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Editor's Thoughts

Dear Members,

Chaos reigns, but I'll get over it. George and I have swapped jobs—he's back to staff and I'm back to being snowed under. One cannot transfer files once without confusion. Twice creates chaos. Help! Anyone who is waiting to see material which has been submitted but not yet published may need to get in touch with me. If you have not heard from me personally by the end of February please write or phone. There are a few pieces which have been separated from the name of the contributor and the like.

I did NOT make a New Year's resolution to get organized but I did think life would be easier if a few things were officially sorted into proper containers. Headed out New Year's Eve to a local discount store to stock up on the necessary supplies. Never thought about it before, guess I figured it was a personal struggle, but lo and behold! the aisles were stocked with all my heart desired. The place was wall to wall people, all putting "organizers" of one kind or another in their carts. Found that most cheering.

We continue to receive good material for this publication. Thank you. Please keep it coming and I'll do what can be done to keep it organized. We'd welcome suggestions for material you'd like to see published, or types of articles that would be of interest. And it's been months since anyone has written in to "Ask Us." There are lots of experts right here in our society who are willing to tackle the answers.

I notice the editorial "we" has still not been conquered. Have to admit I don't try very hard—on that subject.

We're running Gale Bamman's Black Sheep article in this issue. Be sure to check the section after references for information about the contest she entered and a brief bio of Gale, and her picture. As they're available we'll try to include photos of members. As always, there are lots of familiar names—it's always nice to put faces with them. So if you submit an article for publication and want a mugshot of yourself with it, send it along.

I'm afraid I'm beating a dead sheep but I can't believe we don't have members out there with anecdotes about ancestors who were less than perfect. We don't care if they're particularly well done, just that they're interesting (and can be documented, it goes without saying, she says). Short is fine too. They'd make great fillers.

New Year's Wishes to everyone. May you be healthy and happy and prosper. May you finally get organized. And may you finally get around to sending in YOUR material for the Quarterly.

BJS

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As those of you who attended the November Seminar are aware, the Surname File has at last been computerized, greatly simplifying the entry of names in the file and making it possible, for the first time, to offer routinely to members who can't get to the meetings the names and addresses of persons interested in the same surname(s). Procedure and fees are discussed elsewhere in this issue.

Your Society continues to remain in good financial shape with the major expenditure being the publication of our Quarterly—as it should be. The Board of Directors has voted to make the society's first substantial gift to an institution. The National Archives version of the microfilmed 1880 Tennessee census is being purchased and donated to the Tennessee State Library. Heretofore patrons of the Library have had access only to the microfilmed version prepared by the State Library staff from original schedules given the Library many years ago by the National Archives. The advantage of having both versions is that there is much variation in quality between the two; in some cases the National Archives version is superior and in others, that of the State Library.

Every year there are members who assume renewals are due the first of January, and send their checks in December or January instead of May or June. This causes considerable confusion to those responsible for keeping track of these payments, and ultimately confusion for the member.

Please bear in mind that your renewal is due June 1.

A researcher who was unable to make application for a listing on our annual register of professionals is Sarah M. Hutcherson, 2376 Lightfoot Road, Ripley, TN 38063. She will do research in all counties of Tennessee, Western Kentucky and Coastal North Carolina. She also can search some records in Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas and Virginia.

In the past some Board members have found it impossible, because of their employment, to attend meetings—from the earliest days the Board has met at noon on Wednesdays. Starting this coming March these meetings will be on Saturday.

It is not too early, I think, to mention our 1994 seminar. We have another blockbuster speaker, Elizabeth Shown Mills, who will lecture on Saturday, November 18. We consider this additional proof that MTGS has come of age.

Byron Sistler

Thanks to Florence Langford for finding this interesting item and to Mary Sue Smith for digging out the information on the Colonization Society.

WILL OF WILLIAM KENNEDY

Maury County, Tennessee
Roll 184, Bk. F, pp. 254-258

William E. Kennedy
Last Will
Proven 1st February 1864

I William E. Kennedy of the county of Maury & State of Tennessee, do hereby make & publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me heretofore made.

Item 1st My purpose for some time past has been to manumit all my slaves. I have accordingly sent to Liberia much the larger portion of them; and I desire that all the slaves I now have in my possession to wit, Jim (the baker), Jim Swift, Cyrus, Stewart and Clara, be sent to the Colony of Liberia if they or any of them choose to go, under the care and direction of the American Colonization Society to be located in such portions of Liberia as they may respectively select; that their expenses thither be paid by my Executors - that provisions be made for their support in that country for twelve months after their arrival; and that they be furnished with a good outfit of clothing & necessary tools & implements for agricultural operations; all out of and at the expense of my estate. Should any of said slaves however be unwilling to go to Liberia, my executors are hereby instructed to send them to any of the non slaveholding states or Indian Territories they may choose to go to; and if any of them choose not to go to such State or Territory but wish to remain in Tennessee, I desire my executors to apply to the Legislature of Tennessee to allow them to remain in this State & be emancipated upon such terms as said Legislature may prescribe. But in case said Legislature should refuse to comply with their application - then I desire my executors to set a reasonable price upon each slave and allow him or her to choose a master and when said price is paid to my executors they shall make a bill of sale of said slave to the purchaser. But inasmuch as my slaves Charles, Felix, Barbour & his wife Salina have seen fit to leave me & run away to the Federal Service, I hereby expressly deprive them of and cut them off from all the provisions of this will made for the benefit of those who remain with and continue faithful to me, and in like manner I will and direct as to any of my slaves above named who may hereafter run away and leave me. They are not to have or enjoy any of the privileges or benefits set forth & provided in this will. But in case any of those who have already or may hereafter run away should return either in my lifetime or after my death, I wish my executors to allow them to select masters & to sell them making bills of sale as above stated.

If my favorite servant Jim Swift shall elect to stay in Tennessee then I do not wish him sold, but my executors will select a good home for him and set apart so much of my estate as they may deem necessary in addition of his own labor for his maintenance & support and to be held by them in trust for the purposes aforesaid. I will and direct that like provisions be made for Jim the baker. As for Jim Swift, in case he should also prefer to remain in this State, I further direct my executors to each of the slaves I _____ possessed of the sum of one hundred dollars, always expecting those who have already or may hereafter run away from me, the former of whom are to have nothing even should they return. In setting up my estate, no voucher shall be acquired of my executors for the money so paid to my slaves who remain faithful, said sums are to be paid to them whether they remain in Tennessee or not and whether they are emancipated or not.

Item 2nd I next direct that all of my estate real & personal wherever situated, not herein otherwise disposed of be sold by my executors & converted into money; my real estate will be sold on a credit of one, two & three years & my executors will take notes for the same with at least two good & solvent securities bearing interest from date & a lien will be retained on said real estate till the purchase money is paid. Said note to be made payable to my executors or the survivor or survivors of them. And my executors or the survivor or survivors of them are authorized to make title in fee simple to said real estate to the purchaser or purchasers. My personal or chattle property will be sold on such terms as my executors think proper.

COLONIZATION SOCIETY IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Colonization Society was formed in Nashville in 1829, with Philip Lindsley, head of the University of Nashville, as president. In 1833, state legislators enacted a measure whereby \$10 would be paid to the society for every Negro transported from Tennessee to Liberia, providing that not more than \$500 be expended per year. This token amount was of no benefit to the owner of the slave, who had to assume most or all the cost; the emancipator lost not only the value of the slave, but assumed the cost of transportation, and the expense of provisions sent to enable the freedmen to become established in their new environment.

During the three decades prior to the Civil War, a total of about 700 blacks were sent to Liberia from the area. Among the larger cooperative slaveholders were General Logan Douglas of Williamson County, Montgomery Bell, who owned iron works throughout Middle Tennessee, and Christopher Strong, a large landowner in Dickson County.¹

President Lincoln, like many of the statesmen of the border states, who a generation before had supported the American Colonization Society, believed it would be necessary to colonize the liberated slaves in some tropical country. Immediately after the adoption of the Emancipation Proclamation, he submitted a proposal to the Cabinet, and Seward, in September 1862, directed the American ministers to England, France, Holland and Denmark to propose treaties providing places of refuge for the liberated slaves who might voluntarily emigrate. The powers addressed refused their consent. Lincoln's attempts to establish Negro settlements at Chiriqui, on the Isthmus of Panama, and on Ile a' Vache, an island off the coast of Haiti, turned out tragically and failed to find a solution to the problem.²

¹ TENNESSEE: A Short History; Robert E. Corlew, 2nd Ed., The University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville.

² A History of American Foreign Policy; John Holladay Latane & David W. Wainhouse; 2nd Revision, The Odyssey Press, New York, pp 390-391.

Item 3rd.

I will and direct all my just debts to be paid by my executors out of any monies I may have on hand at my death or out of any arising from debts due & owing to me or from the sale of any of my property. And as the most of my estate consists of promisory notes and writing obligatory, I wish and direct that my executors shall not resort to a rigid enforcement of their collection, but that they shall be lenient & liberal to my debtors, allowing them full and ample time to pay without recourse to legal coercion provided however said debts are made secure. I further desire and direct in this connection that my executors shall not demand gold or silver in discharge of said debts, but shall receive such paper currency or circulating medium as at the time may be ordinarily taken in the payment of debts unless gold & silver should be the only medium of circulation in the country & in that case they will of course demand and receive the same.

Item 4th

After the payment of my debts & after providing for my slaves as aforesaid, I will and direct my executors to pay over the following sums to the following persons in the order in which they stand to wit:

To my nephew Neely J. Greer the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.
To my nephew William J. McConnell the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

To my nephew William V. Thompson the sum of one thousand dollars, my gold watch and library.

To Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Holman & Mrs. Hill daughters of my deceased sister Martha C. McConnell, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be equally divided among them.

To Elizabeth J. McConnell widow of my deceased nephew Felix G., McConnell the sum of five hundred dollars.

To my sister Hettie, wife of R. H. McEwen the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

To my nephews James M. and Thomas Kercheval the sum of five hundred dollars each.

To the children of my deceased sister M. L. Sanders the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be equally divided among them.

To each of my nephews William P. and Robert C. K. Martin the sum of one thousand dollars.

I have heretofore loaned to the Rev. A. A. Doak the sum of five hundred dollars for which I hold his note. If said note should remain unpaid till my death I direct my executors to release said claim & to deliver over to him his said note should any of the persons provided for in this item of my will be dead at the time of my death, I will & direct that their children shall occupy the place of the deceased parent, and take what the deceased parent would have taken had he or she survived me. And should any of them leave no children or descendants, then to the next of kin of my blood

Item 5th

I heretofore sold to Mrs. Sarah N. wife of William P. Martin a portion of the tract of land on which I now live, and I now hold her note for about fifteen hundred dollars

upon said sale & purchase besides interest upon the same. I will and direct my executors to release the same principal and interest to her & deliver to her said note. I also hold some two or three notes upon Mrs. Sarah N. Martin, one for about fifteen hundred dollars; one for seven hundred & seventy seven 4/100 Dollars, and a third for seven hundred and seventy seven 84/100 Dollars or thereabouts. These notes were given as part of the purchase money of the place on which she & her husband William P. Martin now live. I do not wish to force them to a sale of said place for the payment of said notes; not to embarrass her in trying to pay the same. Therefore I wish my executors to release her from the payment of the same principal & interest & to deliver to her said notes to be cancelled or destroyed. Two notes of fifteen hundred dollars are alluded to in this item, whereas upon reflection I believe there is but one of that amount. I desire all the notes against Mrs. Martin should be released.

Item 6th I hereby appropriate of my estate the sum of one thousand dollars to be equally divided by my executors among the negroes heretofore sent by me to the Colony of Liberia & such of their descendants as may be living at the time of my decaed (sic); and in case any of my negroes should be sold under the provisions of the 1st item of this will I wish the proceeds of such sale to be added to said thousand dollars for destribution among my negroes heretofore sent to Liberia and their descendents. Such division or distribution to be made among those who are then alive "per capita"

Item 7th When I direct my executors in item 2d of this will to sell my personal or chattel property I do not mean to include in said item my household and kitchen furniture. Said furniture I will Mrs. Sarah N. Martin & Mrs. Sallie S. Brown wife of Dr. C. W. Brown shall divide equally between them but I wish however my sister Hettie McEwen shall first take out such articles of said furniture as she may desire & then the division between Mrs. Martin & Mrs. Brown to take place. And to the said Sallie S. Brown I give the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item 8th I direct my executors to procure & have erected within the enclosrue surrounding the graves of my family at Zion Church a plain Marble Monument, the style & design of which shall be in conformity with a drawing or plan filed with this my will; upon said Monument I wish to be inscribed the names with the date of birth & death respectively of my self, my wife & children; also of Mr. & Mrs. Willis & of Francis Henry Willis & his wife. I also direct my executors to have erected a substantial rock wall around the graves of my father, mother & sisters near my fathers old residence in Lincoln County Tennessee & also to have erected a neat head & foot stone to each with their names inscribed thereon; and this shall be under the superintendence & management of my nephew William T. Kerchaval of said county.

Item 9th All the residueum of my estate of whatever kind whether real personal or mixed left after carrying out the foregoing provisions of this will (and if any legacy I have given or fund appropriated as herein directed, the same shall constitute a part of said residueum & be subject to the dispositions of this claim) I give to my executors to be appropriated by them as follows: One thousand dollars to the proper authorities of the Union Theological Seminary at Prince Edward Court House Virginia. One thousand dollars to the Rev W. McLean & Rev R. R. Gurley secretaries of the American Colonization Society in Washington City D. C. & their successor or successors to be by themm held and used in prommoting the objects, purposes & enterprises of said so city in colonizing negroes in Liberia Africa; five hundred dollars to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the Confederate State of America or the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South whatever may be its precise title, for the benefit of such Bible society as has been or may be established by said General Assembly; and five hundred dollars to said General Assembly for the benefit of such tract society as has been or may be established by said Assembly; and if no such societies should be established by said Church or be in existence under its control then said sums severally to be used by said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America for the promotion & advancement of the Bible & Tract cause respectively in such manner as to said assembly may seem but for the advancement of said objects; I then desire two thirs of the remainder of the residemous to go to said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America for the benefit of Domestic Missions & to be used by said assembly through its proper board of committee already or to be appointed or sacy agency as it may deem best for the promotion & advancement of the cause of Domestic Missions.

One half of the remaining third of said balance to go to said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America to be by said Assembly appropriated through its board, commmittee or other agency under its control to the uses, purposes & benefits of Foreign Missions; the remaining half of said third to go in like

manner to said General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America for the benefit of the Board of Education & Publication in equal proportions; and if said church should have no such boards or committees for these objects, then through such agencies as said church may establish & control to carryout and promote said objects. When I use the term "General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America" or "General Assembly of the Prebyterian Church South" I mean to be understood as refering to the Old School Presbyterian Church in the south; and should any part thereof reunite with the Northern Church I mean the part which shall remain as a separate body in the south.

I desire said General Assembly through its proper board, committee or agency in its dispositions of the fund hereinn set apart to Domestic Missions to select in one of the four tribes of Indians, viz. the Choctaw, Cherokee, Chickasaw or Creek four male & four female youths & to appropriate of said fund the sum of one thousand dollars for the education of said youths.

Item 10th In the event that any of the legacies or sums directed to be given to any of the benevolent objects specified in the 9th item of this will should fail on account of a want of proper description or for any other reason, then I give the same to my executors with the hope and belief that as they know the objects I have in view in makking these bequests, they will carry them out in such manner as will approximate as nearly as possible to my wishes e\herein expressed. I here declare it to be with and desire that I should not be considered as dying intestate as to my part of the estate. What I have already done for & given to my relations together with the bequests in this will is as much of my estate as I wish them ever to have. And should it ever so happen that any portion of what I have given to charitable & benevolent objects and societies in this will should fail or not vest as I have herein desired and directed, I do not intend the same or any part thereof to go to my kindred or any of them; but to my executors to be paid over to such charities as may be declared valid and legal lin the proportions herein set forth; and if all said charitable bequests should be declared illegal & void, so as not to vest, then the whole to my executors in their own right, trusting nevertheless & believding that under a proper sense of their obligation to their won consciences & their accountability to God, they will, as nearly as they possibly can, in conformity with what I have herein indicated, pay over & contribute the same to charitable objects & purposes. In other words I trust that should these charities fail as herin set forth, they will do for me when I am dead what I have attempted to do in this my will.

Item 11th I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friends Dr. J. W. S. Frierson, Joshua B. Frierson and George Lipscomb executors of this my last will and testament & I hope they will all three assume the duties of and act as such.

The word "church" on page 6th line 22 was interlined before signing this will. Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of November 1863.

Davidson County, TN - Deed Book 'W'
(pages 609/610)

C. COOLEY of JNO. J. LONG Registered 4 April 1835

Manumission - On 12th day of August 1834, the following was presented for record: I, John J. Long, of Maury County, TN, for and in consideration of services by her to me heretofore rendered do release, manumin and forever set free, my mulatto female slave, known and designated by the name of Caroline Cooley, alias Long. And I do declare myself no longer entitled to her services, in any manner or form. I witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal in Cincinnati, State of Ohio, the 12th day of July 1834. JOHN J. LONG

Wit: SAML. W. DAVIS, W. TRACY HOWE

...Before me, Samuel W. Davis, Mayor of the City of Cincinnati, personally appeared the above named John J. Long, and acknowledged the above deed of manumission...

The State of Ohio, Hamilton county. I, Daniel Gano, clerk protom of the Court of Common Pleas, certify that the within deed of manumission is a true copy of the original, as recorded in my office, in Book ~N~, page 161, kept for that purpose.

4 October 1834

Danl. Gano, Clerk P.T.

A TENNESSEE PIONEER HERITAGE: COLONEL THOMAS WILLIAMSON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

by James F. Williamson, Jr.

Author's note: Until very recently, despite my efforts and those of several other members of our family, the history of our Williamson ancestors was known only as far back as the early 1840s. It was then that my great-great-grandfather, Thomas Wright Williamson (1816-1899), was said to have migrated from Tennessee to north Mississippi. Who his family was, where he came from in Tennessee, and why he came to Mississippi were all a mystery, however. An oral tradition asserted that the Williamsons had moved to Middle Tennessee from the Carolinas, but there was no evidence whatsoever to either prove or disprove this tradition. Perseverance over the course of several years, the invaluable research assistance of genealogist Gale Bamman, and several lucky breaks finally paid off, however, resulting in the solution to much of the mystery. We now know that we are the direct descendants of Colonel Thomas Williamson (1767-1825), and have recently been designated a "First Family of Tennessee" in connection with the 1996 State Bicentennial.

Among the earliest pioneer settlers of Middle Tennessee in the rough and tumble years before Statehood was granted in 1796 were two hardy brothers, John and Thomas Williamson. John Williamson and probably Thomas, as well, were from Montgomery County in southwestern Virginia, where they attended the frontier elementary schools.¹ It is not known who their parents were or how or when this branch of the Williamson family came to Montgomery County. It may be significant that this area lay squarely in the middle of the Valley of Virginia, the main route connecting the eastern seaboard and Pennsylvania with the fertile frontier lands of Tennessee, Kentucky, western North Carolina, and Georgia. Through the Valley in the years preceding the Revolution moved thousands of pioneers of British stock: English, Scots, and Scotch Irish, and it is possible that the Williamsons were among these.²

As the older of the two brothers, John Williamson (1764-1829), at the age of 15, enlisted with a North Carolina regiment and fought at the Battle of King's Mountain during the Revolution. In 1781 he married Margaret Cloyd in Montgomery County and subsequently fathered ten children. He arrived in the Cumberland settlement, the future Nashville, around 1789 but subsequently moved from Davidson County to neighboring Wilson County. He served as an officer in the Davidson and Wilson County militias and from 1825 to 1827 in the Tennessee House of Representatives where he represented Wilson County. There he built his home, "Green Hill," where he died and was buried in 1829.³

His younger brother, Thomas Williamson (1767-1825), was also to become a prominent soldier and legislator, matching John's accomplishments in public service. In addition, Thomas was to become the patriarch of six generations of Williamson descendants, culminating in the members

of the present-day Williamson family of Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Ohio, and other areas of the country.

Thomas Williamson was born Nov. 30, 1767, the same year as Andrew Jackson, with whom his later fortunes were to become closely linked. In 1788, at age 21, after migrating to Tennessee, probably from Montgomery County, Virginia, he married Mary Bell in Sumner County, Tennessee.⁴ Together Thomas and Mary were to have eight children.⁵ In 1789 Thomas received a North Carolina land grant for 640 acres on the south side of the Cumberland River, on both sides of the east fork of Stones River. By 1790 Thomas had acquired another 640 acres nearby in Davidson County. And in 1792 he further increased his holdings with the purchase of 1074 acres on Stones Creek from John Donelson. Five years later in 1797, a year after Tennessee statehood, he acquired 228 acres on Mill Creek in Davidson County from John Williamson. Together these holdings must have placed Thomas among the more prosperous landowners in the Nashville area.⁶

Thomas' long and distinguished military career began Jan. 9, 1800 when at age 33 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the 1st Regiment, Davidson County, Tennessee Militia. Within the year, on Sept. 29, he was promoted to captain. Shortly thereafter, in 1802, the Williamson brothers together entered the saddlery business in Nashville,⁷ and Thomas acquired a plantation on Mill Creek.⁸ Not content to limit his career to military and business pursuits, Thomas entered State politics and was elected to the 7th Tennessee General Assembly, representing Davidson County in the House for the 1807-1811 term.

It was in the War of 1812 that Thomas Williamson's military prowess was to be fully demonstrated. Aged 45 at the outbreak of war, he sold his plantation and enlisted as a

captain in the Tennessee Volunteer Infantry. During the next several years he was to serve in General Andrew Jackson's campaigns against the Creek Indians and the British, including the Battle of New Orleans.⁹ On Jan. 27, 1814, he was promoted to major, and then on Sept. 28 to colonel in the Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen under General John Coffee.¹⁰

On Nov. 7, 1814, Col. Thomas Williamson commanded the West Tennessee Volunteers in the attack on the Spanish and British at Pensacola, Florida, under Coffee and General Andrew Jackson. Jackson described in a dispatch how the Volunteers, accompanied by the Mississippi dragoons and a band of Choctaw allies, "advanced with unshaken firmness" into the town under a shower of ball, grape, and musket fire from shore batteries and seven British frigates in Pensacola Bay. The panicked Governor Manrique met Thomas in the street, begged for mercy, and surrendered the town and fort unconditionally.¹¹ The victory at Pensacola helped clear the way for the decisive engagement at New Orleans in January 1815, where Thomas again fought alongside Coffee and Jackson.

Following the end of the war, Thomas returned to Nashville and resumed his peace-time political activity with reelection to the 8th, 11th, and 12th General Assemblies. In 1816 he served as Speaker of the House.¹² This same year Thomas and his brother, John, became charter stockholders of the Nashville Female Academy.¹³ From 1816 to 1823 Thomas also served as Justice of the Peace in Davidson County and officiated in many real estate and legal transactions.¹⁴ In the years following the war, Thomas was a resident of the fashionable Hermitage neighborhood of Nashville. Included among his neighbors were Gen. Andrew Jackson, Capt. John Donelson, Gen. Thomas Overton, and Samuel Bell, Esq. On June 6, 1819, on the occasion of the visit of President James Monroe to Nashville as a guest of Gen. Jackson, a welcome address to the President on behalf of the military was delivered by Thomas.¹⁵

For reasons unknown, in 1823 Thomas and Mary moved west from Davidson County to Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee.¹⁶ Perhaps they were accompanied by the family of his son, Joseph, who is known to have also been living in Madison County by 1828.¹⁷ From 1823 to 1825 Thomas represented Madison, Hardin, Hickman, Lawrence, Shelby, and Wayne Counties in the Tennessee Senate, 15th General Assembly.¹⁸ A subsequent reelection bid failed, however.

Colonel Thomas Williamson died Sept. 11, 1825, in Jackson at age 58, after an illness of a few days. According to his obituary, "He was brave, generous, and devoted to the cause of his country; no man enjoyed the confidence of his country, his general, or his soldiers more than he did." He

was buried in Madison County with military honors.¹⁹ Thomas' heirs as named in his will included his wife, Mary Williamson; sons Joseph N. Williamson and James Williamson; and grandsons Thomas Williamson, Samuel Belmont Williamson and Thomas Thornton Williamson.²⁰



THOMAS WRIGHT WILLIAMSON 1816-1899

During the War of 1812 while Colonel Thomas Williamson was preoccupied with the British and the Indians, his oldest son, Joseph N. Williamson, had married Margaret Agnes "Peggy" Wright in Davidson County on Aug. 18, 1814.²¹ Little is known about Joseph, except that he too was an officer in the Davidson Co. Militia, and held the rank of captain.²² On Nov. 24 or 26, 1816, their first child was born and named Thomas Wright Williamson, presumably in honor of his prominent grandfather, Colonel Thomas, and his mother, Peggy Wright Williamson. As a child Thomas Wright Williamson probably moved to Jackson with his parents and grandparents in the 1820s. Col. Thomas must have been fond of his namesake, for in his will he left the 9 year old Thomas Wright a brown mare and a colt. When he was 15 or 16, Thomas Wright "professed religion,"²³ and was to become a Methodist, apparently straying from the Presbyterian faith of Colonel Thomas.²⁴

The date and place of the death of his father, Joseph N. Williamson, have not been determined. Based on tax records

it appears to have been after 1831, when his name last appears. Williamson family oral tradition suggests that it occurred before 1837 and that it was this event that precipitated Thomas Wright Williamson's decision to leave Tennessee and strike out for the wilds of north Mississippi, which had only recently been opened to settlement following the resettlement of the indigenous Choctaws to Oklahoma along the infamous "Trail of Tears." About 1837 Thomas Wright, now aged 21, moved to Oakland, in Yalobusha County, Mississippi.²⁵ Moving with him, or perhaps joining him shortly thereafter, were his mother, Margaret Wright Williamson, his brothers and sisters,²⁶ and the Shaw family, who may have been neighbors in Jackson.

Thomas found work helping construct the new Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad,²⁷ and in 1843 or 1844 married Tamsey (or Tamsie) Shaw,²⁸ who as a teenager probably migrated to Mississippi with her family and the Williamsons. They were to have five children.²⁹ By 1850 Thomas Wright and Tamsey resided in a log cabin one mile east of Oakland in Yalobusha County on the stagecoach road linking Memphis and Jackson, MS.³⁰ In the census of that year Thomas Wright is listed as a "planter" with real estate valued at \$150. Tamsey Shaw Williamson died in childbirth in the early 1850s and is buried with her child nearby. The ruins of a hand-hewn "dog-trot" log cabin, shrouded in wisteria and honeysuckle, still stand sentinel on the hilltop site, guarding the approach to the west toward Oakland.³¹

Several years after the death of Tamsie, Thomas Wright remarried. His second wife, Mary Ann Jane McMinn (1834-1923), was a native of Marion County, Alabama. Thomas Wright and Mary Ann also had five children.³² By 1860 Thomas Wright had given up railroad work and farming and had become a blacksmith. A photograph from this period portrays an unsmiling, ascetic man of perhaps 55 or 60, clad in a wide-brimmed black hat, black suit, and tie. The thin lips are drawn in a determined line above a square jaw. The most striking features, however, are the eyes, which are extremely light in color, with a peculiar intensity; the eyes of a poet or an artist set in the face of a frontiersman.

During the Civil War Thomas Wright followed in the footsteps of his soldierly father and grandfather, taking up arms in the service of the Confederacy and serving in a company organized on the west side of Yalobusha County.³³ After the war his saber was hung above the front door of his new home. This was a second log cabin built on Rowsey Creek in southeast Panola County, Mississippi, near the Yocona River which flows southwest from Oxford. Nineteenth century maps indicate the original name of the Yocona to have been the "Yocnapatawpha," the name given by William Faulkner to his mythical county. The foundations of this cabin can still be found, although the logs were

subsequently dismantled and recycled in the construction of a second house nearby. In the 1950s the Williamson homestead was to be appropriated by the federal government for the creation of Enid lake, at the bottom of which now lies the rich land once farmed by Thomas Wright, his sons and grandsons.

In the fall of 1869 two of Thomas Wright's brothers, Joseph and George McFarland Williamson, following in the Williamson pioneer tradition, took their leave of Mississippi, striking out for the Texas frontier. Their mother, Margaret Agnes Wright Williamson, despite her 72 years, accompanied them, settling in Sacul, Nacagdoches County, where she died and was buried in 1871.³⁴ On Rowsey Creek Thomas Wright and the other remaining Williamsons established a small but close-knit community centered around Lovejoy Methodist Church, founded in 1884. The white frame building still stands, and in the adjoining cemetery are buried many Williamsons and other early settlers of Panola County.³⁵ Thomas Wright Williamson died Oct. 10, 1899 at age 84 from cancer of the hand, according to family oral tradition. His obituary referred to the loss of one of Panola County's "oldest landmarks."³⁶ Thomas Wright is buried at Lovejoy Church, as is his second wife, Mary Ann Jane McMinn.

In 1870 Thomas Wright's last child, Samuel Belmont Williamson,³⁷ apparently named for the Samuel Belmont Williamson named in Colonel Thomas Williamson's will, was born in the family's log cabin. Like his grandfather, "Sam" Williamson served as Justice of the Peace in Panola County and was known for his peace-making skills. A farmer who spent his entire life on the land he inherited from his father, he married Victoria Harrelson at Lovejoy Church in 1890, where both are buried. Sam and Victoria were the parents of thirteen children, including Floyd Ralph Williamson (1891-1967).³⁸

Floyd, who grew up as a farmer on Rowsey Creek, spent most of his adult life in nearby Water Valley, Mississippi, where he became the engineer of the fabled City of New Orleans, the Illinois Central Railroad's crack passenger liner. He married Collie Emmaline Fair (1891-1965) in 1912. They had two children, James Floyd Williamson, Sr. (1913-1971), and Marjorie Fair Williamson, born in 1918.³⁹ Floyd and Collie are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Water Valley.

James Floyd Williamson, Sr. married Charlotte Blackstone (1913-1985), also of Water Valley, in 1937. Following World War II, during which he served with the infantry in Italy and was decorated with the Bronze Star, they settled in Memphis. There James became a partner in the E.C. Blackstone Co., an industrial supply firm. He and

Charlotte are also buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Water Valley.

When Charlotte and James Williamson moved to Memphis it marked the return of the descendants of Colonel Thomas Williamson to Tennessee after almost a century of life in

Mississippi. Their oldest son, James Floyd Williamson, Jr., of Memphis, born in 1946, is the author of this article.⁴⁰ His wife, Margaret Lee Early, is the second Peggy Williamson, the first, of course, having been the mother of Thomas Wright Williamson.

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39. Marjorie Williamson married Duane H.D. Roller in 1942. They reside in Norman, OK. Their son, Duane Williamson Roller, was born in 1946 and lives in Lima, Ohio.
40. Their other children are Erwin Blackstone Williamson and Neva Blackstone Williamson, both of Memphis, TN.

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EZELL/ROSE

by Bobby A. Ezell

The purpose of this writing is to add ancestors to William Ezell (1749-1832) of Brunswick Co. Virginia and Union District South Carolina along with his wife's parents. William appears in *The Ezell Family In America* [EFA] by Christine W. Sheldon, where three generations on paternal side are given. They are his father Thomas Ezell Sr, grandfather Timothy Ezell Sr and great-grandfather George Ezell. George Ezell's (1648-1693) wife was Elizabeth Clarke, daughter of Henry and Jane Clarke. In Henry Clarke's will, dated 14 Jan 1677, & probated 17 Jan 1678, he mentions daughter Elizabeth Essell, son Henry Clarke and wife Jane Clarke (to child in Esse.) - meaning "after birth of child". (*Surry Co VA Deeds and Wills, 1671-1684, Bk 2, pg. 195*)

In [EFA] William's father Thomas Ezell Sr was married to Anne ?. Since publication of her book, Mrs Sheldon continued her research and a 1984 letter from her to Jan Lusk (a cousin of mine) was the basis for my continuing research which put the following together. Jan was kind enough to share Mrs Sheldon's letter along with other helpful data.

Thomas Ezell Sr's wife was Anne Rose, daughter of Richard Rose Jr and wife Anne Horton. Richard Rose Jr was son of Richard Rose Sr and wife Elizabeth Sowerby. Richard Rose Sr was the son of William Rose & wife Anne. Elizabeth was the daughter of Francis Sowerby & wife Katherine.

These relationships were established as follows.

Two transactions on 3 Jul 1666: (1) Barth Owen transfers to William Rose & Anne Rose, his wife, a gray mare four years old called Liddey for the use and benefit of Jane, William, Anne & Mary Rose, the son and daughters of William Rose and Anne his wife. (2) William & Anne Rose his wife "bargained & sold & exchanged for & in behalf of Jane, Wm, Anne & Mary Rose three cove & three calves & two steares with Mr Barth Owen for a gray mare ..." Signed: William Rose and Anne (her mark) Rose. (*Surry Co. VA Deeds, Wills etc Book 1, 1652-1672, Pg 271-272*)

In 1672, Anne Rose, widow, petitions for the recordation of gifts to son William Rose, daughter Anne Rose, daughter Mary Rose, & son Richard Rose. "I give to my sonn Richard Rose one cow & one two yeare old heifer."

This record indicates William Rose was deceased and that they had a son Richard not named in the 1666 document. The recordation date does not appear, but its order in the book indicates it was recorded in 1672. (*Surry Co VA Guardian's Accounts 1672-1750, Pg 4*)

The above indicates Richard Sr was not born by 1666. Guardianship papers indicate 1669 as probable date of his birth. In 1783 Richard Rose requested that Richard Avery be appointed his guardian. This indicates Richard was 14 in 1683 since he is choosing his own guardian. Richard Avery was married to Richard's sister Jane. He also had to be of age in 1690 when he purchased land adjoining the Sowerbys.

Richard Rose Sr's will, dated 20 Oct 1736 & probated 15 Dec 1736, names son Thomas, son Richard, granddaughter Hannah, daughter Jane Rose, & wife Elizabeth. "I give unto my son Richard one cow and calf". Jane shown as mother of Hannah. Exec. Jane Rose. Signed: Richard (his mark) Rose (*Surry Deeds Wills etc. Bk 8, 1730-1738, Pg 653*)

Richard Rose Sr's wife was Elizabeth Sowerby, daughter of Francis and Katherine Sowerby. Francis Sowerby in his will, dated 8 Nov 1678 & probated 4 Mar 1679, mentions his wife Katherine, son Francis, "all my sons," daughters Sarah and Elizabeth, brothers Thomas and James Sowerby, and daughter Jane Rix. (*Surry Co VA Bk 2, 1671-1684, Pg 197*)

Francis' wife Katherine married John Vinson (Vincent) after Francis died. John Vinson died in Surry Co VA between 20 Oct 1698 when he made his will and 4 Jul 1699 when will was proved. Katherine died in Surry Co. VA in 1705. In her will, dated 26 Mar 1705 & probated 6 Nov 1705, she bequeaths: To Thomas Rose, son of Richard Rose, 180 acres of land, part of a tract, formerly sold to Richard Rose. To dau. Elizabeth Rose, my wearing clothes, pewter dishes etc. To my grandchild, Ann Rose, one two year old heifer. To Thomas Sowerby furniture and stock, to godson, Charles Reeks one cow. To Elizabeth Jarrard to Elias Ogbourne ..To daughter, Jane Reeks, one two year old heifer. To sons Francis Sowerby and John Sowerby, the remainder of my estate equally divided, and makes them exors. (*Surry Co VA Deeds & Wills Bk 5, 1694-1709, Pg 339*)

Richard Rose Jr's will, dated 25 Dec 1751 & probated 13 May 1754, names: wife Anne Rose, son William, four daughters; Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah & Faith Rose, & son-in-law Thomas Ezell. Anne Rose to be executor. Signed: Richard (his mark) Rose (*Sussex Co VA Will Book A* pg 8)

Richard Rose Jr's wife was Anne Horton, daughter of Thomas Horton. Thomas Horton's will, dated 8 Nov 1727 & probated 21 Aug 1728, names daughters Elizabeth Barrows, Mary Proctor and bequeaths daughter Anne Rose: my plantation & all land thereto belonging and all goods and chattels, and makes her executrix. (*Surry Co VA Bk 7, 1715-1730*, Pg 839)

Josiah Seat in will, dated 20 Jun 1760 & probated Dec 1761 in Lunenburg Co Va, names children Robert, Mary, Margaret, Sarah and Elizabeth. Robert & Anne Seat had a son named Josiah born 5 Aug 1764 recorded in Albemarle Parish Register Surry Co. VA. John Ezell Jr & Sucky Seat were godparents. I believe the Robert named in Josiah's will is the father of Susannah "Sucky", Lydia "Liddy", and Phoebe Seat. His youngest son Josiah was named after his grandfather.

Mrs Sheldon in the above referenced 1984 letter states:

I now feel sure William's wife was Susannah (Sucky) Seat. Susannah Seat was the daughter of Robert and Anne Seat. (*Albemarle Parish Register*, p 48), a daugh-

ter, Delilah Ezell born to William and Susanna Ezell, 18 Aug 1768 w/Sponsors: Anne Ezell, Anne Seat. I believe they were the mothers of William Ezell and Susannah Seat Ezell. Robert and Anne Seat also had a daughter named Lydia Seat. I believe she was the first wife of Balaam Ezell (William's brother). Every record in the families of William and his brother Balaam state that William and Balaam (brothers) married sisters. Mrs. J. C. McGee (Kitty Ezell) of Starkville, Miss (now deceased) told me that William Ezell was born and reared in Brunswick Co, VA. She had a letter from her grandfather, Thomas Greer Ezell which stated 'My paternal grandfather, William Ezell was born and reared in Brunswick Co VA. His wife's maiden name was Susan Street.' I have searched records and am unable to find Susan Street. I Believe he meant Susan Seat instead of Street.

Another fact that substantiates her belief is found in Brunswick Co VA Will & Deed Bk 12, Pg 144 where it was recorded on 27 Jan 1777 that William Ezell and Sucky, his wife, sold 100 acres to William Finch.

In [EFA] Thomas Ezell Jr's wife was given as Phoebe ?. I believe Thomas Jr (b. 20 Jan 1745) married Phoebe Seat (b. 6 Feb 1746), who was a sister to Susannah & Lydia Seat. Thomas Jr's brother John Ezell Jr & wife Jane had a daughter Phoebe Ezell (b. 15 Oct 1763, c. 4 Dec 1763) with godparents Phoebe Seat & Anne Ezell. I believe Phoebe married Thomas after the 1763 christening.

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A Genealogy of the Seat Family by Joseph Fredrick Seat.

Ezell Family in America by Christine W. Sheldon.

Rose and Allied Families by George H. Rose.

Your Inheritance Vol 1 by Robbie Lee Gillis Ross.

To Whom It May Concern: I would like to exchange information with anyone interested in the above families.
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF RICHARD ORTON

by Virginia Gooch Watson

NOTICE.

ALL those indebted to the subscriber either by note or book account, are requested to make payment by the rise of next February Court, or they will be sued without discrimination.

RICH'D. ORTON.

Franklin Jan. 23, 1819.

The original notice of the above was donated to the Williamson County Preservation of Records, Franklin, Tenn., by Mrs. Jenny P. Stephens:

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RICH'D. ORTON.

Franklin Jan. 23, 1819.

Richard Orton first appears in Williamson County on the 1801 tax list paying taxes on 100 acres on Big Harpeth River, and in 1804 the 100 acres was listed on Hays Creek. By 1806 he owned 1 1/2 Town lots (in Franklin) and by 1808 he owned 4 Town lots which diminished to 3 Town lots he paid taxes on from 1811-1813. On the 1811 tax list, the William Orton heirs paid taxes on 100 acres west of Mill Creek — William Orton possibly was Richard's father.

Orton's land transactions on his Town lots began 1 Oct. 1812 when he sold to Stephen Childress 2 lots, nos. 163 and 174 in the Town of Franklin, no. 174 being where Orton then lived containing his dwelling house, stable, etc. On 26 Jan. 1816, Orton purchased these same two lots back from Childress. He sold 2 half lots, nos. 108 & 188, and no. 151.

Richard Orton married Lucy Bond, daughter of William Bond and sister of Page Bond. The original marriage bond is dated 24 January 1810.

Richard Orton owned and operated a well known tavern stand in Franklin situated on adjoining lots 163 and 174, lot 163 running along Main Street 30 feet from the Public Square. The buildings consisted of a large two-story frame building, sixty feet in front, a comfortable private room for a family, all necessary out-buildings, a first rate never failing well of water, a large frame stable, capable of holding 28 horses in separate stalls, and a small frame building

calculated for an office or shop. On Sept. 5, 1823 Orton offered his tavern and lots for sale or rent, and offered for sale lot no. 185 fronting 99 feet on Main Street and running back, paralleled with Margin Street 199 feet, having on it a small frame building.

Richard Orton died between 29 May 1824 when he wrote his will and July 1824 when it was probated. At the time of his death, Orton owned 6 slaves, land in Missouri, and a house and lot in the Town of Bainbridge, Alabama. His children were: Nancy W. Orton, Robert Weakley Orton, William Bond Orton, Morris Langhorn Bond Orton, Mary Ann Orton, Mariah Louisa Orton, and Narcissa Orton McCarroll. After Orton's death, his widow, Lucy (Bond) Orton, married George Washington Mayberry 4 Dec. 1827. Lucy was born 8 Sept. 1792 and died 25 Aug. 1845.

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People and Places in Old Carolina

Delving back into two centuries of court records, these alluring names of people and places are found in the records of Eastern Carolina:

Freeholders: Sorrowful Emery, Shepard Horsey, Bluff John, Silence Green, Little Little, Piney Greeb, Church Bell, Morning Blin, Wright Knight, Levine Rotten, Kinchen Kinchen, Lamentations O'Neal, Loveless, Savage, Malikiah Sorry, Write Bell, James Onion, Macajah Bull, Spring Brooks, Welcome Durrance, Worry Klilpatraick, Rice Price, Tratabus Etienne, Antipass Tisdale, Gear Chadwick, Rewbin Dear, Mishew Always, Longfield Cox, Benjamin Gitsrap and Idolet Gitstrap, Claret Wine, Meshack Always, Ephroditus Jones, Gethemene Burden, Rip Van Dam, Tom Taunt and Bold Robin Hood.

Brides: Comfort Always, Lovey Divine, Morning Bright, Temperance Morris, Thankfull Covell, Intemperance McCoy, Betty Bangs, Temperance Highfield, Fidella Jewell, Patience Bull, Deliverance Moye, Virtue Crawford, Elizabeth Dear, Comfort Dove, Sally Lickblat, Wealthy Fanning, Devotion Davis, Olive Green, Experience Grant and Love Love.

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HIGH-ROLLING JAMES BALL

by Gale Williams Bamman, C.G.

As skilled a speculator as ever wandered about the country was old Jim Ball... His saddle bags were plethoric with papers, all carefully done up in bundles, endorsed, and looking valuable and important... To listen to him and believe a part of what he said, one would be confident that he had schemes by which he would acquire whole counties of land...¹

Those observations, in a biography of James Ball, appeared in the *Arkansas Gazette* in 1860. Some 130 years later, a team of researchers (this writer included) has gathered many of the court records he produced in the states of Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. An astonishingly prolific paper trail, resulting in a *full* file drawer of photocopied and abstracted data, has confirmed the lifestyle portrayed in that early newspaper article.

Involvement in tricky financial matters was James' forte. With tactics leaning toward the shady side, he would insinuate himself with the more prominent and wealthy of a community, gain their trust, and, eventually, access to their money. Then, as often was the case, he'd find himself on the lean side of the law and in need of a temporary re-establishment somewhere else. Though he possibly did serve in the War of 1812,² his rank of *Major* was a general courtesy bestowed upon him later in his life. Yet James Ball professed to have been a personal friend of General Andrew Jackson, an officer under him in his Indian wars, and an eyewitness of his victory over the British at New Orleans.³ Doubtless such boasts earned for him a high regard by his acquaintances.

Born in Amherst County, Virginia ca 1780-1790,⁴ he was the eldest son of John and Elizabeth Ball.⁵ At an early age he left his parental home and by 1809 was living in the Cherokee Territory of Northwest

Alabama—in a section not yet open to the white man.⁶ When all the settlers were driven out in the fall of 1810, James headed for the North Carolina military reserve of Middle Tennessee—more specifically, Sumner County. There the land was fertile, slaveowners were numerous, and a social strata was already in place. Speculation in military land warrants had been a successful venture for many of its financiers. In less than six months, James had wed one Evalina Barry,⁷ daughter of influential lawyer and large landowner, Redmond D. Barry.⁸

James ingratiated himself well. The father-in-law soon bestowed upon him two large tracts of land, each containing 640 acres. These were his for “\$1.00 and love and affection.”⁹ But the landed life and domesticity proved too restrictive for James' restless nature. Initially he vented his frustrations on his father-in-law, who in turn allegedly slandered his name. James then sued him in the county court—this just a few months after the bountiful gift of lands.¹⁰ By 1814, a mere three years after James and Evalina's marriage, ill-feelings had escalated between Redmond and James to the point that an all-out court battle ensued, ending only when it reached the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The reason?—horse and slave tradings gone sour, and unpaid notes. Redmond had sent, by James, a “parcel of horses” to Virginia with which to purchase a female slave for Redmond's daughter, Evalina Ball.¹¹ The records fail to reveal what transpired, but James did *not* return with the designated slave, nor with the proceeds from the sale of the horses, but rather with “old Joe,” a slave given him by his father.¹² These details suggest James may have indulged in some gambling during his stay in Virginia.

In 1820 James told his wife that, due to the “embarrassment of his affairs,” he was leaving Sumner County for

the Arkansas Territory, but that he "would return in a short time."¹³ All their property was sold to cover their debts, leaving her in financial ruin and, as well, out of favor with her father for having married what he now considered a 'ne'er do well.'¹⁴ According to her divorce petition, Evalina had three children by James Ball. A total of *five* children were in his household in 1820,¹⁵ intimating a wife prior to Evalina. *All* were left in Evalina's care.

Meanwhile, James was headed for the wilds of Arkansas. In short order he became involved in numerous trading schemes relating to land claims, Indian pony titles, and any other deals he could parlay into quick cash. Many of these resulted in lawsuits *not* to his favor. After a short stay in Arkansas, Louisiana beckoned. There, in late 1823, he was embroiled in a lengthy and temper-flaring lawsuit in Ouachita Parish, charged for non-payment on a note due one Samuel D. Brown.¹⁶

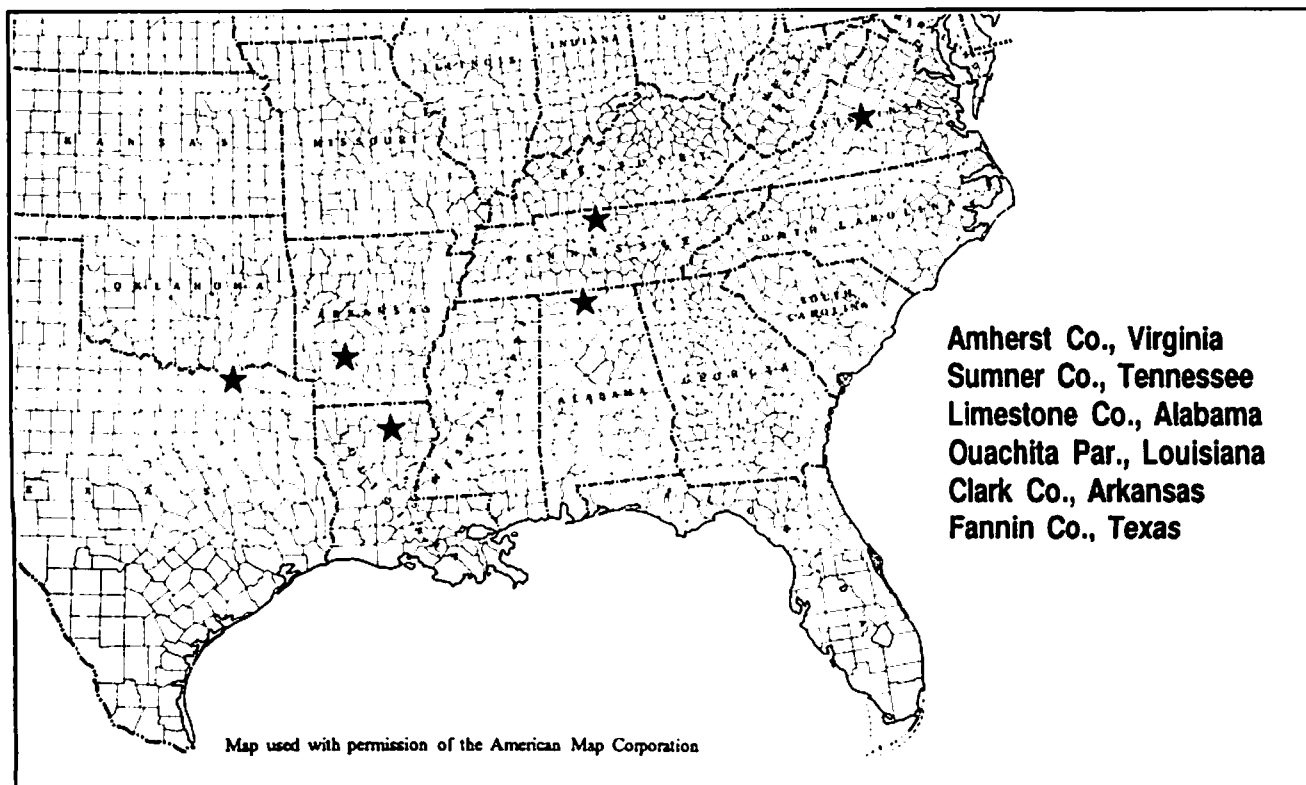
By now lawsuits against James Ball were not uncommon—his personality and strategies encouraged them. But this particular one erupted while James was involved in an assignation with the widow Margaret Hook, sister-in-law of Philip and Samuel Hook, sureties

to the plaintiff in this case. Eighteen-year-old Margaret Hook was living at an inn on Bayou de Siard owned and operated by the widow Eleanor Hook, another sister-in-law of the above-mentioned sureties. Margaret's presence in that establishment suggests how a traveller like James Ball could have met and dallied with her.¹⁷

No marriage followed the brief liaison, but pregnancy did; and, in disgrace Margaret left the inn and her in-law Hooks. Returning to her family in Saint Landry Parish, she named her son Ferdinand James Ball.¹⁸ As for James, he could not tarry in Ouachita Parish. Lawsuits in Clark County, Arkansas required his presence regarding other notes at hand, also as yet unpaid.¹⁹ He explained to Margaret that he must leave for a short time, but that he would return.²⁰ That he never did, and Margaret, as Evalina before her, had to support herself and her child as best she could.

Some of James Ball's free-wheeling schemings have been skillfully detailed in that 1860 *Arkansas Gazette* biography:²¹

Major Ball... was a land speculator, and ex-officio, privileged to all "nigh cuts" that opened



Shown here are the areas where James Ball pursued some of his many business deals and *other* activities.

on his way. In '29 when the Cherokees removed to Lovely's Purchase [west central Arkansas], Major Ball 'bought' numerous claims to Ponies, which at the time of the emigration, were out on the range and could not be found by their owners. This was better to him than the best 'wild hog' claim that ever infested a neighborhood... Sometimes--quite often, indeed--the Major failed to recover his 'lost' pony, the possessor preferring to fight somewhat, rather than to lose a horse which he knew to be his lawful property. On divers occasions, when attempting the examination of horse-lots, he [James] was run off with narrow escapes of his scalp.

In other words, James Ball claimed every pony not tied down. He did a brisk business in catching *all* Indian ponies that came his way.

...At last the Major discovered the true condition of the country he was in. [To interpret: The

speculative land business in Arkansas was drying up.] Thereupon, Texas, with its unlimited, exhaustless headrights, eleven league grants, and the various land complications that drew forth such transient powers of rascality from lawyers and speculators, opened before him...

More succinctly, James Ball preferred the potential of a newly opened area for his intricate business deals. It was time to move on.

Have all the escapades of Major James Ball been uncovered? What trysts occurred in less risky circumstances? What revelations were perhaps forever lost in courthouse fires? Enough is known to state that an entrepreneur he indisputably was, albeit a rascally one, and well ahead of his time. He could have been set down in today's world without missing a heartbeat. With consummate self-assurance, he would have continued his "nigh cuts" and legal entanglements until better prospects summoned him to yet another world.

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Your subject need not be related to your family. All subjects in your paper must have died prior to 1930....First prize is the **Black Sheep Award for Writing Excellence**, which will be awarded for overall superior quality in written presentation. In addition to Second place and Third place, citations for excellence may be awarded for special recognition of originality, writing style, documentation, or technique....Precautions will be taken to assure anonymity of authorship during judging; to assure impartiality, individual judges may disqualify themselves in reading certain papers....

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Sue Smith's volunteer work at Metro Archives is very useful for our society! Information and the original letters for the Lincoln Family of Tennessee can be found in the JOSEPHINE MURPHEY HARRIS file; Davidson/Metro Archives and THE LINCOLNS & TENNESSEE; Samuel C. Williams; The Wautauga Press, Johnson City, Tenn., 1942.

LINCOLNS OF TENNESSEE

submitted by MarySue Smith

Mordecai Lincoln, of Greenville, Tennessee, was the son of John Lincoln, the brother of Isaac and Abraham, the latter the grandfather of President Lincoln. He was born November 7th, 1788 in Rockingham County, Va. His mother was Mary (Yarnell) Lincoln. While a young man he went to Hardy County (now W. Va.) and married Clara Paul there. She was the daughter of William & Catherine (See) Paul of that county. She died shortly after the birth of their second child, John Craigen Lincoln. The infant was taken to the home of his grandfather, John, in Rockingham County, Va. Mordecai Lincoln, with his three-year old daughter, Paulina, on a horse with him, rode to Tennessee Country to visit his uncle, Isaac, and view the region as a place to settle. He was pleased and purchased "Fish Spring Farm" in Carter County.

Finding somewhat later that the trend of population was westward, he decided that the town of Greeneville in Greene County was a better location for his business. His first purchase of land was recorded in 1819 and he also acquired an interest in a mercantile establishment there, probably with

his brother, Jesse. He was elected a justice of the peace of Greene County and as such on May 17th 1827 he performed the marriage ceremony of [future U. S. President] Andrew Johnson and Eliza McArdle.

Both of the children of Mordecai Lincoln by his first wife married and left descendants. The older, Paulina married first (1828) William Dinges of Front Royal, Va and following his death in 1837, moved to Sparta, Tennessee and married 2nd Milton B. Grose, leaving children of that marriage.

John Craigen Lincoln, being reared to manhood by his grandfather, moved to Greeneville (possibly escorting his sister and her family.) After taking up his residence with his father at Greeneville, TN., he married on 7 Dec. 1837, at Sparta, TN, Jane Ursey, daughter of William & Melinda Ursey. Their first child, William Henry Lincoln, was born 5 Feb., 1840, at Eagle Furnace, TN., and died June 11, 1910, in Alexandria, TN.

Letter from John C. Lincoln to Mrs. Jane Lincoln - Sparta, Tenn., 9 Sept 1841

Dear Jane,

William McClain leaving for Sparta tomorrow gives me an opportunity of writing you a few lines. I would have written you Sooner but then and now I have nothing to write - I did somewhat look for a letter from you by Uncle but not getting one I concluded you have nothing to write.

He told me that William had been quite sick of the Croup but had got tolerable well when he left - I was quite sick the day after I left you. I got as far as Roberts after stopping Eight or Ten times to Vomit & drink water. I got there 4 O'clock and from that till night I suffered more than I Ever did before with the Ague - I think it was probably caused by riding in Sun it being quite warm. I chilled twice since got back but am now quite clean of it and will I suppose not have it any more until I cross the mountains again. Write me on Receipt of this. Say how many yards of Plain Linsey you need for William. I will be in Sparta if nothing occurs on Sunday evening the 3rd of next month -

James Jackson tell Sarah is to be married on this day week to Miss Margarette Montgomery. Emily is coming over with William.

John C. Lincoln

William Henry Lincoln, oldest son of John Craigen and Jane Ursey Lincoln

W. H. Lincoln enlisted as a Pvt. in Capt. H. P. Dowell's Co., 24 Reg. TN Infantry August 24, 1861. He rose in rank to Captain before being captured 'near Atlanta, Georgia' on August 14, 1864.

Letter from W. H. Lincoln

Encamped near Murfreesboro February 27th 1862

Dear Mother

I am very well at this time. We left Bowling Green on the 13th of this month and arrived in the City of Nashville Sunday night after a cold and ... journey I walked every inch of the rode with the exception of one mile. I never was completely worn out on the night of our entering the City. We traveled a great deal farther in the last day that we expected. When I got there i met up with I.F.Moore who insisted on my going down & staying with him. I had splendid bed and rested first rate though I was a little hungry next morning. I paid 50 cents for a piece of Mrs. Pearces' kind of bread and bought some candy to eat with it. I cant tell you how bad it hurt me when I heard of the surrender of Nashville and defeat at Donelson. When I first heard it we were at Goodlettsville a place 12 miles from Nashville I really did not know what to think or Say. I expect probably this may be my last letter for a good long while It is generally believed and allmost known we will Start very Soon, probably Sunday, to Alabama. I have heard a great many troops say they would never leave Tennessee (I speak of Tennessee troops) which amounts to nothing, they will all leave the State when ordered to. Josie I have Something very good to write you, Cousin John S.... is in the Southern Army. I went to see him yesterday and staid nearly half a day with him. He is in Cummings 19th Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers. He has been in the Service for 9 months. John says Cousin Hue is in a Regiment, I have forgotten the number or name of, one Col Gillespie as well as I remember. Hamilton is at home. John was in the Fishing Creek fight. He give me a full detail of things generally. Hue was not in the fight. They are nearly all the Southern troops from Roane County. He will be over here to See me tomorrow if Crittendons Command dont leave. John is a high private. Hue is 2nd Lieutent in one of the Regiments he ... to, John is a very good looking felo with plenty of Brains After looking at him a while I could see that his eyes looked very natural He has a peculiar looking eye About the third question he asked me was ... is your mother living ... and where at He Says he will go home with me if I can get home after our time is out I hate the idea of leaving Tennessee very much. One reason is I can't come home even after my time is out Though if the interest of the Country Demands it I will go as cheerful as any Soldier from Alabama or anywhere else.

Things look very gloomy at this particular time - Still I am confident the South never can be subdued and Conquered. I am going if I never have the pleasure of trodding on Southern Soil (Tennessee Soil) I suppose you have heard of the brilliant victory achieved in MO I have no doubts but what ... was in the fight & probably TJU. It is credited in high circles that Gen Price in his retreat formed a junction with McCullough and killed four thousand & toke Seven thousand prisoners. From the best information I can get in the Donaldson fight we killed & wounded more of their men than they killed & wounded & taken prisoners of ours -- George D. Prentice the Editor of the Louisville Journal says a few more such victories as that achieved at Donaldson will ruin the Federal Army. I learned this minute from Col. Allison that we leave in the morning for Shelbyville though this is confidential. He this evening very late granted a great many Furloughs. He is awfully pestered about it They doubtless will become prisoners the Col thinks. He is talking, at my tent door, about sending runners after them.

Your Devoted Son until Death

W.H.Lincoln

P.S

Josie, I really feel Sad when I think of this being my last letter for a good while and probably forever To think you will even be deprived of the privilege of answering this. Take care of yourself and Say but little among that infernal Union element and I think the Southern troops will clear Tennessee of the Hessions before a great while, I think it more than likely without a great change. I will not have the pleasure of even seeing you after the present term of Service. Whenever you can by Smuggling Send me a letter. Everything looks very gloomy in Tennessee at this time

Though it is nothing compared with that of the Revolution in 76. Whenever we get into a land fight we are nearly sure to whip them. I think the army has to fall back on two accounts, one to protect our rear, Tennessee River, the other to get them away from the Water. I cant Sat half as much as I would like to for want of Candle. Lieut Fielding was going to Start to Alexandria but the above order prevents him, notwithstanding Col Allison wants him to go after the boys that belong to our Company who are absent - 49 in number. Fielding is a good friend of mine and I cant help loving him. He is the best officer we have in our company. Your Brother, W.H. Lincoln

P.S.

Give Mattie Dowell my very best love & respect & Mary David, Jennie S and that I hope & believe it will not be but a Short Stay of the Yankeys in our State. Tell the girls a letter will be quite acceptable if I never have the opportunity of answering it. My candle is Out.

Your Devoted Brother, W.H. Lincoln

P.S

I can write to lines if I am deprived of the privilege of sending you all any word. If they require the whole family to take the Oath of Allegiance take it for me for I dont place any good or harm in it. I have always been taught that Self Preservation was the First Law of Nature and to get out of their clutches would doe or take nearly anything. WHL

Following his return home, W.H. Lincoln was a partner in a merchandising business in Alexandria with his cousin D. W. Dinges known as 'DINGES & LINCOLN.' He married Leonora Moore on the 17th of November 1867 and two children were born of this union; the youngest, William, dying in infancy. Mattie Joe Lincoln, the older child, married Campbell Oliver of Smith County. Mr. & Mrs. Oliver had two children, Willie Lee who married Frank Roy and Annette Stanton who married Major Morgan. William Henry Lincoln married 2nd Mrs. Almeda Dougherty Kennedy of Wilson County, TN., March 7, 1888. One child, Abraham died in childhood b)2 March 1891 d) 1 Jan 1902; a daughter, Gussie Lou Lincoln b) 2 May 1889 d) 21 Oct 1972 and married on 21 Sept. 1911, William Turner Murphey. They had one daughter Josephine Murphey b) 4 July 1920 d) 23 Nov 1990, married 1st John Lipscomb in 1950 and 2nd Thomas Ferrell Harris 27 May 1966.

Josephine, second child of John Craigen & Jane Ursey Lincoln

The 2nd child of John Craigen Lincoln & Jane Ursey was a daughter Josephine who married Robert Gilbert Davis. Robert G. Davis died testate in Smith County, TN in 1901 leaving the widow, Josephine, and four children; Charles Davis, Guy Davis, McHale Davis & Robbie Davis who married George Boyd. In 1913, Guy Davis was a citizen of DeKalb County, TN, McHale Davis, a citizen of Smith County, TN, George Boyd & wife Robbie Davis Boyd were citizens of Fentress County, TN, and Charles Davis, a citizen of Arizona.

My mothers maiden name was Josephine Lincoln, who was the daughter of John C. Lincoln, who was the son of Mordicia Lincoln, who was the son of Mordicia Lincoln.

Mordicia Lincoln, the father of John C. Lincoln, was the brother of Sam Lincoln who was the father of Thomas Lincoln, who was the father of Abraham Lincoln.

My grandfather John C. Lincoln was a merchant in Memphis, Tenn., and was interested in an iron foundry with his uncle, located on the Tennessee River. John C. Lincoln died in Memphis in 1843, or thereabouts, and was buried there. His wife and children returned to Sparta, Tenn., where she married Dr. Mercer and moved to Alexandria, Tennessee. 'This information was given me by Uncle Hugh Lawson White Grose, when I was visiting Alexandria, Tennessee, where he died. Mr. Grose was a son of Paulina Lincoln, who was a daughter of Mordicia Lincoln and a sister of John C. Lincoln. Mr. Grose taught Latin & Greek at Vanderbilt University.' [Ed. note: unsigned but included in Josephine Murphy Harris papers]

Lewis Craigen Lincoln, youngest child of John C. and Jane Ursey Lincoln

The youngest child of John C. Lincoln & Jane Ursey was born May 10, 1845, in Memphis. He practiced law in Alexandria, TN, and later moved to Conway, Arkansas. Here he married Effie Martin, and had two children; Jesse Hampton Lincoln and Roberta Alice Lincoln.

Official records from the Adjutant General's Office give the following information concerning the service of Lewis C. Lincoln in the Confederate States Army: Lewis C. Lincoln enlisted June 11, 1861 at Camp Trousdale, ... private of Company A, 7th Tennessee Infantry. His personal description is as follows: Birthplace, Shelby Co., TN; age, 17 years, height 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, fair; eyes, dark; hair, dark; occupation, student. Lewis C. Lincoln again enlisted October 26, 1862, at Alexandria, TN, as a private of Company A, Allison's Squadron, Tennessee Cavalry, C.S.A. He was captured at Neills Gap, Georgia, May 7, 1864; was received at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 22, 1864, and was released there February 10, 1865, on oath of allegiance to the United States.

NATURALIZATION DECREE - DAVIDSON COUNTY, TN

Aug. 22, 1887 - **Herbst Balthaser**, born in the city of Sachsen Gotha, 25 April 1837, emigrated to the United States in 1881, made his Declaration of Intention, August 1885, shall be admitted to citizenship. [Davidson County Minute Book 'W', page 526]

Sept. 20, 1882 - **Chas. H. Barrow**, born in the Kingdom of Great Britain, on 25 December 1837, emigrated to the U.S., 1859, made his Declaration of Intention, October Term 1880, to the Probate Court of Lawrence County, Ohio., shall be admitted to citizenship. [Davidson County Minute Book 'W' page 591]

Sept. 22 1887 - **Patrick Flynn**, born in Ireland, 17 March —, emigrated to the U.S. in 1880, made his Declaration of Intention, Quarter Sessions Court of Lackawanna Co., PA, August 1884, shall be admitted to citizenship. [Minute Book 'W' page 611]

August 30, 1887 - **Joseph Forers**, born in Austria, 4 August 1835, emigrated to the U.S. 1866, made his Declaration of Intention, March 1876, Common Pleas Court of New York, shall be admitted to citizenship. [Davidson County Minute Book 'W' page 546]

Dec. 29, 1879 - **S. Fustenbury**, born in Poland, -- April 1834, emigrated 1863, made his Declaration of Intention, September 1873, shall be admitted to citizenship. [Davidson County Minute Book 'R', page 566]

September 26, 1887 - **John Kempf**, born in the Republic of Switzerland, 24 May 1841, made his Declaration of Intention, April 1884, Circuit Court of Grundy County, TN, shall be admitted to citizenship. [Minute Book 'W', page 623]

Jane Gray Buchanan, 114 Berwick Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 would be happy to hear from others interested in this family.

JOHN BLACKMAN—TIMELINE

Parents: Stephen & Ann (Snell) King Blackman
Married 1st: Nancy Hays; married 2nd: Elizabeth Herring
by Jane Gray Buchanan

- 23 June 1770**—Birth in Duplin Co., NC¹
178—200A in Sampson Co., NC deeded to John, Bennett, James, and Ann Blackman by Ann & Simon McLendon²
1 Dec. 1791—Witnessed deed. Stephen King to James Blackman. (Sampson Co., NC Deed Book [hereinafter, SCNC DB] 9:284)
19 Apr. 1792—Marriage to Nancy Hays³
23 Jan. 1793—Birth of Zilpha (Zilpah) (Married Price Gray.)
1 Oct. 1793—JBI to James Spiller Cutler, 120 pounds for "one certain Negro Mulatto man named Minor." (SCNC DB 9:356)
20 Feb. 1794—Deed: JBI from James Spillers "of Fayetteville Esquire". 300A for 300 pounds, three tracts. 1st of 200A "on W side of six runs...Beg...on side of the six Runs swamp and runs with Joseph Easoms Old line, etc. Deed mentions a small branch & James Oats. Tract was laid off "to contain 200A of the above 300A. 2nd tract of 18A "joining the above on E. side, on the run of the six Runs." Mentions a "Red Oak formerly Atkinsons Corner by Easoms upper line" and the swamp. 3rd tract of 82A "joining the tract of 200A, beg. at James Oates land & forming a parallelogram (parallelogram?). Wit: Jas. Oates, Daniel Harrell. (SCNC DB 9:386) (Next deed, Bennet Blackman from John Hay, 275A, DB 9:387)
20 Oct. 1794—JBI and Nancy Blackman witnessed deed. John Snell Planter of Sampson Co., NC to George Taylor & James Marley, Merchants (SCNC DB 9:392-394)
26 Jan. 1795—Birth of Elizabeth (Married Nicholas Tomlin.)
25 Mar. 1796—Simon McClendon (JBI's stepfather) to the heirs of wife. "I Simon McClendon, doth acknowledge I have in my possession four negroes, Nel, Glenn, David, Matthew and two beds and furniture of the estate of Stephen Blackman deceased, which I will deliver to James, John, Bennett, & Ann Blackman or either of them when called for at the death of my wife, Ann McClendon." Wit: Thomas King, Ollin Mobley. Rec., Nov. term 1796 (SCNC DB 10:192)
6 Aug. 1796—Purchased jointly with Bennett 320A on Mill Cr. in Davidson (Dav.) Co., TN⁴
11 Oct. 1797—Birth of son, Hays (Married Elizabeth Compton.)
16 Oct. 1797—John & wife, Bennett & wife, & Charles Hays, all of Dav. Co., TN sold 92A in Johnston Co., NC to Isaac Williams (Land Hays children inherited in NC)⁵
12 May 1798—Bought 3 Negroes from Simon McLendon of Dav. Co.⁶
10 Sept 1799—Bought 125A on Big Harpeth River from Wm. McEwen⁷ (Apparently located in the part of Davidson Co. that became Williamson Co. in 1799)
13 Sept 1799—Sold his share of Mill Creek property to Bennett⁸
18 Nov. 1799—Birth of son Rice (?)
18 Nov. 1800—Birth of son James (Married Penelope Kinnard.)
7 May 1800—Appointed juror for next court (Wm. Co. Ct. Min. 1800-1804, p.9)
4 Aug. 1800—Jurors summoned, Williamson Co. (Ibid., p.10)
3 Nov. 1800—Case, Wm. Co. Ct.: John Blackman vs. John Cummins. James Martin Lewis, witness for plaintiff proves one day's attendance & 25 miles riding (Ibid., p.15)
1800 Williamson Co., TN Tax List—JBI pd. tax on 1 WP, 5 BP, & 125A on Spencer's Creek⁹
6 May 1801—Summoned for jury duty (Wm. Co. Ct. Min. 1800-1804, p.28)
6 May 1801—Sworn as grand juror (ditto)
4 Aug. 1801—Named to oversee work on road to Holly Tree Gap; others named to work under him. (Ibid., p.31)
2 Nov. 1801—Juror, next court. (Ibid., p. 35)
1801 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 4BP, 125A on Spencer's Cr., Harpeth waters⁹
2 Feb. 1802—Apptd. juror, Jury No. 1 (Wm. Co. Ct. Min., p.3)
3 Feb. 1802—Records his stock mark, (Ibid., pg. 40)
4 Feb. 1802—Apptd. juror, Jury No. 2 (Ibid., p.41)
1802—Birth of daughter Susan (Married John Gray, Jr.)
2nd Mon. May 1802—Grand Juror, Dav. Co.¹⁰
May 1802—Proved service, Dav. Co. Grand Juror, 6 days, 30 miles¹¹
1802 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 3 BP, 125A on Spencer's Cr.
Feb. 1803—Juror, Dav. Co.¹²
8 Feb. 1803—Ord'd to work on rd that Isaiah Webb oversees. (Wm. Co. Ct. Min. 1800-1804, p. 61)
4 May 1803—Summoned, Wm. Co. jury duty, next court (Ibid., p.70)
1 Aug. 1803—Summoned for jury duty (Ibid., p.71)
1 Aug. 1803—Apptd. juror, Jury No. 1 (Ibid., p.73)
7 Nov. 1803—Ord'd to do road work (Ibid., p. 79)
8 Nov. 1803—Apptd. juror, Jury No. 4 (Ibid., p. 80)

- 1803 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 3 BP, 125A on Spencer's Cr.
- 12 Jan. 1804—Jury duty, next ct., Wm. Co.(Wm. Co. Ct. Min., p.86)
- 9 Apr. 1804—Juror, Wm. Co. (Ibid., p.87)
- 10 Apr. 1804—Juror, Jury No. 1 (Ibid., p.89)
- 11 Apr. 1804—Juror, Jury No. 2; also, Jury No. 4 (Ibid., p.92)
- 13 Apr. 1804—Ord'd to do road work (Ibid., p.92)
- 22 Oct. 1804—Birth of daughter Mary Jane (Married Price Gray.)
- 1804 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 3 BP, 125A on Spencer's Cr.
- 22 May 1805—Juror, Dav. Co.¹³
- May 1805—Juror, Dav. Co.¹³
- 1805 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 3 BP, 125A on Spencer's Cr.
- 1805 Dav. Co. Tax List—Bennet Blackman, head of household of 4 "free white males"(who are these adult males?) & 13 Negroes
- 1806—Birth of son Charles H.
- 1806 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 3 BP, 125 A on Spencer's Cr.
- 1807 " " " " " " "
- 1808 " " " " 2 " "
- 1809 " " " " 1 4 "
- Dec. 1809—Birth of son Bennet (Bennet W. on deed)
- 1810 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 3 BP, 125A on Spencer's Cr.
- Jan. 1811—"of Williamson Co." sold 125A on Big Harpeth R., Williamson Co.(Wm.), TN to Stephen Barfield¹⁴
- 1811 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP 2 BP, 125A "Double tax"
- 6 Dec. 1811—Bought items in sale of estate of Joseph Potts, dec'd. (Wm. Co. Wills & Inv., No.2, pg.21)
- Before 1812—Death of wife Nancy
- " 1812—Marriage to Elizabeth Herring (widow)
- 1812 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 4 BP (no land mentioned)
- 22 Sept 1812—"of Williamson" bought 190A on W. Harpeth R., Wm. Co. from James McCarrel¹⁵
- 13 Mar. 1813—Birth of dau. Jeanette (Married Peter Thompson.)
- 1813 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 3BP, 190A on Polk's Cr.
- 1814 Wm. Co. Tax List—1 WP, 4 BP, 190A on Big Harpeth
- 20 Jan. 1815—Sold 190A on W. Harpeth R., Wm Co. to James Hicks (both of Wm. Co.)¹⁶
- 1815 Wm. Co. Tax List—1WP, 3 BP, 190A on West Harpeth
- 4 Feb. 1816—"of Hickman Co." bought 102½A on Lick Cr./Hickman Co., TN from John Lytle¹⁷
- 13 Sept 1816—Sold 3A on Lick Creek (part of tract bought from Thomas Griggs) to Hugh Hill/\$24¹⁸
- ca. 1817—Birth of daughter Ann¹⁹ (Married Hugh Fox.)
- 21 Feb. 1818—"of Hickman" sold slave in right of wife to Solomon Herring of Maury Co., TN²⁰
- Jan. 1818—Bought chest of drawers (\$22.06) and steer in sale of estate of Thomas Gooch, dec'd. (Wm.Co.Wills & Inv.,p.)
- 16 May 1818—"of Hickman" sold to James Hicks of Wm. 122½A on Lick Cr.in Hickman Co. & 5 slaves/\$1 (apparently to guarantee title of 190A tract sold to Hick which was being contested in Wm. Co. Ct.)²¹
- 1820 Census/Hickman Co., TN—JBI HH: 2 M(10-16), 1 M(16-26), 1M45 or over; 2F under 10, 1F(16-26), 1F(26-45)
- 3 Feb. 1821—James Hicks relinquishes "right title claim and interest" in 122½A on Lick Cr. & slaves "mortgaged to me by said John on the 16th day of May 1818."²²
- 5 June 1821—Bought 378A, Knob Cr., Maury Co., TN from William McKee, \$500²³
- Apr. 1822—Order concerned with maintenance of road cut from Williamsport to Franklin; "beginning at the ford of the creek opposite to Thomas Lockart plantation and ending at the SW corner of John Blackman field" "Beg. at SW corner of John Blackman field and ending at the Williamson Co. line"²⁴
- 21 Apr. 1823—Apptd. by Maury Co. Ct. to help maintain "road from Colin Campbell Cotton Gin to Williamson Co. line"²⁵
- 22 Aug 1823—As "Assignee of Wm. Lytle" bought 20A , Lick Cr., Hickman Co. from G. H. Irwin, Adm. of Tho.Ingram, decd.²⁶
- 2 Oct. 1823—Maury Co. Ct. ordered John & Bennet Blackman et al to lay out road²⁷
- 1823 Maury Co. Tax List—John Blackman--387A, Carter's Creek; 0 WP, 3 BP
- 10 Nov 1823—Sold 20A,Lick Cr., Hickman Co.,to Josiah Davidson²⁸
- 22 Jan. 1828—Trust Deed to Hillary Langtry & Barton W. Jenkins for part of town lot in Columbia--collateral for debt of \$61.75 to "Looney & Coleman late tailors in the (Is this Bennet's son John?)
- 2 Aug. 1828—JBI failed to pay preceding debt; lot went to Barton W. Jenkins, agent for Hillary Langtry/\$1³⁰
- 27 June 1828—P of A from Jane Herring of Boone Co., Mo. (JBI's wife's former mother-in-law) to receive money due her from estate of dec'd. son Solomon Herring³¹
- 2 June 1831—Bought 90A on Leiper's Cr., Maury Co., from Alvas J. Briggs/\$100³²
- 15 Oct. 1833—Sold 16A on Leiper's Lick Cr. to Peter Thompson³³ (Signature difficult to read; perhaps John Blackman, Jun.)
- 15 Oct. 1833—Sold 80A on Leiper's Lick Cr. to Peter Thompson, "Beg. at stake on Blackmans Spring branch," (Signature looks like "John Blackman, Sen.")³⁴
- 29 Mar. 1834—Sold 50A on Carter's & Knob's Creeks, Maury Co., to John McMeen/\$25³⁵
- 20 July 1835—Charles H. Blackman to Hays Blackman, (both sons of JBI) that part of the inheritance he would

receive from his father John Blackman. (Mortgage/\$250 pd. by Hays)³⁶

5 May 1836—Bennet Blackman (son of JBI) to Hays Blackman, that part of his inheritance from his father (John executed document; states property consists of "a tract of land whereon I now live containing upwards of 200 A, also six Negroes, (names them)"³⁷

27 May 1836—Bought ¼ Town Lot, Franklin from Charles Merrill³⁸

7 June 1837—Gave ¼ Town Lot, Franklin to Charles Robert Blackman son of "my beloved son Bennet W. Blackman." Also made provision for Bennet's dau. Mary Catherine "and such other brothers and sisters as they might have by the side of their father"³⁹

1840 Census/Maury Co., TN—JBI HH: 1M(70-80); 1F(20-30), 1F(50-60)

1 Nov. 1844—JBI wrote will.⁴⁰

3 Nov. 1844—Death in Maury Co., TN

7 Nov. 1844—Obituary in *The Nashville Whig*, pg. 2. "Died. At his residence in Maury County on Sunday the 3d inst., John Blackman in his 76th year. One of the few who lives to bless their three score and tenth year yet one who we have reason to believe has exchanged this for a far better world."

Dec. Ct. 1844—Ordered that one-year provisions be laid out for Elizabeth, widow of John Blackman⁴¹

1 Oct. 1846—Mastin Fitzgerald, exec. of JBI estate, sold the 248A tract belonging to JBI to Peter Thompson/\$250.50⁴²

Heirs named in estate settlement: Hays Blackman, Bennet Blackman, Jas. K. Blackman, Elizabeth Blackman (wife), Ann Blackman, Nancy E. Hays & Blackman Hays, John Giles & Martha Giles, John Gray & Susan Gray, Price Gray, Elizabeth Tomlin, Solomon Nichols, C. H. Blackman (Maury Co., TN Court Minutes Bk. A-2, pp. 366-367)(566?) (*A xerox copy of this entry/abstract was given to me; I have not checked the reference.*)

"Aunt" Susie Blackman Clark, granddaughter of John Blackman and wife of Dr. William Clark, stated in an interview, 11 June 1933:

Our grandfather, John Blackman, married a second wife, a widow. I do not remember her name, but I have pleasant memories of her. Dear Grandpa was a gentle and amiable man, giving children a good time when at his home."
(Excerpt from interview conducted by Mrs. George Bennett Farrar, Jr. Notes in Blackman File, TN State Library)

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- Maury Co. DB B-2:422



BOOK REVIEWS

by Shirley Wilson

Logan County, Kentucky Deed Abstracts 1792-1813 by Joyce Martin Murray. Softbound, 8 1/2 x 11, 176 pp., complete name index, copyright 1993. Order from Joyce Martin Murray, 2921 Daniel, Dallas, TX 75205 \$30.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Texas residents add 8.25% tax.

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Wells has done a competent job in compiling another book of early Tennessee court minutes. Court minutes can be very helpful to the genealogist, but are often unindexed or at best, inadequately indexed. This publication, enhanced with a complete name index, will be a welcome addition to the libraries of those with Dickson County ancestry.

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With few records surviving in Jackson County, this book is an excellent source of information for those doing research in Jackson County. The minutes appear to be abstracted in considerable detail with all names listed in an excellent every name index. Bryant's annotations provide interesting reading and occasional suggestions for additional research.

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Warren County, Tennessee Cemeteries by Mrs. Almetia Cunningham and Mrs. Martha Holt as compiled by Mrs. Betty M. Majors. Softbound 8 1/2 x 11, 329 pp., complete name index, copyright 1993. Order from Mountain Press, PO Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377 \$38.50 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Labeled Book 1 A-F, this book includes cemeteries beginning with the letter A to F, with presumably more volumes to come. Data from funeral homes, obituaries, death certificates and family information has been included with the cemetery listings and shown in brackets. Bracketing the information prevents it from being confused with the cemetery listing and provides a means for local information to be made available. Although a novel approach, the researcher should find the information very helpful.

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DECLARATION OF INTENTION - DAVIDSON COUNTY, TN

(no date) **Ike Schiff**, a native of Russia, born in the City of Gradna, 15 June 1865, emigrated 1883, landed at NY, being then 17 years old; renounces allegiance to the Czar of Russia. [Min. Book 'W', page 616]

Sept. 20, 1887 - **Arnold Schmid**, a native of Switzerland, born in the City of Zurich, 25 April 1853, emigrated 1867, landed at New Orleans, being then 14 years old; renounces allegiance to the Republic of Switzerland. [Min. Book 'W', page 590]

Sept. 26, 1878 - **Oliver J. Timothy**, a native of Ireland, born in the City of Kilkinney, 1 October 1853, emigrated 1871, landed at New York, being then 18 years old; renounces allegiance to Victoria, Queen of England & Great Britain. [Min. Book 'R', page 50]

Sept. 27, 1879 - **John van Tienen**, a native of Holland, born in the city of Elvin, 16 July 1853, emigrated 1870, landed at New York, being then 17 years old; renounces allegiance to William & the Kingdom of Holland. ['R', page 533]

(no date) - **Maurice Wohl**, a native of Hungary, was born in the City of Alsa Olswa, 14 March 1864, emigrated 1881, landed at NY, being then 17 years old; renounces allegiance to Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria. [Min. Book 'W', page 613]

Sept. 21, 1887 - **Emanuel Weis**, a native of Hungary, was born in the City of Nagg Michaly, 12 April 1864, emigrated 1880, landed at New York, being then 16 years old; renounces allegiance to Emperor Joseph of Austria. [Min. Book 'W', page 596]

The original of the following was donated to the Williamson County Preservation of Records by Mrs. Jenny P. Stephens:

JAMES MORTON OPENS GIN

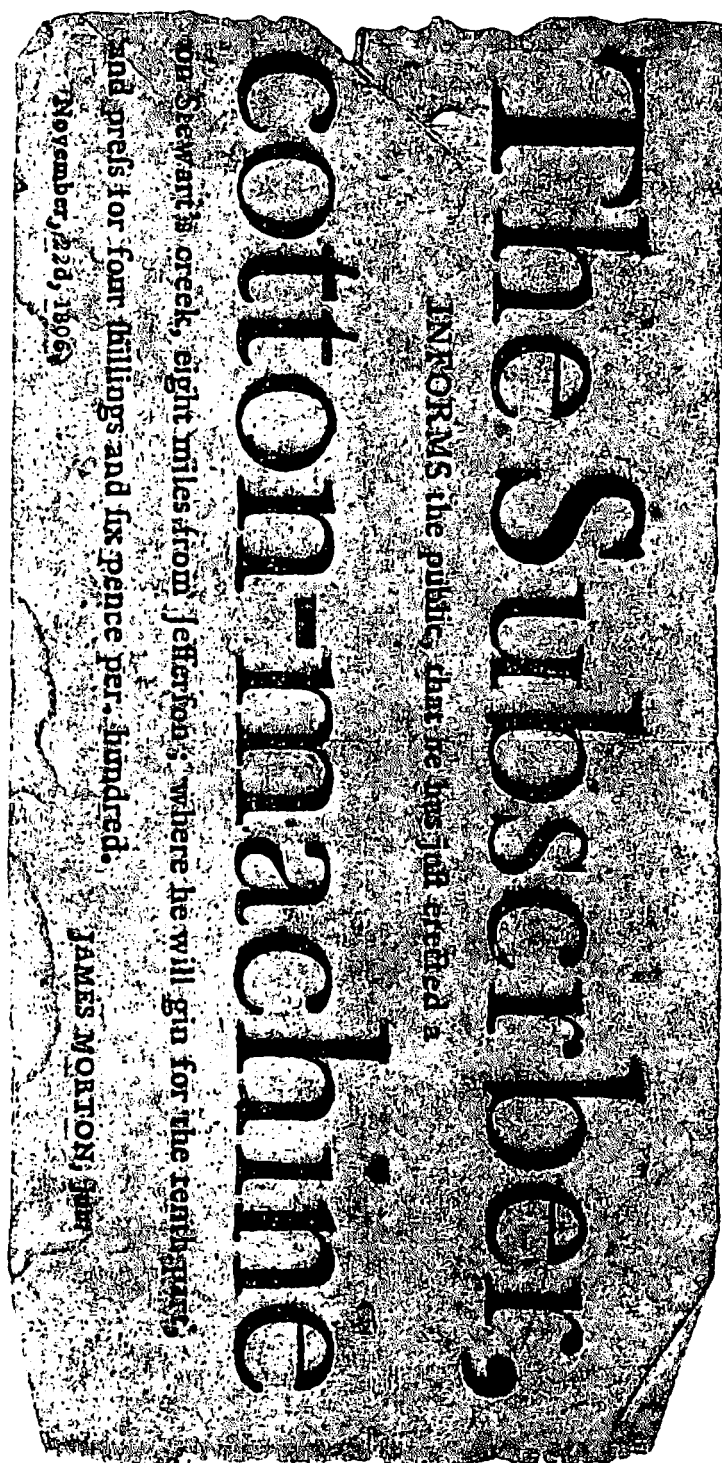
The Subscriber, INFORMS the public, that he has just erected a cotton-machine on Stewart's Creek, eight miles from Jefferson; where he will gin for the tenth part, and press for four shillings and six pence per. hundred. November, 22d, 1806. JAMES MORTON, jun.

This James Morton, Jun., was James Blythe Morton, born 25 November 1785 in Virginia and died 10 April 1843 in Rutherford County, Tenn. He was the son of James B. Morton and his wife, Catharine Wells. James Jun. married Nancy Newsom on 26 Nov. 1806 in Davidson County, Tenn. James Jun. is buried in the Morton Cemetery 1/3 mile South of Stewarts Creek Church in Rutherford Co., TN., near Rocky Fork Road.

Eight miles from the Town of Old Jefferson on Stewart's Creek would put the cotton-gin in the vicinity of the Stewarts Creek Church and one of the Morton Cemeteries or near the Rocky Fork Church of Christ on Rocky Fork Road near the other Morton Cemetery in Rutherford County but near the Williamson County line.

References:

Family data from Mrs. Marie Little Ehresman of Arrington, TN., and Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson, of Franklin, TN., October 10, 1993



This concludes the first volume of *Selected Cemeteries of Wilson County, Tennessee* contributed by Thomas E. Partlow.

SUGG'S CREEK CEMETERY

(Adjoins Sugg's Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church which is located off Stewart's Ferry Road, Gladeville, Tennessee)

1. Margaret Long, born 16 September 1873; died 20 July 1874.
2. Josephine A. M. Gwyn, born 1845; died 1873.
3. Martha Carter, born 21 March 1812; died 27 July 1827.
4. John Logue, born 25 June 1818; died 17 October 1889.
5. Catharine Harkreader, born 22 January 1820; died 30 September 1906. Wife of John Logue.
6. Bettie Logue, born 13 July 1851; died 20 March 1925. The inscription reads, "Sister Bettie."
7. Nannie C., born 18 May 1862; died 8 February 1885. Wife of M. P. Omohundro. Daughter of J. Logue and C. Logue.
8. George W. Northcott, born 31 October 1847; died 27 October 1889.
9. Cinthia Baggerly, born 1 July 1801; died 28 July 1879.
10. L. L. Jenkins, born 22 April 1883; died 7 May 1883. Son of W. F. Jenkins.
11. Solon Jenkins, born 11 March 1889; died 16 December 1890. Son of W. F. Jenkins and D. J. Jenkins.
12. Caroline Drennan, born 1826; died 1904. Wife William Williams.
13. William Williams, born 1820; died 1897.
14. Z. F. Williams, born 1817; died 1901.
15. Emaline Eaks, born 19 January 1842; died 30 May 1883.
16. Lucy Ann Eakes, born 1859; died 1878.
17. Eliza J., born 18 January 1845; died 16 April 1881. Wife of R. F. Wood.
18. (?), born 1 July 1874; died age 7 months. Daughter of R. F. Wood and E. J. Wood.
19. R. M. Brown, born 1844; died 1911.
20. John Robert Boyd, born 19 July 1870; died 15 November 1935.
21. Alice K. Edwards, born 1 November 1848; died 16 February 1885. Wife of R. M. Brown. The inscription reads, "A loving wife, a mother dear lies buried here. Erected by her daughter Maud Ozment."
22. Willie Bradford Boyd, born 12 December 1868; died 26 January 1881.
23. Perry S. Boyd, born 26 April 1912; died 5 December 1938.
24. Willie Thomas, born 12 November 1858; died December 1859. Infant son of J. H. Smith and E. Smith.
25. In memory of Mollie E., born 3 September 1858; died 4 December 1862. Daughter of F. E. Kirkpatrick and M. J. Kirkpatrick.
26. Martha Jane, born 15 May 1835; died 27 March 1842. Daughter of James W. Rea and Mary M. Rea.
27. In memory of Margaret Ann Robbins, born 26 November 1811; died 9 September 1869.
28. Mary J. Taylor, born 27 February 1826; died 9 December 1912.
29. John Rea, born 22 November 1779; died 23 July 1862.
30. Mollie Baker, born 24 November 1855; died 28 April 1905.
31. Wallace Baker, born 5 March 1856; died 11 June 1903.
32. Ira E. Peach, born 11 June 1818; died 25 October 1896. The inscription reads, "To think of summers yet to come that I am not to see. To think a weed is yet to bloom from dust that I shall be."
33. Mildred Burnette, 12 June 1908.
34. T. P. Burnette, born 3 March 1872; died 25 May 1916.
35. Annie B. Burnette, born 19 May 1878; died 8 February 1946.
36. Eugenia Burnette, born 20 April 1912; died 26 October 1928.
37. W. Hannah.
38. M. Hannah, died 22 March 1816 in the 29th year of his life.
39. C. Crawford, died 31 March 1816. Age 62.
40. Nathaniel Davis, born 6 March 1765 A. D.; died 1837 A. D.
41. W. F. Yandell, born 1809; died 1870.
42. In memory of Sarah Davis, born 3 February 1760. died 18 January 1813. Consort of Nathaniel Davis.
43. (?) Harrison, born 20 September 1862; died 1865.
44. R. G. Harrison, born 10 April 1865; died 20 May 1865.
45. Harrison. Infant, born and died 11 August 1860.
46. ?V. C. Dobson, born 7 January 1832; died 13 April 1865.
47. William R. Dobson, born 2 April 1802; died 11 October 1880.
48. (?) Bland, born April 1856; died 28 September 1858. Infant son of J. M. Bland and Elvira Bell Bland.
49. John M. Bland, born 8 October 1820; died 19 February 1862.
50. J. M. Bland, born 3 April 1862; died 16 August 1862.
51. Elizabeth Bland, born 23 November 1830; died 28 February 1863.
52. In memory of Martha Dobson, born 1784; died 22 September 1869.
53. In memory of Matilda Dobson, born 9 March 1813; died 1865.
54. John Dobson, born 19 September 1810.
55. In memory of Henry Dobson who departed this life in March 1824 in the 24th year of his age.
56. In memory of Martha Dobson who departed this life in April 1838 in the 63rd year of her age.
57. John Dobson, died February 1853 in his 781 year.
58. Elizabeth Dobson, born 23 June 1775; died 27 September 1828. Wife of Benjamin Dobson.
59. Benjamin Dobson, born 18 August 1769; died 23 November 1836.
60. In memory of Isaac N. Curry died 6 August 1840. Age 31 years and 29 days.
61. Isaac N. Curry, age 23 years and 8 months. Co. 11 45 Tenn. Inf. CSA. Son of I. N. Curry and Jane Curry.
62. S. Dobson, born ?1812; died October 1839.

63. Benjamin Dobson, died 25 October 1838. Age 2 years and 2 months. Son of I. N. Curry.
64. In memory of Elizabeth Dobson who departed this life in 1817 in the 13th year of her life.
65. Temperance Wiley, born 4 February 1843; died 22 June 1852.
66. In memory of Jane Wiley was born 21 June 1807; died 21 December 1887.
67. Martha Wiley, born 20 June 1844; died 1 June 1903. Wife of J. S. Osment.
68. Josephus Ozment, died 28 August 1906. Age 49.
69. Thomas A. Bagarly, born 10 June 1831; died 22 January 1921.
70. Sallie Ann Huggins Bagarly, born 12 November 1861; died 22 March 1942.
71. Henry Miller, born 8 January 1773; died 24 November 1857. Son in law of John Drennan, Sr.
72. Rachel Miller, born 13 December 1775; died 8 January 1860. Wife of Henry Miller. Daughter of John Drennan, Sr.
73. Here lies the body of John Drennan who departed this life 19th day of January 1816 in 76th year of his age. August 24, 1819. (A very elaborate Masonic emblem is on his tombstone.)
74. Elanor Logue, born the 2 of May 1826; died the 21 of 1847. Consort of Gazaway Peach.
75. In the memory of Cairnes Logue, born 14 July 1783; died 11 of April 1864.
76. Sacred to the memory of Margaret, born 1785; died 30 March 1843. Wife of Cairnes Logue. Member Methodist Episcopal Church.
77. Sacred to the memory of Joshua L, born 1 July 1822; died 30 August 1843. Son of Margaret Logue and Cairnes Logue.
78. In memory of infant daughter of T. G. Logue and Nancy Logue. Born and died 9th of December 1845.
79. Here lies the body of Flo) Sillivin who departed this life the 26 day of January.
80. Anna, died 28 February 1852. Age 76 years 11 months 17 days. Wife of John Rea.
81. Cinthy H., born 17 January 1803; died 18 December 1861. Wife of James Drennan.
82. James Drennan, born 17 September 1788; died 31 January 1867. Son of John Drennan, Sr.
83. Fanny W., born 13 June 1788; died 16 July 1831. Wife of James Drennan.
84. William B. Drennan, born 31 October 1820; died 19 October 1840.
85. Infant daughter of John C. Hampton and Ann Hampton. Born and died 1 March 1839.
86. Infant son of J. C. Hampton and Ann Hampton. Born 11 May 1811.
87. Infant son of F. Goodrick, born 7 February 1878; died 1 April 1878.
88. Burton Williams, born 15 November 1877; died 26 February 1880. Son of L. A. Williams.
89. Callie Williams, born 10 November 1879; died 12 April 1881. Daughter of L. A. W. and J. O. Williams.
90. Willie Williams, born 16 July 1889; died 16 July 1889.
91. James G. Hamilton, born 16 October 1812; died 24 August 1895. The inscription reads, "A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our heart which can never be filled."
92. Margaret M. Hamilton, born 11 April 1817; died (?). Married James G. Hamilton 27 August 1835.
93. Ellen Lane born 4 January 1849; died 1 December 1880. Wife of C. B. Lane. Daughter of James Hamilton and Margaret Hamilton.
94. Eliza H. Eskridge, born 28 July 1851; died 17 September 1943.
95. Richard Woodroof, born July 1820; died 1894.
96. Maggie Harkreader, born 14 March 1852; died 17 September 1899.
97. Samuel S. Luckey, born 12 June 1821; died 5 September 1872. Erected by John Luckey.
98. A. D. Pugh, born 23 March 1865; died 14 February 1927.
99. W. T. Pugh, born April 1860; died July 1888.
100. M. A. Pugh, born 1880; died 1881.
101. Aney Pugh, born 15 June 1860; died 8 June 1882.
102. A. L. Marean, born 1872; died 1873. Son of G. T. Nikens and J. E. Nikens.
103. I. B. Castleman, 18 October 1849.
104. Maggie E. Castleman, born 25 June 1852; died 11 December 1923.
105. William Burnette Castleman, born 8 June 1880; died 1 October 1913. A medical Doctor.
106. Sophia E., born 1884; died 1887. Daughter of M. E. S. Castleman and L. B. Castleman.
107. Infant son of L. B. Castleman and M. E. S. Castleman. 1878.
108. Thomas Telford, born 1 February 1815; died 27 November 1881. The inscription reads, "Blessed are the pure for they shall see God."
109. Wickliffe, born 13 December 1871; died 4 August 1873. Son of L. Burnette and E. B. Burnette.
110. In memory of Mary Ann, born 22 November 1816; died 3 January 1875. Wife of T. C. Telford. Married 17 November 1836.
111. Herman Rufus Castleman, born 26 August 1910; died 9 February 1943.
112. L. W. B.
113. Fannie C. Birdwell, born 10 July 1855; died 21 April 1875.
114. John Wick), born 9 August 1871; died 30 August 1875. Erected by T.C. Telford.
115. In loving memory of our dear baby Jo Ed, born 2 November 1901; died 27 December 1903. Son of J. K. Bradford and Lena Bradford.
116. Sarah Brooks Jones, born 11 March 1825; died 26 December 1897. Wife of Jasper Ozment.
117. Hannah Frances Hewgley, born 30 September 1827; died 9 February 1905.
118. Birdie I. Vaughn, born 23 January 1874; died 30 May 1904.
119. Ola May Vaughn, born 12 December 1903; died 14 August 1904.
120. Inez Hale, born 1903; died 1905.
121. U. T. Hewgley, born 6 February 1845; died 3 October 1885.

122. Harriett E. Hewgley, born 18 July 1854; died 17 December 1875.
123. Rubin N. Hewgley, born 19 February 1873; died 7 October 1875.
124. J. T. Hewgley, born 10 May 18 ; died 21 May 18 .
125. Eugene Burnette, born 1878; died 1910.
126. W. J. Burnette, born 1848; died 1910.
127. Orvill Burnette, born 1880; died 1903.
128. Robert Ann Burnette, born 1851; died 1917.
129. J. W. Ozment, born 1855; died 1926.
130. Wade Baker, born 24 May 1873; died 1 May 1899.
131. Roxie Boyd, born 28 February 1879. Daughttr of J. W. Boyd and M. A. Boyd. Married Wade Baker 9 January 1899.
132. Robert C. Hale, born 16 April 1881; died 28 January 1899.
133. Emily A., born 1 September 1841; died 16 May 1903. Wife of G. Hale.
134. Sarah E. Bland, born 27 November 1854; died 27 November 1939.
135. William A. Bland, born 19 December 1851; died 29 July 1895.
136. James Arthur, born 17 February 1885; died 19 July 1890. Son of W. A. Bland and S. E. Bland.
137. Farewell little Lizzie, born 1 April 1887; died 7 May 1887. Daughter of J. E. Humble and L. M. Humble.
138. George F. Bland, born 19 July 1898; died 21 October 1918.
139. America V., born 25 July 1865; died 13 September 1886. Wife of C. G. Smith.
140. A. B. Smith, born 28 May 1809; died 18 January 1888.
141. Hannah J. Hamilton, born 20 August 1828; died 25 February 1896. Wife of A. B. Smith.
142. Abbie R., born 19 October 1846; died 30 March 1898. Daughter of A. B. Smith and Hannah J. Smith.
143. Ida Underwood Smith, born 2 September 1879; died 1 May 1952.
144. Minnie, born 5 June 1881; died 9 March 1913. Wife of W. A. Smith.
145. Ona Smith, born 25 December 1916; died .
146. Mack Smith, born 16 May 1911; died 10 June 1944.
147. Linda Gaye Smith, born 29 September 1939; died 10 June 1944.
148. Mary Williams, born 10 February 1845; died 15 November 1887. Daughter of F. Baker and T. C. Baker.
149. Sarah Williams, born 27 July 1863; died 18 October 1874.
150. Joseph L. Patterson, born 18 June 1873; died 8 February 1951. Tenn. Sgt. 26 Inf.
151. J. L. Matthews, born 10 May 1842; died 6 December 1921.
152. Nancy Jane, born 23 Januaray 1853; died 25 November 1906. Wife of J. L. Matthews.
153. Baby Willie Doris Matthews, born 12 December 1911; died 12 December 1911.
154. Martin Vick, born 18 January 1862; died 22 August 1875.
155. W. H. Carter, born 27 February 1830; died 1 May 1911. W. H. Carter and Adline Spain were married November 1853.
156. Adline, born 31 January 1837; died 12 March 1907. Wife of W. H. Carter.
157. Bettie Hamilton Burnette, born 6 March 1844; died 23 October 1906.
158. Darrah Hamilton, born 23 November 1870; died 23 June 1906.
159. Cora E. Carter, born 20 October 1881; died
160. Harvey J. Carter, born 11 July 1886; died 26 May 1950.
161. Joe A. Carter. born 1856; died 1942.
162. Amamda L. Carter, born 1858; died 1943.
163. Vicie Smith, died 1885.
164. C. D. Bland, born 19 July 1850; died 22 August 1921.
165. E. N. Bland, born 30 September 1860; died 24 October 1909.
166. M. E. Bland, born 26 September 1861; died 14 June 1921.
167. Our darling Mildred Bland, born 9 September 1917; died 12 September 1917.
168. Nancy, born January 1789; died 31 July 1873. Wife of Samuel Brown.
169. S. H. Brown, born 9 September 1835; died 12 May 1909.
170. N. R. Jones, born 16 November 1875; died 25 April 1885.
171. William E. Underwood, born 17 July 1859; died 28 April 1911.
172. Mary Underwood, born 8 December 1860; died 11 August 1917.
173. H. R. Gwyn, born 25 October 1822; departed this life 27 February 1871.
174. In memory of Hugh Gwyn, born 1749; died 11 January 1829.
175. In memory of Hugh Gwyn, born 25 September 1798; died 17 December 1826.
176. Two infants of James R. and N. S. Gwyn, born and died 24 June 1851.
177. In memory of Josephine Alice, born 23 June 1850; died 2 July 1850. Infant daughter of James R. Gwyn and N. S. Gwyn.
178. In memory of Ransom Gwyn, died 13th of May 1848. Age 76 years. The inscription reads, "He was a citizen of Wilson County for 17 years."
179. In memory of D. M. Sullivan, born 25 May 1810; died 31 May 1856.
180. In memory of Eli M. Bradford, born 30 August 1801; died 26 July 1831.
181. In memory of James Bradford, born 29 September 1775; died 29 February A.D. 1849. The inscription reads, "Depart my friends, dry up your tears. Here I must lie till Christ appears."
182. In memory of William M. Bradford, born 13 July 1807; died 21 July 1831.
183. In memory of Elizabeth Bradford, born 13 February 1784 in Chester District of South Carolina; died 11 August 1876. Wife of James Bradford.
184. W. H. Bradford, born 12 December 1836; died 25 January 1904.
185. Sallie E. Bradford, born 10 November 1838; died 27 November 1904.
186. Lydia Carter, born 1800; died 14 April 1857.
187. James R. Boyd, born 17 February 1907; died 16 October 1934. By Brothers and Sisters.
188. Here lies the body of Valentine Stull who died 20 day of July in 1827.

189. In memory of Nancy Eveline, born 1 August 1831; died 1 April 1832. Daughter of John Drennan and Rebecca Drennan.
190. Infant.
191. In memory of John W. Brewer, born 21 February, died 15 July 1861.
191. In memory of J. W. Brown, born 21 February, died 15 July 1861.
192. J. D. Shelton, born 1834; died 7 May 1871.
193. Infant daughter of W. H. Brewer and E. F. Brewer.
194. () ne Brewer, 6 March.
195. James Franklin, died 7 March 1865. Age 1 month and 12 days. Son of James R. Sullivan and S. E. Sullivan.
196. Esther C. Hamilton, born 6 October 1817; died August 1877.
197. George Hamilton, born 29 October 1858; died 18 August 1861. Infant son of E. Hamilton and Thomas Hamilton.
198. John Hamilton, born 1 October 1861; died 13 November 18 . Infant son of Thomas Hamilton.
199. Leon McCall, born 6 April 1907; died 20 March 1927.
200. Alice McCall, born 10 September 1885; died 4 August 1935.
201. Thomas Hamilton, born 6 December 1806; died 16 August 1885.
202. Rachel Williams, born 27 May 1821; died 16 April 1856. Her two children, J. T., born 15 September 1850; died 1 September 1852 and M. E. W., born 22 May 1853; died 15 October 1855.
203. In memory of John Roach, born June 1769; died 26 May 1847.
204. Beneath this marble lie the mortal remains of Elmira Jane, born 19 November 1821; died 27 August ?1813. Wife of John Roach.
205. M. Angelina, born 19 December 1797; died 17 September 1849. Consort of Thomas Kirkpatrick. The inscription reads, "She had no wish in life to roam which was to her so barren. Her wish was to seek that home whose stary vault and silver dome invited her to heaven. And thare at rest she be forever. In angel's company where pain and woe visit never and friend's and loved ones will sever. But live and love eternal. Just by her side lies her dear babe the darling of her bosom who by the sting of death has paid the debt that Adam's sin had made. Dear babe now shines in heaven."
206. In memory of Nancy W., born 11 September 1817; died 21 September 1840. Consort of Thomas K. Roach. The inscription reads, "Lips have kissed, years have faded, and cold hands have pressed. Ye are forever with mould. (Form) have clasp. Thou art crumbling away, and soon in our bosom the weeping will lay."
207. Sacred to the memory of Sarah Glison, born 1790; died 13 April 1846.
208. Lee Baker, born 1861; died 1944.
209. John Elliott Baker, born 8 January 1781; died 23 October 1866.
210. Elizabeth Beasley, died 9 September 1829. Age 27 years, 7 months, and 5 days. Wife of John E. Baker. Erected by Wade Baker in memory of his father and mother.
211. In memory of Jane Wood, born 12 April 1790; died 28 September 1840.
212. In memory of Reuben Wood, born 10 October 1787; died 9 September 1835. The inscription reads, "Beyond the verge of change in time, its worth, its beauty still survive and blossoms in its native chime."
213. In memory of Isaiah B. Wood, born 10 May 1821; died 7 July 1840.
214. (?) Brown, born 10 April 1819; died 6 September 1893.
215. Hugh Brown, born 1815; died 21 May 1899.
216. William Brown, died 9 July 1855. Age 74 years.
217. Jane, died 28 August 1855. Age 72 years. Wife of William Brown.
218. In memory of Alfred Osborn, born 16 October 1788; died 26 February 1848.
219. In memory of Sarah Currey, born 10 September 1756; died 30 October 1813.
220. In memory of John Currey, born 30 April 1762; died September 1840.
221. Isaac N. Cauthon, died at Rock Island Prison 3 January 1861. This put here by James M. Brown.
222. In remembrance of Sarah Shelden, born 30 October 1811; died 4 January 1849. Wife of J. M. Shelden.
223. Here lies the body of Jane W. Telford, born 18 January 1838; died 15 January 1839.
224. Sacred to the memory of H. M. Robbins, born 16 November 1820; died 9 August 1847. Age 26 years.
225. Ruth Robbins, born 21 September 1816; died 3 May 1865.
226. In memory of Colonel A. D. Robbins, born 11 October 1822; died 15 May 1848.
227. Edmond Eakes, born 20 January 1800; died 7 June 1852.
228. Marette, born 4 May 1843; died 13 December 1848. Son of R. M. Wood and E. A. Wood.
229. Martha, born 5 December 1797; died 26 April 1866. Wife of Alfred Osborn.
230. Ruphus Eaks, born 1852; died 1854.
231. Lorena T. Mires, born 21 December 1870; died .
232. William Mires, born 14 February 1862; died 9 March 1926.
233. Morgan Mires, born 16 February 1831; died 29 February 1920.
234. T. F. Mires, born 15 February 1845; died 6 July 1929.
235. Charity Mires, born 23 December 1842; died .
236. Peter Mires, born 10 December 1793; died 15 February 1868.
237. Dinah Mires, born 20 December 1803; died 1 February 1885.
238. J. A. Hamilton, born 1 February 1819; died 2 February 1889.
239. Rev. Hugh Telford, born 29 September 1809; died 27 September 1869. The inscription reads, "Here beneath the sod lies a faithful man of God. He has gone to his reward. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."
240. Thomas Griffin, born 3 April 1803; died 23 September 1885.
241. Thankful Griffin, born 3 September 1807; died 17 February 1863.
242. Erinvola, born 12 February 1878; died 6 November 1879. Daughter of Henry Strong and Bettie Strong.
243. In memory of Charlie, born 4 March 1867; died 10 October 1869. Son of Henry Strong and Bettie Strong.
244. In memory of Birdie, born 3 April; died 25 September

1869. Daughter of Henry Strong and Bettie Strong.
245. In memory of May, born 8 May 1861; died 22 August 1866. Daughter of J. Wright and E. Wright.
246. In memory of Margaret Logue, born 1784; died 16 March 1867. Age 82 years. Wife of C. Logue.
247. Sallie Ann Sanders, born 16 April 1856; died 5 February 1902. Wife of Z. P. Blaine.
248. Zechariah P. Blaine, born 17 February 1854; died 21 May 1888.
249. George Sanders, born 14 September 1832; died 15 May 1902.
250. Z. P. Bland.
251. John William Bland, born 19 November 1877; died 5 December 1877. Infant son of Z. P. Bland and S. A. Bland.
252. Howard Eaks, born 7 February 1892; died 20 March 1910.
253. Infant children of H. Eaks, born and died 20 August 1879.
254. Newton Eaks, born 10 June 1816; died 16 October 1873.
255. Luther Eaks, born 22 August 1873; died 6 November 1885.
256. Price Henry Garvin, born 31 March 1905; died 24 July 1950.
257. Laura Jane Boner, born 10 May 1862; died 7 April 1927.
258. Lillie A. Bannister, born 23 July 1889; died 4 December 1923. Wife of John Boner.
259. Albert G. Boner, born 17 August 1860; died 23 January 1925.
260. George Stanley, born 1913; died 1935.
261. U. P. Jenkins, born 5 March 1855; died 25 May 1915.
262. F. M. Jenkins, born 11 June 1855; died 31 December 1934.
263. J. G. Jenkins, born 27 August 1892; died 27 October 1918. Pvt. Co. E 60th Inf. 30th D USA.
264. Taylor Jenkins, born 3 May 1847; died .
265. Fannie E. Jenkins, born 30 August 1857; died 6 December 1914.
266. Alvie Jenkins, born 9 November 1890; died 30 May 1907.
267. Minnie Jenkins, born 9 November 1888; died 11 November 1904.
268. James L. Wright, born 21 December 1838; died 25 February 1910.
269. Ruey Jane Wright, born 6 February 1846; died 2 February 1916. Married 21 December 1865. Lived together 45 years.
270. J. Staley Wright, born 11 March 1874; died 10 February 1940.
271. W. A. Williams, born 5 October 1864; died 10 June 1927.
272. Emma Wright, born 18 May 1869; died .
273. Mattie, born 2 December 1897; died 9 March 1898. Daughter of W. H. Brown and F. Brown.
274. Newton, born and died 23 July 1894. Son of W. H. Brown and F. Brown.
275. Paizzetta, born and died 5 October 1895. Daughter of W. H. Brown and F. Brown.
276. Infant of W. H. and F. Brown, born and died 25 November 1896.
277. Salura T. Eakes, born 8 January 1883; died 5 June 1963.
278. L. G. Eakes, Sr., born 10 September 1879; died 7 March 1944.
279. William C. Eakes, born 30 January 1906; died 21 September 1938.
280. Ida Jane Harrison, born 7 March 1870; died 9 January 1953.
281. W. P. Harrison, born 1868; died 1939.
282. Jim Carter, born 10 November 1880; died 6 August 1956.
283. Burnice Carter, born 25 April 1918; died 16 November 1968.
284. Baby Mai Lane, born 1917.
285. Son.
286. Mirtha H. Carter, born 2 June 1894; died 13 August 1953.
287. B. A. Carter, born 14 February 1887; died .
288. John J. Hartman, born 11 April 1862; died 15 January 1916.
289. Mary A. Hartman, born 14 August 1872; died .
290. Little Ethelene, born 12 October 1918; died 20 January 1920. Infant daughter of H. E. Murphy and Violet Murphy.
291. James Udell, born 13 August 1917; died 10 April 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis McPeak.
292. Florence, born 26 January 1873; died 23 June 1920. Beloved wife of J. W. Powell.
293. Beatrice, born 4 November 1897; died 8 January 1926. Wife of A. T. McPeak.
294. H. T. Eakes, born 28 April 1868; died 31 August 1914.
295. Johnnie Pearl, born 29 October 1915; died 9 October 1917. Daughter of H. Bright and S. M. Bright.
296. Etta Eakes, born 5 January 1868; died 19 October 1918.
297. George Eakes, born 19 April 1861; died .
298. James Marshall Robbins, born 31 December 1846; died 20 August 1864.
299. Susan Matthew Robbins, born 8 December 1813; died 27 March 1867. Wife of William C. Robbins.
300. Daisy Sullivan, born 4 January 1884; died 16 February 1910.
301. Charlie Robbins, born 23 January 1877; died 14 June 1939.
302. Tempa A. Robbins, born 26 April 1844; died 23 May 1924.
303. John P. Robbins, born 25 April 1848; died 21 May 1917.
304. Ruth Ann Robbins, born 11 October 1870; died 1 November 1870.
305. John Lunsford Robbins, born 4 February 1882; died 9 July 1954.
306. Maggie Lane, born 20 June 1874; died 3 November 1878. Daughter of David T. Robbins.
307. A. O. Harrison, born 8 July 1839; died 21 February 1907.
308. A. O. Harrison, Jr., born 12 June 1879; died .
309. Dr. Orville Calhoun Omohundro, born 9 October 1844, died 15 July 1921. Buried on Logue lot in unmarked grave.
310. Margaret (Maggie) Tirzah Logue Omohundro, wife of Dr. Orville Calhoun Omohundro, born 2 October 1847, died 20 March 1945. Buried on Logue lot in unmarked grave.

**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. 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. For a complete introduction see Issues No. 1 and 2 of this volume.

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.

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PAGE 101. May Term, 1793.

Daniel Rowan vs John Boyd

Case: Assault and Battery

Declaration: John Boyd in custody.

Daniel Rowan states that John Boyd, with force and arms, on 1 September 1792, in Davidson County, Mero District, assaulted him. Rowan says Boyd beat, wounded and evilly treated him so that his life was greatly despaired of and then and there did grievous damage to him "against the Territory South of the Ohio." He also says he is "the worse" and hath damages of £500.

Defendant plead not guilty.

Jury:	1. Barkley W. Pollock	5. John Brown	9. Ezical Smith
	2. Jona Price	6. John White	10. John Cordary
	3. Mathew Talbott	7. Daniel Frazier	11. Hugh Bell
	4. James Hamilton	8. Frederick Stump	12. Thomas Crutcher

Verdict: They find the defendant guilty as charged and assess damages to Rowan in the amount of £ 15 plus costs.

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Nicholas [Lewis?] vs John Thomas

Case: Certiorari [Black's: A writ issued by a superior court to an inferior court requesting the latter to produce a certified record of a particular case.]

Declaration: No details given.

Verdict: "The Cause and the proceedings thereon Coming before the Court and the arguments of Learned Council in the Law being heard the Court is of opinion that the Judgment below be reversed." [Note: There did not appear to be any judgment or amount listed "below."]

Nathaniel Holly vs. James Bosley

Action: John Phillips, a Witness in said suit, proved his attendance and was awarded £2 and 18 Shillings.

WEDNESDAY, MAY TERM 1793. The Hon. John McNairy, Esq., Judge.

Malicia Fry vs. Charles Green [also written Malacke Fry]

Case: Plea of Trespass [Black's: An unlawful interference with one's person, property or rights.]

Declaration: Charles Green is in custody.

Malacke Fry was married to a certain George [Georgia?] Stuart, otherwise called George Fry, with whom he had cohabited for a long time in the character of husband and wife. He received considerable comfort and solace in the company, labour, solace, comforts and endearments of George.

Charles Green, designing and intending to injure and defraud Malicke Green in the blessings of George's company, on 1 October 1792 in Davidson Co., Mero Dist., craftily, subtly and with an intention to injure Malacke did seduce and entice George, wife of Malacke, to elope from her bed and board and kept her from her said husband for a long time from 1 October 1792 until [blank.] During this time Malacke was deprived of George's comforts, labour, and solace by which he was greatly injured and hath received considerable damage. Malacke states Green craftily intended to injure Malacke and has refused to pay and satisfy Malacke for injuries sustained by him to the value of £500.

Jury: 1. Richard Cross 5. Robert Boyd 9. James Ford
 2. Robert Thompson 6. John Laine 10. Barkly W. Pollock
 3. Simon Kyrkendol 7. Stephen Cantrill 11. Jonathan Price
 4. John Brigance 8. William Gillaspie 12. Mathew Talbott.

Verdict: "They find the defendant Guilty of the Trespass as Charged in the declaration and assess the Plaintiff Damages to one penny & costs."

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James Espie vs. James Shaw and Joseph Shaw

Case: Plea of Covenants Broken. [Broken contract]

Declaration: James and Joseph Shaw in custody.

On 1 March 1792 James and Joseph Shaw signed an agreement to pay and deliver to James Espie one likely, sensible, first-rate country born Negro fellow betwixt 18 and 25 years of age. The agreement is hereby produced in court. Said negro was to be delivered to James Espie on demand. Espie has many times requested the Shaws to pay [deliver] said negro as promised but have hitherto refused and still doth refuse to the damage of Espie in the amount of £500.

Defendants plead not guilty.

Jury: 1. John Cockeral 5. Thomas Cartwright 9. Richard Hightower
 2. John Motheral 6. Frederick Stump 10. Thomas Cox
 3. John Brown 7. Ruffin Deloach 11. James Lynn
 4. John Cordary 8. George Wills 12. Sion Perry

Verdict: The jury finds for the plaintiff and assess his damages to £110 plus costs.

Territory vs. Noah Sugg

Case: Non attendance as a witness

Action: John Deaderick was released from his fine for his non attendance as a witness in behalf of the Territory vs. Noah Sugg.

The Territory vs. William Smith

Case: "On a Su Fa for a forfeited recognizance."

Declaration: No information.

Verdict: The same jury as in the Malacke Fry vs. Charles Green case found that William Smith "did not surrender up the principal, Moses Clark, in discharge of himself according to Su Fa."

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The Territory vs. William Skelly

Case: Fine recinded

Action: Skelly was released from the forfeiture incurred "for reasons Satisfactory Shown on oath."

The Territory vs. Sion Perry, Ruffin Deloach and Law Cotton

Case: Fine recinded

Action: Perry, Deloach and Cotton released from their fines by "reasons shown on oath."

Friday. 9 o'clock. Mary term, 1793. Hon. John McNairy, Esq., Judge.

"On motion of Andrew McNairy, Clerk of the Superior Court, to give bond and security to collect and pay taxes on writs and fines for public offenses into the hands of the Secretary, agreeable to an act passed by Governor Blount and Judges Anderson and Campbell, the court are of opinion that it is not necessary as he did not pay any respect to those laws as he did not Conceiving them Binding."

The Territory vs. Elisabeth Moser.

Case: Petty Larceny

Declaration: Elizabeth Moser is charged with Petit Larceny to which she plead not guilty. The jurors for the Territory [Grand Jury] present that Elizabeth Moser, wife of Christian Moser, Spinster, late of Davidson County, Mero District, on 15 April 1792, with force and arms in Davidson County, stole 6 pounds of soap (valued at 2 pence) and three ounces of sewing thread, home spun (valued at 2 pence) said goods belonging to one James Hutcherson. She did steal, take and carry away said property to the great damage of Hutcherson and to the evil example to all others in like case and against the peace and dignity of our Territory.

Defendant plead not guilty.

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

Verdict: They find Elizabeth Moser guilty of the petit larceny as charged. Ordered that Elizabeth be taken to the "Publick Whipping Post, and there receive on her Bair Back nine Lashes well laid on and that the Sheriff of Davidson put this Sentence in Execution immediately."

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Edgar & Co. vs. Thomas Cumstock

Action: George Bell, Sen., a witness for Edgar & Co., proved his attendance and was allowed £2 and 3 Shillings.

Patrick Lyons

Action: Patrick Lyons was ordered to be excused from serving any longer this Term as Constable "on reasons shown on oath." [Ed: No further details given.]

The Territory vs. John Eagon

Case: Perjury

Declaration: John Eagon in jail.

On 10 May 1790 in Sumner District of Mero Dist., John Eagon, a labourer, produced an affidavit in due form of law before Isaac Lynsey, Esq., then being one of the justices of our Territory for Sumner County. Eagon made "oath upon the Holy Gospel of God" that the contents of the affidavit were true. Eagon, "not having the fear of God before his eyes but being moved and Seduced by the Instigation of the Devil and Little regarding the Laws of the United States of America . . . falsely, wilfully and corruptly did Say and Swear" in Sumner County, North Carolina [Mero District] that a sorrel horse, about 7 or 8 years old, 13½ hands high, was branded on the side with a T on the jaw, shoulder, side and buttock and had an H on the shoulder, with a small wrick in his face. He further swore the horse was the property of John Cotton. In truth in fact he knew the horse to be the property of William Moore. Eagon, in manner aforesaid of his wicked mind, falsely, maliciously, wickedly and corruptly did commit wicked and corrupt perjury to the great damage of William Moore.

Defendant Eagon plead not guilty.

Jury: 1. Mathew Talbott 5. John Brigance 9. Barkly W. Pollock
 2. Richard Cross 6. John Lain 10. Jonathan Price
 3. Robert Thompson 7. Stephen Cantrill 11. John Cockeral
 4. Simon Kyrkendol 8. William Gillaspie 12. Robert Boyd

Verdict: The jury finds the defendant, John Eagon, not guilty of Perjury as charged.

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Hardy Murphee vs. Hugh Leeper

Action: Julius Sanders, a witness in said suit, proved his attendance and was allowed £6 and 18 Shillings.

David Smith vs. William Fletcher.

Action: William Smith, a witness in said suit, proved his attendance and was allowed £2 and 14 Shillings.

The Territory vs. Lauzerus Cotton

Case: Perjury

Declaration: Lauzerus Cotton in custody.

Cotton was indicted on the same charge as that against John Eagon above.

Defendant Plead not guilty.

Jury: 1. James Bosley 5. Elijah Walker 9. John Lancaster
 2. John Caffree 6. Hugh Bell 10. Thomas Talbott
 3. Frederick Stump 7. John Gilbert 11. James Shaw
 4. George Ridly 8. James Foster 12. Allen Read

Verdict: The jury found Cotton not guilty of Perjury as charged in the Bill of Indictment.

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TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RECORDS

(Contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Bamman, CG)

Supreme Court Records, Box 192, Middle Tennessee, 1873

J. W. Scott vs James Scott et al

(Original Bill heard in Warren County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of J. W. Scott against James Scott, Dixon A. Stroud and wife Lucetta of Warren County, Asbury Biles and wife Elizabeth, Giles Harding and Susan his wife of Coffee County, Tennessee, C. W. Matthews, Ransom Guynn [sic] and Saml. Colville and Johnnithan [sic] Wooten William Sloan of Warren County and W. W. Berry and _____ [blank] Demoville, Administrator of Alex Fall, G. W. Cunningham, A. J. Smith of Davidson County, Thos. Powers and Mary Jane his wife, Wm. Powers and Celia Ann his wife and Stephen Elliot of Coffee County and George D. Flemings and wife Martha D. James Harp and J. W. and W. L. Harp of Rutherford county, Tennessee, and Hoover and James P. Mathews and Lawson C. Harp non-residents of Tennessee and the said James P. and J. W. Harp and W. L. Harp are minors under twenty-one years of age and A. B. Davis of Coffee County and J. H. Nelson who is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, and Adam Fultz of the County of Grundy.

Your orator would show and state unto your Honor that W. L. Scott departed this life intestate in the County of Warren, Tennessee on third day of March 1863....

Supreme Court Records, Box 193, Middle Tennessee, 1869

Jacob Hoots and others -- Bill for sale of land

(Original Bill heard in Lincoln County Chancery Court)

Original Bill filed 3 January 1860. Complaining sheweth unto your Honor your complainants Jacob Hoots and Mary his wife, Henry Renegar, George F. Renegar, William H. Renegar, Andrew J. Renegar, William Gattis and Mary his wife, Andrew Cashian and Catharine his wife, Margaret Renegar, John M. Renegar, Sanford Renegar, Nicholas Renegar, Wiley M. Alexander and Nancy his wife, all of full age and of Lincoln County, Tennessee, Alexander Philpot and Mary his wife of Bedford County, Tennessee; Elizabeth Cowley of Jackson County, Alabama, James Steelman and Catharine his wife of Green County, State of Illinois, all of whom are also of full age -- that Henry Renegar, Sr. departed this life in said County of Lincoln after first making his last will and testament which was good as to his personal property but as to his real property he died leaving the same

undisposed of and intestate as to it. Said Henry left him surviving the following children to wit: Mary intermarried with Jacob Hoots, Henry Renegar, Elizabeth who intermarried with Henry Cooley, who is now dead, Catharine, intermarried with James Steelman, who together with the children of his deceased sons hereafter mentioned are his only heirs at law -- George Renegar, a son of said intestate, died about 1857 and left him surviving the following children, George F. Renegar, William H. Renegar, Andrew J. Renegar, Mary who intermarried with William Gattis, Catherine who intermarried with Andrew Cashian, John Renegar another son of said intestate died about 1844 or 1845 and left him surviving his widow Margaret Renegar and the following children, Jno. M. Renegar, Sanford, Renegar, Nicholas Renegar, Nancy who intermarried with Wiley M. Alexander, Mary who intermarried with Alexander Philpot-- and David Renegar another son of said intestate, died since his death without children, never having been married....

Supreme Court Records, Box 195, Middle Tennessee, 1872

State vs Bell

(Original Bill heard in Davidson County Criminal Court)

On the fourth day of July 1872 in Alcorn County in the State of Mississippi, J. P. Bell, a white man, and M. A. Bell, a negro woman, did intermarry. And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that the said J. P. Bell, a white man, and M. A. Bell, a negro woman, aforesaid, afterward to wit on the 25th day of July 1872 in the County of Davidson and State of Tennessee, and on divers other days and nights between that day and the day of finding this indictment in the county and state aforesaid, unlawfully and feloniously did then and there live and cohabit together as man and wife....

Supreme Court Records, Box 180, Middle Tennessee, 1871

Matilda B. Barry and others vs George W. Cunningham and others

(Original Bill Filed in Davidson County Chancery Court)

Mrs. Matilda D. Barry, widow, W. G. [?] and Fannie Barry, minors by their mother and next friend, Matilda B. citizens of Davidson County, Tennessee, Edwin Barnett and wife

Kate, J. E. and F. G. Barry, citizens of West Point, Mississippi vs Geo. W. Cunningham, Thos. H. Malone, Admrs, etc. Alexander Fall, dec'd., and in his own right with his wife Ellen J. Elizabeth J, widow of said deceased Alexander, and J. H. E. H, and A. H. Fall, minor children of the said Alexander Fall, J. G. S. Fall and James Wharton and _____[blank] Kelser all citizens of Davidson County, Tennessee.

Complainants respectfully show the court that on the 6th September 1858 the said Fall and Cunningham as partners, etc., and the said Alexr. Fall, ad Admr. etc of John Barry, deceased pled their bill in this honorable court #2206 against complainants except Burnett, who has since intermarried with complainant Kate (called in said bill Catherine)....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 196, Middle Tennessee,
1870**

**Z. Eldridge and wife Mary Eldridge vs E. L. Gardenhire
and others
(Original Bill Filed in Putnam County Chancery Court)**

This bill was filed by complainant...avering that complainant Mary Eldridge prior to her marriage with her co-complainant owned a tract of land in Putnam County, Tennessee. After her marriage and during her coverture Z. Eldridge sold her land to Reece T. Hildreth for Confederate money.

Defendants are the heirs and personal representatives of R. T. Hildreth save E. L. Gardenhire Mary A. West and John West; E. L. Gardenhire is the administrator and Mary A. West the relict or widow of the said R. T. Hildreth and John West who intermarried with the said Mary A. after the death of the said R. T. Hildreth.

Complainants insist that the deed was void because Mrs. Mary A. Eldridge did not willingly join in it and for want of privy examination. It is also avered that the said Hildreth procured said trade by fraud and that the purchase price was paid in Confederate money.

**Supreme Court Records, Box 224, Middle Tennessee,
1872**

**King and Keith vs Keith
(Original Bill heard in Smith County Chancery Court)**

Bill of Complaint filed in the Chancery Court at Carthage by Thomas W. King, citizen of Jackson County and Nancy Keith citizen of Jackson County also, against Hamilton Keith

residence unknown, Matthew Wheeler and his wife Elizabeth, William Vetatoo and his wife Mary, Wm. Lambuth, Isaiah[?] Brown[?], residents of Jackson County, Tennessee, Reem Keith resident of Smith County, Tennessee.

Your orator and oratrix would respectfully represent and show your Honor that William Keith departed this life intestate ___[blank] day of ___[blank] 1863 in Jackson County, Tennessee, leaving as his heirs at law and distributees complainant Nancy his surviving widow, two sons, the defendants Hamilton and Reem Keith and two daughters surviving him, the defts. Elizabeth, intermarried with deft. Matthew Wheeler, Mary intermarried with deft. William Vetatoo, and leaving also, some property, consisting of personalty and realty...

Complainant Nancy shows the children mentioned left by intestate William Keith are the children by his first wife, she being his second wife by whom he had no children....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 219, Middle Tennessee,
1872**

**John Moore and others vs Josiah Armstrong and others
(Original Bill Heard in Lincoln County Chancery Court)**

Your complainants John Moore and his wife Margaret William Armstrong, Thomas Armstrong John W. Armstrong William Cole and his wife Mary A. Jasper A. Armstrong George T. Armstrong Joseph Cole and his wife Sarah Jane all of the county and state aforesaid vs Josiah Armstrong and L. L. Stone and George Sma ___[?] of said county of Lincoln, John Armstrong, Fanny Armstrong and Susan, Lucy and David Bennet children of David B. Armstrong the last four of whom are minors and have no guardian known to complainants of the State of Missouri and children of David Armstrong deceased, who died since the death of said John Armstrong.

Your complainants would show unto your Honor that several years ago and about the year 185___[blank], John Armstrong departed this life in said county seized and possessed among other things of the following tract of land situated in said county of Lincoln...

Complainants would now show unto your honor said John Armstrong died intestate and left him surviving his widow Sarah Armstrong who died in the month of March 1871 and your complainants and said defendants except said Stone his only heirs and legal distributees or the descendants of them his legal distributees....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 219, Middle Tennessee,
1874**

M. J. and P. P. Gilchrist and others vs S. D. Coble and
others

(Original Bill Heard in Bedford County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Anna A. Sims and Mariana Sims, citizens of Williamson County, Tennessee, filed as a cross-bill in the case of M. J. and P. P. Gilchrist and others vs S. D. Coble et als, now pending in the Chancery Court at Shelbyville against the said M. J. and P. P. Gilchrist citizens of the State of Alabama, S. D. Coble in his own right, and as executor of the last will and testament of B. K. Coble, dec'd., William C. Gordon, and his wife Sallie, George Williams, an infant without regular guardian, Allen Coble, and Neely Coble, all residents of Bedford County, Tennessee, James Carter and wife Fannie residing in the State of Alabama, Goodwin Miller and his wife Martha, residing in Franklin County, Tennessee, Absalom Arnold and his wife Polly, residing in Green County, Arkansas, Richard Callaway and wife Catherine, citizens of the State of Texas, and Wesley Coggins, Mary Williams and Edmond Cooper as trustee of Walter H. Sims, citizens of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Complainants would respectfully represent unto your Honor that several years ago their father John G. Sims died intestate leaving complainants as his only children and heirs at law and that at the time of his death he was joint owner with his brother Walter W. Sims of the following described tract of land....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 218, Middle Tennessee,
1872**

Isham Perry and wife and others vs Gilbert P. Moffit and
others

(Original Bill Heard in Warren County Chancery Court)

Isham Perry and wife, Marilda J. formerly Marilda J. Hill, T. J. Cagle and wife Rebecca formerly Rebecca Hill, complainants vs Gilbert P. Moffit, Sam Henderson, Jacob Smith, Wm. Lincy and wife Euphema formerly Euphema Hill and James M. Hill, the two last mentioned are minors without regular guardian.

Complainants respectfully show to the court that Montague P. Hill departed this life intestate in the County of Warren about the year 1854 or 1855, leaving complainants Marilda J. and Rebecca and defendants Euphema and James M. his children and only heirs and distributees at law....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 218, Middle Tennessee,
1872**

W. A. Hunter et al vs G. W. Haynes et al
(Original Bill Heard in Warren County Chancery Court)

W. A. Hunter of Sumner County, Louisa Marona and her husband, M. H. Marony and Sarah Humphrey of Hickman County, complainants vs Geo. W. Haynes, W. A. Goodwin and Sallie Webb of Warren County and Berry Reeder, whose residence is unknown to complainants but believed to live in the state, also Asael Webb, Lafayette Webb, Wm. Webb and others heirs at law of Alfred G. Webb, whose names are unknown to complainant and are all believed to be nonresidents, defendants.

Complainants respectfully show to the court that your complainants W. A. Hunter, Louisa Marony and Sarah Humphrey are the only heirs at law of Thos. Hunter, who died in the County of Warren about the year 1840, and that your complainants as such heirs are the legal owners of a tract of land of about 100 acres lying in the County of Warren on the waters of Dry Creek, which empties into Collins River, bounded by the lands of Shadrick Green, Andrew Fuston, James Towels and Edwin Reeder, Sr....

Complainants show to the court from the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, that said tract of land was granted by the state of Tennessee to Alphred G. Webb about 15 October 1826....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 217, Middle Tennessee,
1872**

J. B. Kimbrough vs Henry T. Mitchell and others
(Original Bill Heard in Giles County Chancery Court)

J. B. Kimbrough, plaintiff, vs Henry T. Mitchell and his wife Nancy Mitchell, Caroline Graves, Messaniah C. Kimbrough, Joseph W. Kimbrough and R. S. Kimbrough, defendants....

**Supreme Court Records, Box 218, Middle Tennessee,
1872**

Cooly, Admr. of Cannon, vs Jesse Rodgers
(Original Bill Heard in Humphreys County Court)

Robert W. Cooly, Admr. De Bonis Non of Dennis Cannon, dec'd., citizen of Humphreys County, Tennessee, petitioner, against Jesse Rogers, Louisa Toland, James L. Pullen, Francis E. Pullen and James D. Cannon, citizens of Humphreys County, Tennessee, and Sarah Ann Toland, citizen of Dickson County, Tennessee, N. Harriett Owenby, formerly Cannon, and her husband _____ [blank] Owenby, George W. Cannon,

Mary Owenby and Martha Owenby, citizens of Carroll County, Tennessee, John Gardner and Antionette C. Gardner, citizens of the State of Illinois, defendants.

Petitioner would respectfully state that Dennis Cannon departed this life intestate in Humphreys County, Tennessee in Humphreys County, Tennessee in the year 1867, that one James D. Young became Administrator of said Cannon's estate....

Supreme Court Records, Box 218, Middle Tennessee, 1872

James C. Owen vs Mrs. M. Kubley and others
(Original Bill Heard in Davidson County Chancery Court)

James C. Owen, a citizen of Williamson County in the State of Tennessee, brings the bill of complaint against Mrs. M. Kubley, Jake [Jahu?] Kubley, Henry Kubly, Berry Holt and Mary his wife of Davidson County....

Supreme Court Records, Box 218, Middle Tennessee, 1872

Harry Estill et al vs P. S. Decherd et al
(Original Bill Heard in Franklin County Chancery Court)

Your complainants Harry Estill, Perry Estill citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, Erasmus Estill a citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee, Sam Estill, Matt Estill, Daniel Estill, Nancy Estill, Jane Estill and Adaline Estill, all citizens of Hamilton County, at least all of said parties at present temporarily reside in the places indicated, but their homes are in Franklin County, Tennessee.

Complaining would show unto your Honor that formerly they were the slaves of Esqr. Wallis Estill who died about 183_[blank] in Franklin County after having made his will, by which he bequeathed to complainants their freedom, which they were to have at the end of twenty years, and which the chancery court at Winchester held to mean went years after a certain event or time fixed by the will and which in fact made it about twenty-three years, and which time expired in 185_[blank]. But since that time and up to a period when the court at Winchester ceased to hold its sessions after the war commenced, complainants were held and treated as slaves, under the orders of your Honorable Court.

Complainants charge that they are the beneficiaries under the third clause of the will of said Wallis Estill, that by said will they were entitled as a matter of right at the end of said twenty-three years to one hundred and fifty acres of land out of the Crow Creek farm of said testator, and they were further

entitled under said will, if necessary, which they aver it was, to fifty acres more of said land...

Complainants charge that one Peter S. Decherd, now a citizen of Arkansas, became the executor of said Wallis Estill, dec'd.'s estate....

Supreme Court Records, Box 219, Middle Tennessee, 1874

George W. Martin and others vs Frank Martin and others
(Original Bill Heard in Warren County Chancery Court)

The bill of Complaint of George W. Martin, Elijah Martin, Polly Duncan, Wm. R. Martin, Lyman McCrary and Martha his wife, citizens of Warren County, and M. M. Brien and Mary his wife, J. Fletcher Martin Tennie Martin minors by their guardian, M. M. Brien, Jr. of Davidson County and Jas. Jones and Harriet his wife of the State of Alabama against Frank Martin, Chas. Martin, Emma Martin, Floyd Martin, Julia L. Martin all minors under 21 years of age and Thos. S. Myers all of Warren County.

Your orator and oratrix state unto your Honor that Wm. Martin departed this life intestate....

Supreme Court Records, Box 219, Middle Tennessee, 1868

J. R. Freeman and wife vs Alvin Brown and wife and others
(Original Bill Heard in Marshall County Court)

The Bill of Complaint of J. R. Freeman and wife Fannie R. formerly Fannie R. Smith brought into court against Alvin Brown and wife B. A. formerly B. A. Smith, John R. Smith, Jr., and Narcissus Smith, the last two of whom are minors and have for their regular guardian J. G. Smith and all citizens of Bedford County, Tennessee except Alvin Brown who is a citizen of Marshall County.

Petitioners would show that Mrs. Narcissus Smith wife of Wm. Smith lived and died in the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee, on or about the first of September 1858, leaving the said W. r. Smith her husband, B. A. Smith who has since intermarried with said Alvin Brown, Fannie R. Smith who has since intermarried with petitioner J. R. Freeman, John R. Smith, Jr. and Narcissus Smith her children and her only heirs at law....

QUERIES

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SARTAIN/CARTER: Seeking parents, place & date of birth of William "Bill" SARTAIN who m Martha Jane CARTER (b ca 1841 TN, d 24 May 1892 Limestone Co AL) possibly near Jefferson or Knox Co TN ca 1864. It is believed William died ca 1872, but do not know where. I will correspond with anyone with information about these ancestors. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/ San Diego CA 92111-4234/(619)279-2677.

SEABORN/CASTLEMAN: James T. SEABORN (b 4 May 1798 VA) m Anne CASTLEMAN (b 7 May 1805 Davidson Co TN) 20 Jan 1822 in Davidson Co TN. When did James SEABORN come to TN? Is John Hans CASTLEMAN the father of Anne CASTLEMAN? When did this CASTLEMAN family come to TN? Need proof of family ancestry. Mrs. Lu Whitworth/Ft Rich Sta, Box 5167/Anchorage AK 99505/(907)337-3487.

STOKES: John H. STOKES, son of Josiah & Mary HAYNES STOKES who came from Charlotte Co VA to Williamson Co TN 1816/1820, may have been the father of 12 children. It appears that he married in VA & had Josiah E. STOKES (b ca 1812); William STOKES (b ca 1814); & two daus, perhaps including Eliza STOKES who m John MURPHY in Williamson Co in 1839. John H. STOKES probably m Peggy TATUM in Williamson Co in 1821. Census records indicate that they had 8 children & that she was dead by 1840. Tennessee STOKES (b ca 1835) & Marcus STOKES (b ca 1837) are the only names found so far. Info wanted. Carolyn Odle Smotherman/P O Box 130/College Grove TN 37046.

THOMAS of Putnam & Jackson Co TN: Researching ancestors John W. THOMAS (b 1841 TN, d aft 1890 TN) m Pauline GENTRY; & also William "Bill" THOMAS (b 1827 TN, d 1903 MO) m 1) Teresa HARRIS 2) Asenath GRIMES. Grandmother was a granddaughter of both John & William THOMAS, however they were not related. She was a THOMAS on both sides. Any info on John or William or any of their ancestors or descendants would be greatly appreciated. Carole A. Holmes/16197 CR 3111/ Gladewater TX 75647.

VINSON/BENTHALL: I am looking for any info on Captain James VINSON (1761-1822) & his wife Rhoda BENTHALL (1761-1836). They probably came from NC to Sumner Co TN ca 1800 or earlier. Their son, Stokley VINSON (1796-1879) m Sarah FLEETWOOD (1797-1869) of NC in 1816 in Sumner Co TN. Carolyn M. Hecker/5212 Haring Ct/Metairie LA 70006/(504)887-1681.

WELCH/RICH: Still searching for parents of Missouri Ann WELCH, b 1852 according to tombstone in Clay Co Macedonia Cemetery. She m John R. RICH, son of Elisha, in Jackson Co Tn ca 1870. The only WELCH family in Jackson Co old enough in 1860 to be her parents was Richard WELCH, age 50, & wife Elizabeth with children Mariah (?), Benjamin, Daniel, Mary (?) (9 yrs old), & Martha. Missouri's name could have been written as Mary by the census taker. Are these her parents? Carl F. Cason/621 W. Mariposa Ave/El Segundo CA 90245/(310)322-2702.

WHITWORTH/BRANTLEY: William WHITWORTH (b where? Maybe AL?) m Mourning BRANTLEY (b NC?). Several children: Edmund Daniel WHITWORTH (b 22 Mar 1824, where?) m Miriam Curley BUCHANAN (dau of James BUCHANAN & Lucinda EAST BUCHANAN) ON 17 Jul 1851 in Davidson Co TN. When did WHITWORTHs migrate to TN? From where? Mrs. Lu Whitworth/Ft Rich Sta, Box 5167/Anchorage AK 99505/(907)337-3487.

WILLIAMS: Need birth date & place & parents of Robert B. WILLIAMS who died at age 84 in Lawrence Co TN 14 Feb 1880. War of 1812 vet--possibly name WILLIAMSON originally--on war record as WILLIAMS/WILLIAMSON. Need 1st wife's name. Annette P. Williams/311 W. 3rd/Portageville MO 63873.

WITHERSPOON/LINDSEY/FRANKLIN: Researching WITHERSPOON in Wilson & Sumner Cos 1800-1830. [Especially Sarah WITHERSPOON, m 11 Aug 1810 to Moses STARETT.] Also LINDSEY in Wilson & Sumner Cos. Especially need parents & siblings of Wyatt LINDSEY, whose will was dtd 1822 Wilson Co. His wife was Betsy MILLER, dau of John & Sarah MILLER. Also FRANKLIN of Smith Co TN around 1830s especially Joseph L. (b 1837). His father may have been Benjamin or Joel FRANKLIN. Marjorie F. Garr/1505 Mistletoe/Mountain Home AR 72653/(501)425-0405.

YOUNG/BULLINGTON/HARRIS/FRIZZELL/MESSICK/GREEN/WHITE: Looking for researchers or descendants of these families who lived in North Central TN in early 1800s. James YOUNG m Rhoda HUDSON, dau of Obediah, in VA & moved to Jackson Co by 1814 where they had 9 known children: Eli, James, Elizabeth, Hudson, Robert, Littleberry, John (Henry?) & Worley. William Crenshaw BULLINGTON m Eliza Jane HARRIS & moved to Putnam Co in 1822. Their dau Elizabeth m John (Henry?) YOUNG. John P. WHITE m Manerva GREEN (dau of William GREEN) in Williamson Co in 1839. His parents were Daniel D. & Rebecca WHITE. Richard MESSICK from DE supposedly died when ca 100 years of age in Coffee Co. Will answer all mail & reimburse any expenses. Robert Young/1216 Academy Dr/Arlington TX 76013-2309.

BARBER: Need parents of John BARBER & brother Daniel A. BARBER (b Jul 1815 NC). Daniel m Sarah WYATT 15 Aug 1835 Sumner Co TN. Were their parents Mathew BARBER & Christinia ATKINS who m 17 Nov 1799 in Orange Co NC? Janet King/27 N Kealing Ave/Indianapolis IN 46201.

Seeking info on: CAMPBELL/DOBSON/GREYHAM/CURRY/WILLIS/CLEMMONS - Wilson, Smith, Davidson Cos. MANGRUM/TODD/LACEFIELD/COSTON - Maury, Wayne, Lewis, Hardin Cos. Also need info re SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH on Round Lick Creek in Wilson Co. Sandy Campbell/Rte 3 Box 113F/Port Lavaca TX 77979.

MITCHELL/LEMONS: Need info on John MITCHELL & Charity LEMONS who m 29 Apr 1829 in Sumner Co TN. Were they parents of six children, their youngest Elizabeth born 1 Apr 1847 in KY/TN (?). She was given to Henry BRADLEY & wife Mary to raise after the death of her mother. Is the Charity MITCHELL who is buried Concord Cem. Allen Co KY (d 4 Nov 1850) the same wife of John MITCHELL? Janet King/27 N Kealing Ave/Indianapolis IN 46201.

REID: Seeking parents & siblings of James D. REID (b 1837 TN) m Permelia J. WILLIAMS 7 Nov 1853 in Lincoln Co TN. They migrated to Anderson Co TX early 1860. Permelia's parents & siblings were William & Louisa WILLIAMS. Ch: Margaret Ann (b 1832 TN); Mary Ann (b 1835 TN); Barton (b 1835 TN); Susan Delong (b 1836 TN) m Francis Martin BRYANT; William (b 1841 TN); Thomas S. (b 1842 TN); Samuel J. (b 1845 TN); John C. (b 1846 TN) & Sarah (b 1848 TN). Wanda Bowlin Davis/102 Cynthia Dr/Kerrville TX 78028/(210)895-4455.

Would like to exchange info on early Sumner Co families of James McKAIN, Peter MADUREY, Edmund TURPIN & William MORRISON. Celia W. Hudson/310 Lottawoods/Dyersburg TN 38024.

VAUGHN/VAUGHAN: Seeking info abt the VAUGHN/VAUGHAN family of middle TN. James & Enoch b in middle TN in 1800 & ca 1814. James m Mary TENNELL in 1825/26. James & family & Enoch moved to Green Co AK ca 1837. Both families lived in Pope Co AK. James & Mary's children & birth dates: Stephen 1828; Eliza Jane 1829; Anna Terline 1831; Mary 1833; Elizabeth 1835; William Riley 1840 & Reuben P 1838. Enoch m Margaret Elizabeth PETTY in Fannin Co TX ca 1839. Their children & birth dates: Abigail 1840; Robert 1842; Elizabeth 1844; Alford 1846; Sarah Ann 1848; Angeline 1851; John C. 1853 & James 1856. Would like to know their parents & where born. John E. Hart/Rt 1, Box 27B/Gentry AK 72734.

WHITSON: Abraham WHITSON's will probated in Wilson Co TN 1820. Wife was Lydia who he probably m in Carter Co TN prior to his move to middle TN. Need Lydia's maiden name & proof of parentage of Abraham WHITSON. Janet King/27 N Kealing Ave/Indianapolis IN 46201.

WILLIAMS/ROBB: Need parents of Johnston WILLIAMS (b Oct 1809 TN). Also parents of his wife Elizabeth D. ROBB (b Dec 1810 TN). They m in Trenton TN in 1833. Celia W. Hudson/310 Lottawoods/Dyersburg TN 38024.

ALLEN: Need parents of Mary ALLEN (b 15 Apr 1778 VA) who married Allen COTTON (EN) ca 1800. They lived in TN. Sumner Co in 1810, Davidson Co, then in AL after 1820. The family lived on Sipsey river, Tuscaloosa Co around 1830. Mary moved, with three daughters, to Winston Co MS near son David. She is buried there. Will exchange info or pay for copies-postage. Nina M. Martin/34953 Mathews Rd/Eugene OR 97405.

CHERRY/HALEY: Would like to correspond with anyone researching: Joel CHERRY in Warren Co TN from about 1814 until after 1830; George HALEY in Warren Co TN from about 1825 until 1866 m. (1) Louvica J. CALLAHAN (2) Anney JACO; Joshua ROYSTON or any ROYSTON/RISHTON. Mrs Mary L. Courtney/Rt 1 Box 101/Aldrich MO 65601.

CUNNINGHAM: Looking for parents of Martha CUNNINGHAM (b 1828) who married Henderson Sewell McGREGOR about 1847, believed married in Warren Co TN. James W. Short/2 Kirk St/Eureka Springs AR 72632.

BYNUM/ROGERS: Need info re David W. BYNUM (b ca 1812 NC) & Blanche ROGERS (b Dec 1828 TN). They were m 6 Apr 1848 in White Co & lived in Sparta until sometime after 1872. Children: Thomas (m Ann TRAVIS); Mary (m Edward EDMONDS); Samuel (m Lula HEFNER in TX) & Loucinda. Will pay postage & copy expenses. Arliss Soto/1301 Taft Hwy, #153/ Bakersfield CA 93307.

PAINE/PAYNE/BAIRD/BEARD: Searching for all children of Robert PAYNE (b 1785 Caswell Co NC, d 1857 Sumner Co TN) & wife Sarah C. BEARD (b 1792 NC). Known children: William T., James C., Martha, Robert F. Jr & Elizabeth. There may be 5 more children. Will exchange info. Diane Payne/2716 3rd Ave North/Seattle WA 98109.

CARTER/SARTAIN: Will correspond with anyone researching the ancestors of Martha Jane CARTER (b May 1842 possibly in Jefferson Co TN area). She m William (Bill) SARTAIN ca 1864. Need place of birth & parents of William SARTAIN. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego Ca 92111-4234/(619)279-2677.

GREEN/CARRINGTON: Would like help in researching family of Leonard GREEN & his wife Millie CARRINGTON who lived in Union Co NC in 1850. Some of children: Allan, Mary C., William H., John, & Levi. Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego Ca 92111-4234/(619)279-2677.

GREESON/HODGES: Need info about GREESON ancestors who lived in Giles Co TN in 1830 & 1840's. Augustus A. GREESON & Lucy HODGES were the parents of Nathaniel A. GREESON (b Feb 1831). Who were the parents of Augustus A. GREESON & Lucy HODGES? Doris I. Greeson/7101 Malta St/San Diego Ca 92111-4234/(619)279-2677.

LOCK/JONES: I am seeking the parents & siblings of William LOCK (b 1830 TN) who m Rhoda Boyd JONES in 1850 in Williamson Co TN. They had four children. Rhoda & two of the children died ca 1860. William & the other two children moved to KY & he married Martha Ellen THOMAS in the early 1860's. His sister Drucilla was living with them in Ballard Co KY on the 1870 census. Martha M. Miller/28921 Central Ave/Brooksville FL 34613.

SAUNDERS: Mary Ann SAUNDERS (b 1834/35 TN, d 1891 FL) m William James AKIN 19 Jul 1852 Williamson Co TN. Lived in Maury Co after marriage. Need parents' names. From VA, they died when Mary Ann was young. She was reared by uncle, name unknown, probably in Williamson Co TN. She was my gr-grandmother. Did she have brothers & sisters? Elsie R. Scrivner/6102 Webb Rd. #710/Tampa FL 33615-2839.

AKIN: "Conner AKIN, Co E, 9th Cavalry Batt'n, killed at Octagon House, Atlanta, GA 1864 CSA." Is this Wiley C. AKIN, son of Samuel Wilse & Eliza C. ALEXANDER AKIN? He was born 1844, Maury Co TN. A Conner was baptized with some of their other children in 1850 at United Methodist Church, Spring Hill, Maury Co TN. Since most of this family were called by their middle names, & the name Conner has appeared in the AKIN family several times since this Conner died, it is possible. I have found nothing else regarding him. (or on Wiley C.) Elsie R. Scrivner/6102 Webb Rd. #710/Tampa FL 33615-2839.

CROOK/PULLIN/McLAREN/BASS/BROWNLOW: Seeking parentage & siblings of Z. (Zerubbabel) V. CROOK (b 2 Apr 1843 Giles Co TN, d 7 May 1912, bur Rose Hill Cem, Columbia, Maury Co TN) m (1) Mary H. PULLIN 18 Apr 1861 Lawrence Co TN (2) Mary (surname unk) (b ca 1869). As of 1908 they had 3 daus, 1 son, b ca 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894 - names unk. Z. V. was a nephew of Farington BASS who was a brother of J. Miller BASS (a Jacob Miller BASS m Mary BROWNLOW 20 Jan 1848 Giles Co TN). A Zerubbabel CROOK m Mary J. E. McLAREN 29 Jul 1847 Lawrence Co TN. Was he father, uncle or ? of Z. V.? Eunice M. Vestal/15555 Huntington Villiage Lane, #104/Huntington Beach CA 92647-3048.

WOLF: I am seeking info on the following: Henry WOLF of Scott Co VA (1790-1816) Warren Co TN, (1816-1841) Marshall Co KY (1842-1872). Known Children: Annis WOLF FAULKNER, Levi, Jacob, Thomas Hopkins, Paralee WOLF HARTLEY & Eliza WOLF HAMILTON. The last two girls were born In Marshall Co KY. Henry had several girls whose names are unk to me! Help! And a German/English Bible exists somewhere. What is Henry's wife's last name? Jenny Adkison/1811 N. Rickey Rd/Shanee OK 74801.

SAVAGE/MORELAND: Was Levin SAVAGE (b 1788) who lived in Jackson Co TN the son of Levin SAVAGE (b 1750 Accomack VA)? Levin was in the American Rev War & filed for pension in Jackson Co TN. The 1830 census shows 80-90 yr old male living with Levin SAVAGE (b 1788), could this be Levin (b 1750)? Also 1830 census shows 0-5 yr girl, could this be Elizabeth (b 1826) who m James A. MORELAND in 1849? Who were parents of James MORELAND? James McCain/312 Seven Oaks Trail/ Knoxville TN 37922/(615)539-0426.

SEEKING COPIES OF CIVIL WAR LETTERS, DIARIES, MEMOIRS, PHOTOS in uniform of men in 8th & 16th Regiments, Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, C.S.A. for use in new regimental histories now in preparation. 8th enrolled in Jackson, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, Overton & Smith counties; 16th in Coffee, DeKalb, Grundy, Putnam, VanBuren, Warren & White counties. Thomas K. Potter Jr/509 Belle Pointe Court/Nashville TN 37221/(615)646-7612.

LOWRY/STUMP: Would like to correspond with STUMP descendant who has knowledge about the family of John STUMP who married Jane LOWRY 1 Oct 1793 in Frederick Co VA. On the same day Mary LOWRY married David STUMP. Jane born 1767, had son Lewis STUMP. Is this the STUMP family who moved to Davidson Co TN? Nellie Lowry/9654 Kessler AV/Chatsworth CA 91311/(818)886-4968.

MATTHEWS/MATHIAS/MATHIS: Seeking info on Richard S. MATTHEWS (b Dec 1826 TN) who m Elizabeth possibly BARTLETT or ZACHARY before 1845. Living Johnson Co AR 1850. Children: Elishu, Amanda, Bethsheba, James, others? Elizabeth MATTHEWS reportedly died 1868. Amanda is living Pope Co AR 1880. Where is Richard & family between 1850 & 1896? Mrs. Mearl Oguinn Jr/2604 Martin St/Pasadena TX 77502.

EMBERSON: Would like to share info on the EMBERSON (EMERSON)(EMMERSON)(EMISON) family. I am a descendant of William EMBERSON (b 1780, d 1862) who m Elizabeth DUNCAN, dau of William DUNCAN (b 1744, d 1837 bur Duncan Cem Marshall Co TN). William EMBERSON had 8 children. Also had 5 brothers who came to TN from Chatham Co NC (1814-1830). William DUNCAN had 10 children who came to TN 1810-1825. Counties of Marshall, Maury, Giles, Hardin, Madison, McNairy, & Lawrence. Robert C. Emberson Jr/PO Box 512/Magazine AR 72943.

WEBB/KELLY: I am seeking info on ? WEBB, husband of Nancy Ann KELLY (b 29 May 1836) of Dist 4 Giles Co TN, dau of Henry KELLY & Mahala SMITH. Nancy m ? WEBB ca 1855. She is listed in 1850 Giles Co census in father's HH, unmarried. Is not listed in 1860 Giles Co census nor of neighboring Cos. By 1870, she is back in father's HH with 4 daus: Mahalie who m Allen HODGE, Melissa who m Samuel JACKSON, Lidy Linda Hester Ann who m Daniel F. MARBUT & Virginia who m Edward YORK. I have not been able to learn ? WEBB's given name nor any other facts. He was dead by 1887 according to Henry KELLY's estate settlement in chancery court records of Giles Co, File Box W 10, Case 4502 dated 1888. Would appreciate any info & will exchange. Estha Cole/115 W. Commerce St/Loretto TN 38469.

SUMNER county families: James W. DORRIS (father Henry) ca 1880's; James ESCUE (ASKEW, ESKEW, ASKEY, etc) ca 1860's; James S. WILSON came to Sumner ca 1790; Richard, Robert JOHNSON came to Sumner ca 1807; HOUDERSHALT (HOWDYSHELL) previously from VA, came to Sumner ca 1792/3; HOLMES, Robert & Albert; Col David WILSON; I have extensive info on the CARTERS & many other Sumner families back to 1608. I will be glad to share. WILSON county: CORLEY (CORLY, CARLIE, CARLY) families of William & Austin (brothers from VA) MONTGOMERY county: Henry DORRIS ca 1860) a tinner. Joyce Alexander-Hetrick/12 Ridge Dr/Greenbrier AR 72058.

HARRIS: Need info on the relationship between TN Gov Isham Greene HARRIS who served from 1857-1863, and James Richardson HARRIS (b 15 Jul 1812 VA, d 28 Sep 1847 Williamson Co TN) who m Rebecca L. CROWDER 15 Dec 1831. William Roberts/429 N. View Park Court/Agoura CA 91301.

WOODROOF/WOODRUFF, Richard Ferdinand (b 1820 Rutherford Co TN). Who were his parents? Wife Ann ARNOLD, children: Mariah, Ann, Sarah, William, Richard, Alexander, & Thomas. Wife Rebecca Ann HAMILTON, children: Mary Jane ALSUP, Tolbert Fanning, Joseph Alonzo, Isaac Sewell, Ethel Wade, James Hamilton, & Lee Roy. Will exchange info. Rembert Woodroof/2204 Springdale/Franklin TN 37064.

HOPKINS: I am searching for the confirmed birth record of my grandfather James D. HOPKINS (b Jun 1845 Lincoln Co TN). Also the marriage & death records of my gr-grandfather, Bedford HOPKINS & wife Nancy NEELEY HOPKINS who m 4 Nov 1838 in Lincoln Co. I do not know where or when they died. Any info about where & when Bedford & Nancy were born would be more than helpful. Joe H. Hopkins/3511 Kirby Dr/San Antonio TX 78219.

WOOD: Seek info on Sarah WOOD who lived on Hayes Creek in Williamson Co TN & whose will was probated in 1829. Children listed: Richard, Nancy, John, Jonathan, Leonard, Alexander, Elvinder, Peggy & James. Alexander m Polly PINKSTON in Williamson Co in 1813. Elvinder also married a PINKSTON. Peggy married a McBRIDE. Working on WOOD family & will share any info I have. Oliver C. Wood/1000 NE 3rd St/Antlers OK 74523/(405)298-2569.

WOOD: Seek info on Johnathan WOOD, son of Sarah. He was in Williamson Co in 1820. He moved to Bedford Co & was there in 1830 & 1840 census. Died ca 1843. He had several children (wife unknown) but have the name of only one child - my gr-grandfather John Perry WOOD. John (b 26 Jan 1805) m Mary GILLESPIE (b 24 Nov 1805 TN) ca 1822. Would also like info on John Perry WOOD & Mary GILLESPIE. There seems to be a CANNON connection. Oliver C. Wood/1000 NE 3rd St/Antlers OK 74523/(405)298-2569.

CAMPBELL: My gr-gr-gr-grandmother was Martha ? (b 1784 NC, d 1856 Maury Co TN) Married 1) Edmond Kearney HARRIS (d ca 1800 Robertson Co TN) 2) in Mechlinburg Co NC 22 Oct 1803 John POLK (son of Ezekial) who died ca 1805 Robertson Co TN & 3) before 1818 Robert CAMPBELL (b 1775, d 1847 Maury Co TN. I am descended from Robert & Martha's son Robert B. CAMPBELL & his wife Naomi KIRBY. I need Martha's maiden name. Betty B. Ragsdale/500 Baxter Lane/Nashville TN 37220.

SMITHSON: Need names of all heirs & time & place of death of Sylvanus W. SMITHSON, son of Clement SMITHSON & Nancy PETTUS. Sylvanus (b 1798 VA) married 1) Louisa SMITHSON (his cousin) 1821 Williamson Co TN 2) Myra HADDEN 1851 Maury Co TN possibly a third time. Joined Confederate Army at age 62, was a brickmason, lived Williamson Co TN before 2nd marriage. Confused with his cousin & brother-in-law Sylvanus SMITHSON (b 1810, d 1872 Williamson Co TN). Betty B. Ragsdale/500 Baxter Lane/Nashville TN 37220.

SEEKING INFORMATION ON: Robert THOMPSON & wife Judith KEY, parents of Susanne THOMPSON (b ca 1770 Goochland Co VA, d Rutherford Co TN) m Robert JARRATT; Job PORTISS/PORTHNESS (d 1794 NC) father of Kizziah PORTISS (d 1841 Rutherford Co TN) m Richard RANSOM. Need parents: William JORDAN (b 1748 VA, d 1822 Triune TN) m Sally WOOD; Polly FOSTER m 1809 Davidson Co TN John HOOPER; Edward ISOM had son James ISOM (b 1790 GA/SC, d 1873 Lincoln Co TN); Martha CLARK dead by 1829 Williamson Co TN, m Samuel WILSON of Steele Creek NC; Clement WALL lived Flat Creek, Williamson Co TN 1803. Was Mildred AVANT mother of Hartwell HYDE died 1833 Williamson Co? Joanne Cullom Moore/Frenchmans Bayou/AK 72338-0127.

GRIMES/SMITH: G.G.C. GRIMES m Sarah J. SMITH 13 Jan 1853 in Cannon Co TN. Do not know a thing on the SMITH line yet. G.G.C. GRIMES, we think his father was John GRIMES, his wife was Sarah, both from VA, John's father we think was William GRIMES (b ca 1780 TN) he stayed there & John & son G.G.C. went to AK. If anyone knows anything on these families would love to hear from them. My gr-gr-grandfather, G.G.C., was supposed to have had about 12 names, would love to find something with all of them written down. Will answer all mail & reimburse any expenses, Will also check records for anyone needing information from Titus, Hopkins, Camp, Morris & Franklin Cos here in TX. Lindy Greenup McDowell/PO Box 1113/Mt Pleasant TX 75456-1113.

DUNAWAY(DUNNAWAY/DANAWAY/DUNEWAY/DONAWAY/etc): Seeking any info abt John N. (?) DUNAWAY, his ancestors & his descendants. John N. DUNAWAY (b ca 1799 VA, d 5/17/1849 TN) & wife Margaret (b 12/15/1802 SC, d 3/17/1882 TN) moved from VA to Bedford Co (prob Shelbyville) TN ca 1820. Children (all born TN): Mitchael E.W. (b ca 1822, d ? m 1st Harriet Angeline EULESS, 2nd Martha B. HIX), Mary N. Angeline (b 12/15/1825, d 8/6/1911 TN, m John G. CHAMBERS), Jasper Newton (b 4/20/1828, d 7/31/1885 TN, m Sarah E. DIXON), Alunda (b ca 1833), Finis E. (b 834, d 7/28/1882 TN, m Ida M.), David (b ca 1838), Fredonia (b ca 1840), Daniel P. (b ca 1842), Pamela d(b ca 1846) & Fannie (b ca 1850). I would appreciate any help & will share any info I have. Lucy Dunaway Zeier/1741 Reed Cir/Minden NV 89423/(702)267-3522 PST.

OGILVIE/ALLISON: According to Williamson Co records, on 10 May 1813 James ALLISON purchased the family Bible of William OGILVIE at his estate sale. It is probable that James was William's son-in-law. A James ALLISON was married to William's daughter Nancy. If any members of the family know the whereabouts of the Bible there are alot of OGILVIE researchers who would like to hear from you. Please contact Jim Miller/16606 Rainbow Lake Rd/Houston TX 77095.

BRADLEY: Thomas Crutcher BRADLEY (b 1771 NC, d 28 Sep 1860) was son of John & Martha BRADLEY. Married 1st Catherine HARPOLE CAPLINGER on 11 Mar 1821 & 2nd Susan HARPOLE (b 1805 Wilson Co TN) on 7 Mar 1829. Nine children from the two marriages known. Were there more? Family listed on 1850 Wilson Co TN census included Sabena Harpole. Family listed on 1860 Bradley Co AR census. Thomas was an Indian Fighter, served with Gen JACKSON at New Orleans 1812. He was sheriff of Wilson Co 1803-16. When did John BRADLEY'S family come to TN from NC? Who were Susan's parents? What is date of her death & where buried? Any info on this family? Ann Bradley Summers/2835 Kendra Dr/Louisville KY 37777.

KERR/CARR/CAR: Was William Harrison CAR/CARR/KERR, resident of Jackson Co Tn (by 1814) & first Circuit Court Clerk of Putnam Co TN (1842) born 1788 into Bedford Co VA family? Bedford Co VA KERR's associated with GEDDY/HOLLEY/McCLANAHAN/PARISH/RICE & WORLEY. 1787 Tax List of KERR includes James, Nathaniel, Thomas, William Sr, & William Jr. Beverly Carr Stanley/104 New Bridge Rd/R.D. #2/Salem NJ 08079.

GREGORY: Need info on Aaron Walter GREGORY, b in Middle TN & left in 1830-40's for Navarro Co TX. Place & date of birth? Parents? He m Missouri A. WHITE 13 Mar 1856 & Catherine GEORGE 22 Jan 1866. He died Nov 1871 Cherokee Cy TX. Supposedly his father was a Baptist minister. David & William J. GREGORY might have been brothers or cousins. Would like to hear from any GREGORY's. Reggie Gregory/508 S. 8th/Crockett TX 75835/(409)544-4713.

PRITCHET(PRICHARD)/BOND/DRAPPER: Who were the ancestors of Benjamin PRITCHET(PRICHARD)(b 1816 NC) who m Elvira (Alvira) (b 1819 NC). In 1850 census living in Putnam Co TN. Son, Zacharias (b ca 1848 NC) m Francis Leatha BOND (b 1859 TN). Her parents Alexander BOYD (b 1823 TN) & Leatha DRAPPER (b 1823 TN). Who were their parents? James McCain/312 Seven Oaks Trail/Knoxville TN 37922/(615)539-0426.

OF INTEREST

MILAM FAMILY

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