Born July 23, 1882

Wife Ida Castleman Buchanan  
Born Jan. 26th 1881

Married Jan. 22, 1908 Wodens. (?) 7 PM"

#### "MARRIAGES

Hattie Castleman Cougill  
June 18 - 1876

M. Bannister"

#### "DEATHS

James Thomas Buchanan was  
born Jan. 8, 1845. Died Dec. 17, 1894.

Mary Elizabeth Buchanan was  
born May 19, 1857. Died March 1, 1919.

G. C. Castleman was born  
Dec. 25, 1837. Died Oct. 29, 1901.

Jane W. Castleman was born  
Dec. 16, 1842. Died June 7, 1894

Edgar C. Castleman  
born Oct. 15-1872  
Died Sept. 16, 1889

Willie Castleman  
Born July-22-1874  
Died April-16-1926"

#### "CHILDREN'S NAMES

J. E. Buchanan Jr. was born  
Monday at 10.15 P.M. Jan. 4, 1909

Gentry Louis Buchanan was born  
Friday at 1.34 P.M. Feb. 10, 1911

Ida Mai Buchanan was born  
Wedns. at 7.45 P.M. Feb. 5, 1913

Richard Daniel Buchanan  
was born Sep. 14, 1914.

#### GRANDCHILDREN

Carolyne Lois Buchanan  
January 10, 1935 10 til 3 P.M.- Gentry & Grace

Dorothy Jean Buchanan  
February 7-1935- J.E. & Clara"

#### FATHER'S FAMILY TREE

Father's Name: James Thomas Buchanan  
His brothers  
Bob  
Bratton  
James  
Jessie Sidney  
Henry Thomas  
Daniel Guthrey

His Sisters  
Louise (?)  
Betty

His Father James Sidney Buchanan  
His Brothers:  
John  
Bob  
Bratton"



## THE MISTRESS OF STONEY LONESOME

by Mary Ann Burkholder

The subject of my paper is my great grand-mother, Fanny Keeble, who was a Confederate living in Middle Tennessee during the period of the Civil War. How I came upon the information contained in this paper is a story long, and I think, fascinating enough to be a paper in itself, but in the interest of brevity, I will simply say it is based on information on file in the University of Texas Archives. I haven't seen the entire file, but I do have a copy of a master's thesis done for the University entitled, *THE KEEBLES: A Half Century of Southern Family Life*.

I also have copies of approximately 60 (sixty) letters written to and from my great-grandparents between 1860 and 1865. The quotations you will hear are from that correspondence. Two and a half years ago I knew nothing whatever about my subject except what I covered in the first sentence; that is, that I had a great-grandmother who was a Confederate from Middle Tennessee.

In retrospect, I am ashamed of my ignorance. As a child I remember the numbing boredom I felt when I heard the adult women of my mother's family discussing "kin-folk." The mere sound of the words, "Cousin Mary Lizzy" or "Cousin Annex Rucker" was an off-button in my brain. Thus I grew up, apparently a breed apart: A Southern woman without a sense of ancestry. Consequently when through the letters I developed a passion for genealogical research it was not, as is sometimes the case, a symptom of mid-life crisis but rather a mid-life genesis--a birthing into an extended family I scarcely knew I had. The people who emerged from the letters became as real, no, more real to me than the ones I knew, the soft, Souther, "Keeble" voices I actually heard, enabled me to hear with my inner ear the voices that speak through the correspondence,...and especially the voice of Fanny, the Mistress of Stony Lonesome.

Her name was Frances Matilda Rucker Keeble. She was born in Florence, Alabama in 1826, one of three children of Dr. Western Tennessee Rucker and his wife, Frances Savage. Her ancestors had been in this country since 1699. They were patriots, well represented in the Revolution, the War of 1812, and even the war for Texas Independence. (Her mother's brother was massacred with Fannin at Goliad.) and they were all Southerners.

When both her parents died early in her childhood she, her brother Sam and her sister, Anna Eliza (who, for

some reason lost to posterity, was nicknamed "Annex") were brought to Middle Tennessee to live with her father's family. Judging from the records the Ruckers must have made up a sizeable portion of Rutherford County. They were a closely knit, modestly affluent family, occupying positions of community leadership, and connected by marriage to Tennessee's two presidential families, the Jacksons and the Polks. At some point Fanny met a young widower named Walter Keeble, who was seven years her senior, and in 1849 they were married. (I might add there were almost as many Keebles as there were Ruckers in Rutherford County and some members of the two families were already inter-married.) In 1850, Annex came to live with them, and before the year was out another Anna Eliza was added to their household, their first daughter. She was followed by Kate in 1852, George in '53 and after a blessed lull, Samuel James in 1860. He, the darling of the household during the period of the letters, eventually became the frail little old man I remember as Grand-daddy.

This was the nucleus of Fanny's family in 1860, but the household extended beyond the bonds of blood and matrimony. Some 29 slave names fill the pages of her letters and her daily involvement with them consumed so much of her attention that when I first began to study them I couldn't tell who was a "slave" and who was "family." In addition Stony Lonesome was a kind of way-station for assorted relatives and relatives of relatives who came for a night and stayed for a season. Finally, she seems to have taken in "boarders" of a sort, children of family and friends who came to live with them periodically in order to study with Miss Betty, the resident tutor of the Keeble children. There is no complete description of the house in existence today, but it must have been miraculously expandable. There are frequent references to "doubling up," sometimes three to a bed--and constant juggling of room assignments, but even so there must have been a lot of rooms.

Very full accounts of their holdings in land, slaves, and livestock have survived, as well as census records, produce accounts, etc. We needn't go into that. Just picture, though in your mind's eye, a large two-story white house set atop a hill, with an avenue of cedars winding down the lane to the Jefferson Pike below. (In Rutherford County, Tennessee near Jefferson and Smyrna). When Walter and Fanny stood in their doorway they could look out over some 550 acres to the Stones River which bordered their land, with

gardens, fields of corn, wheat and tobacco, with horses, sheep, swine and cows, the slaves at work, the children at play, and rail fences enclosing it all, safe and secure.

But the serenity and peace was not to last for long: It was interrupted by the Civil War. During the early stages of the War there was almost universal optimism, in both the North and the South, that the fight would not take long. The Keebles were no different. But the conflict was not over in 90 days as everyone had predicted and neither side could claim the complete cooperation of Divine Providence. In February of 1862 the forts along the Kentucky-Tennessee border were surrendered to the Union forces and soon Nashville, then the 8th largest city in the South, was evacuated. Stony Lonesome was only about 25 miles away, and no

doubt Fanny could look out her window and see fleeing refugees trickling, then pouring by, their household belongings piled high atop all manner of conveyances, followed by the retreating Southern army, all on their way to Murfreesboro and points south/ and soon she found her countryside infiltrated with the men from Lincolndom.

"Manifest no fear of them," Walter wrote. "Treat them as politely as you can, but as a true Southern woman should without any attempt to conciliate... One thing I wish you to remember, that is they must not have the cotton though they should pay 50 cents a pound. Burn it first--If we are to sell them our cotton as I understand some of the Rutherford Southern folk will do we had as well stop the war and come home."



### WALTER GWYNN KEEBLE

Born 27 June 1819 in Jefferson, son of Walter Keeble and his wife, Sarah Jane R. Hudson. Died 2 April 1889 in Robinson, McLennan Co., Texas. Married the second time 17 May 1849 in Rutherford Co., Tennessee to Frances (Fanny) Matilda Rucker who was born 9 June 1826 in Florence, Alabama. She was the daughter of Western Tennessee Rucker and his wife, Frances Foote Savage. "Fanny" The Mistress of Stony Lonesome died 21 November 1879 in Robinson, McLennan Co., Texas.

Walter G. Keeble's land holdings in 1860 totaled 550 acre His labor force was reduced from 41 slaves in 1850 to 27 slaves in 1860.

Walter G. Keeble enlisted as a Privata in Co., C, 45th Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, Confederate State of America on 28 November 1861 at Camp Trousdale near Gallatin, Tennessee. He took his personal servant, Forbes, with him to camp. He was given a medical discharge on 12 May 1862 at Corinth, Mississippi.

Following a long march from Bowling Green to Nashville, then from Nashville to Murfreesboro, and finally from Murfreesboro to Corinth, Mississippi, Walter's health, shaken by chronic bouts of asthma, was finally broken. When his regiment saw its first combat on an April Sunday morning at a place called Pittsburgh Landing in the yard of a church called Shiloh. Walter was too sick to be sent into the fray . . . and finally was given a medical discharge.

Following is a letter from "Fanny", to her husband Walter when he was in the Confederate Army depicting only one incident in a few days of her life as Mistress of Stoney Lonesome.

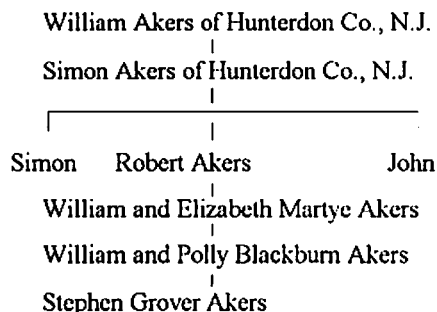
How little did I think when I wrote my last letter that tonight I should have to write that Louisa's child is dead. Poor little fellow, he breathed his last about twenty minutes ago, and what was the matter with him no one can tell not even the doctor. Last Sunday evening Louisa brought him in to me saying he had the colic or something like it. I took him in my arms and examined him found that he screamed when moved. I immediately asked her if he had got hurt and she assured me that he had not been left by himself at all Luke having been with him all day and she herself the day before. I then gave him a warm salt bath and a few drops of paregoric and he went off to sleep and slept in my room until nearly dark. I then sent him home and gave a dose of calomel at night with injunction to Louisa to let me know if he was sick in the night. About 4 o'clock she sent me word he was sick again as he was the evening before. I sent for Dr. Thompson who commended the course of treatment I had pursued and recommenced it. It was pouring down rain all day so I did not go down to see him not being very well until evening when Louisa got frightened and sent for me. I threw a shawl over me and went down. I found him breathing quickly and apparently in much pain. I had him brought to the house during a pause in the rain well protected from air even, and having given him another bath he became quiet but afterwards being restless I sent for the doctor who staid until later at night, cupped him and gave medicine to correct his bowels. He breathed in short quick gasps with a rattling in his throat for a little while and then would cease to breathe entirely for several seconds. He did not have a particle of fever but would scream and cry in great agony every time he was moved. The doctor examined every part of his body but could discover no sign of a hurt. He concluded it was griping pain in his bowels that made him scream so and a slight bronchial affection that caused the difficult breathing. The next morning being no better Dr. T. blistered it on the chest to relieve it and last night it rested better and this morning we all thought him better. His breathing was quieter and he rested well. Annex dressed him blister and faithfully to him. He was all this time in the nursery. I moved the children out and kept him there so I could attend to him. I knew there was no contagion to fear. He had no fever and nothing like diphtheria the doctor said. Directly after we got up from the dinner table about five o'clock Annex went into the nursery & told Louisa to go and walk about that she would take care of the baby. Louisa went and shortly afterwards she called me to hurry Maria about getting some cabbage leaves to dress the blister. When Maria came Annex called me and told me she thought the child was dying. I went in and found it indeed so. I made some toddy and tried to stimulate him and Annex tried warm applications but with no success. His breath continued getting fainter and fainter for about two hours when he died in a kind of spasm. Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hunter, Annex and myself were sitting by Luke Maria and some of the other negroes were in there and I tell you Walter I never want to see another child died. It will be long before I get rid of the memory of that last struggle. I am truly glad that the poor little fellow was so well attended to. He was a tenderly nursed by Annex and myself as if he had been one of mine.

I am sorry that I have to write you such bad news for it is always my effort to write you cheerful letters. I would save you from every trouble if I had the power.

## A SECOND OPINION ON THE ORIGIN AND FAMILY OF WILLIAM AKERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

by Henry B. Brackin, Jr.

It has been written that William Akers of Franklin Co., Va. (m. Polly Blackburn) was the son of William Akers of Campbell Co., Va. (m. Elizabeth Martye) and that William of Campbell County was the son of Robert Akers of Hunterdon Co., New Jersey. This was the descent published in Alonzo Edwin Akers' book, *The Akers Family of Franklin Co., Va.* A Mrs. Irma Livesta Key Long produced a record, reportedly a Bible record, that stated "William Akers and Polly Blackburn Akers were married at the home of his parents, William and Elizabeth Martye Akers in Augusta Co., Va., January 4, 1772. Stephen Grover Akers, son of William and Polly Blackburn Akers and Rachel Oxley Coxel were married April 3, 1820 in Franklin Co., Va." This Bible, belonging to Rachel Oxley Coxel, according to Mrs. Long, was printed in 1869. It further stated "William Akers was born January 17, 1735 in Augusta Co., Va., and died November 21, 1836 in Franklin Co., Va. Polly Blackburn Akers was born April 2, 1755 in Augusta Co., Va. and died June 7, 1844 in Franklin County, Va. Stephen Grover Akers was born April 1, 1798 in Franklin Co., Va."



To follow is evidence that most of the above data is incorrect and the above Bible record is likely not a valid historical document.

1) Chalkley's *Augusta Co., Vol 3*, page 12, 9 March 1748. Simon Akers' will names wife Mary, his sons William and Thomas, and their younger brother and sister, Uriah Acres and Ruth Acres.

2) A Deed in Book 1 of Botetourt Co., page 507, dated 3/31/1773. William Akers and wife Elizabeth of Bedford Co., Thomas and Mary, his wife, Akers of Botetourt Co., conveyed land on Goose Creek (partly in Bedford and partly in Botetourt), land that was patented to their father, Simon Akers, in 1756 and by him willed to them. This deed stating William Akers was of Bedford Co. was written before Campbell Co. was cut from Bedford Co. in 1781.

3) The will of William Akers is found in Will Book I, page 1, Campbell Co., Va., dated March 17, 1810. His wife, Eliza-

beth, is not named and apparently predeceased him, but all of his children given by previous authors are listed. In the will he states, "My son William Akers being dead." Obviously William Akers, who died in 1836, according to the Bible record, could not have been the deceased son named in a will of a man who died in 1810. The above writers report that he is buried in the second Old Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Campbell Co., Va. His headstone indicates that he lived 1730-1810. He would, therefore, have been only five years old when his son, William, according to Mrs. Long's record, was born in 1735.

4) The tax list of Franklin Co., Va. where William and Polly Akers lived, lists William as living in 1832, deceased in 1834, two years before the date recorded in the Bible record of Mrs. Long. The 1830 census of Franklin Co., Va. lists him as 90 to 100 years of age - b. 1730 to 1740; wife 80-90 years (b. 1740-1750).

5) Register of the death of Blackburn Akers (son of William and Polly Akers) in the Zion Lutheran Church Register, Floyd Co., Va. records him dying July 10, 1859 at the age of 89 years, 8 months (b. Nov 1769), parents William and M. Akers, consort E. Akers, P.O.B. Buckingham, Va. (mistakenly published by Marjorie Fluor and Marguerita Tisc as Becking, Va.). This recorded birth is two years and two months before the date of the marriage in the Bible record.

Conclusions: The so called Bible record follows the inaccuracies found in A.E. Akers' book and every item is in conflict with public record. Obviously, William Akers, husband of Polly Blackburn, is not the son of William Akers and Elizabeth Martye Akers, and was married probably in Buckingham Co., Va. some time before Nov. 1769. Also, William Akers, husband of Elizabeth Martye, was not the son of Robert Akers, who died in New Jersey, but rather was the son of Robert's brother, Simon Akers, who died in Augusta Co., Va.

William and Polly Blackburn Akers were likely too old to be the father of Stephen Grover Akers, born in 1798. It was thought by me as early as 1983 that he was the son of John and Ann Jeffries Akers, and I will present new evidence that supports this. Most writers have given Nancy Jeffs as the name of John's wife, but the marriage record of March 21, 1785 in Buckingham Co., Va. gives her name as Ann Jeffries, and this is the name that I will use.

What is the descent to William Akers of Franklin Co., Va.? William Akers of Franklin Co. had a son Nathaniel that married Elizabeth Akers, daughter of John Akers. The tradition in the

family has been that they were second cousins. This suggests that William was John's uncle. Recently, I obtained a lineage for John Akers of Franklin Co., Va. (who m. Ann Jeffries) that descends from William Akers of New Jersey in the following manner. One would have to assume that William has a similar descent through some other line than William Akers of Campbell Co., Va. The suggested descent is:

William - from England, died in Hunterdon Co., N.J.

Simon - died 1722 in Hunterdon Co., N.J.

John - 1713-1783, married Martha \_\_\_\_\_

John -

John - 1758-1834, married Anne Jeffries

For the above tradition about the relationship of William and John of Franklin Co., Va. to be true William would have to be the son of the John who died in 1783. This John left a will that included wife Martha and sons, William, Thomas and Jonathan, but no son John. Two daughters, Susanna and Else, were also named for a total of five children, all of whom it appeared were in the area of Hunterdon, N.J. However, some have attributed him as having 13 children (some died in infancy), including Susanna, Mary (d. inf.), Thomas, Obadiah, John, Mary (2nd), Jonathan (d. inf.), Ruth, Martha (d. inf.), Alice, Daniel, William and Jonathan (2nd). Descent through this family has thus far not been substantiated by any documents.

I propose to develop evidence that William Akers of Franklin Co., Va. came from Buckingham Co., and that he was the fourth William in succession from a William Akers of Essex Co., Va. The keys to this assumption center around the following two deeds. Additional evidence will also be presented. From now on, I shall refer to William of Franklin Co., Va. as William<sup>4</sup>.

1) Deed in Bedford Co., Va., Deed Bk. 6, p. 291, Moses Rentfro of Bedford Co. conveys to William Akers of Buckingham Co. for 200 lbs., 60 acres on both sides of the north fork of the Blackwater River, dated Aug. 23, 1779. This land became a part of Franklin Co. in 1785 when that county was formed and is the land William and Polly Akers lived on until their death. On Jan. 10, 1780 when William bought 199 adjoining acres from William Rentfro; he is called William E. Akers.

2) A deed in Cumberland Co., Va., Deed Book 1, page 324, dated April 12, 1751: William Akers conveyed unto Mary Evit and Henry Purkins a deed for 180 acres in Essex Co., Va. This land had been bequeathed by his grandfather, William Akers, late of Essex Co., deceased, to his father, William Akers, also deceased.

Let me now present this section in more detail beginning with William<sup>1</sup> Akers of Essex Co., Va. The following documents have been found in Essex Co., Va.

1) A land transaction was recorded in Essex Co., Va. 2/28/1679 of a 600 acre grant in Old Rappahannock Co. from Gov. Berkeley in February of 1665 to William Akers, located on the main branch of the Piscataway Ck. above the land of John Gregory.

2) Katherine Akers gave power of attorney to Thomas Gaines 2/3/1679 before William Akers sold land 2/22/1679 to Richard Haile, Essex Co., Va. Deeds, Bk 6, page 99.

3) William Akers, Jr. witnessed the will of John Bougham 1/2/1697 and the will of Alexander Durham on 1/8/1697.

4) Will of Williams Akers, written 2/24/1701, probated 8/10/1702, in Essex Co., Va. Deeds and Wills, Bk. 10, page 118, gave all of his land to his son, William Akers. If William the son died without lawful issue, the land was to go to his granddaughter, Elizabeth Smith. His daughter, Anne Smith, could live on the plantation land from Spring Branch to the land of Richard Jones during her life time. The remainder of his estate was to be divided between his children, William and Anne. Wit. Hannah Ratliff, John Lennon and James Bougham.

5) William Acres (Akers) of Essex Co. sells 98 acres to James Bougham, Jr. on the main swamp and branches of Piscataway Ck. on the South side of the Rappahannock River. William's wife was Ann Akers. It was wit. by Arthur Bowens, Erasmus Allen and William Johnson. Dated April 10, 1706.

6) April 1, 1752 Mary Evitt sells 180 acres to Henry Purkins that had been purchased from William Acres of Albemarle Co., Va., whose deed recorded in the secretary's office more fully appears with all houses, building and orchards. It was bounded by land of Mary Evitt and John Bougham's Mill Dam.

The next evidence of this family is a recording of William Akers (William<sup>3</sup>, I believe) in Southam Parish of Goochland Co., Va. in 1746. From that time on he is intimately tied in with the Blackburn family of that area. Because of the fact that later there appears a Blackburn Akers, who was born surely in the early 1730's or late 1720's, I suspect that he was associated with this family 15 years or more before 1746. Significant documents of Blackburn and Akers families in this area follows:

1) From *Cavaliers and Pioneers* by Nugent:

a) Vol II, page 362 - John Blackburn, 211 acres, Chas. City Co. in Westover Par., on N. side of James River adjacent to John Royster and Jonas Liscomb, 28 April 1691.

b) Vol III, page 365 - William Blackburn of Chas. City Co., 400 acres (N.L.) Henrico Co., on S. side of James River, adjacent to Capt. Richard Randolph, Arthur Mosely, Jr., John Woodson, Jr. and Edward Maxes, dated 9/28/1728.

c) Vol III, page 407 - John Max, 250 acres (N.L.), Goochland Co., Va., S. side of James River; adjacent to John Haile on the head of a br. of Fiting Ck.; adjacent to Capt. Richard Randolph, William Blackburn, Edward Max and Matthew Ligon, dated 9/17/1731.

2) From: *Charles City Co., Va., Wills & Deeds 1725-1731* by Weisiger:

a) Will of Lambert Tye of Westover Par., proven 7 August 1728, wife Mary, son Allen Tye, daughters Jean Overbee and Elizabeth Blackburn. Wit: David Royster, Thomas Clarke and George Moore.

b) Inventory of William Blackburn, deceased, 7 May 1729, presented by Peter Royster and Elizabeth Blackburn.

Deed Book 1 Page 324

Know all men by these presents that whereas my Grandfather -  
 William Atkins late of the County of Spca, Deceased did Seized  
 of One Hundred and Eighty Acres of Land lying in the aforesaid  
 County and by his last will and Testament Bequeath the same  
 to my Father William Atkins Also Deceased And whereas the  
 said Land being Entailed And by several Conveyances -  
 being now in the possession of Mary Eick and Henry Perkins  
 and being minded the parties in possession should have a more  
 firm and Absolute Right and Title to the said Lands have -  
 obtained Constituted and Appointed And by these presents  
 do make <sup>origin</sup> Constitue and Appoint Thomas Barker my -  
 true and Lawfull Attorney for me and in my name place and  
 stead to act and do as far as the Law requires and make sign  
 seal and Deliver all such Lawfull Conveyances as is required  
 for a more Absolute Assuring of the said Lands to the said -  
 parties in possession or their Heirs And to execute all such  
 matters of proceedings as the Law requires hereby Ratifying  
 and Confirming what my said Attorney shall do in that behalf  
 as my self might could or ought to do when I then and there  
 in my own proper person personally present In Witness  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> Day  
 of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty  
 one.

Signed Sealed &amp; Delivered

William Atkins  
mark.

In presence of

John Rutherford

Cumberland Co.

May Court 1751

John X. Gross

The Power of was Acknowledged by the Heirs

Pa. mark.

Submitted William Atkins by the Court

Ordered to be recorded.

A Copy-Teste:

 Teste Geo. Nicholas Clerk.  
 Circuit Court of Cumberland County, Va.

The land William Blackburn acquired in Henrico Co. in 1728 later became a part of Goochland Co. in 1728, Cumberland in 1748-9, and finally Powhatan Co. in 1777. It lay in Southam Parish on Fighting Ck., a branch of the Appomattox River.

3) Tithe list Southam Parish of Goochland Co., Va 1746 - William Akers, 1 tithe and John Mossum, John Blackburn, William Blackburn, Lambeth Blackburn - 4 tithes. The above four families of Mossum and Blackburn were living together.

4) 1747 Tithe list of Southam Parish lists John Mossum and Lambeth Blackburn, but John and William Blackburn and William Akers are not listed.

5) 1748, Albemarle Co., Va. - Survey for John Blackburn for 245 acres. Also, a deed of sale from John Blackburn to William Blackburn for 395 acres on the South side of the James River and the north branch of Willis Creek above James Sanders. Wit. by Stephen and G. Sanders and William Akers (in Buckingham Co. after 1761).

6) 4/12/1751, Cumberland Co., Va., the deed of William Akers<sup>3</sup> to Mary Evitt of the land in Essex Co. that had passed from his grandfather, William Akers, to his father, William Akers, both of whom are deceased.

7) 10/7/1751, recorded in Albemarle Co., a survey for William Akers of 175 acres on the North branch of Willis River, bounded by William Blackburn.

8) Cumberland Co., Va. - Will of John Morssum, dated 10/7/1754, gave his wife Elizabeth 400 acres and to Mary Blackburn, daughter of William Blackburn deceased, 200 acres of land in Albemarle Co. Wife Elizabeth and John Blackburn were executors. Wit.: Blackburn Akers, Thomas Baley and Richard Ligon.

9) Cumberland Co., Va. - Will of John Blackburn, of Amelia Co., 7/17/1757. Son, William Blackburn, to receive land on Fighting Creek (land bought by William Blackburn in 1728), son, James Blackburn, to receive half of the land in Albemarle Co., the other half to go to Solomon Akers, son of Blackburn Akers, after his father's death; brother Lambeth Blackburn to receive 200 acres in Albemarle Co. Exc.: Elizabeth, his wife, & William Maxey. Wit.: William Finney and John Cribbs.

10) Surveys in 1769 in Buckingham Co. names Lambeth Tye Blackburn and Allen Tye.

Beginning in 1746, we have Tithe and land records for one Akers in this area, William Akers, but in 1754, there appears a Blackburn Akers, old enough to witness a will, and in 1757 Blackburn has a son Solomon who is the recipient of the will of John Blackburn. What the relationship of Blackburn and his son Solomon is to John Blackburn is not known, but it seems probable that Blackburn Akers' wife was the daughter of John Blackburn. The tax list of Buckingham Co. in 1764 adds a number of new names.

11) Tax list of Buckingham Co., Va. 1764

William Akers, Jr. - 1 Tithe, 200 acres

William Akers, Sr. and John Akers, 2 Tithes, no land  
Blackburn Akers - 1 Tithe, 245 acres

Lambeth Blackburn - 1 Tithe, 200 acres

William Blackburn (Benj. & Jean) - 3 Tithes, 290 acres  
James Blackburn - 1 Tithe, 200 acres

The names in parentheses are thought to be slaves in this tax list.

It appears that William<sup>3</sup> Akers became close to the Blackburn family around 1730, and perhaps married a daughter of the older William Blackburn. By the time of the tax list of 1764, he had three grown sons; Blackburn, William Jr., and John. Blackburn apparently had married a daughter of John Blackburn. William<sup>4</sup> Jr. had married Mary (Polly) Blackburn, daughter of the younger William Blackburn, and they held, in 1764, 200 acres, probably the land she had inherited from John Mossum.

The earliest of the Blackburn family in this area was John Blackburn (land in Charles City Co. in 1691), probably father of William Blackburn, who died in 1729 in Charles City Co., son-in-law of Lambeth Tye. A younger William Blackburn, probably son of the older William, was living in 1731 and 1746 on land formerly in Henrico Co. (now Powhatan Co.) obtained in 1728 (probably by the older William Blackburn since this land was transferred without a deed that we can find to John Blackburn, who willed it to his son, William, in 1757). Living with the younger William in 1746 were John and Lambeth Tye Blackburn, probably his brothers and John Mossum, probably his brother-in-law. There was a fourth William Blackburn in the 1764 tax list of Buckingham Co., who was probably the son of the younger William, who died before 1754 since Lambeth's sons did not reach maturity until the 1770's. John had another son, James, who was also in the 1764 tax list.

12) 1771 - Botetourt Co., Blackburn Akers, 1 Tithe, on head of Little River. His land was in Fincastle Co. in 1772 and in Montgomery Co. in 1776.

13) Buckingham Co. Tithable	1773	1774
John Akers -----	1	1
William Akers -----	1	1
William Akers, Jr. -----	2	2
John Blackburn -----	0	1
Lambeth Blackburn (Jacob, Thomas)	4	3
Thomas Blackburn -----	0	1

As may be seen above, Blackburn Akers left Buckingham Co. and moved to what eventually would become Montgomery Co. Va. between 1764 and 1771. There we find:

14) Persons sworn 1777 to the State, Captain McCorkle's Company in Montgomery Co. by Stephen Trigg - Blackburn Akers, Solomon Akers, Valentine Akers.

It is suspected that the above Blackburn Akers was Blackburn Akers, Jr., who married Elinor Howard in 1797 with his father Blackburn Akers as bondsman.

15) Among the troops listed as joining the service at the Chesterfield Courthouse, 9/1/1780, were Austin Akers, age 17 years, 5'6 1/4" and Valentine Akers, age 18, 5'5 3/4". Both were listed as planters, born in Buckingham Co.

From the Montgomery Co. Va. tax lists and census records, the following men appear to be sons of Blackburn Akers:



Solomon Akers (so stated in John Blackburn's will) born before 1757

Blackburn Akers, born before 1765

William Akers, born before 1765

Valentine Akers, born 1762

Augustine Akers, born 1763

Clayborn Akers, born before 1765

Jacob Akers, born 1765-1775

Jonathan Akers, born 1765-1775

Finally, it is my opinion that John Akers of Franklin Co., born 1758, who married Anne Jeffries in Buckingham Co. on 3/21/1785, is also a son of Blackburn Akers.

#### 16) Tax lists of 1787

##### Buckingham Tax list of 1787

William<sup>3</sup> Akers - exempt

John Akers - 1 Tithe, 4 horses, 8 cattle

John Akers - cripple, 300 acres

Thomas Blackburn - 1 Tithe, 2 white males 16-21, 16 blacks over 16, 6 blacks under 16, 1 horse, 2 cattle

James Blackburn (Samuel Roulton) - 1 free white male, 4 slaves, 2 blacks under 16, 3 horses, 5 cattle, 200 acres

Mary Blackburn - 180 acres [probably widow of Lambeth]

##### Bedford Co. Taxpayers of 1787

William<sup>4</sup> Akers

##### Campbell Co. Taxpayers of 1787

William Akers [son of Simon]

Peter Akers [son of William]

##### Montgomery Co. Taxpayers of 1787

Blackburn Akers [possibly Jr. as he first married in 1786]

Solomon Akers [son of Blackburn]

#### 17) Tax Lists of 1795 - Buckingham Co.

John Akers - 1 Tithe, 6 slaves, 1 horse, 2 cattle

John Akers - 3 Tithes, 0 slaves, 4 horses

James Blackburn - 1 Tithe, 3 slaves, 4 horses, 200 acres

Thomas Blackburn - 1 Tithe, no slaves, 1 horse, 180 acres

Note that William<sup>3</sup> Akers is absent. [Information within brackets comes from the author.]

#### 18) 1800 Tax List of Buckingham Co.

John Akers, Sr. (John & Elijah) - 3 Tithes, 4 horses, 1 negro tithable, no negroes 12-16 years

John Akers (SB) - 1 Tithe, 3 horses, 1 negro tithable, no negroes 12-16 years

Lewis Akers - 1 Tithe, 3 horses, 2 negro tithables, no negroes, 12-16 years

Susanna Akers - 0 Tithes, 2 horses (possible widow of William<sup>3</sup>)

William Akers - 1 Tithe, 3 horses

Let us now review the tax lists of Buckingham Co. After Blackburn Akers moved to Montgomery Co., there remained in 1773-1774 in Buckingham Co. William<sup>3</sup> Akers, William<sup>4</sup> Akers (probably William<sup>3</sup>'s son), and John Akers (probably also William<sup>3</sup>'s son). In 1779, William<sup>4</sup> Akers bought land and moved to Franklin Co., Va. where he immediately became active in public life as a juror and executor of estates. Beginning in 1787 William<sup>4</sup> is absent from Buckingham tax lists and William<sup>3</sup> was exempt from taxes (probably due to age and health). There appears two John Akers, one of whom is a cripple. In 1800, one of the John Akers is listed as a Sr. and in his household are John and Elijah (probably the same two who witnessed a deed of William<sup>4</sup> to his son Blackburn in Franklin Co. in 1813). Therefore, the other John Akers (designated SB) is not likely the son of John Sr. and must be either a son of William<sup>4</sup> or Blackburn. He is surely the John Akers who married Anne Jeffries in 1785 and whose pension application indicates he was born in 1758. He is not William<sup>4</sup>'s son because William<sup>4</sup>'s son John was born in 1771 and married Sarah Brown in 1794. It is my theory that John is Blackburn's son and that John elected to remain in Buckingham Co. when his father moved to Montgomery Co. There is evidence to support this. In Planterstown (near where the Akers lived in Buckingham Co.) there was a store run by John Epperson. A portion of his account book for the year 1803 has been preserved and the following entries have been found.

#4 to William Akers of Franklin

#1 to John Akers, Sen.

#1 to John Akers and Bro

#1 to John Akers son Blkbn

This book shows that William Akers of Franklin Co. did in truth have roots in Buckingham Co. and had business transactions there as late as 1803. It also lists a John Akers, son Blkbn, which appears to mean John Akers, son of Blackburn. The (SB) after his name in the 1800 tax list may very well also be distinguishing him as son of Blackburn.

The Lewis Akers and William Akers in the 1800 tax list must be newly married sons of John Akers Sr. Thus, the apparent sons by John Akers Sr. are:

William Akers

Lewis Akers

John Akers Jr.

Elijah Akers

Eventually, some of these men moved to Franklin Co., Va. There is in the 1810 census a Thomas Akers, born 1784-1794, who may also be a son of John Akers Sr.

The children of John Akers and Anne Jeffries, reportedly were listed in a book in the Sutro Branch of the California State Library, a list supposedly given by Joel O. Akers.

William A. Akers, m. Nancy White 1807

Burwell Akers

Elizabeth Akers, b. 1790, m. Nathaniel Akers Oct 7, 1806

Joel O. Akers, b. 1792, d. 1877, m. Elizabeth Clack 1821

James Akers, m. Nancy Sue Webster 1815

Stephen Grover Akers, b. April 1, 1798, d. 1878, m. 1st  
?, 2nd to Rachel Oxley Coxel April 3, 1820

Fleming Akers, m. 1st 1801, 2nd Nancy Akers 1825

Luke Akers, b. 1799, m. Jane Webster January 12, 1824

Although no past lists of children of William<sup>4</sup> Akers includes a William, some believe William A. Akers is his son. They base this on a letter written in 1907 by Obediah White Akers (b. 1/8/1814 in Barren Co., Ky.), son of William A. Akers, that his grandfather William Akers lived to be 105 years, lived on the James River in Franklin Co., Va. and had among his sons Samuel, Daniel, Wesley, William and Nat. Others think he may have mixed up the fact that his grandfather Obediah White married secondly Lucy Akers, daughter of William<sup>4</sup> Akers. However, it is hard to believe that William<sup>4</sup> did not name a son William, and I believe William A. Akers is his son. I question the marriage of Fleming in 1801 as the census records indicate he was born 1790-1800. I suspect this is his birth date. This list supports my theory that John, not William, Akers was the father of Stephen Grover Akers and matches the 1810 census of five unmarried sons; namely, Joel, James, Stephen, Fleming and Luke. There has been some confusion about the marriage of Blackburn Akers, son of William<sup>4</sup> Akers. Past writers have said he married four times; in Montgomery Co. to Susanna Skaggs in 1786 and Elinor Howard in 1797, to Betsy LeSeure in 1816 in Patrick Co. and finally to Elizabeth Lashores of unknown marriage date. I believe Betsy LeSeure and Elizabeth Lashores are one and the same person. Apparently those who wrote the above were unaware of the existence of the other Blackburn Akers. Census records reveal the following families:

1810 Montgomery Co., Va. Census

Blackburn Akers - 4,1,2,0,1 - 1,1,0,0,1

1820 Montgomery Co., Va. Census

Blackburn Akers, Jr. - 0,3,0,1,0,1 - 0,0,1,0,1

Blackburn Akers, Sr. - 1,0,0,0,0,1 - 2,0,1,1,0

Blackburn Akers Jr.'s household looks like a continuation of the 1810 household with the three older sons and the oldest daughter having left home. Blackburn Akers Sr. is a new household. This latter household can be found in the 1830 and 1840 census.

1830 Montgomery Co., Va.

Blackburn Akers - 1,0,1,0,0,0,0,1 - 2,2,1,0,0,0,1

1840 Floyd Co. Va.

Blackburn Akers - 0,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1 - 0,0,2,2,1,0,0,1

The Blackburn Akers - Elinor Howard marriage in 1797 was consented to by the fathers, Blackburn Akers and James Howard. Since Blackburn Akers Jr.'s family extends back to two sons born between 1784 and 1794, he must have also married Susanna Skaggs in 1786. I believe Blackburn Akers Sr.,

son of William Akers, married, in Patrick Co., Va., January 10, 1816, Betsy LeSeure, daughter of Martel LeSeure. His will names wife Elizabeth; three sons, George, Martell and James; and five daughters, Elizabeth, Martha, Dorothy, Mary and Lula Ann -- the same number as children in the 1840 census.

The children of William Akers and Polly Blackburn Akers were given by W.R. Akers in his book *Our Kinfolk*. This list was also given by Alonzo Edwin Akers in his book *William Akers of Franklin Co., Virginia*. These children are:

1) Pattie, m. 4/27/1790 Henry Reel in Franklin Co., Va., surety William Akers

2) Blackburn, b. Dec. 1769, m. Betsy (Elizabeth) LeSeure 1/10/1816 in Patrick Co., Va.

3) John, b. 11/8/1771, d. 1849 in Gwinnett Co., Ga., m. 8/8/1793 Sarah Brown in Franklin Co., Va. He lived in Patrick Co., Va. until moving to Georgia in 1830.

4) James, b. 1774, m. 1/2/1792, Lucy Webster, surety - William Akers. They lived near Dillons Mill, Franklin Co., Va.

5) Susannah, m. 9/3/1804 to Worley Keys in Franklin Co., Va., surety William Akers

6) Lucy, m. 8/28/1806 in Franklin Co., Va. to Obediah White, surety William Akers

7) Samuel, b. 5/7/1781, d. 4/28/1847, m. 8/2/1802 in Franklin Co. Va. to Sarah Highly, surety James Highly. He lived on Blackwater River in Franklin Co., Va.

8) Daniel, b. about 1783, m. 12/2/1800 in Franklin Co., Va. to Rebecca Webster, surety - Blackburn Akers.

9) Nathaniel, m. 10/7/1806 Elizabeth Akers, dau. of John and Anne Jeffries in Franklin Co., Va., but later settled in Patrick Co., Va.

10) Phoebe, m. 9/12/1806 in Franklin Co., Va. to John Keys, surety Nathaniel Akers.

11) Nancy, m. 9/11/1808 to Joseph Vaughn, surety - Thomas Highly.

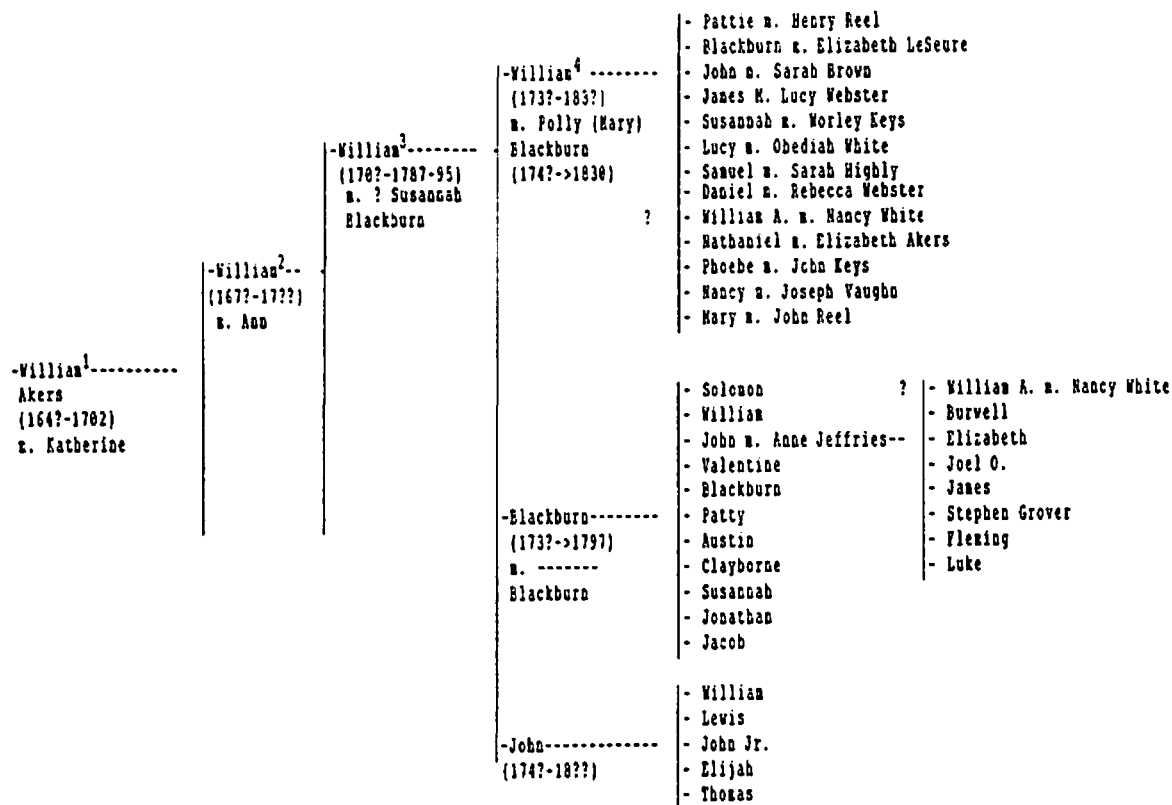
12) Mary, m. 5/26/1810, John Reel in Franklin Co., Va., surety James Akers

However, William A. Akers (as stated above) may also be a son. He left the area shortly after 1810 and, therefore, may not have been remembered by later generations.

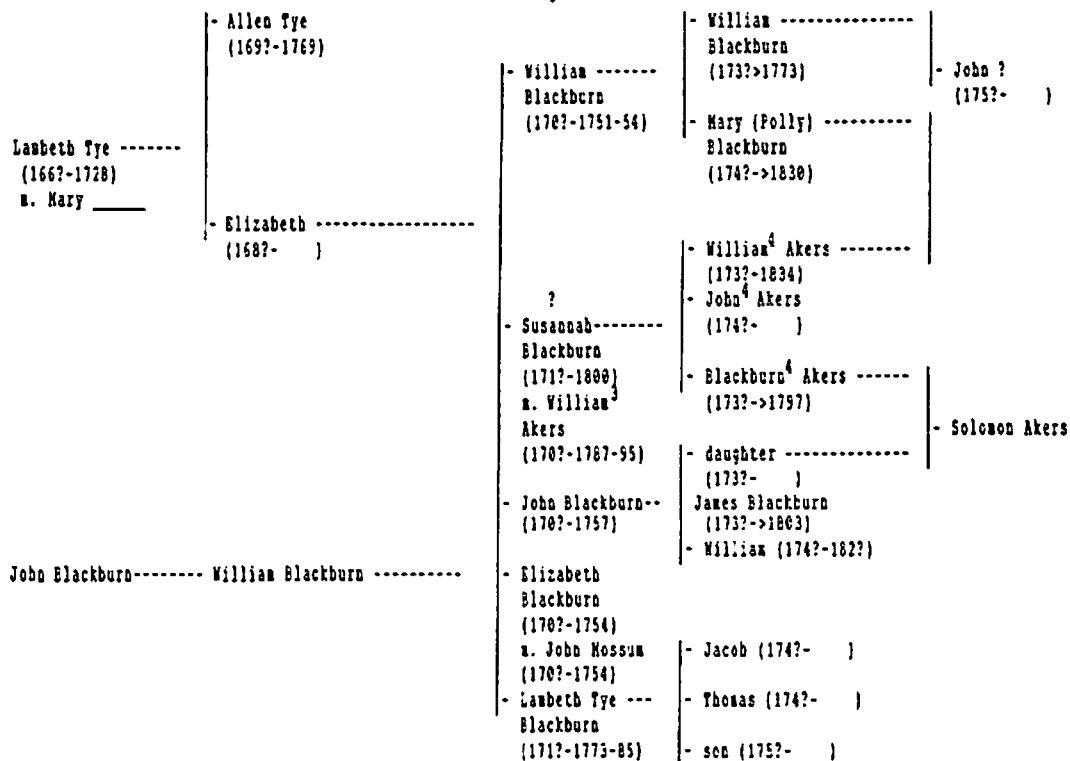
In summary, William<sup>4</sup> Akers was the fourth in succession named William Akers. He was born about 1730 and died about 1833. He married in Buckingham Co., Va. before 1764 to Polly (Mary) Blackburn, daughter of William Blackburn. She was born in the 1740's, inherited land in 1754, and died after 1830.

To follow is an outline of the family as I have presented it with an estimation of the birth and death dates of the earlier generations.

## Construction of Akers Family of Essex, Buckingham, Franklin Co., Virginia



## Construction of the Blackburn Family of Southam Parish and Buckingham County, Virginia



## SEARCHING FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY ANCESTORS

by Florence B. Langford

Williamson County and Franklin, the county seat, were established by an Act of the Tennessee Legislature on 26 October 1799. It was taken from a portion of Davidson County and was named for Dr. Hugh Williamson, a Colonel and Surgeon-General of the North Carolina Militia, a member of the Continental Congress and signer of the North Carolina Constitution (1).

Franklin was built on some 109 acres of a land grant originally issued to Major Anthony Sharpe who sold 640 acres to Abram Maury. The town was laid out with a square reserved for the courthouse and for public use. The site was surveyed by Henry Rutherford in 1800. The plat contained some 200 lots. Abram Maury originally wanted the town to be named Marthasville after his wife, but she did not wish the honor bestowed on her and it was named after Benjamin Franklin (2).

The earliest known settler in Williamson County was in 1790 by Edward Swanson who remained only for a short time before returning to the safety of the Nashville forts. There were no permanent settlements before 1798 due to Indian occupation (3). Some of the early settlers of Williamson County were the McEwen, Goff, Neely, Huggins, Stanley, Blackshear and Little families (4).

Williamson County is one of the fortunate counties in the state in that virtually all of their records still exist. Even though the courthouse was occupied by the Federals during the Civil War, they did not choose to destroy any of the records. The courthouse has never had a major fire or flood. The present courthouse, once called "The Temple of Justice" (5) was completed in 1859 and still stands today on adjoining lots on the south side of the square.<sup>6</sup> An annex was added several years ago; later many of the county offices were moved to the old county hospital on Carter's Creek Pike. Therefore, depending on the area of research one is attempting, you may have to visit several areas. However, for basic research, the easiest way would be to visit the State Library and Archives in Nashville where most of the early records are on microfilm.

Briefly discussed below are the different types of records and what the researcher may find among them.

### Deeds (1799 - present)

The deeds can be a very good source of information especially if no probate records exist. Many times property was left to the heirs through a deed. In some cases, not only are the direct heirs listed, but in-laws names are given, especially the names of the females' husbands. This information could give you a new lead to your research. Even grandchildren may be mentioned giving you a three-generation connection. Pay close attention to the witnesses as these people may also have family ties.

### Probate Records (1799 - present)

Everyone knows the importance of a will. However, many times other probate records are overlooked as a source of valuable information. For instance, in an inventory, estate settlement, guardian bond/settlement, sale, administrator's or executor's bond/settlement was recorded, you may glean clues from these records. In many cases the guardian, executor and/or administrator was a family member—a spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, grandchild, etc.

### Marriages (1800 - present)

The "loose" marriage records from 1799-1850 (a Bicentennial project of the Williamson County Historical Society) and the 1851-1879 (compiled by Louise Gillespie Lynch) are on file in the State Library and Archives in Nashville, either on microfilm or in book form. Both have an excellent index, both by the grooms' and brides' names. Again, pay close attention to the witnesses.

### County Court Minutes (1800 - present)

Some of the types of records you may find in these are naturalization records, petitions for widow's dowers, petitions to sell slaves, powers of attorney, petitions to divide lands, "bound out" records (usually involved orphans being bound out to learn a trade), civil district line changes as well

as county line changes, appointments of coroners, commissioners of the county court, justices of the peace, establishment of towns and communities, licenses to practice law and general statements about estate settlements.

#### Circuit Court Minutes (1810 - present)

These minutes contain, among other types of records, appointments of jurors, civil cases (destruction of property, fines, contested wills, divorces, naturalizations, etc.) and criminal cases.

#### General Sessions Court

Usually misdemeanors cases are filed in this office (DUI's, motor violations, destruction of property, etc.).

#### Tax Lists (1800 - present; some years missing)

These records were usually recorded similarly to the census records (house to house) until 1836 when civil districts were set up. Before 1836, in some cases, it is possible to determine the approximate part of the county in which the person lived by the description given. For 1836 and after, of course, the district is known and is much easier to work with. A person did not have to own land to be recorded on a tax list. Every male from the age of 21-50 (this was the law enacted by the Public Acts of 1797, p. 9) had to pay a poll (or head) tax. The early tax lists gave the acreage, taxable property, slaves, horses, carriages owned as well as a brief description of the property.

You can sometimes determine the approximate age of a person by whether or not he was paying taxes in a given time period, because as stated above, after the age of 50 he did not have to pay a head tax and, of course, had to pay by the age of 21. Also one should remember that even though a person was paying taxes on a piece of property, this did not necessarily mean he lived on it. Just like today, you may own property in one or two counties but, of course, you only live on one or the other.

In addition to the tax books available among the county records, there are a few on file in the State Library and Archives that are not on file in the county.

#### Cemeteries

Thanks to the efforts of Louise Gillespie Lynch, who was responsible for getting the Williamson County Historical Society, the Boy Scouts and private citizens involved, Williamson County is most fortunate in its preservation of family and public cemeteries. Most of the burials in these cemeteries have been published. Please use these records as they are a valuable source of history and research. In some cases family plots exist, sometimes linking several generations.

An important thing to remember while conducting research in any county, especially the older ones like Williamson, is to also check the surrounding counties. A family may have lived near the county line; the marriage, deed, etc. could have appeared in another county. County lines did change from time to time. If this was the case, the male could have lived in one county and the female in another. Thus the marriage could have occurred in either. For later years, bear in mind that your ancestor could have actually been in a county that was formed from a part of Williamson County, or any county.

#### Combined Williamson County Library and Archives

As announced at one of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society's meetings, money has been appropriated for a combined Williamson County Library and Archives. It will be located in the old Post Office at Five Points in Franklin. Plans are to have it opened by the first of September of this year (1993). Work is now being done in the area of moving the records from the old jail, cleaning, processing and arranging them. Many of the records to be housed there are not available anywhere else, especially the "loose" cases of the various courts—a very valuable source for research.

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#### Notes

- (1) *Historic Williamson County*, Virginia McDaniel Bowman, 1971, p. 1
  - (2) *Ibid*, p. 1
  - (3) *Ibid*, p. 1
  - (4) *Ibid*, p. 1
  - (5) *Town of Franklin and Williamson County, Tennessee, Directory*, Carter House Association, 1963, p. 16
  - (6) *Historic Williamson County*, Virginia McDaniel Bowman, 1971, p. 130
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## A CENTURY OF CHAIRMAKERS 1850-1950

An Informal Survey of Williamson, Maury, and Northern Hickman Counties, Tennessee

by Richard Warwick

My interest in Williamson County chairmakers began in 1971 when I started teaching at Hillsboro School in Leiper's Fork. To localize the study of the Civil War and slavery in an American History class, I asked the students to interview senior citizens in the community and collect stories of the era. One student shared a story of his grandmother having kitchen chairs made by a slave. With further investigation, I discovered that Dick Poynor chairs were treasured heirlooms in many of the families in the Leiper's Fork area.

Richard L. Poynor was first listed in the 1860 census as a free mulatto living in the Third Civil District of Williamson County with seventy-five dollars in land and seven hundred and fifty dollars in personal property. His legal status of free mulatto was enhanced by the notation in the census indicating his ability to read and write. He was born in Virginia on June 22, 1802. He came with the Robert Poynor family from Halifax County, Virginia to Williamson County in 1816. Robert Poynor's estate inventory of 1848 listed Dick and six of his children as slaves.

From Dick Poynor's bible, now in the possession of Miss Jane Cannon, a great, great-granddaughter, one finds Loucinda Poynor, first wife of Dick, was born on March 11, 1808 and died on January 29, 1840. Children are listed as Martha Ann (March 6, 1827), Catherine (September 20, 1828), Thomas (August 30, 1829), James (February 10, 1833), Phillip (July 10, 1835), Mary (October 7, 1837), and Loucinda Jane (September 7, 1839).

Dick married his second wife, Millie, before 1860. In 1878, at the age of eighty, Millie Poynor died and was buried in the Garrison Methodist Church cemetery near her home. Dick lingered on in ill-health until March 27, 1882. Dick and Millie were members of the Leiper's Fork Primitive Baptist Church, a white congregation. A son of Robert Poynor, Dr. Ashley Banks Poynor, served as administrator of Dick's estate.

On the northern edge of Maury County near Kinderhook, John D. Poynor (age 26) and William J. Poynor (age 24) are listed in the 1850 census as chairmakers. They were living with their father, James Poynor (age 54-farmer) and wives, Mildred B. (age 26) and Elizabeth (age 20). The James Poynor family was also from Halifax County, Virginia. Unfortunately, little more is known about this family of Poynors for they were not living in Tennessee by the 1860

census. Only an overgrown cemetery in the First Civil District of Maury County, known as the Poynor graveyard, remains of this family.

Not until the 1850 census are individual occupation's listed. Since chairmaking was not always the primary occupation, many craftsmen are listed as farmers, carpenters or mechanics. A good example is Michael Cody (age 55-born in Virginia) who was living in Franklin and listed as jailor. Also, in his household was Hale Brown (age 32-Free Black-Chairmaker). On first impression, one would assume that Hale Brown was in jail or part of the Cody family. Upon further research, Michael Cody is listed in the 1860 census as chairmaker and Hale Brown is head of his own household and still working as a chairmaker.

Located on Bear Creek near Boston, two brothers, Littleberry and William Beasley were making chairs in 1850. They were the sons of Lucy Ellis and John Pitts Beasley, who came to Williamson County in 1817 from Warren County, North Carolina. The 1850 census indicated that Littleberry was living with William. Littleberry's wife, Rebecca Thompson Beasley had recently died. Between 1860 and 1870, Littleberry and third wife, Margaret Etta Pugh Sitler, moved to Perry County. By 1880, he was living on Beaverdam Creek in Hickman County and died in 1895 near Lyles.

William Beasley (1825-1897) married Matilda Fox in 1843, Mary T. White in 1858, and Atlantic Nicholas Golden in 1870. With the union of Mary T. White, he had John Wiley Berry Barnabus, Mary Matilda, William J., Talitha-Cumi, Lettie B., and Marie Josephine Beasley.

In southern Williamson County, Benjamin Waddey was making chairs during the mid-nineteenth century. Benjamin was born December 12, 1816 and died February 2, 1897. His parents, James and Elizabeth Waddey, came to the Bethesda community from Northumberland County, Virginia.

In the Craigfield community, Perry Southern (1851-1930) was making chairs until his death using a horse-powered turning lathe. James Perry Southern was the second son of Alfred and Sarah Heirs Southern. In 1873, he married Martha Jane Pritle (1854-1917), the daughter of Edward and Rachel Young Pritle of DeKalb County, Tennessee. To this union was born ten children: Sarah Elizabeth, John Harrison, Mahala Jane, Mary Ann, Emmaline, Rachel Louise, James

Edward, Viney, Augusta Etta, and William Thomas Southern.

On the Old Natchez Trace near Bending Chestnut, Hugh Beard made a living making baskets and chairs and blacksmithing. Hugh was born in April 19, 1851 to Mary Bradford (1833-1892) and Step Beard (1834-1920), a Civil War veteran. Hugh was a great-grandson of a Revolutionary soldier from Spartansburg, S.C. named John Beard (1765-1826) and Mary Blackstock (1771-\_\_\_\_), whose union produced fourteen children. Hugh married a cousin, Mary Ellen Beard (1850-1928), daughter of George T.P. Beard and Tabitha Green Beard, on August 17, 1876. To this union came fourteen children: Ella J., Berry F., Tabitha, Clark J., Joe F., Manervia, Susie, John Henry, George S., Benjamin F., Lula F., Therisa, Dickie, and Lizzie Beard.

John Henry Beard followed his father's trade as a maker of chairs and baskets. John Henry was born April 2, 1888 and died March 16, 1968. He married Mandy Etter Turman (1902-1971), daughter of Henry and Savannah Beard Turman, and to this union came: Rosie, Jimmie, Clara, Herbert, Thelbert, Arvie, Buford, and Pearlbe Beard.

The grandfather of Mandy Etter Beard, William M. Beard, known as "Fiddlin Will", also made baskets and chairs. Will Beard (1850-1930) married Martha Morton (1850-1929) in 1868. Their children included Savannah, Tucker, Lou Ellar, Berry, Morris, Sophronia, Emeline, and Anna Beard. Berry and Morris carried-on the family trade as chairmakers.

The area where Williamson, Maury, and Hickman Counties join was once called Corners. Several chairmakers were located along the Duck River Ridge and the Lick Creek Valley. Robert Baker used a foot-powered lathe to turn his chair parts. He married Rhoda Gossett and they had a large family. Bob Baker-the chairmaker died in 1915 and was buried in the Litton cemetery on the Old Natchez Trace. Two sons, George W. Baker (1883-1955) and A.B. Baker (1890-1972) were also chairmakers. A.B. Baker married Dora Jane Ragsdale of Primm Springs in Hickman County. One of their sons, Henry Baker (1914-1985) was a chairmaker.

Walter Kelley and Eddie Scott, both brothers-in-law of A.B. Baker, were well-known chairmakers in the Kinderhook area of Maury County. Walter Kelley (1890-1952) married Willie Mae Ragsdale and to this union came the following children: Adelle, Roy E., Ula, Clara Lou, Hubert, Bud, and Horace Kelley. Eddie Scott (1903-1979) married Florence Ragsdale and they had: Clifton, Ethel, Hazel, Granville, Wilburn, Herbert and Eugene Scott.

George W. Irwin (1886-1941) introduced the use of a gasoline engine powered turning lathe to the Lick Creek

area. George married Rainey Clevia Hood and their three children are living in Fairview.

Other chairmakers in the Lick Creek area include Sam Moss (1856-1920), Benny Gordon (1916-1984), and Benny Haskins (1901-1958).

At Willow Springs in Hickman County lived a well-known family of chairmakers named Warren. W.C. Warren, a veteran of the Civil War, was making chairs shortly after the unpleasantness. Two of his sons, Lum and Munroe Warren carried-on the craft into the early twentieth century. Claude Warren, a son of Munroe, made chairs until the 1950's.

Around 1900, John Hotsinpiller, a coalminer from Pennsylvania, settled in the South Harpeth community on Pewitt Road. To supplement his meager farming income, he made chairs for his neighbors. Mrs. Edna Hotsinpiller Anderson related that her grandfather, John Hotsinpiller, moved to Hammond, West Virginia where he died in 1925. His legacy to Williamson County in the form of a skillfully made chair has outlived the toil and sweat of an Appalachian coalmine.

The partnership of Billy Spencer and Leslie Sullivan began in the early 1920's and continued until the late 1930's. During this time, the making of chairs and blacksmithing flourished on Caney Fork Creek near present day Fairview. Billy Spencer (1889-1959) married Emmer Anderson and they reared a large family. Billy was legendary for his skills in blacksmithing, the repair of clocks, guns and locks. Leslie Sullivan (1895-1964) married Nettie Sullivan and they reared their family on Caney Fork Creek.

As an outgrowth of this informal survey of chairmakers came the following:

1. An exhibit of locally made chairs at the Franklin Public Library.
2. A Tennessee Historical marker for Dick Poynor.
3. The identification of thirty-three chairmakers.
4. A greater appreciation by the many descendants whose ancestors were chairmakers.

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## SIMPKINS SCHOOL

contributed by Virginia Walton

Simpkins Chapel was a Cumberland Presbyterian Church built around 1867. The district school was allowed to meet downstairs, the Church holding services upstairs. This building was on Hydes Ferry Road and the school was moved to Eaton Creek Road in 1921.



Simpkins Chapel  
School, 1899  
Now "JORDONIA"

Sam David - Teacher - Living  
in Florida  
Arthur Cato - Dead  
Hattie Marshall (Stevens)  
Amy Powers (Moved to  
California)  
Combs Folwell  
Turner King  
Bettie Hunt (Jordan)  
Stewart Burnett - Dead  
Crete Sisk  
Elma Sisk  
Ada Cato (Glaus)  
Dwight L. Jordan  
Essie Cato

Blackwood  
Miss Maude Moore - Teacher  
Bettie King (Riley)  
Robert E. Hunt  
Erle Marshall  
Henry Winfrey (Dead)  
Erle Cato  
Ollie Crump (King)  
Jesse Glaus  
Alvin Pegram  
Andy Glaus  
E. B. Walton  
Ben Drake  
Jesse Sloan  
Fred Morrow

Pearl Cato (Drake)  
Alma Fey  
Roy Marshall - Dead  
Roscoe Sisk  
Aline Jordan (Vaughn)  
Jessie Pegram (Hewgley) -  
Dead  
Ever Harris  
Oneida Simpkins  
Effie King (Walton)  
Pillow Yates  
Horace Winfrey - Dead  
Grady Williams - Dead  
Lena King Richmond  
Lillie Glaus  
Eunice Cate (Walker)

Sammie Drake (Chappell)  
Maggie Laurie Walton  
Vera Williams  
Effie King (Walton)  
Vaughan Compton  
Oscar Glaus  
Herbert Drake  
Hershel Marshall  
Willie M. Burkhalter  
John Cato  
Charles D. Walton  
Will J. Walton

**Simpkins School (Probably 1901)**  
 This picture was published in 'Graves'  
*Northwest Davidson County 1975.*



Teacher, Miss Minnie Bray.  
 John Crawford Burkhalter, Jr.  
 John Cato  
 Oscar Glaus  
 Mary Newlin  
 Alyne rake (Corlew)  
 Margaret Drake (Gatewood)

Elizabeth Drake  
 Bessie Cato  
 Louise Goodloe  
 Bessie Jones  
 Reba Newlin  
 Mary Alice Gatlin  
 Edgar Jones

Eunice Cato  
 Newt Hulme  
 Maggie Laura Walton  
 Earl Cato  
 Will Walton  
 Willie Burkhalter  
 Effie Bloodworth

Hazel Jones (Glaus)  
 Ralph Drake  
 Charlie Walton  
 Pearl Cato (Drake)  
 Effie King (Walton)  
 Alyne Jordan (Vaughn)  
 Marion Drake.

## 1860 CENSUS OF CHEATHAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE

*Pauline Mille of Cheatham County submits the following revised 1860 Census of Cheatham County, Tennessee. She has added names where there were only initials, some married dates and last names of brides, and information gleaned from other publications.*

NAME	Age	M/F	ST	Marriage Dates
0065 Jesse Chadowen	44	M	TN	m. 9-8-1836 Davidson Co
0067 M. Tennessee Chadowen	14	F	TN	
0068 William J. Chadowen	10	M	TN	
0069 M.A. ??	6	F	TN	
0106 Thomas M. Hale	22	M	TN	m. 11-30-1859
0107 Nancy E. (McLaughlin)	19	F	TN	
0108 George W. McLaughlin	30	M	TN	
0547 Betsy (Hooper) Cullum (Elizabeth T. Hooper)	47	F	TN	
0548 Mary Cullum	18	F	TN	
0549 Tennison Cullum	15	F	TN	
0550 Thomas S. Cullum C. Lovell	11	M	TN	m. 11-18-1869 Irene
3499 Henry Hollis	30	M	TN	m. 3-4-1856
3500 Mary C. (Masters)	25	F	TN	
3501 Missouri Hollis	1	F	TN	
4169 William H. Miles	37	M	TN	m. 2-5-1851 Montgomery Co.
4170 Nancy (Jones)	26	F	TN	
4171 Mary F. Miles	6	F	TN	
4172 Alice Miles	4	F	TN	
4612 Ephriam Miles	27	M	TN	m. 8-16-1855
4613 Mary C. (Hooper)	28	F	TN	
4614 Sarah C. Miles	4	F	TN	
4615 John H. Miles	2	M	TN	
4616 Ben S. Miles	24	M	TN	m. 12-11-1856
4617 Amanda (Hooper)	20	F	TN	
4618 William S. Miles	1	M	TN	
4619 C. L.	34	M	TN	
4637 George W. Hale, Sr.	43	M	TN	m. 3-26-1848
4638 Priscilla E. (Hale)	36	F	TN	
4639 Elizabeth F.	16	F	TN	
4639 William J. Hale	13	M	TN	
4668 Thomas J. Crouch	49	M	VA	m. 6-28-1859 Cheatham Co.
4669 Rebecca (Jordan)	27	F	TN	2nd wife

4670	William J. Crouch	19	M	TN	m. 9-22-1861 Lucata Hale
4671	Louisa Crouch	17	F	TN	m. 7-25-1861 Anderson Booker Lovell
4672	Thomas J. Crouch	16	M	TN	Amanda Jordan
4673	Virginia L. Crouch	15	F	TN	m. 12-26-1861
4674	Lewis C. Crouch	14	M	TN	Must have died as child
4675	Nancy (Nannie) Crouch	10	F	TN	m. 5-15-1871 William Brown Cheatham, Co.
4676	Washington Shelton Crouch	9	M	TN	m. 12-28-1874 Mary F. Lovell
4677	J. A. Jackson Crouch	7	M	TN	m. 12-5-1874 Elizabeth A. Jordan
4678	Anna A. Crouch	5	F	TN	m. 9-9-1872 James Newton Hooper
4682	Susan L. Hooper	40	F	TN	
4683	George W.	40	M	TN	
4684	E.	14	F	TN	
4685	Wm. L.	12	M	TN	
4686	Patsy	9	F	TN	
4687	Washington G. Shelton	56	M	VA	m. 7-4-1826 Davidson Co.
4688	Lucatia (Taylor)	49	F	TN	
4705	Absolum Page Dozier	31	M	TN	
4706	Martha A. (Demoss)	30	F	TN	
4707	Thomas Dozier (Died)	5	M	TN	
4708	Absolum P. Jr.				
4817	Norfleet Jordan	55	M	VA	m. 11-12-1828 Davidson Co.
4818	Emmaline (Shadoin) Chaudoin	50	F	VA	Dau. of Reuben Chadoin
4819	Nancy C. Jordan	26	F	TN	m. 8-23-1861 Ch. Co. Thomas E. Cox
4820	Drewery M. Jordan	24	M	TN	m. 12-26-1861 Virginia L. Crouch
4821	Sarah S. Jordan	20	F	TN	1-3-1874 Ch. Co. Robert W. Price
4822	Jesse J. Jordan	19	M	TN	m. 9-10-1864 Wm. Co. Mary Ann Hulme
4823	Ames Ellison	17	F	TN	m. 7-30-1864 Cheatham Samuel W. Cox
4824	James Jordan (Jim)	15	M	TN	m. about 1865 Fanny Chaudoin
4825	Elizabeth A.	10	F	TN	m. 12-5-1874 Cheatham J.A. Jackson Crouch
4826	William Carroll Jordan	8	M	TN	m. 4-15-1877 Fannie Lula Davis
4870	John Hooper	72	M	GA	m. 1st 7-5-1809 Davidson Polly Faster
4871	Sallie Taylor (Williams)	40	F	TN	m. 2 9-1-1849 Davidson Sally Williams

4872	Araminta (Williams)	17	F	TN	m. 4-29-1863 to John Hooper
4873	Francis Marion Hooper	9	M	TN	m. Cheatham Co.
4874	James Newton Hooper	7	M	TN	m. 10-9-1872 Cheatham Anna A. Crouch
4875	Susan Elvira Hooper	5	F	TN	m. 10-9-1872 Cheatham Patrick Henry Dozier
4876	Thomas Smiley Hooper	2	M	TN	m. 12-29-1879 Cheatham Emma Riggan
Last child was Sallie Alice Hooper. b. 1862					m. Abner P. Dozier
4879	Gains F. Cullum	53	M	N.C.	m. 12-16-1827 Davidson
4880	Cintha Ann (Hooper)	49	F	TN	dau. John & 1st wife Polly
4881	William C. Cullum	17	M	TN	
4882	N. Catherine Cullum	13	F	TN	
4883	James T. Cullum	10	M	TN	
4884	Florence L. Cullum	7	F	TN	
4885	Louise T. Frederick b. 1862	2	F	TN	
4886	A. Hooper	60	M	TN	
4907	James M. Jordan	40	M	TN	m. 4-8-1855 Davidson
4908	Lucata Franklin (Shelton)	26	F	TN	dau. Wm. Shelton & Jane Gower
4909	Samuella	2	F	TN	m. 10-13-1874 F.M. Hooper Cheatham Co.
4966	Thomas Claiborne Hale	49	M	TN	m. 6-16-1841 Davidson Co.
4967	Nancy A. (Smith)	33	F	TN	
4968	Lucata Hale	16	F	TN	m. 9-22-1861 Wm. J. Crouch Davidson Co.
4969	Jasper Hale	13	M	TN	
4970	R. T.	11	F	TN	
4971	Ezekiel Hale	1	M	TN	m. 10-9-1873 Martha Jones Cheatham Co.
4972	R.T. Maggie Hale b. 1852 (4970 & 4972 believed to be same person)	9	F	TN	m. 10-9-73 Andrew Colvin Cheatham Co.
5106	Elijah Hooper	34	M	TN	m. 9-3-1856 Wm. Co.
5107	Elizabeth F. McDonald	27	F	TN	dau. Eusebius McDonald Cheatham Co.
5108	Jeremiah Hooper	9	M	TN	m. 7-29-1873 Sally Ewing Cheatham Co.
5109	Henrietta C. Hooper	6	F	TN	
5110	E. Lake (Elijah Lake?)	4	M	TN	m. 4-10-1889 Emma Harper Cheatham Co.

NOTE: 5108 -5110 children are from 1st marriage. Nancy HaLL as Hale.

5111	Stephen C. Hooper	2	M	TN	m. 5-12-1878 Sallie Tomlinson Dickson Co.
5112	Nancy. V. Hooper Had 4 more children: 1. Phoebe J. b. 1861 2. Aramenta b. 1863	7/12	F	TN	m. 11-25-1883 W.G. Dozier Cheatham Co.

3. Bynum Green b. 1864					
4. Egbert E. (Eck) b. 1868					
5148	Warren Jordan	40	M	TN	m. 12-10-1844
5149	Agnes (Allen)	32	F	TN	
5150	Harrison V. Jordan	15	M	TN	
5151	Drewry Shelton Jordan	2	M	TN	
5152	Lucy Jordan	8	F	TN	
5153	Hugh Allison Jordan	5	M	TN	
5154	Lucy Allison	30	F	TN	Sister of Agnes
4642	Meshac Hale	29	M	TN	m.5-29-1853
4643	Louise (Lovell)	22	F	TN	
4644	Priscilla	10/12	F	TN	
4649	Stephen Elliott	60	M	NC	
4650	Sarah	50	F	TN	
4651	John M. Elliott	19	M	TN	
4652	William W. Elliott	16	M	TN	
4653	Charity M. Elliott	14	F	TN	
4654	Stephen E. Elliott	8	M	TN	
4655	Charity Adkinson	87	F	NC	
4656	Thomas Elliott	54	M	NC	
4785	Josephine Hollis	3	F	TN	
4786	Edward Hollis	10/12	M	TN	
4807	Benj Cox	58	M	TN	
4808	Irene	48	F	TN	
4811	Alonzo	11	M	TN	
4812	Nancy R.	7	F	TN	
4813	Robert Stevens	33	M	TN	m. 11-10-1853
4814	Margaret T. (Ezell)	30	F	TN	
4815	Elizabeth J.	4	F	TN	
4844	Asa H.				
4844	Asa H. Riggan	38	M	TN	
4845	Catherine (Kitty) Riggan				
	Green (Greer)	33	F	TN	
4847	Mary A. Riggan	12	F	TN	
4848	Sarah E. Riggan	8	F	TN	
4849	(Blank)				
4850	Frederick A. Riggan	2	M	TN	
4852	Sarah A. Riggan	22	F	TN	
4855	Grandy E. Dozier	45	M	TN	
4856	Sarah (Page)	40	F	TN	m. 2-18-37
4857	Albert Dozier	18	M	TN	
4858	George W. Dozier	17	M	TN	
4859	Patrick Henry Dozier	14	M	TN	
4861	Margaret A. Dozier	10	F	TN	
4862	Mary E Dozier	7	F	TN	
4863	Grandy Dozier	4	M	TN	
4864	William T. Hooper	75	M	GA	
4865	Eleanor	65	F	NC	
4867	Sarah A.	20	F	TN	
4903	Ellen M. Hale	32	F	TN	
4905	Nancy B. Hale	3	F	TN	
4925	Thomas W. Russell	40	M	TN	m. 7-27-1863
4928	Martha A. Russell ?	15	F	TN	
4932	Ocenia A. Russell	6	F	TN	
4933	Lucata Russel	13	F	TN	
4934	Margaret Russell	8/12	F	TN	
4954	Enoch Read	48	M	NC	
4955	Henrietta	41	F	TN	
4958	Meshac C.	9	M	TN	
4959	Martha H.	6	F	TN	
4965	Francis Marion (Frank)				
	Hooper	17	M	TN	
4973	Joseph F. Brown	41	M	TN	m.6-20-1839

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4974	Mary (Polly) Brown (Staggs)	40	F	
4975	Avis Brown	16	M	
4976	Jemima (called "Mimey")	13	F	
4977	William Brown	12	M	
4978	John M.	10	M	
4979	Mary J.	9	F	
4980	James D.	6	M	
4981	Joseph	4	M	
4982	Andrew J.	2	M	
4983	Berthenia Brown	75	F	SC

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*The following original record is in the 1830 Williamson County court case of "Litton & Patterson vs. McCowen" located in the Williamson County Preservation of Records, Franklin, TN. 37064. It is interesting to note that all of the signatures are Indians, even that of "M. Mackey, U.S. Intr" who was the United States Interpreter.*

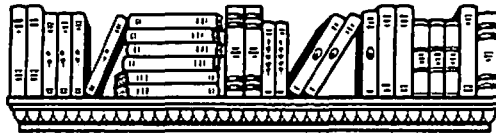
*Submitted by Louise G. Lynch, Director, and Dorris C. Douglass, Assistant Director, of the Williamson County Preservation of Records.*

"We the chiefs and captains of the north East district of the Choctaw nation bind ourselves and our successors in office to cause to be paid to Josiah Tilley Eleven Hundred and ninety eight dollars which sum appears to be due the said Tilley from the inhabitants of the Choctaw nation in notes deposited with the chief the entire sum of Eleven hundred and ninety eight dollars to be paid by the United States out of any monies that may be due the nation and this shall authorize the said Tilley to call on the Government of the United States for the above sum Given under our hands & seals this 9th Oct 1830."

Test	Mushulalabbe X his mark seal
R A Grant	
Levi X his mark Picken	Engahhokahtubbe X his mark seal
Lunsford Long	
M. Mackey U.S. Intr	Tishomingo X his mark seal
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	William Wade X his mark seal
James M. King	
Peter King	Pestambay X his mark seal
Hiram King	
Charles King	Ismambay X his mark seal
Tishohchilletah X his mark	Thomas James X his mark seal

NOTE: *The Williamson County Preservation of Records will be open to the public at a date to be announced later.*





## BOOK REVIEWS

by Shirley Wilson

Books submitted for review become the property of the Book Review Editor. Since the society does not maintain a collection, the books are "distributed appropriately." This means that "yours truly" totes them to the Tennessee State Library and Archives or the Sumner County Archives, per your request. If postage and an address label are included, the book will be donated to the library of your choice. The Book Review editor has no budget for postage.

Information on unique sources, manuscript material, book flyers and miscellaneous items are welcome and will be included under Genealogy Postscripts, as space is available.

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*John Armstrong's Entry Book October 21, 1783 - May 25, 1784* abstracted by Irene M. Griffey. Softbound 8 1/2 x 11, 183 pp., complete name index. Order from Irene Griffey, 321 Holly Circle, Clarksville, TN 37043. \$20 plus \$2 postage.

Volume II in a projected series of early Tennessee land records by Griffey, this book lists the entries made for land in Tennessee by various individuals along with a brief description of that land. Except for the Military District and Indian Land, these are the earliest land records for all of Tennessee. John Armstrong's Entry Book was copied by John Overton. An appendix is included, which was prepared by John Overton, listing the grants actually made by North Carolina based on the John Armstrong warrants. Entries such as E2101 to "William Graham, son of Richard...in Green County on both sides of Rain's Creek joining Griffith Rutherford, Junr..." accurately demonstrate the value of these entries.

In a time period when few records exist, Griffey has provided us with an invaluable book for anyone researching the very early settlers of Tennessee.

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*Boy Colonel of the Confederacy The Life and Times of Henry King Burgwyn, Jr.* by Archie K. Davis. Hardbound 6 1/2 x 9 1/4, 406 pp., appendix, footnotes, complete name index. Order from The University of North Carolina Press, PO Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, copyright 1985. \$29.95 plus \$3.00 shipping.

The title explains precisely what this book is, the story of one of the youngest colonels in the Confederate Army. Henry was born on 3 October 1841 at Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. His mother came from a prominent Boston family while his father was a member of North Carolina's social elite. The inherited family plantation was located in Northampton County, North Carolina. Henry died in 1863 while leading the Twenty-sixth North Carolina regiment into action at the battle of Gettysburg.

Those interested in North Carolina life-style during the Civil War time period will be intrigued by the passages relating to society life, but this book is primarily for Civil War buffs.

*1837 Tennessee Volunteers Muster Rolls for Various Counties* published by Institute of Historic Research, PO Box 400, Signal Mountain, Tennessee 37377-0400. Softbound 8 1/2 x 11, 48 pp., complete name index, copyright 1993. Order from publisher \$8.50 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

On 28 April 1837 the House of Representatives requested a group of militia to be called for a Muster Call. Men from various counties on either side of the Cumberland Plateau were called at either Fayetteville in Lincoln County or Athens in McMinn County. The following counties are represented in this book: Jackson, Overton, Anderson, Bedford, Warren, Rutherford, Overton, Sumner and Franklin. This volume of the 1837 Tennessee Volunteers is taken directly from Document Number 34 generated by the 25th Congress, second session in a report from the War Department to the House of Representatives.

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*Building Neighborhoods—Jackson County, Tennessee Prior to 1820* by Betty Huff Bryant. Spiral bound, 8 1/2 x 11, 245 pp. surname index. Order from Betty Huff Bryant, 1100-B Mission Ridge, Austin, TX 78704, copyright 1992. \$18.50 postpaid. Texas residents add appropriate tax.

Bryant has abstracted certain land entries which relate to land in Jackson County, particularly tracts on Martin's Creek, in the approximate time period of 1802 to 1823. In addition to defining the land and the enterer, interesting facts on the people are related such as "... to incl a cabin built by Charles Arington and a field cleared by the Widow Goolsby's boys." With practically no early records available on Jackson County, this book will be of great interest to those whose ancestors were early settlers in the area.

This book deserves a complete name index. However, the surname index is to the entry number, which makes it quicker than a page number index. There is also a place name index.

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*Warren County, Tennessee Will Books 1-3 1827-1858* by Betty Moore Majors. Hard cover 6 1/4 x 9 1/4, 208 pp., complete name index, copyright 1992, Mountain Press, PO Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377-0400. \$28.50 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Although Warren County was formed in 1807, Will Book 1 does not begin until 1827. The abstracts presented in this book include guardianships, estate sales, inventories, assignments of dower, and appointments of administrators or executors, as well as wills. The wills appear to be copied almost word for word. Not all of the names of buyers at sales were included in the abstracting process. A nice feature of the index is a listing of slaves, shown alphabetically under Negroes by given names.

Genealogists with roots in Warren County will want to add this book to their libraries.

## GENEALOGY POSTSCRIPTS

Claiborne County, Tennessee Records  
County Census Books 1830 to 1920  
Obituaries 1889 to 1969

Lee County, Virginia  
County Census Books 1820 to 1840  
1890 Civil War Pension

Hancock County, Tennessee Records  
County Census Books 1850 to 1880

Giles County, Virginia - 1820 Census

Write Mark D. Treadway, 217 Smith Street, Monroe, MI 48161 for prices of individual books.

## **SELECTED CEMETERIES IN WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

by Thomas E. Partlow

### **McFARLAND-CAWTHON CEMETARY**

(Located off Rutland Road about one mile south of the Rutland Baptist Church)

1. M. A. Cawthon, born 1838; died 1926.
2. F. M. Cawthon, born 1837; died 1920.
3. Rutha Cawthon, born 2 March 1813; died 9 July 1884.
4. John R. Cawthon, born 18 May 1809; died 18 February 1890.
5. Mary L. Cawthon, born 1839; died 1850.
6. Clara McFarland, born 1864; died 1865.
7. Sue H. McFarland, born 18 July 1858; died 7 July 1887. Wife of H. H. McFarland.
8. F. A. McFarland, born 18 July 1859; died 9 March 1916.
9. Walter P. McFarland, born 23 September 1866; died 3 June 1883.
10. H. H. McFarland, born 4 August 1867; No date for death.
11. P. R. McFarland, born 1834; died 1906.
12. W. A. McFarland, born 1833; died 1905.
13. Mary E. McFarland, born 1872; died 1911. Wife of Todd McFarland.
14. Todd McFarland, born 8 August 1872; died 14 July 1919.
15. Glen E. Graves, born 13 August 1914; died 25 August 1917.
16. Parthena Cawthon, born 23 October 1783; died 26 August 1866.
17. John Cawthon, born 1778; died 1863.
18. Eliza Cawthon, born 12 March 1812; died 19 November 1876.
19. Grave, but inscription inaccessible.

PARTLOW CEMETERY

(Located in a field on the north side of Stewart's Ferry Road, Gladeville, Tennessee)

1. Thomas Partlow, born 1796; died 16 September 1849.
2. Chloe Hooker Partlow, born 11 September 1799; died 11 November 1876. Wife of Thomas Partlow.
3. Thomas Allen Partlow, born 5 September 1825; died 25 December 1905
4. Martha Elizabeth Wray Partlow, born 2 April 1836; died 14 May 1900. Wife of Thomas Allen Partlow.
5. Johnathan Newton Partlow, born 14 March 1834; died 17 February 1917.
6. Annis Florida Chandler Partlow, born 16 December 1845; died 12 May 1919. Wife of Johnathan Newton Partlow.
7. William Albert Partlow, born 21 June 1820; died 14 May 1841.
8. R. F. (Rebecca Frances) Partlow, born 23 January 1841; died 20 February 1872. The inscription reads, "B. Y. S. J. D."
9. Evie Dobson, born 2 September 1876. died 15 October 1951.
10. Tommie M. Dobson, born 7 February 1876; died 9 November 1920.
11. Allie Dirickson, born 1876; died 1971.
12. Seth Dirickson, born 1874; died 1937.
13. Carl Dirickson, born 1906; died 1925.
14. William S. Dirickson, born 10 November 1898; died 5 February 1901.
15. A. E. Taylor, born 18 March 1868; died 21 November 1905. Wife of E. W. Taylor.
16. Robert Knox McPeak. 1st Sgt. Co. H 13 Ark. Inf. CSA.
17. Angelina Anthony McPeak, born 1831; died 1910.
18. William Thomas Partlow, born 22 June 1858; died 26 June 1916.
19. Edna McPeak Partlow, died 1916.
20. B. P. Dobson, born 2 December 1872; died 24 July 1896.
21. Sarah Jane Partlow Dobson, born 11 April 1844; died 9 February 1923.
22. Thomas M. Dobson, born 19 September 1888; died 22 October 1918.
23. E. W. Taylor, born 1851; died 1927.

24. Virgie E. Taylor, born 5 August 1890; died 29 June 1892.
25. Ann F. Partlow Thompson, born 5 September 1831; died 3 September 1898.
26. John N. Thompson, born 6 October 1821; died 1 March 1888.
27. Albert P. Thompson, born 30 October 1855; died 23 April 1891.
28. Mary J. Thompson, born 7 December 1859; died 8 September 1898.
29. Robert Thompson, born 5 July 1870; died 25 June 1942.
30. Chloe Thompson, born 25 July 1865; died 1 August 1942.
31. Callie Thompson, born 20 May 1862; died 28 December 1945.
32. William T. Thompson, born 1853; died 1939.
33. Alice Thompson, born 1857; died 18 .

#### POWELL CEMETERY

(Located next to Nashville Pike about midway between the James Thayer Smith house and the Bethlehem Methodist Church)

1. Elizabeth Leach, died 1847. Age ?26 years or ?76 years.
2. Sacred to the memory of Mary who departed this life 13 December 1816. Age 22 years and 3 months. Daughter of Nathaniel Cartmell and Isabel Cartmell.
3. Sacred to the memory of Sophia who departed this life 21 August 1819. Daughter of Nathaniel Cartmell and Isabel Cartmell.
4. Sacred to the memory of John and Elizabeth Powell, Elizabeth A. Powell, born 21 May 1792; died 22 June 1878.
5. Sacred to the memory of John and Elizabeth Powell, John Powell, born 21 November 1782; died ?2 December 1877.

#### RICE CEMETERY

(Located just to the east of Gladeville, Tennessee)

1. Sallie Jackson, born 1860; died 19 May 1887.
2. Lucy Sherrill, born 1861; died 25 January 1880.
3. J. H. Rice, born 20 March 1839; died 18 April 1911.

4. Virginia Hattie Rice, born 7 June 1858; died 18 November 1933.
  5. J. R. Drennon, born 1856; died 1926
  6. Parilee Drennon, born 1857; died 1929.
  7. Salley Sullivan, born 1789; died April .
  8. (?) Sullivan.
  9. M. A. Sullivan, born 175?; died 1822.
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The following was submitted by Sara Andrews :

“The Confederate States

I, John Cocke, hereby certify that I have this day destroyed four (4) bales of cotton of the average weight of five hundred pounds belonging to D. Y. Harris of Monroe County state of Arkansas. Done by order of Gen. Beauregard of date of May 3rd 1862 and Maj. Gen. Hindman of May 4th 1862 and by order of A. W. Johnson Colonel Commanding Eastern Arkansas this June 23rd 1862.

John B. Cocke.

Agent for Monroe County Arkansas.”

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From *The Union* (a Sumner County newspaper) Friday, July 19, 1839

### MARRIED

Near Nashville, on the morning of the 2nd inst by Rev. Dr. Edgar, Isaac Franklin, Esq., of this county, to Miss Adelia, daughter of Rev. O. B. Hayes of the vicinity of Nashville.

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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 it included most of what is now Middle Tennessee and North Carolina 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 1930's the WPA Writers' Project transcribed minutes of this Court and entered them in four books which were then placed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. What happened to the originals of these minutes seems to be unknown; they cannot be found at the State Library today, either in original or microfilmed form. Occasionally someone will erroneously cite the Davidson County Court minutes of the period as belonging to the Mero District, but perusal of those minutes 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.

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

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

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May term, 1793

John Marney vs Joseph Calvitt

Case: "Sta Lim." [Ed: "Sta Lim" may mean Statute of Limitations. In Vol. VI, on page 39, this case appears with the notation, "De Po to Natchez take deposition of Grand Prist in Behalf of the Plaintiff." Plaintiff's name was written Calvet, not Calvitt.]

Defendant Plead: Not guilty.

Jury: 1. Barkley W. Pollock	5. William Smith	9. Ezecal [Smith?]
2. Jonathan Price	6. David Smith	10. [John?] Buchanan
3. Nicholas Coonrod	7. Geo. A. Sugg	11. William Murry
4. Geo. Blackamore	8. Richard Hightower	12. Allen Walker

Disposition: Plaintiff Marney did not pursue case and same dismissed.

John Rice's Exc'ts. vs Thomas Malloy

Case: Trover [Black's: Wrongfully converting another's goods to one's own use.]

Defendant Plead: Not guilty

Jury: 1. Barkley W. Pollock	5. William Smith	9. Ezecal [Smith?]
2. Jonathan Price	6. David Smith	10. [John?] Buchanan
3. Nicholas Coonrod	7. Geo. A. Sugg	11. William Murry
4. Geo. Blackamore	8. Richard Hightower	12. Allen Walker

Disposition: A juror withdrew by consent of both parties resulting in a mistrial. New trial set for "Thirsday next."



John Commons

Action: John Commons was excused from serving any longer this term as a juror for reasons "Shown on oath." [Ed: Reasons not given.]

James Espey and John Boyd

Action: James Espey summoned as a juror in the place of John Commons. John Boyd Summoned as a juror to replace Mathew Talbot.

Matthew Talbott

Action: *Mathew* Talbott was fined for non-attendance as a juror. Fine recinded.

George A. Sugg vs John Ford

Case: Debt

Declaration: George A. Sugg states John Ford owes him £114:7. On 5 April 1790 John Ford gave Sugg a bond [promissory note] for £114:7 due one month after date. Ford has not yet paid any part of this debt and refuses to pay it. Ford in custody.

Defendant Ford plead: Not guilty.

Jury: 1. Robert Thompson	5. John Brigance	9. William Gillaspie
2. John Cockeral	6. Robert Boyd	10. James Ford
3. Richard Cross	7. John Lain	11. James Espie
4. Simon Kyrkendall	8. Stephen Cantrill	12. John Boyd

Verdict: Bond was not paid and Ford was assessed £102:18:3 plus costs.

Territory vs William Smothers

Action: Abraham Dean was released from fine assessed against him for not attending as a witness last term in behalf of the Territory vs William Smothers.

Corneleus Tison vs John Gilbert

Case: Trover [Ed: Gilbert accused of wrongfully converting another's goods to his own use. No details give.]

Jury: Same as that for George A. Sugg vs John Ford above.

Verdict: Gilbert found guilty. Tison awarded £40 plus costs.

Appeal: "A rule to Shew Cause why a new Trial Should not be granted."

James McCutchin

Action: James McCutchin was released from his fine incurred for not attending as a juror. On oath he gave sufficient reason for non attendance [Ed: Reason not shown.]

Tuesday. [May term, 1793] Hon. John McNairy, Esq., Judge.

John Counts, et al

Case: The following men were fined for not appearing as jurors as ordered: Jacob Caselman, John Counts, Thomas Waller, Edward Given, Thomas Johnston, Bazil Borin and Jacob McCarty.

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Hugh Bell vs Daniel Rowan

Case: Plea of Trespass [Black's: An unlawful interference with one's person, property, or rights. An action brought to recover damages for injury to one's person, property or

relationship with another.]

Declaration: Hugh Bell declares Daniel Rowan signed a bond on 2 November 1795 [Ed: This date is in error as these minutes are from the May term 1793] promising to deliver to Bell, upon request, one bald horse, then the property of James Bosley, formerly the property of the said Hugh Bell. Daniel Rowan did not keep his promise but "Contrived and fraudlently intended, craftily and subtlety to deceive and defraud Bell. Rowan refuses to comply with Bell's request to deliver the horse. Bell says he is injured in the amount of £50. Rowan is in custody pending outcome of case.

Jury: 1. Barkly W. Pollock 5. John Brown 9. Josiah Fort  
2. Jonathan Price 6. Elijah Walker 10. Frederick Stump  
3. Mathew Talbot 7. John White 11. Dan'l. Young  
4. James Hamilton 8. Dan'l. Frazier 12. Ezical Smith.

Verdict: Found for plaintiff Bell and assess his damages at £27:5 plus costs.

PAGES 96 and 97 May term 1793.

Natha Holley vs James Bosley

Case: "Covenant Plea non est factum & Cove'ts performed." [Black's: Non est factum: A plea denying execution of instrument sued on.]

Declaration: James Bosley was ordered to answer Natha Holley in a Plea of Covenants Broken. [Ed: Covenants Broken means broken agreement according to Black's.] Natha Holley (by Howell Tatum, Esq., his attorney) states that on 15 Jan. 1795 [sic] James Bosley in the "County of Tennessee," signed an Agreement whereby Holley was to furnish Bosley with 8,000 weight of pork by 20 February 1795. [sic] In return, Bosley was to deliver to Holley on 20 February 1795 at Holley's dwelling house, one negro girl about age 15 or more, sound and clear of any impediment. The negro girl was not delivered as promised and Bosley refuses to deliver her to the damage of Holley in the amount of £200.

Defendant pleads: Bosley plead "non est factum & Covenants performed."

Jury: 1. John Cordary 5. Thomas Cartwright 9. David Averhart  
2. Hugh Bell 6. Absolem Hooper 10. Sion Perry  
3. Joseph Atkerson 7. Nicholas Coonrod 11. Pleasant Lockett  
4. Sam'l. Deason 8. [blank] Crutcher 12. John Caffey.

Verdict: The jury found the covenants broken as charged and assess Natha Holley's damages at £76:11:11.

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Josiah Fort

Action: Josiah Fort was fined 20 Shillings for not attending as a juror; fine recinded.

Lauze'l. Sproutzman vs Elijah Robertson

Action: It was ordered that the depositions of Thomas Molley and John Boyd, Jun., be taken in this case.

Daniel Rowan vs John Boyd

Action: Patrick Campbell proved his attendance as a witness and was awarded 16 Shillings.

Robert Nelson vs Joseph Brock

Case: Judgment by default.

At request of Nelson, Brock was ordered taken into custody but could not be found.

An attachment was levied on Joseph Brock's property which consisted of 640 acres of land on the Red River being the tract whereon Benjamin Rogers now lives.

Declaration: Robert Nelson states that on 17 November 1788 in Davidson Co., Brock gave him a promissory note promising to "return a patent" for 640 acres of land by 1 April 1789. Brock has fraudulently intended to deceive and defraud Nelson by refusing to obtain the patent for Nelson to Nelson's damage of £500.

Jury: 1. Barley W. Pollock                      5. John Brown                      9. Acquilla Carmack  
2. Jonathan Price                      6. Elijah Walker                      10. Frederick Stump  
3. Mathew Talbott                      7. John White                      11. Daniel Young  
4. James Ham[ilton?]                      8. Dan'l Frazier                      12. Ezical Smith

Verdict: Found for plaintiff and assess his damages at £51:4:6 plus costs.

PAGE 98. May term 1793.

Olive Shaw vs Samuel Barton

Case: "Su Fa plea princepal [sic] surrendered. [Ed: No details given in this case.]

Jury: 1. Josiah Fort                      5. Simon Kyrkendall                      9. Stephen Cantrill  
2. Robert Thompson                      6. John Brigance                      10. William Gillaspie  
3. John Cockeral                      7. Robert Boyd                      11. James Ford  
4. Richard Cross                      8. John Laine                      12. James Espie

Verdict: Found for defendant. [Ed: No other information.]

John Edgar & Co. vs Thomas Cumstock

Case: Debt

Declaration: Thomas Cumstock in custody.

On 12 June 1785 at Kaskaskias, Davidson County, Thomas Cumstock gave John Edgar & Co. a promissory note in the sum of \$901.50 payable in peltry or current money. Cumstock has in no way repaid the said amount but is contriving fraudulently, craftily and subtly to deceive and defraud John Edgar & Co. to Edgar's damages in the amount of \$1500.

Defendant's Plea: "Non assumpsit sett off Statutes of usury & lem." [Black's: Non assumpsit: Defendant avers he did not undertake as alleged.]

Jury: 1. Robert Thompson                      5. John Brigance                      9. William Gillaspie  
2. Jno. Cockeral                      6. Robert Boyd                      10. James Ford  
3. Richard Cross                      7. John Laine                      11. James Espie  
4. Simon Kyrkendoll                      8. Stephen Cantrill                      12. Josiah Fort

Verdict: Found for plaintiff. His damages assessed at \$753.00, 4 Shillings and 4 pence.

James Bosley vs James Hoggatt

Case: Plea of Covenants Broken.

Declaration: James Hoggatt in custody. Bosley states that on 24 February 1789 in Davidson County, Mero Dist., Hoggatt signed a bond obligating him to deliver two negroes to Elijah Robertson by the first Monday in April. Hoggatt promised to deliver the negroes and gave Robertson a performance bond for £5000. Hoggatt delivered only one negro to Robertson to Bosley's damage of £5000. Hoggatt denies he made the agreement.

Jury: 1. Robert Thompson                      5. John Brigance                      9. William Gillaspie  
2. John Cockeral                      6. Robert Boyd                      10. James Ford  
3. Rich'd Cross.                      7. John Laine                      11. Josiah Fort  
4. Simon Kyrkendoll                      8. Stephen Cantrill                      12. Aquilla Carmack

Verdict: Found for Bosley and assess damages in amount of £99:4 plus costs.

-To be continued in the next issue-

## **TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RECORDS**

(Contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Bamman, CG)

**Supreme Court Records, Box 182, Middle Tennessee,  
1872, Hendricks vs Glenn**  
(Original Bill heard in Williamson County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of James O. Hendricks a citizen of the State of Mississippi, Administrator of the estate of Wm. B. Earley, deceased, against Robert A. Glenn, Executor of Joshua Early, dec'd., a citizen of Maury County, and his securities Thomas H. Kennedy and E. W. Eggleston, both citizens of Williamson County and against Sarah Murrey, sister of Joshua Early and her husband Innis Murrey, Wm. B. Early, son of John Early dec'd., who was brother to Joshua Early, citizens of Williamson County, Spotswood H. Early, a citizen of Marshall County and brother to Joshua Early, Abner Early a citizen of Maury County, also brother to Joshua, and Mary Kennedy of the State of Virginia, sister to said Joshua and who has an attorney in fact in Williamson County in the person of her son said Thos. H. Kennedy who is made party as such.

And thereupon Complainant shows that on or about 10 September 1860 Joshua Early, then, and for many years previous to that time, a citizen of Williamson County, departed this life first having made and published his last will and testament, wherein the said Robert A. Glenn is nominated executor...

Complainant further shows that William B. Early was one of the brothers of said Joshua and survived him, but died in the State of Mississippi, of which state he was at the time a citizen in the month of April 1863. Said Wm. B. died intestate, and letters of administration upon his estate have been regularly granted to complainant by the probate court of Yalobusha County, Mississippi....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 182, Middle Tennessee,  
1871, Harrison vs Harrison**  
(Original Bill heard in Williamson County Chancery Court)

William Harrison, John H. Harrison, who are citizens of Williamson, James M. Rainey and wife Eliza J. formerly E. J. Harrison, citizens of Maury, Gilford Jones and wife Malvina, formerly Malvina Harrison, citizens of Shelby, all of the State of Tennessee, J. D. Smith and wife Mary F. formerly M. F. Harrison, of the State of Arkansas, Complainants, against

Monroe Short and wife Lucinda formerly Lucinda Harrison, of the State of Mississippi, Matilda A. Harrison, a minor without any regular guardian, Willie Harrison and Eliza J. Harrison, minors and John T. Andrews their regular guardian who are all citizens of Williamson County....

The Bill of Complaint of Willie Harrison and Eliza J. Harrison, minors of tender age who sue by their next friend and guardian John T. Andrews, a citizen of Williamson County against William Harrison and Atha[?] Thomas, administrators upon the estate of William Harrison the elder, dec'd., John H. Harrison, Mary M. Harrison, widow of said William, the elder, and Matilda H. a minor under the age of 21 and without regular guardian all of said County of Williamson and against James M. Rainey of Maury County and Guilford Jones and wife Malvina Jones of Shelby County, Tennessee, and J. D. Smith and Monroe Short and his wife Lucinda Short of the State of Arkansas.

Complainants show that sometime in the year of 1865, William Harrison the elder departed this life intestate leaving a large personal and real estate in said County of Williamson....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 182, Middle Tennessee,  
1869**

**E. T. Williams and others vs M. B. Kitrell and others**  
(Original Bill heard in Marshall County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of M. B. Kitrell a resident of the County of Wilson filed against D. W. Alexander, J. L. Rice and Giles L. Hill residents of Marshall County and H. B. Allen and M. E. Allen his wife who reside in the City of Nashville, Davidson County....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 185, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**Bailey vs Stewart**  
(Original Bill heard in Lawrence County Chancery Court)

Booker Bailey, William Chaffin and Jacob Springer of Lawrence County and William B. Hall of Wayne County, vs Cynthia Freeman, W. S. Rose and his wife Lavenia J., Daniel M. Stewart and his wife Sarah F., J. J. Pennington, William H. Williams, J. H. Craig, and his wife Cynthia, D. M. Stewart, W. H. Pennington, James B. Pennington, Fredona

C. Pennington, L. R. Pennington, E. B. Williams, son of Mary Williams, dec'd. of Lawrence County, Henry G. Evans of Kentucky, John W. Barnes and wife Amanda M. of Alabama, Matthew W. Deavenport and wife Louiza P. of the State of Texas and Thomas R. Powers and wife Mary F. of the State of Alabama, Thos. H. Gibbs, Alfred H. Harrison of Lawrence County, TN, Defendants.

W. W. Evans died testate in the County of Lawrence in the year 1844. By his will he directed that his wife Cynthia Evans should hold, manage and control all the property of the estate until the youngest child should arrive at the age of 21 years. Cynthia Evans afterwards intermarried with Edward R. Freeman....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 186, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**Younger vs Campbell**

(Original Bill Heard in Hickman County Chancery Court)

Humbly complaining your orators Anderson M. Younger, John Thompson, Administrator of Cooper [sic], dec'd., citizens of Hickman County, and William W. Hobbs for the use of E. Cowen, a citizen of Humphreys County, bring this their bill of complaint against Joseph Anderson, H. C. Campbell, John G. Tarkington, Nathaniel Young, Jr., Francis M. Ballard, George W. Martin, Jr. and William H. Himter[?], citizens of Hickman County....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 186, Middle Tennessee,  
1873**

**Humphrey N. Cowden and others vs. G. W. Pitts and  
others**

(Original Bill heard in Giles County Chancery Court)

Humphry N. Cowden and wife Emily M. formerly Emily M. James, citizens of Marshall County, and Shelby B. Marsh, a citizen of Giles County against G. W. Pitts and wife Manda J. formerly Manda J. James, William R. James, Pleasant L. James, all now residing in Giles County, the last three of whom are minors of tender years and have heretofore had for their regular guardian Emily M. Cowden.

Complainants respectfully state to your Honor that about the 2nd day of January 1853 one Pleasant L. James then a citizen of Giles county, departed this life having first made a nuncupative will which was regularly admitted to probate by the county court of Giles County at its January Term 1853....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 186, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**Dicus vs Burns**

(Original Bill heard in Wayne County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Maliki Dicus and Elizabeth his wife, George W. Nunnley, Franklin Nunnley and Sarah Nunnley and Mary, infants in right of their father, Philip Nunnley, deceased, and who exhibits this bill by George H. Vice their regular guardian all of whom reside in the County of Wayne except the said George H. Vice who resides in the County of Perry....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 187, Middle Tennessee,  
1870**

**Sykes vs Parkes**

(Original Bill Heard in Lawrence County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of William H. Sykes, William H. Hagan and his wife Mollie E. Hagan, formerly Mollie E. Sykes, Margaret J. Sykes, Jas. M. Sykes and Sarah Tennessee Sykes, the last two of whom are minors under the age of 21 years and bring this suit in the name of their [?] the said Wm. H. Sykes and Eliza Sykes widow and relict of the late James Sykes all of whom are citizens of the County of Lawrence against Joseph Parkes and Wm. Parkes, Jr., Administrator of the estate of Wm. Parkes, Senr., dec'd., citizens of the county and state aforesaid and Wm. J. Parkes, Thomas Parkes and James A. Parkes the last of whom is an infant and minor under the age of 21 years and has no regular guardian citizens of the County of Maury in said state. Complainants would respectfully represent and show unto your Honor that on the 18th day of October 1860 their common father, the said James Sykes, then living sold and conveyed by deed in fee simple unto the said William Parkes, Senr., then living, for the sum of \$6,500.00 one half interest in and to several tracts or parcels of land lying and being in said County of Lawrence in the 8th Civil District thereof....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 187, Middle Tennessee,  
1873**

**Farrah vs Phillips**

(Original Bill heard in Coffee County Chancery Court)

Complaining your Orator John Q. A. Farrar of Coffee County complains of Wyatt Layne, a resident of Alabama, Martha Winton, Virginia, James C., Susan, Wyatt, Elizabeth and Joseph Winton, all minors with no regular guardian, W. H.

Philips and wife Mary and their children, Thomas Franklin, Alice Clarissa Addelia Joseph B. Sarah Bell Philip all minors and have no regular guardian all citizens of Coffee County....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 188, Middle Tennessee,  
1870**

**L&N Railroad vs Conner**  
(Original Bill heard in Davidson County Circuit Court)

To the Sheriff of Davidson County: Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon The Louisville and Nashville Rail Road Company...to appear..to answer Mary Conner, Administratrix of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of Michael Conner, dec'd. who sues for her own use and benefit as widow, as well as for the use and benefit of Ellen Irwin and husband Thomas Irwin in right of his wife, and John Conner, Bridget Conner, Johanna Conner, Maurice Conner, Richard Conner and Annie Conner, infant children and heirs at law and next of kin of the said Michael Conner, dec'd. of a plea of trespass on the case to their damage \$20,000.00....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 188, Middle Tennessee,  
1873**

**A. J. Smith et als vs J. J. Robb et als**  
(Original Bill heard in Davidson County Chancery Court)

John Hugh Smith died, leaving six children as his heirs, to wit, Andrew J. John Hugh, James S. Maria L Caledonia and Mary Smith, who inherited the 116 feet and 6 inches subject to the dower interest of 90 feet of their mother now Mrs. Trousdale.

The heirs Caledonia and Mary sold to the other four heirs their interest in the property and Andrew J. conveyed his interest to John Hugh Smith, Caledonia Mary and Maria L married and died leaving issue. James S. Smith died in the month of October 1867, intestate, and without issue and his share descends to his two brothers and the children of his deceased sisters.

The heirs and the shares to which each is entitled are as follows:

1. Andrew J. Smith 1/20 (one twentieth)
2. John Hugh Smith 11/20 (eleven twentieths)
3. The children of Maria L. Robb:

- a. Ellen B. 6/100
- b. William 6/100
- c. James S. 6/100
- d. John H. 6/100
- e. Joseph L. 6/100

Total 6/20 (six twentieths)

4. The children of Caledonia Spiva

- a. Callie 1/120
- b. John Hugh 1/120
- c. Ada 1/120
- d. Maria 1/120
- e. Jacob 1/120
- f. Robert 1/120

Total 1/20 (one twentieth)

5. The children of Mary Clark, viz:

- a. Minnie B. 1/40
- b. Henry 1/40

Total 1/20 (one twentieth)

Of the life estate of 90 feet, Mrs. Trousdale executed to Andrew J. Smith, a lease for her life of 39 feet, upon which is situated the mansion house; this lease for life of 39 feet was afterwards conveyed by Andrew J. to John Hugh Smith. The remaining 51 feet of the life estate was conveyed by Mrs. Trousdale to Andrew J. who conveyed the same to John Hugh, who is now the owner of said remaining 51 feet.

And it further appearing to the court ...that the real estate sought to be partitioned among the parties to this suit is not susceptible of division in kind...That Jno. Hugh Smith Sr. died seized and possessed of 116 1/2 feet more or less of ground on North College Street in the City of Nashville....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 194, Middle Tennessee,  
1871**

**Thomas N. Brents and wife, Elizabeth Jane, vs William Brown and Wm. H. Wisenor, Executors of Benjamin Brown, dec'd.**

(Original Bill heard in Bedford County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Thomas N. Brents and wife, Elizabeth Jane, of Marshall county, against William Brown and Wm. H. Wisenor, Executors of Benjamin Brown, dec'd., and Henry Brown, Spencer Brown, John Brown, and Emaline Norville of Bedford county.

Complaining your orator and oratrix Thos. N. and Elizabeth Jane Brents, represent that Benjamin Brown, late of Bedford County, departed this life some time during the year 1857

testate. Since his death his will has been proven and William Brown and Wm. H. Wisener duly qualified as executors. The testator left a widow, who has since his death intermarried with complainant Thos. N. Brent, who together are complainants to this bill. He left also living children defendants William Brown, Henry Brown, Spencer Brown, John Brown, and Emaline Norville. The testator left four grandchildren, to wit, Robert and Eliza Brown minor children of a deceased son named Solomon Brown residents of the state of Missouri, and Alexander Rich and Emaline who intermarried with Hill Eakes, and who reside in Wilson County, children of testator's deceased daughter Mallinda Rich, who also died in the lifetime of the testator... The testator died seized and possessed of considerable estate, both real and personal in Bedford county, including a large number of notes or evidences of debt....

Supreme Court Records, Box 195, Middle Tennessee,  
1873

**R. M. Myers vs George W. Lincoln & Co., et al**  
(Original Bill heard in Davidson County Chancery Court)

R. M. Myers complains of George W. Lincoln & Co., David C. Love, Mary A. Love, and David Ella Lincoln, Mary A. Lincoln, Jane Love, wife of David C. Love, all citizens of Davidson County, Tennessee. debts.

Supreme Court Records, Box 194, Middle Tennessee,  
1870

**Mary A. Wright, by next friend vs B. Dufield, wife, et als**  
(Original Bill heard in Franklin County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of Mary A. Wright, who sues by her next friend, C. P. Baird, both citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, against B. Dufield and wife Mary E., Whitmell Ransom citizens of the county and state aforesaid, and R. S. Wright, whose residence is unknown, debts. Humbly complaining respectfully represents to your honor that this complainant then a widow Buchanan in November 1867 purchased of Mrs. Agnes E. Colyar, a house and lot in the town of Winchester... In February 1868, complainant intermarried with the debt. R. S. Wright....

Supreme Court Records, Box 192, Middle Tennessee,  
1873

**George M. Allen, Admr., vs Rosa A. Allen et al**  
(Original Bill heard in Sumner County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of George M. Allen, Administrator of Richard Allen, dec'd., a citizen of Sumner County against Rosa A. Allen, Mallie Allen, citizens of Sumner county, Jo. Kenney and wife Ann W. Kenney, citizens of Kentucky, Thomas Watkins and wife Mollie Watkins, citizens of Rutherford County, and Frank and Richard Allen, minors who have no guardian....

Supreme Court Records, Box 193, Middle Tennessee,  
1872

**William Talley, Admr., and others vs William Perry and wife and others**  
(Original Bill heard in Lincoln County Chancery Court)

Your complainants Margret Allen, Isaac Rheaton and Tobitha M. his wife, George H. Allen, John Renfro and Ann S. his wife, William F. Bruce and Sarah A. his wife John W. Allen David P. C. Allen Joseph S. Hobbs and William Talley, all of whom are of full age and reside in Lincoln County, State of Tennessee, would respectfully represent unto your Honor that John H. Allen, late of Lincoln County, State of Tennessee, departed this life intestate in said county about the 11th day of January 1860, leaving him surviving his widow, your petitioner Margret, and the following children and grandchildren, viz: Tobitha M. who intermarried with co-petitioner Isaac J. Rheaton, George H. Allen, Ann S. who intermarried with John Renfro, Sarah A. who intermarried with William F. Bruce, Elizabeth M. who intermarried with Wm. Perry, John W. Allen, David P. C. Allen, Joseph S. Hobbs, Mary A. Hobbs, Sarah C. Hobbs and John N. Hobbs children of Margary A. daughter of said intestate who intermarried with Wiley A. Hobbs and died during the lifetime of said intestate leaving said four children the latter three of whom are minors. These are all the heirs and distributees said intestate left him surviving....

## QUERIES

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ADCOCK/SMITH: Is there a connection between Stephen ADCOCK & Henderson ADCOCK found in 1840 Dickson Co TN census & Josiah Henderson SMITH (b 1841 Hickman Co)? In the 1850 Hickman Co census Stephen ADCOCK is living near Alsey SMITH, mother of Henderson SMITH. In 1900 census an uncle Rueben ADCOCK is living in household of Henderson SMITH's daughter. Katherine P. Robinson/5224 Doles Road/Albany GA 31705.

ARMSTRONG/KNOX/BIBB/GREER/WITHERSPOON/BRANDON/GILLISPIE: Would like to correspond with descendants of Samuel ARMSTRONG, whose will was written in Sumner Co TN in 1806. Magadelen was his wife & all his children were minors at the time. Children: Mary Margritt m David BIBB of Dickson Co TN in 1815; Knox m Nancy GREEN in Wilson Co TN in 1823 or 1828 & Pernissa WITHERSPOON in Rutherford Co TN in 1834; Zenas m Magdalen KNOX in Rutherford Co TN in 1825; & Samuel. Samuel ARMSTRONG's will named Able BRANDON & John KNOX as Executors.

John GILLISPIE was guardian of the children by 1813. The family owned land in NC but lived in Sumner Co TN in 1806. Samuel had at least one sister, Elizabeth, who outlived him. Ann McGuffey/1805 Taylor/Cedar Hill TX 75104.

AULT/BELL/BUNDY/CAPLINGER/FURLONG/HAWKINS/McDONALD/MOORE/O'NEAL/WILLIFORD: I would like to exchange info on above families from early to mid 1800s. HAWKINS in Williamson Co. BELL & GRISSOM in Lincoln Co. DAVIS & BAKER in Montgomery Co. DIGGS & JERNIGAN in Henry Co. HAYS & HUFF in Jackson, Cocke & Jefferson Cos. Barbara Moore/Rt 12 Box 378/New Braunfels TX 78132-1602/(210)885-2194.

BARRETT: I have been unable to trace my family beyond my gr-gr-grandfather Don Carlos HALL. I have a family document that states that a Don Carlos BARRETT was one of my ancestors. I have been told that he appears in a "BARRETT BOOK" but I have lost contact with the person who gave me this information. I would like to hear from anyone who can give me info on this Don Carlos BARRETT or the availability of the "BARRETT BOOK". Don Carlos Hall/310 W. Porter St./Ocean Springs MS 39564-3714/(601)875-2225.

BROWN/PREWITT: E. Archaelaus BROWN (b 1800 NC) m Clarissa PREWITT (b ca 1806 NC) & they are on all census records 1830-1860 Lincoln Co TN. Moved to Bedford Co TN by 1870 census & probably died there. Need parents, birth & death dates of each & place in NC where born. Henry Calvin "Cal" BROWN m 1st Martha Jane BROWN in 1866, Lincoln Co TN, 2nd Clarissa BROWN REAVIS, widow, & 3rd Emmariah/Mariah BROWN—all daus of E. Archaelaus & Clarissa BROWN. In Lawrence Co TN 1880 till death 14 Jul 1901. Named son Gaston George. Who are Henry's parents & where born? Annette P. Williams/311 W. 3rd/Portageville MO 63873.

BUCHANAN: Miriam Curley BUCHANAN (m Edmund Daniel WHITWORTH 17 Jul 1851 in Davidson Co TN) is dau of James BUCHANAN & Lucinda EAST BUCHANAN. Need proof of arrival of James BUCHANAN to Davidson Co TN. Need proof that Miriam Curley BUCHANAN is his daughter. Mrs. Lu Whitworth/Ft Rich Sta, Box 5167/Anchorage AK 99505/(907)337-3487.



**CARROLL/FRANKLIN:** Need info on John Wilson CARROLL (b ca 1793 NC/SC) who m Francis FRANKLIN 8 Jan 1814. They were in TN around 1814-1830 & may have had Williamson Co connections. Carol L. Gibson/P O Box 292801/Nashville TN 37229.

**CARUTHERS/LOONEY:** Need info on both Samuel CARUTHERS (b NC, d 1810 in Smith Co) & his wife Jane "Elizabeth" LOONEY who m ca 1789 in Sullivan Co. Who were their parents? Carol L. Gibson/PO Box 292801/Nashville TN 37229.

**CEMETERY:** Seeking info on a cemetery on Granny White Pike @ corner of Oman Dr. (Road to VU Observatory) It is on left going out pike, across road from Richland Country Club & next to Eddie Arnold's driveway. This cemetery has been called at various times HILL family burying grounds; HUNT family cemetery; Hayes FAMILY CEMETERY; & CARPENTER cemetery. This cemetery was on the 1931 DAR list with several HAYES & CARPENTER markers. Since then, William L. HUNT & wife Willie Joel CARPENTER HUNT & Rufus T. HUNT & wife Emma EVANS HUNT have been buried there & have markers. Any help would be appreciated. William S. (Bill) Corn/PO Box 303/Monterey TN 38574/ 1-800-572-2852.

**CLAITOR(CLAYTOR)/DANIEL/NORMAN:** My gr-gr-grandfather was William Carter CLAITOR (b 1810 TN; prob Wilson, Davidson or Rutherford Co). He was m 1st to Elizabeth NORMAN & 2nd to Eveline DANIEL (b 1923 Rutherford Co). I believe his father was William B. CLAITOR (b NC) who m Rosanna NORMAN (dau of Furney NORMAN, Rutherford Co), but need proof. Also, was Eveline DANIEL's father James DANIEL, enumerated in 1820 Rutherford Co TN census? I would appreciate hearing from anyone doing research or having knowledge of these families & will gladly pay for copies of information that anyone may be willing to share. Marie H. Truluck/660 Pawley Road/Mt Pleasant SC 29464.

**COPELAND:** Need anything on Singleton COPELAND (b ca 1790 or earlier SC) who lived in Madison Co TN & White Co TN. Named dau Jane Posey COPELAND. In TN 1820 to 1840. Annette P. Williams/311 W. 3rd/Portageville MO 63873.

**COVINGTON:** Need any info abt Cameron Duncan COVINGTON (b 1837), listed in Wilson Co 1850 census as son of Rebecca COVINGTON (b ca 1812 NC), head of household. Who is father & need Rebecca's maiden name & place of birth. Mildred S. Strickland/P O Box 331/Smithfield NC 27577.

**CROSS/FORD:** Need info on Uriah Newton CROSS (b 8 Sep 1859 TN, d 25 Jul 1904 Nashville TN) m Helen McGOWN in 1870. Also on his son Newton Bankstone CROSS (b Jan 1879 TN, d 29 Aug 1909) who m Alice Webster FORD. Carol L. Gibson/P O Box 292801/Nashville TN 37229.

**DUNCAN/KUTCH:** Seek descendants of William & Margaret KUTCH DUNCAN who lived on Swan Creek in Hickman Co TN from about 1811. Have identified 14 of the probable 16 children & would like to exchange information to verify. Dorothy P. Stanton/501 El Capitan Drive/ Danville CA 94526-4923/(510)820-3757.

**EATON/LANDESS/STOCKTON/BRADLEY/HOWELL:** I'm anxious to contact researchers or descendants of these families who were in Giles, Lincoln & Moore Cos in the early 1800s. Henry LANDESS of NC m Grace THOMPSON by 1799 in Lincoln Co KY & moved to Lincoln Co TN in 1814 where they had children: John m Mary STONE; Hannah m a FORD; Polly m a GREEN; Gracey Evaline m Nathaniel TOLLY; Ann m James SMITH; Susan m Alfred EATON; Joseph Thompson m Amarilda HOWELL; & Henry Harmon. John EATON m Elizabeth MARSH in 1794 Surry Co NC & moved to Lincoln Co TN. Their children: Jonathan m Mary CARRIGER; Joel; Nancy m William SPENCER; Catherine m George LIVELY; George m Francis BURRIS; Alfred m Susan (dau of Henry LANDESS). William Henry EATON m Desdemona STOCKTON--dau of Vines Smith STOCKTON & Margaret--dau of William BRADLEY--in Giles Co in 1877. Elizabeth STOCKTON, mother of Vines Smith, lived in Giles & Lawrence Cos. How is William Henry EATON related to the LANDESS & EATON families of Lincoln Co TN? Will answer any mail & reimburse any expenses. Audrey Young/1216 Academy Drive/ Arlington TX 76013-2309.

**ERWIN:** My ancestor Edward ERWIN of Long Glade VA & his 5 sons came to America ca 1724. He died 13 Mar 1772 in Long Glade with will. His son John died in 1762 in Long Glade with will. John's son Edward ERWIN (b 1740, d 31 Jan 1794 Hawkins Co Tn w/will). Who was his wife? Mary ?? Their son Samuel m Mary Jane HOWELL 1811 Wilson Co TN. They came here in 1818. Am seeking any info on family, especially Edward & Mary in Hawkins Co & The HOWELLS

in Wilson Co. Why marry there? Will exchange. Thanks. Elizabeth G. Irwin/Box 248/Moulton AL 35650/(205)974-5221.

FARMER: Does anyone have any info on the following persons included in records from Williamson County? Hiram FARMER m Lucinda L. SHELTON 30 Jul 1843; John FARMER m Elizabeth B. GIBSON 21 Sep 1844; Lemuel FARMER m Merinda McGANN 28 Dec 1841; Lemuel FARMER m Mary M. HARDEMAN 2 Jul 1845(bond date); [Son, William Hardeman FARMER(b 19 Nov 1846, d. 6 Feb 1921) & dau, Mary Frances FARMER LILLIE (b 30 Jul 1848, d 25 Jul 1919) both buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery].; Moses FARMER m Jane WILLIAMS 30 Aug 1831 [Son, Abner F. FARMER (b 8 Oct 1838, d 24 Oct 1921 at Johnson FARMER's) buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery]; Moses E. FARMER m Wilmoth BOYD 12 Jun 1828; Napoleon B. FARMER m Martha A. E. HARVEY 5 Jan 1842; Samuel FARMER m Rachel McMAHON 13 Feb 1822(bond date). Franklin Farmer/3511 Elgenwood/Arlington TX 76015-3224

FARMER: The following people are listed as communicants at Old McKay's Presbyterian Church which was organized in W. A. McKAY's house 3 miles from Franklin on 5 June 1847. Can anyone tell me anything else about them? Abner FARMER - May 1868, Mrs. A. E. FARMER - Sep 1865, Walter J. FARMER - Sep 1891, Johnson FARMER - Sep 1893, Virgie FARMER - Sep 1893. Franklin Farmer/ 3511 Elgenwood/Arlington TX 76015-4334

FRANKLIN: Seeking parents of Joseph F. FRANKLIN (b ca 1837 Smith Co TN). Parents are possibly Benjamin & Mary BICKERS FRANKLIN. Need marriage date & place for Benjamin & Nancy. Joseph was in Franklin Co IL in 1860. I need any info on Benjamin. I find a Samuel BICKERS with wife Mary, living next to Benjamin in So. IL. Could this be the Nancy who m Benkamin? Marjorie F. Garr/ 1505 Mistletoe/Mountain Home AR 72653/(501)425-0405.

GREEN/GARRINGTON: Seeking info about Leonard GREEN Jr & wife Millie GARRINGTON from Union Co NC. They both were born ca 1819 in NC. Children: Allan M. (b ca 1840); Allen (b ca 1842); Mary C. (b ca 1844); William H. (b ca 1846); John (b ca 1848); Levi (b ca 1850) who m Rebecca TUCKER 2 Mar 1871 in Lawrence Co TN. Will correspond with anyone researching these ancestors. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego CA 92111-4234/(619)279-2677.

GREESON/HODGES: Seeking parents & place of birth of Augustus A. GREESON (b 12 Jan 1811, d 13 May 1848; bur in Wid Legg/New Garden Cemetery in Limestone Co AL). He m Lucy HODGES & a son Nathaniel A. GREESON was born Feb 1831; when & where were they married? Augustus A. GREESON lived in Giles Co TN & bought land in Limestone Co AL in Oct 1833. Would appreciate any info about the ancestors of Augustus A. GREESON & Lucy HODGES. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego CA 92111-4234/(619)279-2677.

HAYES: My gr-grandfather Issac Roland HAYES died 28 Jan 1916 in Warren Co TN. His death certificate lists him as buried in Taylor Graveyard in Dekalb Co TN. I want to find the location of this cemetery & would appreciate any help you may offer. Gwen Hayes/Rt 2 Box 351/Leighton AL 35646.

HITCHCOCKE: Seeking info on John HITCHCOCKE (b 1777 VA) who came into TN by 1798. First son James b in 1798. Other Children: Bazzil b 1806 (m TOLLET, BROWN, PUGH); Hiram b 1812 (m Jane ?); William b 1814 (m BRISTOW); Pleasant; & John Jr. He m Elizabeth ANDERSON in Knox Co in 1805. 1830 Living in Bledsoe Co, then Cumberland Co but was known as John HEDGECOTH. Any info appreciated. Deborah Herrick/6922 Windwood/Cincinnati OH 45241.

HUGHES/ALFORD: Need info on Robert HUGHES & his relative (brother?) William HUGHES. They arrived in Nashville ca 1800 from VA. Robert m Parmelia ALFORD, dau of Rev War soldier John ALFORD. William m her sister Elizabeth. Need info abt Robert's ancestry & his death ca 1835 in Williamson Co. Carol L. Gibson/PO Box 292801/Nashville TN 37229.

INGRAM/McKAUGHAN "McCOIN": Looking for parents of Nancy INGRAM (b ca 1770) who m Hugh McKAUGHAN "McCOIN" ca 1797 in Sullivan Co TN. Their first son was named George. They moved to Jackson Co TN ca 1810. When did Hugh arrive in Sullivan Co? Does anyone have proof of Hugh being in the American Revolutionary War? James McCain/ 312 Seven Oaks Trail/Knoxville TN 37922/(615)539-0426.

JACKSON/SMITH: Seeking parents & children of Graham JACKSON (b ca 1785) m Elizabeth "Betsey" SMITH Nov 1808 Wilson Co TN. Listed on 1812 Bedford Co TN Tax List & in 1820 Wilson Co Tn census. Moved ca 1830 Greene

Co IL & was in Washington Co AK by 1836. Last records found was 1840 Scott Co AK census & in 1843 Yell Co AK where he was listed as a Justice of the Peace. Appears to have had 8 sons & 3 daughters. Have been unable to locate his place of death or names of his children. Any info on Graham JACKSON family will be greatly appreciated. LaVerne Good Parsons/ 6 Chameleon Court/Austin TX 78738-1323.

JOLLY: I have had no luck with my Stephen JOLLY - Winefred HILES family research. They are shown on the 1850 Warren Co TN census with several children. I thought perhaps since it was a large family, others were interested in this same family. Anne M. Steverson/1101 North Nashville Ave/Sheffield AL 35660.

LINDSEY/LINDSAY/LINSY: Seeking anyone researching these families in Wilson Co TN around 1800-1830. Marjorie F. Garr/1505 Mistletoe/Mountain Home AR 72653/ (501)425-0405.

SEEKING PARENTS OF: Alexander MYATT (b 12 Jul 1822 TN, d 22 Jul 1904 Putnam Co); Elizabeth CALDWELL (b 25 Oct 1822 TN, d 5 Jun 1903 Putnam Co); Milton ROBERTS (b 12 Mar 1827 KY, d 15 Mar 1901 Smith Co); Roxanne RHOTEN (b 1877 Jackson Co TN, d 1935 Putnam Co); Levi JARVIS (b 18 Dec 1802 NC, d 16 Mar 1877 White Co TN); Isaac Archer ALLEN (b ca 1788 Halifax Co VA, d 1875 Powhatan Co VA). Paul Clements/3726 Old Charlotte Rd/Franklin TN 37064/(615)794 7935.

OLD/OLDS: Henry B. OLD (b ca 1821, where?) m Ann Hallum on 3 Oct 1864 in Davidson Co TN. Thought to be his second marriage. Son Henry B. OLD (b 25 Jun 1850 Davidson Co TN) m Louisa Jane SULLIVAN (b 24 May 1849 Davidson Co TN) on 27 Dec 1870. Who was first wife? Who are his parents? When did they come to TN? Mrs. Lu Whitworth/Ft Rich Sta, Box 5167/Anchorage AK 99505/(907)337-3487.

PAINE/PAYNE: Searching for info about Paynes Bend, possibly in Sumner Co. Also more info on Robert PAINE who m Elizabeth MILLER in 1811. Children: William T., James L., Martha, Robert F., Elizabeth, & 3 others. Also info on Mary A. E. HARPER who James L. PAINE m (1854) & their children Alonzo C., John Alexander, & Margaret Lady. All of Sumner Co. Will share (I have lots of info). Diane Payne/2716 3rd Ave North/Seattle WA 98109.

PHILLIPS: I am seeking help in establishing contact with my siblings, who like me, were given up for adoption. I was born Betty Bell PHILLIPS. I think the date was 13 Jan 1935, however my birth cert. has 25 Jul 1935. My birth mother was Lily (Lilly) Bell PHILLIPS & my father may have been Harold or John PHILLIPS. I had 3 older brothers, an older sister & 1 younger sister Mary Francis. My sister & I were taken from our home when I was five. I believe we were taken to THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY in Memphis run by Mrs Georgia TANN. My sister was adopted long before me. I also remember a place called KING'S DAUGHTER'S HOME. I may have been placed there after Mary Francis's adoption. My adoption was Oct 1943. I was placed with the family of Leon L. & Hazel K. SMITH of Burbank CA. I have been able to reunite with my younger sister who grew up as Vickie DUNAGAN in Van Nuys CA. Please is it possible for you to help me in anyway, find my birth family? Any leads you might give me will aid in this life long dream. Barbara Smith/2397 Rising Hill Rd/Placerville CA 95667/(916)622-5817.

POWELL/LANCASTER/ROBINSON: Seeking descendants of these Carthage/Horseshoe Bend (Smith Co TN) families: Jesse POWELL (d 13 Jun 1821); William LANCASTER (wife Rhoda SMITH?), father of Elizabeth; & ?ROBINSON, father of Martha A. (b 20 Mar 1816). Dempsey William POWELL (son of Jesse & Elizabeth) & wife Martha A. ROBINSON migrated to Springfield IL 1833-35. Sara Firehammer/16290 Merson/Buchanan MI 49107.

RANDOLPH/CARY: Thomas Isham RANDOLPH (b 1728 Goochland Co VA), son of Isham RANDOLPH & Jane ROGERS of "Dungeness", m Jane CARY (d 1774 Chesterfield Co) in 1768. Who was first wife of Thomas Isham RANDOLPH m ca 1747 Alb. or Goochland Co? Were their children Dolly (b 1748) m Henry HAGGARD & moved to Jeff. Co T & James RANDOLPH (b 1758 Chesterfield Co) m Sarah GENTRY 1777 & moved to Jefferson Co TN? Children born to Jane CARY & Thomas Isham RANDOLPH were Archibald, Thomas & Isham (twins), & Mary. Charlotte (Hufford/Haggard) Mathis/17632 Rancho De Carole Rd/Ramona CA 92065/(619)789-9012.

REED/COPPINGER: James REED m Eliza Jane COPPINGER 1868 Monroe Co TN & was in Charleston, Bradley Co, TN by 1872 birth of son Joseph Alexander REED. Need parents of James REED & wife Eliza Jane who are in Jackson Co AL by 1900 census. Annette P. Williams/311 W. 3rd/Portageville MO 63873.

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Contact: Ouidabel Corlew  
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