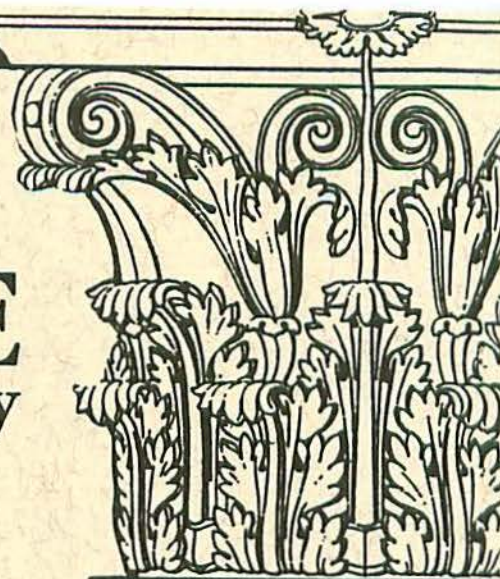


The MIDDLE TENNESSEE Journal of Genealogy & History

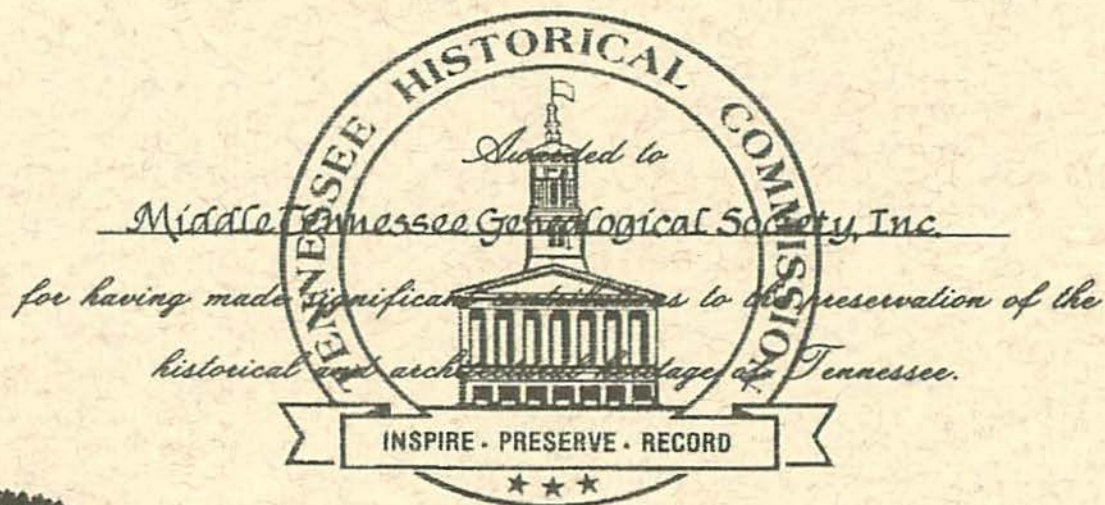


Bedford County • Cannon County • Cheatham County • Clay County • Coffee County • Davidson County • DeKalb County
• Dickson County • Fentress County • Franklin County • Giles County • Grundy County • Hickman County • Houston
County • Humphreys County • Jackson County • Lawrence County • Lewis County • Lincoln County • Macon County •
Marshall County • Maury County • Montgomery County • Moore County • Overton County • Perry County • Pickett County
• Putnam County • Robertson County • Rutherford County • Smith County • Stewart County • Sumner County • Trousdale
County • VanBuren County • Warren County • Wayne County • White County • Williamson County • Wilson County •
Bedford County • Cannon County • Cheatham County • Clay County • Coffee County • Davidson County • DeKalb County
• Dickson County • Fentress County • Franklin County • Giles County • Grundy County • Hickman County • Houston
County • Humphreys County • Jackson County • Lawrence County • Lewis County • Lincoln County • Macon County •
Marshall County • Maury County • Montgomery County • Moore County • Overton County • Perry County • Pickett County
• Putnam County • Robertson County • Rutherford County • Smith County • Stewart County • Sumner County • Trousdale
County • VanBuren County • Warren County • Wayne County • White County • Williamson County • Wilson County •
Bedford County • Cannon County • Cheatham County • Clay County • Coffee County • Davidson County • DeKalb County
• Dickson County • Fentress County • Franklin County • Giles County • Grundy County • Hickman County • Houston
County • Humphreys County • Jackson County • Lawrence County • Lewis County • Lincoln County • Macon County •
Marshall County • Maury County • Montgomery County • Moore County • Overton County • Perry County • Pickett County
• Putnam County • Robertson County • Rutherford County • Smith County • Stewart County • Sumner County • Trousdale
County • VanBuren County • Warren County • Wayne County • White County • Williamson County • Wilson County •

Volume XI, Number 1

The Tennessee Historical Commission

Certificate of Merit



May 12, 1997
Date

Wanda A. White
Chairman

Herbert L. Harper
Executive Director

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All meetings

(unless otherwise noted)

1:00 P.M., General Meeting

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

Auditorium

Ben West Library

Eighth Avenue North

at Union Street

Nashville, Tennessee

September 20, 1997

"Preserving

Your Family Papers"

Carol Roberts

Technology Services,

Tennessee State Library

& Archives



November 22, 1997

Day-long Seminar

Registration 7:45-8:30 A.M.

Desmond Walls Allen

"Creative Problem Solving for Genealogists"

Main Auditorium

Montgomery Bell Academy

West End Avenue

Nashville, TN

MTGS has meetings on the third Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November, *unless* otherwise indicated in the above listing.

The Executive Board of Directors will meet October 25, 1997, February 28, 1998, and April 25, 1998, unless otherwise notified.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Journal of Genealogy & History

Volume XI, Number 1, Summer 1997

Table of Contents

Certificate of Merit, presented by the Tennessee Historical Commission	inside cover
From the Editor	2
Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Stockholders, 1871	3
The Heirs of Thomas Talbert, 1847, Davidson County, Tennessee, contributed By Mary Sue Smith	9
Tennessee Supreme Court Records, contributed by Betsy Ragsdale and Gale Williams Bamman	10
Middle Tennessee Connections	14
Civil War Letters Written by Lt. Col. H. C. Lockhart, contributed by Irene M. Griffey	16
Middle Tennessee's Unpublished Bible Records, contributed by Virginia Gooch Watson, <i>et al</i>	19
An Archival Map of Tennessee's 3rd Surveyor's District, by Frederick Smoot	23
Recipes-1879 Style, Whitewash for outdoors & indoors	29
Book Reviews, by Shirley Wilson	30
R. H. Brockway & Company ad, Nashville, 1857	31
Heirs & Distributees of Wm. Gower, 1862, Davidson County, contributed by Mary Sue Smith	31
Early Census Taking, a short note on	32
Minutes of the Superior Court of North Carolina and Mero District, abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson	33
Original Mero District Superior Court Minute Book Found, by Ken Fieth	36
Reforming Tennessee Public Education—County by County, by Christopher B. McGee.	38
Dating Bottles	40
Family Record of Benjamin Bass	41
Tennessee County, North Carolina, Deeds, 1789-1797 abstracted by Yolanda Reid	42
Bylaws of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc. .	47
Journal Policy and Information	Back Cover

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

Officers

President

Charles "Chuck" Sherrill

Vice President

Livy Simpson

Recording Secretary

Juanita Patton

Corresponding Secretary

Betsy Ragsdale

Treasurer

Lynn Parsons

Directors

Carol H. Gipson

William D. Jackson

Dorothy W. Potter

Dottie Saylor

Byron Sistler

***Middle Tennessee Journal
of Genealogy & History***

Editor

Dorothy Williams Potter

Editorial Staff

Gale Williams Bamman

Sue H. Edwards

Carol Hughes Gipson

Dorothy Scott Johnson

Betsy Ragsdale

Barbara Sistler

Mary Sue Smith

Frederick Smoot

George Watson

Shirley Wilson

***Middle Tennessee Genealogical
Society Newsletter***

Editor

Irene Griffey

Computer Interest Editor

William D. Jackson

Queries Editor

Bobby Ezell

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

Following submission of copies of our *Journal* to the Tennessee Historical Commission, your Editor has been notified that the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society has been awarded the Certificate of Merit. The Commission conducts an annual award search for "significant contributions to the study and preservation of Tennessee's heritage during the previous year."

This recognition of the *Journal* caps a year of considerable activity and growth, and furthers the goals of our society with an award-winning publication. Presentation of the certificate to the Society took place at the May 1997 meeting.

-Dorothy Williams Potter

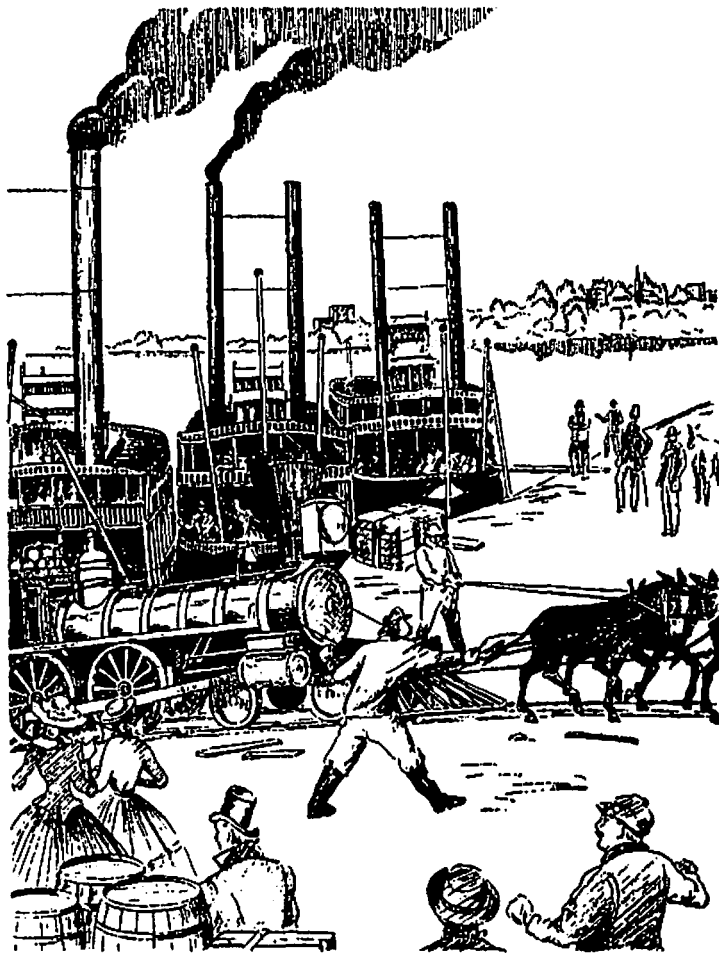
Formerly *Middle Tennessee Genealogy*. Published quarterly by the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc., a not-for-profit society, P. O. Box 190625, Nashville, TN 37219-0625. © 1997. All rights reserved.

Yearly memberships include four issues of the *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History* and six issues of the *MTGS Newsletter*. Make check or money order payable to MTGS. Dues are \$18.00 per membership year, beginning on June 1. If joining at any other time of the year, dues are \$18.00 plus \$3.00 for mailing back issues for the current membership year.

Printed by Miami Systems, Nashville, Tennessee 37209. Cover and layout design by Dorothy Williams Potter.

Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Stockholders, 1871

On January 24, 1848, The Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad Company completed its corporate organization under the charter granted it by the



First locomotive arriving in Nashville, 1850

state of Tennessee on December 11, 1845. Construction started at the Cumberland Mountain tunnel in August of the same year.¹

The first locomotive, The Tennessee No. 1, arrived in Nashville on December 17, 1850. Built in Cincinnati, Ohio, it was transported on the steamboat *Beauty* to Nashville, unloaded on the wharf and then moved, by mule power, through the streets to the rail head in South Nashville.²

The first train was operated on April 9, 1851, running from Nashville to Antioch, nine miles. In February of the year 1854, the line was opened to Chattanooga, connecting there with what was then called the Western & Atlantic Road, and so opened rail communication between the central south and the sea. In 1854 the railroad had 17 engines, 11 passenger cars and 164 freight cars.

In November, 1872, the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad purchased the Nashville & Northwestern, extending from Nashville to the Mississippi River at Hickman, Kentucky. In the following year the name of The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway was adopted.³

One of the many Annual Reports available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives that includes a list of the stockholders is the "XXth Annual Report of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company at Nashville, August 16, 1871," published just prior to that Company purchasing The Nashville & Northwestern Railroad.⁴

The exact order of the list is kept for this article. Apparently the register begins in Nashville and Davidson County, and continues south toward Chattanooga, listing all the counties through which the railroad passed. Other stockholders not categorized in this manner were included at the end. —Ed.

1. *The Seventy-fifth Anniversary of The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, 1848-1923*, pamphlet, (no printer shown), p. 4. Copy at Tennessee State Library & Archives.

2. "Over a Century of Railroad Service, N. C. & St. L.," paper delivered by President W. S. Hackworth before The Round Table Club of Nashville, March 26, 1853, (no printer shown), p. 1. [Drawing shown above from page 1] TSLA.

3. *The Seventy-fifth Anniversary of The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, 1848-1923*, pamphlet, Tennessee State Library & Archives, p. 4.

4. *XXth Annual Report of the Directors and Other Officers of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company, to the Stockholders in Convention at Nashville, August 16, 1871* (Nashville: Paul & Tavel, Steam Printers, 1871), pp. 81-119.

**List of Stockholders in Nashville &
Chattanooga Railroad, June 30, 1871.**

Name *No. Shares* *No. Votes*

Nashville and Davidson County

Allison, Mrs. R. G.	50	11
Anderson, Wm.	1 1/4	1
Alumni society.	10 1/2	5
Ament, Samuel P.	24 1/4	8
Adams, A. G.	174 3/4	23
Allison, Anderson & Co.,	2	1
Adams, Mary J.	2	1
Adams, Benj. S.	2	1
Adams, David P.	2	1
Adams, Sarah E.	2	1
Adams, Thomas E.	2	1
Adams, Jane G.	2	1
Adams, Susan P.	2	1
Atchison, T. A.	10 3/4	5
Brown, Aris	48 1/4	10
Brown, Joseph P.	23 1/4	8
Berry, W. T.	46 1/4	10
Berry, W. W.	11 1/2	5
Burn, Mike	73 1/4	13
Brown, Aaron V.	58	11
Bass, John M.	2194 1/4	35
Brown, George B.	8	4
Berry, W. T. & Co.	47 5/8	10
Baster & Hicks	5 3/4	5
Brown, Mrs. L. C.	46 1/4	10
Baylis, W. B.	2 3/4	1
Baker, John	6	3
Burge & Allen	2	1
Burns, James	40	10
Burns, Mike, Jr.	40	10
Cockrill, Mark R.	231 3/4	29
Crossway, J. C.	14	6
Cooper, W. F.	93 1/4	15
Cooper, W. B.	10 1/2	5
Cunningham, Eppy.	5 3/4	3
Coltart, John	56	11
Claiborne, Mrs. Anna A.	6	3
Cole, E. W.	1,611	167
Carter, R. A.	31 1/4	9
Douglass, H. & B.	23 1/4	8
Demoss, Skelton	11 1/2	5
Demoss, James	11 1/2	5
Dougal, Joseph	2 1/4	1
Davis, James B.	23 1/4	8
Drake, Isaac	1 1/4	1
Dunca, John	56 3/4	11
Doreleard, J. P., Adm.	1	1
Dawlin, Harris	6	3
Demoville, S. L.	10	5
Eakin, John H.	116	17

Name *No. Shares* *No. Votes*

Edmison, Wm.	46 1/4	10
Ewing, Andrew	10	5
Evans, W. H. & T. W.	22 3/4	8
Edwards, Joseph	35 1/2	10
Eastman & Torbett.	5	3
Eakin, W. S. & Co.	2	1
Evans, Thomas W.	400	46
Eastman, John U.	103	16
Eastman, Mrs. Susan	165 3/4	22
Eastman, Frank	33 1/4	9
Fogg, Francis B.	61 1/4	12
Fogg, Godfrey M.	145 1/4	20
Foster, James H.	9 1/4	5
Fall, Alexander	2	1
Fite, Thomas D.	40	10
Fogg, H. M. R.	20	7
Grizzard, Wm.	11 1/2	5
Gleaves, Guy T.	3 2/3	2
Gleaves, Wm. A.	351 1/4	41
Green, A. L. P.	52 3/4	11
Gardner, R. H.	2	1
Gibson, Thomas	1	1
Horton, Joseph W. (Estate)	23 1/4	8
Hicks, A. H.	4	2
Harding, William G.	174	23
Harding, William (Estate)	2 1/4	1
Hadley, John L.	45	10
Hough, John A.	4 3/4	2
Hurley, A. H. (in trust).	34 1/4	10
Howell, Robert	10	5
Howell, Robt. Trustee for F. D. H.	10	5
Houston, R. M., Trustee.	231 3/4	29
Jennings, Thomas R.	116	17
Jones, Isaac.	23	8
Johnson, John B.	1 1/4	1
Jonte, Frederick	4	2
Jennett, James	1 1/4	1
Jones, Edgar Cash	360	42
Knowles, Joseph B.	46 1/4	10
Kirkman, James P.	11 3/4	5
Lea, John M.	46 1/4	10
Litton, Isaac	16 1/2	8
Lovell, W. H.	14	6
McGavock, Jacob	237 3/4	29
Morris, Eli.	34 3/4	10
Morgan, Samuel D.	556	61
March, Jesse E.	4 3/4	2
Macey, S. N.	10	5
Macey, Alice.	10	5
Moore, Robert I. (Estate).	222 3/4	28
Mereditth, Washington	11 1/2	5
Morgan & Co.,	2	1
Maxey, P. W.	8	4
Macy & Hamilton.	2	1
Marr, T. S.	347	40
Meigs, R. J., Sr.	1	1

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
<i>Nashville and Davidson County, continued</i>		
Moore, Jane B.	23 1/4	8
Maxwell, Myra L.	6 1/4	3
Maxwell, Mary E.	6	3
Mathes, E. A.	6 1/4	3
Murrell, J. M. Jr.	34 1/4	10
Murrell, J. M. (in trust)	68 1/2	12
McKenzie, Alex	5 3/4	8
McKennie, B. R.	30 3/4	9
Nance, Joseph C.	2 1/4	1
Nichol & Hill	5 3/4	
Nashville University	2 1/4	1
Norvell, Agnes	66	12
Nelson, Anson	40 1/2	10
Nashville & Chattanooga R. R. Co.	3,267 1/2	332
Overton, James	58	11
Overton, Harriet V.	6	3
Parsons, C. R.	77 1/4	13
Porterfield, John	44 1/4	10
Petway, George W.	5 3/4	3
Porter, Alex. J.	11 3/4	5
Patton, John	5 1/2	3
Paul, Mrs. A. M.	40	10
Paul & Tavel	37 2/3	10
Roberts, John	23 1/4	8
Rutledge's H. M. (Estate)	58	11
Roscoe, P. T.	6	3
Robertson, A. B.	1 1/4	1
Sayres, Charles	4 3/4	2
Stevenson, Volney S.	104 1/2	16
Shepherd, Joseph H.	1 1/4	1
Shirley, Brown & Walker	1 1/4	1
Shields, W. M.	1 1/4	1
Shute, Lee	34 3/4	10
Smith, Pleasant	1 1/4	1
Stevenson, V. K.	4,779 1/2	483
Sawyer, J. G.	51 1/4	11
Scott, S. M.	2	1
Smith, Albert	100	16
Sartain, L. R.	64 3/4	12
Shearon, Josephine A.	23 1/4	8
Thompson, John	49 3/4	10
Turbiville, W. J.	23 1/4	8
Tannehill, Helen	1	1
Thomas, John W.	952 1/4	101
Thomas, W. J.	10	5
Teal, Susan E.	34 1/4	10
Throne, Robert G.	1	1
Vanleer, Samuel	1	1
Williamson & Cheatham	1	1
Woods, Stacker & Co.	254	31
Watkins, Samuel	152 1/2	21
Woods, James	19 3/4	7
Washington, Thomas	11 1/2	5
Weaver, D.	2 1/4	1
Walker, G. W.	24 1/2	8

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
Williams, T. N.	24 1/2	8
Williams, John P.	104 1/4	10
Weakly, W. P.	1	1
Yeatman, Woods & Co.	101	16

Rutherford County

Alexander, A. M.	53 1/4	11
Alexander, A. G.	43/4	2
Alexander, Jesse	11 1/2	5
Allison, Wm.	2	1
Alexander, M. H.	23/4	1
Alexander, James P.	23 1/4	8
Aylor, Sarah	1	1
Avent, J. M.	1	1
Anderson, H. I.	73 3/4	13
Aylor, M. W.	1	1
Blackman, Alfred	58	11
Bowman, Benj. E.	13 3/4	6
Baird, Josiah M.	22	8
Brittain, John	24 1/4	8
Butler, Wm. S.	23 1/4	8
Brown, Thomas	14	6
Brashears, Jesse	23 1/4	8
Burton, Jno. W. and wife	23	8
Beasley, A. L.	1	1
Bibb, Sarah A.	11	5
Baugh, Jos. L.	4	2
Baugh, J. M.	4	2
Baugh, B. M.	4	2
Baugh, Charles R.	4	2
Baugh, Mary A. and Clemency	4 3/4	2
Black, L. P.	46 1/4	10
Bone, James	1 1/4	1
Bell, James (Estate)	1 1/4	1
Buchanan, Mrs. J. P.	4 1/2	2
Brown, John C.	1	1
Brackin, Mrs. Carrie A.	39 3/4	10
Blair, Mrs. V. L.	5	3
Baird, Elizabeth A.	5	3
Baird, Edwin M.	5	3
Baird, Josiah M., Jr.	53	11
Baird, Isabella E.	5	3
Baird, James S.	5	3
Baird, Charles M.	5	3
Baird, Mrs. S. J.	5	3
Beaty, George	1	1
Burton, Hardy M.	22 1/2	8
Beatty, Benj.	46 1/4	10
Bar, Jane	18 1/4	7
Bryant, Charlotte	18 1/4	7
Burk, Francis L.	18 1/4	7
Baird, L. M.	4 3/4	2
Baird, Sarah A.	1 1/2	1
Butler, Ann Jenetta	4	2
Butler, Margaret A.	4 1/2	2
Bostick, Eliza	4 1/2	2

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
<i>Rutherford County, continued</i>		
Christy, S. B.	213 3/4	27
Conley, J. W.	11 1/2	5
Carlton, Kinton.	9 1/4	5
Childress, John W.	24	8
Cannon, Alamon	23 1/4	8
Cranor, Tom B.	23 1/4	8
Covington, E. J.	11 1/2	5
Claud, F. N., Sr.	5 3/4	3
Childress, Mary E.	58	11
Corporation of Murfreesboro	1279 1/2	133
Cowan, V. D.	16 1/4	7
Clark, Sarah B.	18 1/4	7
Clay, Green	1 3/4	1
Cannon, James S.	23 1/4	8
Clay, Martha	1	1
Clay, David D.	1	1
Clay, Wm.	1	1
Clay, M. J.	1	1
Clay, J. G.	1	1
Cooper, R. T.	2	1
Collier, N. C.	20	7
Collier, Mrs. Joe	20	7
Childress, J. W., Jr.	1	1
Childress, J. P.	1	1
Childress, Mrs. E. W.	1	1
Chambers, M. E.	1	1
Dejarnett, d. M.	23	8
Davis, A. H.	29	9
Dromgoole, John E.	27 3/4	9
Doughty, W. N.	1	1
Edwards, Thomas	28 1/4	9
Eagleton, Wm.	24 1/4	8
Edmunson, John	92 3/4	15
Espy, Robert	58	11
Ellis, E. T.	49 1/4	10
Ewing, J. W. (Adm.)	12	6
Ewing, Ada B.	11	5
Fletcher, M. L.	4	2
Foster, James	4 3/4	2
Floyd, Riochard J.	9 1/4	5
Fulks, John	58	11
Farris, Charles B.	7 2/3	4
Fields, W. R.	1	1
Fields, L. C.	1	1
Fields, B. J., Jr.	1	1
Fields, J. M.	1	1
Fields, H. D.	1	1
Fields, B. G.	54 1/2	11
Finch, W. H.	40	10
Finch, James R.	40	10
Finch, Mrs. S. P.	40	10
Gilmore, Haib	1	1
Gilliam, Jesse	11 1/2	5
Gregory, Henry	46 1/2	10
Gooch, Eliza A. (guardian)	116	17

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
Gilmore, J. D.	2	1
Gilmore, Peter	1	1
Graham, Rufus A.	3 3/4	2
Grant, James H. (Estate)	147 1/4	21
Gilmore, G.	1	1
Henry, Wm. A.	23 1/4	8
Henderson, G. T.	5 3/4	3
House, Ambrose	23 1/4	8
Hunt, Wm.	4 3/4	2
Hill, George W. R.	23 1/4	8
Hayne, J. M.	1	1
Hayne, A. M.	1	1
Hayne, L. L.	1	1
Hale, E. C.	1	1
Hord, Amelia M.	11	5
Hord, B. M.	11	5
Hord, Nelli L.	11	5
Hord, Minnie T.	11	5
Hord, Tom E.	11	5
Howland, Rolly M.	4	2
Howland, Molly A.	4	2
House, John C.	46 1/4	10
Harris, John C.	92 3/4	15
Huggins, J.	10 1/4	5
Hall, John	1 1/4	1
Hart, Thomas M.	23 1/4	8
Hall, William	11	5
Henderson, A. G.	7 2/3	4
Hight, Dudley & Rucker	4	2
Hale, Joseph P.	1	1
Hill, D. F.	1	1
Hicks, H. H.	3	2
Hicks, Isaac M.	3	2
Hicks, John M.	3	2
Harris, Mary	8	4
Henderson, Maria	8	4
Huggins, C. B.	50	11
Hamilton, L. C.	4 3/4	2
Hail, Rebecca A.	2	1
Hicks, James.	1	1
Hicks, Henry.	1	1
Henderson, W. P.	5	3
Jarratt, Thompson	23 1/4	8
Jarratt, John J.	11 1/2	5
Jarratt, Thomas J.	9 1/4	5
Jetton, James S.	1 1/4	1
Jones, William	23 1/4	8
Johns, J. B.	10 3/4	5
Johnson, Charles	46 1/4	10
Johns, Paul V.	10 1/4	5
Jordan, J. W.	5	3
Jordan, J. O.	1	1
Jordan, J. A.	1	1
Jordan, W. M.	1	1
Jones, John	23 1/4	8
Jobe, E. C.	11 1/2	5

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
<i>Rutherford County, continued</i>		
Jamison, Thomas H.	1	1
Jetton, Maria	18 1/4	7
Jones, Sisley S.	4 1/2	2
Jetton, Robert B.	4 1/2	2
Jordan, E. L.	170	23
Jack, Baller	4	2
Jack, Samuel	4	2
Jordan, E. L., Treasurer	22 3/4	8
Jacobs, Fredonia V.	4	2
Johns, Beverly H.	1	1
John, Miss Ann	1	1
Johns, John P.	1	1
Johns, F. M.	1	1
Johns, W. G.	1	1
Johns, Paul V., Jun.	1	1
Johns, S. J.	1	1
Johns, Matilda B.	1	1
Johns, Rebecca P.	1	1
Johns, Hiram P.	1	1
Johns, Hiram P.	1	1
Johns, William	1	1
Jones, W. R.	10 3/4	5
Jordan, John M.	4 3/4	2
Jordan, James	4 1/2	2
Ivie, Matilda J.	1	1
Killough, W. D.	2	1
Kerby, H. R.	11 1/2	5
King, James M., Sen.	13 1/4	6
Kerr, G. W.	2 1/4	1
King, Elias	29	9
Kirby, J. H.	4 1/2	2
Keeble, E. A.	20	7
Keith, John G.	23	8
Kimbrow, J. B.	4	2
King, J. M., Jun.	6	3
King, Charles M.	6	3
King, Thomas M.	6	3
King, Maria D.	6	3
King, John H.	6	3
King, W. H.	6	3
Kelly, W. Y.	2	1
Lytle, Mrs. H. J.	6	3
Lytle, E. F.	1 1/4	1
Lawrence, James	46 1/2	0
Ledbetter, William, Jr.	57 1/4	11
Lyon, James S.	11/12	5
Landsburger, Moses.	6 3/4	3
Lawing, Robert	4	2
Lytle, John	1	1
Lytle, Mary C.	139	19
Lynch, M. S.	1	1
McCullough, R. D.	22	8
Martin, John	46 1/2	10
Martin, William	46 1/2	10
Mathews, E. L.	23 1/4	8

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
Mathews, E. L.	23 1/4	8
May, Frederick	11 1/2	5
McLean, A. H.	23 1/4	8
McLean, C. G.	27 1/4	9
McCreary, A.	4 3/4	2
Mankins, John.	24 1/4	8
Maxey, Joel	5 3/4	3
Mathews, Wm. R.	23 1/4	8
Miller, Alfred	89 1/4	14
Maney, James	5 3/4	3
Morton, Mary A.	2	1
Miller, S. H.	89 3/4	14
McGill, Miss Mag.	4 1/4	2
Martin, Mrs. M. A.	5	3
Miller, M. A.	1	1
Mason, P. M.	11 1/2	5
Martin, Mrs. M. A.	5	3
Miller, M. A.	1	1
Miller, J. P.	1	1
Miller, P. R.	1	1
McElroy, J. L.	1	1
McElroy, S. A.	1	1
McElroy, M. S.	1	1
Moore, Mrs. Julia A.	6	3
McElroy, A. M.	1	1
Morton, George C.	1	1
Marr, James A.	1	1
McFerran, A. F.	11 1/2	5
Murfree, W. H.	4 1/4	2
Murfree, Tom R.	4 1/4	2
Murfree, Martha S.	4 1/4	2
Minter, Charles T.	2	1
Minter, Leviana.	10	5
Morton, James W.	3	2
Major, Margaret	10	5
McFadden, James S.	23 1/4	8
Neely, Kittie.	1	1
Norman, E. A. C.	8 3/4	4
Norman, L. H.	8 3/4	4
Nelson, Mrs. L.	8 3/4	4
Norman, P. W.	8 3/4	4
Nance, J. N.	4 3/4	2
Nelson, A. W.	121 3/4	18
Newman, L. D.	1	1
Nelson, D. M.	5 3/4	3
Nelson, Lycurgus.	5 3/4	3
Neely, L. H.	1	1
Oden, John A.	10 1/2	5
Overall, Robert	11 1/2	5
Overall, Asbury D.	23 1/4	8
Osborne, Harvey	2 1/4	2
Overall, Mrs. Sophia.	2 1/2	1
Overall, Miss Sophia.	4 1/2	2
Owen, E. D.	3	2
Oden, S. M.	1	1
Owen, W. B.	9	5

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
<i>Rutherford County, continued</i>		
Peebles, Isham R.	7 1/4	4
Peebles, George.....	46 1/4	10
Phelps, Asa R.	11 1/4	5
Parker, Nehemiah.....	1	1
Patillo, S. H.	1	1
Palmer, J. B.	10	5
Peebles, Lenord P.	4	2
Peebles, Isham R., Jr.	4	2
Peebles, David M.	4	2
Peebles, Samuel W.	4	2
Prewett, Eliza A.	4	2
Rucker, James.....	58	11
Rooker, William.....	44 3/4	10
Ransom, R. P.	4 3/4	2
Rather, Martha A.	11 1/2	5
Rucker, William R.	5 3/4	3
Ransom, David	7 2/3	4
Ransom, Samuel H.	7 3/4	4
Richardson, J. D.	5	3
Ridley, Moses.....	5 3/4	3
Ridley, Henry's Estate	3 1/2	2
Rucker, Joseph B.	5 3/4	3
Ridley, Elizabeth.....	23	8
Ransom, Ann Eliza.....	7 2/3	4
Ransom, B. F., Sr.	2	1
Ransom, B. F., Jr.	1	1
Rucker, Isaac E.	4 1/2	2
Reeves, James L.	3 3/4	2
Reed, W. A.....	9 1/2	5
Ransom, Sarah Ann	6 1/2	3
Ransom, R. N.	40	10
Ransom, Bettie C.	7 2/3	4
Ransom, Miss Sarah E.	6	3
Smith, S. R.	2	1
Smith, A. M. (Heirs)	2	1
Smith, J. A.	1	1
Smith, J. K. P.	2	1
Smith, W. E.	2	1
Sutton, Bettie.....	1	1
Sanders, S. R.	5	3
Smith, Arabella.....	1	1
Sharp, W. P.	8 1/2	4
Spence, Sarah.....	46 1/4	10
Sikes, Jesse.....	112 1/2	17
Smith, D. D.	11 1/2	5
Stroop, John.....	23 1/4	8
Smith, Jackson.....	46 1/4	10
Summers, T. H.	5 3/4	3
Spence, D. H. C.	1	1
Smith, W. Hunter.....	62 1/4	12
Smith, Elizabeth L.	1	1
Smith, W. H. (Democrat)	11 1/2	5
Smith, John E. (Estate).....	11 1/4	5
Smith, Benjamion.....	11	5
Smith, Swinfield L.	11 1/4	5

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. Shares</i>	<i>No. Votes</i>
Smith, Elizabeth J.	4	2
Satterwhite, James A.	842	90
Swan, Tabitha.....	1 3/4	1
Tucker, L. A.	40	10
Thomas, Wilson.....	5 3/4	3
Thompson, George.....	46 1/4	10
Tally, P. C.	11 1/2	5
Thomas, James.....	1	1
Vaught, Samuel.....	2 1/4	1
Warner, Alice G.	11	5
Webb, Eliza.....	2	1
Watkins, S. B.	23 1/4	8
Wright, W. H.	4 3/4	2
Wade, H. & R.....	46 1/4	10
Walden, John.....	23 1/4	8
Welch, Tom (Estate).....	1 1/4	1
White, R. H.	22 3/4	8
White, R. M.	1	1
White, William N.	1	1
White, William N.	1	1
Ward, Mary B.	2	1
Ward, Mary E.	1	1
Ward, R. M.	1	1
Ward, B. A.	1	1
Ward, Eveline.....	2	1
Williams, C. Adm'r Wm. Jordan.....	4 3/4	2
White, Lucy E.	4	2

Bedford and Marshall County

Allison, T. C.	5 3/4	3
Armstrong, Hester Ann.....	6 3/4	3
Anderson, Joseph.....	123 1/4	18
Anderson, John C.	2 1/4	1
Anderson, David.....	1	1
Anderson, Lucinda.....	4	2
Anderson, Mahala J.	1	1
Anderson, Margaret.....	1	1
Anderson, Jefferson.....	1	1
Anderson, William.....	1	1
Anderson, Robert F.	1	1
Brown, Henry.....	2 3/4	1
Burrows, Nimrod.....	7	4
Barksdale, J. G.	2 1/4	1
Beachboard, B. M.	1 3/4	1
Bryant, W. R.	2 1/4	1
Blackmore, John A.	10 1/4	5
Bobo, Samuel.....	23 1/4	8
Baldwin, James C.	4 3/4	2
Burrow, Freeman T.	4 3/4	2
Blakemore, Ann E.	4	2
Blakemore, Fanny C.	4	2
Blakemore, Jehu A., Jr.	4	2
Blakemore, Gartha Ann.....	4	2
Blakemore, Daniel B.	4	2
Brittain, Willie.....	1 3/4	1

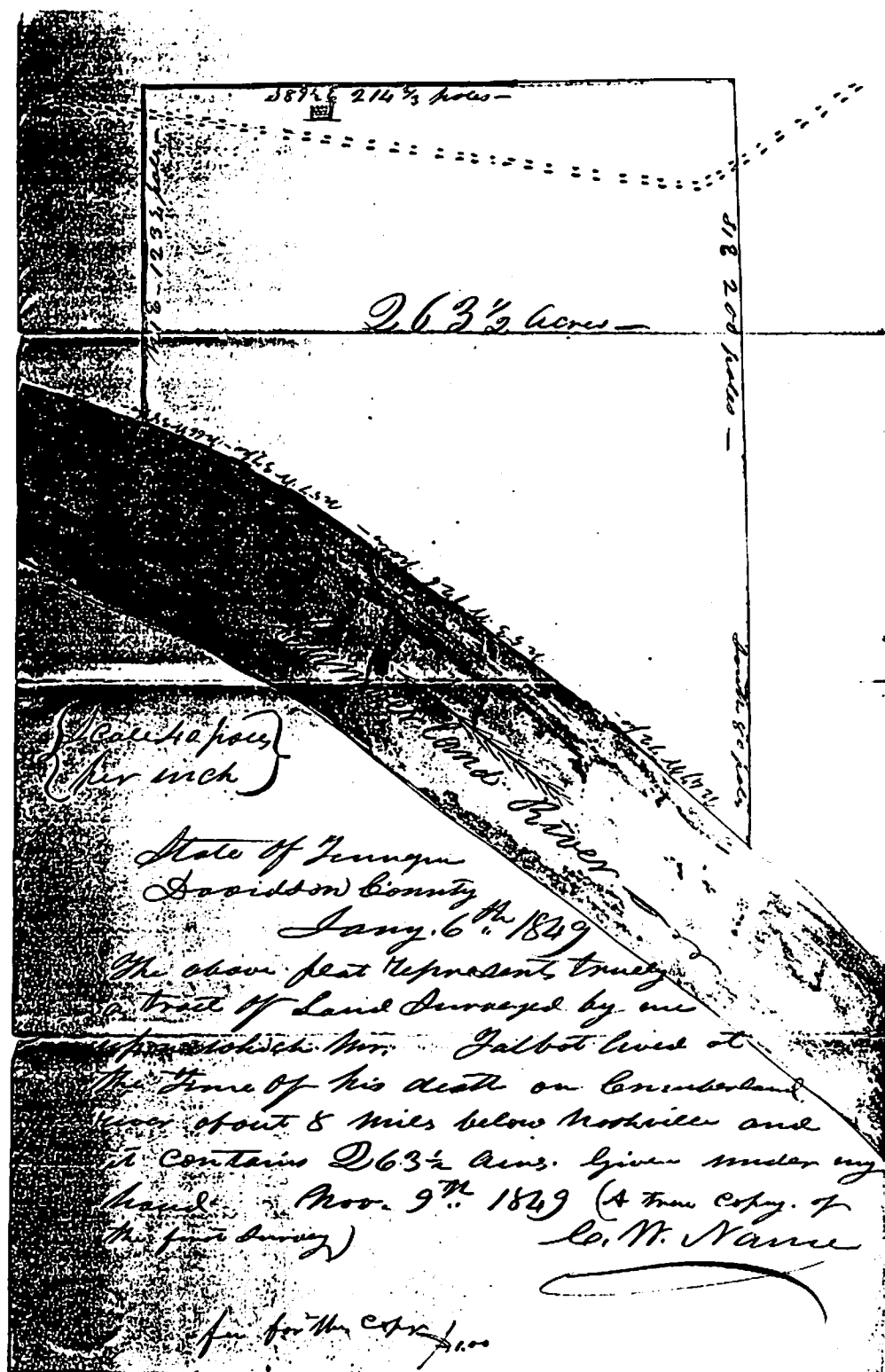
(To be continued)

THE HEIRS OF THOMAS TALBERT, 1847, DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE¹

Abstracted by Mary Sue Smith

"WHEREAS Thomas Talbert deceased, late of Davidson County Tennessee, hath died intestate and without wife or children leaving his Brothers and Sisters or their representatives, his only heirs, to wit - Sarah Meeks children, namely Mary Jane married to John Munn, and James L. Meek of Canton, Mississippi and Joseph T. Meek of Washington County, Virginia, which said Sarah Meek was the wife of Joseph Meek deceased, and sister of Thomas Talbert. 2d James Talbert, brother of said Thomas, of Pike County, Illinois (Pleasant Vale P.O.) 3d Basil Talbert, another brother of said Thomas, of Smythe County, Virginia. 4th Barbara, sister of said Thomas who married William Clark, who is now dead, leaving an only child, Tilburn Clark of Fayetteville, Tennessee. 5th His sister Eliza who intermarried with Isaac Horne of Washington County, Virginia. 6th His sister Mary who is married to Christopher Haynes of Cherokee County, Alabama. 7th His sister Bellica who married Samuel Logan who is also dead, leaving four children, to wit, Charles R., Samuel T., Thomas M. and Joseph M. Logan and whereas Thomas Talbert died seized and possessed of a considerable real and personal estate in Davidson County Tennessee and Samuel B. Davidson has administered upon his personal estate, and as we are informed has rented out the land...."

1. Rule #197, Chancery Court, filed May 28, 1847. Metro/Davidson County Archives, Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, Tennessee. Abstraction made from the original file.



TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RECORDS¹

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

Supreme Court Records, Box 321,
Middle Tennessee, 1878

**B. B. Brandon & others vs.
S. M. Conger & others**

(Original Bill Heard in Lincoln
County Chancery Court)

...the bill of complaint of B. B. Brandon, A. G. H. Brandon, Josiah H. Brandon, W. B. Brandon, Lemuel Brandon Jr., citizens of Moore County, Tenn.; T. L. D. Brandon, a citizen of Texas, Samuel Parks and wife Elinora L., James Brazier Jr., citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, James L. Brandon, Lemuel M. Brandon, Martha E. B. Rodgers, citizens of Illinois; Lazinke [sic] Brazier, Rachel Brazier, citizens of Bedford County, Tennessee, who sue by their next friend James Brazier Sr., a citizen of Moore County, Tennessee, and who also sues for himself as assignee of Elizabeth Willeman, a daughter of Martha L. Davidson, dec'd. vs. Sion M. Conger, Executor of Lemuel Brandon, Sr., dec'd., W. H. Moores and W. H. Reese and Dempsey Sullivan, Admr. of Joel Reese, citizens of Lincoln County, Tennessee, and Mary Brandon, a citizen of Moore County, Tennessee, defendants.

That on the 21st day of June 1860 Lemuel Brandon Sr., died in Lincoln County, Tennessee, after making and publishing his last will and testament, which was admitted to probate and recorded by the county court of said Lincoln Co. at its July term 1860....

Supreme Court Records, Box 320,
Middle Tennessee, 1873

B. L. Ridley vs. Jerome Ridley

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

(Original Bill Heard in Rutherford
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of B. L. Ridley, Admr. of B. L. Ridley, Sr., dec'd. and as legatee under the will, a citizen of Rutherford County, vs. Jerome S. Ridley and his children Jennie Grey Ridley Paul Ridley and Henrietta Ridley, all citizens of Elkton, Todd County, Kentucky, and the three last minors and against James L. Ridley, George C. Ridley, the former a citizen of Huntsville, Alabama, the latter a citizen of Columbia, Tennessee, and against Thornton McLean and wife Sallie, citizens of Giles County, Tennessee, and against Caleb Osborn and wife Adelaide, formerly Adelaide Smith, citizens of Giles County, Tennessee, and against William Young a citizen of Smith County, Tennessee, and vs. Mary C. Blackmore, a citizen of Gallatin, Tennessee, Sumner County, and against C. L. Ridley a citizen of Nashville, Tennessee,

B. L. Ridley, Sr., departed this life 11 August 1869....

Supreme Court Records, Box 316,
Middle Tennessee, 1878

**Harrison Smith & others vs.
Frank Smith & others**

(Original Bill Heard in Warren
County Chancery Court)

Harrison Smith, Executor of the last will and testament of Geo. Harrison, dec'd., and his wife Virginia, late Virginia Harrison of Warren County, complainants vs. Frank Smith and wife Milley, Isaac Hill and wife Milley called in the original bill Hilly (?) Harrison, John Graves and wife Saphronia, Daniel Wiseman, and wife Nelly, Patrick Hennessee and wife Hannah, Archibol Hennessee and wife Nancey, Alexander Harrison, Samuel Templeton and wife Julia called in the original

bill Julia Jennings, Audley Harrison Thomas Harrison, and Nancy Harrison, the three last named defendants, minors, Henderson George, and Nelly Wiseman, children of Annie Wiseman, minors whose guardian is deft. Hilly (?) Hill, Joseph Harrison, Narred McGreger and wife Nutty [?]....

Supreme Court Records, Box 316,
Middle Tennessee, 1877

**William A. Wilson vs.
John S. Fain & others**

(Original Bill Heard in Maury
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of William A. Wilson a citizen of Maury County, Tennessee, vs. John J. Wilson, Lenora R. Wilson, John W. Fain, Samuel Fain, Jr., Willie W. Fain, J. E. R. Carpenter and wife Jane Carpenter, Washington Long and wife C. E. Long, William V. Wilson, Emma Wilson, Anna Wilson, Ella Wilson, Mattie Wilson, John J. Wilson, Jr. and Robert F. Wilson, citizens of Maury County, Tennessee, Robert H. Wilson, a Citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee, and Ed Wilson a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, and a citizen of the State of Alabama.

That Robert Wilson, father of your orator departed this life at his residence in Maury County, Tennessee, in the year 1851, testate, seized and possessed of a considerable estate real, personal, and mixed, situated partly in said Maury County, and partly in the State of Mississippi. He left surviving him his widow Charlotte A. Wilson, and five children, to wit: John J. Wilson, Leonora R. Wilson, then the wife of D. F. Wilson who is now dead, two unmarried daughters Martha Wilson and Eliza Wilson, and complainant William A. Wilson....

Supreme Court Records, Box 315,
Middle Tennessee, 1876

**J. D. Hayes and A. S. Foster vs.
J. H. Pamplin and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Lincoln
County Chancery Court)

James D. Hayes and A. S. Foster,

citizens of Lincoln County, Tennessee, *vs.* James H. Pamplin and John T. Pamplin, Extrs. of Wm. Pamplin in their own right and as executors of Elizabeth Pamplin, wife and admrx. of Joel K. Pamplin, and Alice Idelle and Beulah, Walter and Oscar, minor children of J. K. Pamplin, dec'd., Wm. Renegar and wife Margaret, Henry P. Mills and wife Martha, Joseph H. Pigg and wife Deluide [?], all citizens of Lincoln County, Tenn., Sarah A. Brewer and Mary C. Brewer, residents of the State of Texas, Sarah L. C. Pamplin, Mary D. L. Pamplin, Margaret G. W. Pamplin, Rachel E. E. Pamplin, Wm. T. H. Pamplin, Pheby, A. H. Pamplin, James, W. N. Pamplin, Thomas A. Maddox and wife Sarah the residents of the last named parties are unknown to complainants.

That M. P. Hedgepeth departed this life in the year 1858, intestate, and that sometime thereafter one G. S. Marcum was appointed his administrator....

Supreme Court Records, Box 321,
Middle Tennessee, 1878

**Wm. Eatherly, Extr., *vs.*
Margaret Webber *et als.***

(Original Bill Heard in Wilson
County)

The bill of complaint of Wm. Eatherly as Extr. of Isaac Eatherly, dec'd. and in his own right as heir and devisee, a citizen of Simpson County, Kentucky *vs.* Margaret Webber, a daughter of the testator, and her children, Geo. Webber, James Webber, Jno. H. Webber citizens of Davidson County, Tenn., and Mary Robertson, citizen of Davidson County, Tenn., the unknown heirs of John R. Eatherly, son of the testator, names, residences, and ages unknown; the children of Andrew R. Eatherly son of the testator, to wit: Ann M. Eatherly, Ed. W. Strain and his wife Mary, citizens of Robertson County, Tennessee; John A. Eatherly, a minor and citizen of the State of Nebraska, and John W. Tate his regular guardian a citizen of Wilson County, Tennessee, the children of Sarah Bernard, dec'd. daughter of the testator, to wit: Hugh R. Bernard, citi-

zen of Georgia, E. L. Burbank and wife Jane, citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, D. G. Crudup and wife Novella, citizens of Wilson County, Tennessee, J. P. Furgerson, Admr. of Sallie Furgerson, dec'd., citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee, Leonora Bernard, Emma Bernard, the last two minors without guardian, citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, J. C. Bernard and his wife Mary S., who is a daughter of W. B. Wright, Kansas City, Missouri. The children of Wesley B. Wright devisees in the will, to wit: Alice J. Wright, James E. Wright, Jno. W. Right, Geo. Wright, and Dora Wright, the last five minors without guardian, and citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, Mary Jane Sannis[?] daughter of Sarah Bernard and her husband J. C. Sannis[?] and the their children, names and ages unknown, all citizens of Wilson County, Tennessee and Josiah S. McClain, Clerk of Wilson County Court.

That Isaac Eatherly died in this county in the year 1855 leaving a last will, in which your orator with one Joseph C. Bernard were named as Executors....

Supreme Court Records, Box 313,
Middle Tennessee, 1877

**Nancy E. Ashmore *vs.*
Wm. Hunt, Admr. of Joseph
Trimble, dec'd.**

(Original Bill Heard in Rutherford
County Chancery Court)

Deposition of Nancy E. Ashmore: Full name is Nancy Emeline Ashmore. I reside in the village of Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois, was 64 years of age in May 1876, have been married, my husband is dead, my name before marriage was Nancy Emeline Lansdon. My mother's maiden name was Peggy McLin. She had 3 full sisters and one full brother, and four half brothers and four half sisters. Her sisters' names were Nancy, Anna and Martha McLin. Her brother's name, Robert McLin. Her half brothers were named John A. McLin, Andrew P. McLin, Oswell McLin and James McLin. I do not now remember the middle names of the last two mentioned. Her half sisters' names were

Betsey, Polly, Sally and Manerva McLin. Their middle names I do not remember. My mother's sister Nancy married Joseph Trimble, and Anna married Jonathan Johnson and Martha married William Ward, and Betsey married a man by the name of Hutchinson. I don't remember his given name.

I have not heard from my mother's sister Nancy since 1859 or 1860. The others I have had no direct word since 1843. Mother had a sister by the name of Nancy. She married Joseph Trimble. They did reside in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Their P. O. address was Milton....

Supreme Court Records, Box 310,
Middle Tennessee, 1876

**P. B. Marsh *vs.* A. D. Marsh
and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Lincoln
County Chancery Court)

P. B. Marsh, citizen of Lincoln County, Tennessee *vs.* A. D. Marsh, citizen of Marshall County, Tennessee, Wm. Painter, citizen of the State of Arkansas, John Troop and wife Sallie, citizens of Marshall County, Tennessee, F. C. A. Troop and wife Jane, J. J. Cummins, N. T. Cummins, Sam'l. Hope and wife, Eliza M., G. W. Rudd and wife Martha, J. H. D. Cummins, John Cummins, Charles Cummins, Margaret Humphreys, D. W. Clark, C & M., W. A. Millon[?] Sheriff, A. B. Woodard, Clk., Jo. G. Carrigan, George W. Higgins, citizens of Lincoln County, Tennessee, J. G. Cummins and Henry Cummins citizens of Bedford County, Tennessee, Margaret Cummins of age and Wm. Cummins a minor, citizens of the State of Mississippi, Decatur Ellis and wife Mary, who reside in the State of Missouri, Jackson Cummins, William Cummins, Lucy Cummins, Thos. Bledsoe and wife Hessy, Jerry Perkins and wife Haley, J. Hugh Andy Cummins a minor, and Esther Cummins a minor, Jane Cummins, Mary Cummins, Sallie Cummins, the unknown heirs of [blank] Brown and Mahala his wife, Jane Cummins and Andy Cummins the residence of all of whom are un-

known.

That many years ago Thos. Cummins long a citizen of said county of Lincoln, departed this life intestate leaving him surviving his widow and the following children his only heirs and distributees, to wit: Harmon Cummins, John Cummins, Jackson Cummins, Thos. Cummins, Jane Cummins, Mary Cummins, Sallie Cummins, Mahala Cummins, James Cummins and Andy Cummins....

Supreme Court Records, Box 309,
Middle Tennessee, 1876

**David Banks and wife vs.
David Criscoe and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Franklin
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of David Banks and wife Sarah A. Banks citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, vs. David Criscoe and wife Mary E. Criscoe, Thomas Lasater, the latter being a minor without any regular guardian, but whose mother Caroline Lasater is his natural guardian, all citizens of Coffee County, Tennessee, and Robert Hudgens and wife F. I. Hudgins citizens of the State of Indiana.

That on [blank] day of May 1872 Sarah Lasater died in Franklin County, Tennessee, the owner of a certain tract of land situated in Civil District #7 of Franklin County, Tennessee....

Supreme Court Records, Box 320,
Middle Tennessee, 1878

**Nancy E. Parton and others
vs. Warren Cumins,
Admr. and others**

(Original Bill Heard in Cannon
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of Nancy E. Parton formerly Nancy E. Walls and daughter of Edmond Walls, dec'd., Lucy Ann Walls, vs. Warren Cummins, Admr. etc. Benjamin Fugitt, Sr., E. T. Dillon and wife Sallie formerly Sallie Fugitt daughter of said Benjamin Fugitt, Dovey [?] Walls widow of

Daniel Walls, dec'd. who as a son of Edmond Walls, dec'd., Mary Walls Margaret Walls and Tilford Walls children of said Daniel Walls, dec'd., the last named three are minors and have no regular guardian.

Sarah Walls, Sr., widow of Henry T. Walls, dec'd. Thos Hill and wife Rebecca formerly Rebecca Walls Jane Walls James Walls and Sarah Walls, the last named four are children and heirs at law of Henry T. Walls, dec'd. who was a son of said Edmond Walls dec'd., and the last two named children of said Henry D. Walls are minors and have no regular guardian all citizens of Cannon County, Tennessee, Edmond J. Walls a citizen of the State of Illinois, John F. Preston Moses Preston; Hugh L. Preston, Jane Preston W. H. Young and wife Nancy formerly Nancy Preston, David Harris and wife Louisa formerly Louisa Preston, Louisa formerly Louisa Preston Joseph Baily and wife Sarah A. formerly Sarah A. Preston citizens of Canon County, Tennessee, E. C. Preston and N. B. Preston of Wilson County, Tennessee, and wife Josephine formerly Josephine Preston and Anthony Mulliken of Warren County, T. J. Preston of Kentucky who are children and heirs at law of Wm. Preston, dec'd.

That they are children and heirs at law and legatees of the last will and testament of Edmond Walls, dec'd. who departed this life some time in about the year 1847 in Cannon County, Tennessee, and your compts. Henry T. Walls (now dead) Daniel Walls (now dead) Edmond J. Walls who resides in Ill, Mary Preston Caroline Conley and Martha Couch his only children and heirs at law....

Supreme Court Records, Box 319,
Middle Tennessee, 1878

**W.H. Brannan et al.
vs. Robert H. Hollin et al.**

(Original Bill Heard in Franklin
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of W.H. Brannan, Wiley S. Embrey, M. M. Henderson, T. C. Murrell, Jno. K. Bennett, Danl. Lenehan [?], C. B. Austell, Lene-

han & Williams, Jno. W. Syler, admr., J. T. Merritt, and B.B. Turman, citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, vs. Mrs. Victoria Embrey, Willis Embry, Annie Embry, [blank] Embry, Francis E. Turner, Martha J., Clifton R. Turner and Mariah C. Turner, citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, and Robert H. Hollin a citizen of [blank] County, Mississippi.

That on the 22nd of January 1872, Willis S. Embrey conveyed in trust to complt. W. H. Brannan a certain tract of land lying in Civil District No. 1, Franklin County, Tennessee, containing about 211 acres for the purpose of securing compts. And defts. Except said Brennan and Mrs. Victoria Embry, and her three children, Willis, Annie and [blank] Embry in certain amounts due them as his creditors....

Supreme Court Records, Box 314,
Middle Tennessee, 1874

**G. Peach et als.
vs. John Holland, Extr.**
(Original Bill Heard in Wilson
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of G. Peach and his wife Mary, citizens of Wilson County, Tennessee, P. Morgan and his wife Elizabeth Jesse Poynor A. Brown and wife Elzy citizens of Kentucky and G. Peach next friend of Elzy Jno Thomas and James minor children of Nancy Richmond Drake vs. John Holland, Extr. of John C. Poyner citizen of Wilson County, Tennessee.

That in the year 1862 John C. Poyner their ancestor died in this county, possessed of a large estate in personalty and a considerable real estate. That in the same years Respt. Holland together with James Poyner who became a non-resident and is dead were duly qualified as Extrs. Of the said John C. Poyner and gave bond with L. W. Robinson G. Peach one of your orators and J. D. Bettis as bondsmen....

Supreme Court Records, Box 313,
Middle Tennessee, 1876

R. K. Bethel and others

vs. E. J. Jordan and others
(Original Bill Heard in Rutherford
County Chancery Court)

Rufus K. Bethel and Thomas Joseph and Clirinday who are his children of tender years under the age of 21 years and who sue by said Rufus K. Bethel their father and next friend and Nancy Eveline Bethel who is the wife of said Rufus K. Bethel and said Rufus K. in his own right all citizens of Rutherford County, Tennessee file this their bill of complain in the chancery court at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, against E. J. Jordan and Wm. Jordan and Blunt Jordan in his own right and as guardian of complainants Joseph Thomas and Clorinda all citizens of Rutherford County, Tennessee, and against Reoena Clemin guardian of her children Sarah Ann and Wm. Henry Clemin who are citizens of Concordia Parish, La.

That at the [blank] term of the chancery court at Murfreesboro a decree was pronounced by your honor to sell a tract of land situated in the County of Rutherford of 200 acres more or less belonging to the heirs of H. B. Clemin, dec'd.

Supreme Court Records, Box 313,
Middle Tennessee, 1876

Wm. Lillard vs.

B. F. Puckett et als.

(Original Bill Heard in Rutherford
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of Wm. B. Lillard a citizen of Rutherford County, Tennessee, against B. F. Puckett, exr. of Charles Puckett, dec'd. and also against said B. F. Puckett in his own right, Nancy Jenkins, Henry Kirby and wife Mahala, Nathaniel R. Taylor and James Cole and wife Mary F. of Rutherford County and Wm. C. Taylor, Ed Floyd and wife Margaret, Henry V. Taylor, James P. Taylor, Charles P. Taylor and Frank L. Brown and wife Elizabeth of Bedford County, Samuel Brown and wife Amanda, Bedford County, Wm. P. Beatey, David Beatey, Henry Beatey, James M. Weatherly and wife Mary, John S. Wright and wife Martha of Rutherford

County, and against the heirs of Caswell Puckett, dec'd, Wm. Gillespie and wife Elizabeth citizens of Bedford County, James N. Puckett, Ann Eliza Artemissa and Wm. Puckett (the two latter being minors) of Rutherford County, and against the heirs of Wm. Puckett, dec'd. to wit: W. G. Garrett and wife Kate, Henry Jackson and wife Maggie, Oscar Ross and wife Addie, and Mittie, William, Alice and Ida Puckett, the two latter are minors all citizens of Rutherford County, David Puckett citizen of Dyer County, Jane Caruthers of Dyer County, and the minor children of Charles Puckett dec'd to wit James M. Nannie R. Florence Charles Jr. and Minerva Puckett, citizens of Haywood County, Walter Key and wife Violet, citizens of Madison County, Sarah Powell citizen of the State of Mississippi, Charlotte Lindsley, [blank] Thompson and wife Sally Ann, Mary F. Lindsley, Dudley R. Lindsley, Adriana Lindsley, Tennessee, Lindsley, Caleb Lindsley and James C. J. Lindsley, all citizens of the State of Texas, and Robert T. Tompkins a citizen of Rutherford County, Tennessee....

Supreme Court Records, Box 308,
Middle Tennessee, 1876

Brown et al. vs. Gross et al.

(Original Bill Heard in Lincoln
County Chancery Court)

Joseph T. Moore and wife Nancy A. Moore, Samuel Brown and wife Francis Brown, vs. Martin Gross and wife Mariam J. Gross Mary C. Ashby, John L. Ashby, Viney Jane Milstead and her husband George Milstead, John W. Warden and Travis Warden.

Complainants, all of whom reside in Lincoln County, Tennessee, bring this their bill against defendants, all of whom reside in Lincoln County, Tennessee, except John L. Ashby, who resides in Moore County, Tennessee.

...that Alexander Ashby, the father of complainants Nancy A. Moore, and Francis Brown, and of defendants, Mariam J. Gross, Mary C. Ashby, John L. Ashby, and the grandfather of defendants, Viney Jane Mil-

stead, John W. Warden, and Travis Warden, the last three named being children of Rachel E. Warden, who was a daughter of said Alexander, died many years since, in Lincoln County, Tennessee, having first made and published his last will and testament.

Rachel Ashby is dead, having first intermarried with John Warden by whom she has the following named children, defendants John W. Warden, Travis Warden, and Viney Jane Milstead, wife of George Milstead. Nathan Ashby, another devisee died many years ago, leaving neither wife or children, never having intermarried, and leaving his brothers and sisters his heirs at law....

Supreme Court Records, Box 309,
Middle Tennessee, 1875

Rose vs. Anderson

(Original Bill Heard in Franklin
County Chancery Court)

The bill of complaint of C. C. Rose who sues in his own right, and as the next friend of Wm. Rose, W. L. Rose, and Elizabeth Rose, minor heirs of Martin Rose, deceased, and also of Martha J. Rose, Wallis Rose, and Wm. G. Rose, minor heirs of H. [illegible] L. Rose, deceased, Spicer Pearson and wife Nancy, formerly Nancy Rose, Samuel Pearson and wife Polly, formerly Polly Rose, C. C. Garner and wife Lucinda, formerly Lucinda Rose, W. L. Rose, Wm. Rose, and John Garner who married Victoria Rose, and who sues in his own right and as the natural guardian and next friend of his minor children, William, John, Bettie, Margaret, and Mary E. Garner, the issue of said marriage, all of whom are citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, vs. John F. Anderson, Solomon Crownover, and Joseph Pack, citizens of Franklin County, Tennessee, and W. P. Craig whose residence is not known to complainants.

That on the [blank] day of [blank] 18[blank] Washington Rose died in Franklin County, Tennessee, intestate, leaving complainants his only heirs at law.

(To be Continued)



Samuel Snoddy of Sumner County, Tennessee sold land in Pendleton District, South Carolina, "granted **David Ramsey**, Esq. in trust for heirs of **Fergus Snoddy**, deceased, by Wm. Moultrie, 3 Oct. 1785, recorded Book FFFF, p. 186." 1 December 1797. *Pendleton District, South Carolina, Book C-D*, p. 461.

William Marchbanks of Smith County, Tennessee, adm. of the estate of **William Young**, deceased, within District of Pendleton, South Carolina, to **Benjamin Barton** of Pendleton District, power of attorney to receive money, goods and effects... 26 Oct. 1801. *Pendleton District, South Carolina, Book F*, pp. 338-339.

Jesse Womack of Sumner County, Tennessee, bought from **Vines Mathis**, Caswell County, North Carolina, two tracts of land in Caswell County, North Carolina. 13 Sept. 1802 and 30 Sept. 1802. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book N*, p. 105 and 106.

Ebenezer Donaldson and **Humphrey Donaldson**, both of Wilson County, Tennessee, gives power of attorney to **Robert Donaldson** of Caswell County, North Carolina, to dispose of land jointly owned, the same granted by State to **Humphrey Donaldson**, deceased... 18 Sept. 1802. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book R*, pp. 92-93. [Proved Jan. Court 1814]

William F. Booker of Wilkes County, Georgia, by his attorney, **Robert Moore**, of Sumner County, Tennessee, sold two tracts of land in Caswell County, North Carolina. 27 April 1803. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book N*, p. 7 and 8.

Zabedee Hicks of Davidson County, Tennessee, bought from **William Kennon (Cannon)** of Caswell County, North Carolina, "760 acres in Mero Dist s of Ohio R, s side Cumberland R on Turnbull's Cr of big Harpeth adj **Benjamin Rainey**..." 22 Jan. 1803. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book N*, p. 22.

John Barnett of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, sold to **John Cochran, Junr.**, of Smith County, Tennessee, 640 acres in Smith County (formerly Sumner County) on the Cumberland River. 20 July 1803. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book N*, pp. 59-60.

William Anthony of Williamson County, Tennessee, sold to **Joseph Anthony** of Caswell County, North Carolina, land in Caswell County, North Carolina. 1 August 1803. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book N*, pp. 114-115.

Ann Grier of Sumner County, Tennessee, sold land in Caswell County, North Carolina, 4 Dec. 1803. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book O*, p. 34. [Also see Book O, pp. 39-40.]

John Marr of Davidson County, Tennessee, purchased of **James Lea, Senr.**, of Caswell County, North Carolina, one lot in town of Nashville, Tennessee. 25 April 1804. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book O*, pp. 6-7.

Armistead Boyd of Williamson County, Tennessee, sold to **William J. Boyd** of Halifax County, Virginia, all interest in three slaves left by Father **William Boyd**, deceased. 22 Sept. 1804. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book O*, p. 9. [See also Book O, p. 20, for land in Caswell County.]

Joseph McClusky of Wilson County, Tennessee, sold to George Watts of Pendleton District, South Carolina, land in South Carolina, granted McClusky 1784. 29 Sept. 1804. *Pendleton District, South Carolina, Book G*, p. 108.

Alexander Brown of Mungumry co., Tenese (sic) sold to Hamilton Brown of Chester District, South Carolina, land on Governor's creek of Rocky River. 19 July 1804. *Pendleton District, South Carolina, Book G*, p. 181.

Ann Greer [Grier above], of Sumner County, Tennessee, sold land in Caswell County, North Carolina. 4 Dec. 1804. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book O*, pp. 39-40.

David Gooch of Williamson County, Tennessee, sold to **Nathaniel Gooch** of Caswell County, North Carolina, 204 acres in Caswell County. 9 Nov. 1805. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book O*, pp. 114-145.

Stephen Mallory of Montgomery County, Tennessee, deeded to **Samuel Fielder** of Caswell County, North Carolina, land on Stoney Creek in Caswell County, North Carolina. 11 Dec. 1805. *Caswell County, North Carolina, O*, pp. 149-150. [See also Book O, pp. 160-161.]

Mordecai Quine of Smith County, Tennessee, formerly of Caswell County, North Carolina, sold to **Jacob Quine** of Caswell County, North Carolina, part of tract of land of **William Quine**, deceased, allotted to **Mordecai Quine** agreeable to will, adjoining **Benjamin Quine** and **Jacob Quine**. 30 Jan. 1806. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book O*, p. 200.

James Guthries and **Robert Guthries** of Sumner County, Tennessee, sold to **Bailor Burch** of Person County, North Carolina, land in Caswell County, North Carolina, on South Hico. 28 Oct. 1805. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book O*, p. 247.

David Cochran of Smith County, Tennessee, sold land in Caswell County, North Carolina. 15 June 1807. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book P*, pp. 11-112.

Thomas Spencer of Williamson County, Tennessee, gave power of attorney to trusty friend, **John Spencer**, also of Williamson County, Tennessee, and to **John Penix** of Caswell County, North Carolina, to recover legacy of **William Mitchell**, dec'd, of Caswell County, North Carolina, in the right of his wife, Mary. 30 September 1806. *Caswell County, North Carolina Deed Book P*, p. 127.

Alexander Simmons and **Thomas Simmons**, both of Williamson County, Tennessee, sold land on Country Line Creek in Caswell County, North Carolina. 10 July 1809. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 16-18.

Robert Bruice of Sumner County, Tennessee, gave power of attorney to **William S. Webb** of Caswell County, North Carolina to receive legacy left by father-in-law **John Cochran, Senr.**, deceased, 5 Feb. 1808. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book P*, p. 203.

Patsy Barker of Williamson County, Tennessee, was a daughter of **James Barker**, deceased, of Orange County, North Carolina. Power of Attorney, dated 8 June 1809. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, p. 46.

Thomas G. Caldwell of Williamson County, Tennessee, sold land in Caswell County, North Carolina, 24 Aug. 1809. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 26-27.

Elisha Loony of Bedford County, Tennessee, gave power of attorney to **Samuel Coplinger** of Wilson County, Tennessee, to receive monies

due from estate of **Andrew Enochs**. 26 Sept. 1806. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 40-41.

Benjamin Enoch and **John Enoch** of Sumner County, Tennessee, to **Rese Enoch** of Caswell County, North Carolina, all claim & title to 300 acres...being land of **Benjamin Enoch**, deceased, granted him by State of North Carolina. 17 Oct. 1809. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 49-50.

Moses Oldham of Montgomery County, Tennessee, husband of **Mary Oldham**, deceased, sister of **John Rice**, late of Tennessee, along with **George Oldham**, **Jesse Oldham**, **Moses Oldham**, **Joel Oldham**, **Sally (Sarah) Bennett** and **Mason Bennett**, her husband, **Liddy Brantley** and her husband, **Abram Brantley**, **Conaway Oldham** and **Elisha Oldham** by their father **Moses Oldham** gives power of attorney to trusty friend **Solomon Debow** of Caswell County, North Carolina, to make choice of parcels of land in Tennessee devised them by the last will of **John Rice**, deceased... 9 Nov. 1805. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 95-96.

David Enoch of Wilson County, Tennessee, legatee of **Andrew Enoch**, deceased, of North Carolina, sold land in Caswell County, North Carolina, 2 Jan. 1809. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 126-127.

Joseph McReynolds of Sumner County, Tennessee, gave power of a attorney to **William Whiteside** of Orange County, North Carolina, to demand of **Alexander Murphey** and **Robert Browning**, executors of the last will of **Edmond Browning**, deceased, of Caswell County, North Carolina, money due him as legacy. 11 July 1808. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 226-227.

Joshua Browning of Bedford County, Tennessee, gave power of attorney to **Edward King**, Caswell County, North Carolina, to receive legacy due from grandfather **Edmond Browning's** estate. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 228-229. [Other heirs were living in Clark County, Kentucky. See *ibid*, pp. 228-229.]

John Graves, Jr., of Giles County, Tennessee, sold land in Caswell County, North Carolina, 10 Nov. 1810. *Caswell County, North Carolina, Deed Book Q*, pp. 273-275. ■

Civil War Letters Written by Lt. Col. H. C. Lockhart While a Union Prisoner of War¹

Contributed by Irene M. Griffey, CG

The following letters were written by Lt. Col. H. C. Lockhart to his wife, Catherine, who was a resident of Montgomery County, Tennessee. In 1939, the letters were owned by John A. Pitts, Huntingdon, Tennessee. Lt. Col. Lockhart returned home and continued practicing law in Waverly, Tennessee. He died at the age of 49 years and is buried in Waverly. He was the father of two daughters, Mrs. Claiborne Lockhart McAdoo and Mrs. Catherine Lockhart Rogers, who resided in Union City, Tennessee, in 1939. Also, living at that time were five unnamed grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. IMG

On Board Steamship "Ocean Queen"
August 3rd 1861

My dear Wife:

On the 31st ultima I wrote you a brief note that we were ordered to be ready to move from Fort Warren to this place[,] Fortress Monroe[,] to be exchanged. We left Fort Warren on Thursday at 2 o'clock P. M. And after being at sea for near 75 hours we arrived here safely and the ship is now anchored in "Hampton Roads" which are on board(?). I expected to suffer much from Sea Sickness as I had never before been at sea. But I was never in better health in my life — We had what might be termed a pleasant trip so far as weather was concerned. The ship[,] a good one[,] I felt quite secure though we were out of view of land three fourths of the trip. Many of the prisoners were sea sick tho' they are all well now. You can not have an idea what a sensation of pleasure the appearance of "Old Virginia Shore" created when we came in sight of Cape Henry with its white sandy beach rising to hills covered with trees that appear as if they were ever green— This is my own Native Southern Soil. I love it for its sunny

¹Letters written during the Civil War years were collected by W. P. A. workers as they transcribed Tennessee's public records. The letters from all areas of the state were grouped together and presented to Mrs. John Trotwood Moore. These letters are now preserved in The Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee, in the W. P. A. Collection.

hills and rippling streams, I love it for its green forests and its birds. I love it because you and all else I love on earth is there — As a prisoner for now nearly six months I have had as little if not less to complain of than I expected but my anxiety to be free again was so great that I would have been willing to have brooked any danger to get to my native soil.

My health was never better you would scarcely know me if you could see me now. I have become more "fleshy" than you ever saw me. I hope to be able to see you soon.

We are waiting for a boat to take us to Richmond, Va. We may be here two or three days if so I will write to you again, but I think it probable that we'll be off this evening.

Send Mr. Gill Abernathy word that his brother Col. Abernathy is here and well.

Goodby for awhile
Your Aff husband
H. C. Lockhart

Fort Donelson, Feby 12, 1862
To: Mrs. Kittie E. Lockhart

My dear Wife:

I again have an opportunity of writing to you by Mr. Lewis T. Hughes which I gladly embrace[.] I have nothing of any very great importance to add to what I stated in my letter of the 10th inst. Except that our cavalry had a skirmish with the Federal Cavalry near Joel Boyds on yesterday and took one prisoner and perhaps killed one or two, but it is reported that after that the Federal slipped upon two of our picket guards, and took them prisoners. I see one of our Pickets that has been stationed at Eddyville came in this morning and reported that 2 gun boats passed there last night 7 or 8 o'clock on their way up the river[.] It is now 12 o'clock [P] M and the smoke of the boats are now in sight. If Mr. Hughes does not leave until evening I will try and give you an account of what they do. We are pretty largely re-enforced and if they do not look sharp we will give them a good drubbing if they come upon us by land, tho'

I must confess that I have not much confidence in the capacity of our heavy guns to compete with those they have on their gunboat. You may congratulate yourself upon having left Dover when you did, for every single citizens has been ordered away but "old man Cook and Old Man Settle" and the town is utterly demolished and robbed. I would not have had you there amid the jam and bustle for anything conceivable. Fortune may will that I shall not see you again, but, I am hopeful that I will, if I should not it will gratify me to know that you will be prudent enough to keep yourself as far away as possible from the scene of strife.

Your affectionate husband
H. C. Lockhart
Lt. Col. 50th Regt. Tenn. Col.

My dear wife:

Since writing the above, the gunboats came up in sight and fired on our batteries several times but did not do us any damage, at the same time there was a heavy skirmish on land in the directions of Rosemonts' and Hinson's between our cavalry and theirs (as I suppose) There can be no doubt, they intend attacking us immediately both by land and water and I do not think it will be longer off than tomorrow.

The Gun Boats did splendid shooting, we did not fire on the boats, we did not wish them to learn the range of the guns, after the Gunboats retired, we fired our rifle cannon and made an admirable shot. Tomorrow will bring great events in this vicinity in my opinion.

I hope for the best. We must succeed!
May God bless you! Now 3 o'clock P.M.

Your affectionate husband
H. C. Lockhart

[To] Mrs. Charlotte Lockhart and Mrs. K. E. Lockhart in Tennessee.

On Board Steam Boat "Hiwatha"
Opposite Saint Louis, Feby 21, 1862

My dear Wife and Mother

I am here a prisoner of War, I am personally well, and as well provided for as one in my situation could expect. I do not know where we will finally go. I do not think we'll remain here long. I will write to you again when I am permanently

located— I need money here very much, the money of Tennessee and the South is almost worthless[.] When Last heard from home Lewis was very sick, I fear he did not get well. I will try and take as good care of my health as possible and of course come home when I can honorably— I cannot tell when that will be, you must all do the best you can. I cannot say more... May Heaven bless all.

Affectionately yours
H. C. Lockhart

Fort Warren[,] Boston Harbor
Monday March 19, 1862

My dear wife:

I have written you several short letters since the Battle of Fort Donelson and have advised in each that you should defer writing until I had arrived at my place of destination. You will see by the caption of this letter where I am and where I will probably be kept until finally disposed of either by an Allwise Providence, or by the earthly "powers that be" north and south. When there will be a result and what will be the result I am wholly unprepared to say.

But enough of that, I desire to say, that my condition here is as good as I expected it to be, so far as rooms and provisions are concerned. They may be said to be comfortable and wholesome. While the officers who have us in charge are diligent and firm in the execution of their duties, Yet they are courteous and in many instances kind and so far as I have seen up to this time their conduct has been of a very "agreeable character" generally. While there is nothing like "intimacy"; which of course could not be allowed between prisoners of war and the men of the Army particularly. (And when I say men I mean Soldiers, not officers.) Yet the conduct of both the officers and men of this garrison has been such as to add dignity to their position. I mention these little things little in appearance to an outsider, but matters of great interest to a prisoner of war, that you may know so far as it may be prudent how I am getting along.— Now I propose to give you a very brief history of matters since The Battle, and fall of Fort Donelson. We were surrendered by our "panic stricken" Generals Floyd, Pillow and Buckner on Sunday morning of the 11th of February, I say "Panic Stricken" because there was neither any plan of evacuation adopted except for their

own benefit or any plan agreed upon as to a surrender and instead of sending a flag of truce to the Genl. In command of the Federal forces (to wit Grant) and at least asking some conditions before making The Surrender. They caused white flags to be hoisted all around the works, and then sent one to Genl. Grant, after they had made the Surrender an unconditional one by the raising of the white flag, everywhere.—

When the news reach[ed] our regiment in the Fort, that we were surrendered I was astonished, but, soon determined in my own mind, that it was the result of a fight on the part of Genl. Officers, and that it was a result that might have been expected taking the past history of Floyd and Pillow as a guide, as to Genl. Buckner Poor " fellow" he is here a prisoner. But really I do not think he is much to blame as there certainly could not be much expected of him either one way or the other.

He may have been brave, but, was evidently so slow that he even did not think to make his escape until 36 hours after the surrender, So "the papers" say, and whilst upon the subject of Generals it may not be improper to State that in addition to the Genls. Of Division thus named to wit: Pillow[,] Floyd[,] Buckner and Johnson. There were six "acting Brigadiers to wit: Hiemon[,] Brown, Bauldwin, Drake, Simonton and Head. Which you will at once see that we had no scarcity of "Brigadiers" on that occasion. Ten Generals to command the Southern Forces in the Battle of Fort Donelson which in the reports of Pillow and Floyd. I believe if my recollection is not at fault they put in at 13,000 men. And which I am satisfied did not exceed 15,000 quite a number for "Jeff" to promote[.] I should say, notwithstanding the fact, that, as we have shown, there were 10 General Officers in command of a handful of (13,000) troops. There seems to have been no general plan no unity of understanding as to what was to be done or who was to do it and in my intercourse with the commanding officers since the battle I find that they all differ on almost every point except that of condemning Pillow and Floyd. I am decidedly of the opinion that "Jeff Davis" will find it a difficult matter to tell who struck "Billy Patterson" — There is one thing however that can be truly said. The men fought most bravely and then were sacrificed most shamefully. But enough of this after the surrender. We the 50th Regiment were hurried off to Saint Louis and from there to Alton Illinois, where we parted with the men of our regiment

and returned to Saint Louis where we remained several days on board the Steamer Hiawatha. From thence we departed for "Camp Chase" near Columbus Ohio, arrived there weather cold, Prison building crowded to overflowing. At this place I took a severe cold, being much exposed.— Orders came for the "Field Officers" to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning— We accordingly left "Camp Chase" on the evening of the 4th instant and after about 31 hours of swift travel by railroad, we arrived at Boston on the morning of the 6th. We, then embarked on board a steam-tug at the warf and made our way to this place about 9 mile[s] distant from Boston. In "Boston Harbor" or geographically "Maschusettes Bay". We can look out here upon the "face of the waters" where they are "blue and boundless as the sky".

We are kindly permitted to write to our friends, but it is enjoined of course that we shall not speak of the war. I mention this fact accordingly.— If you wise to write you must simply state any personal or business matters that you may have to communicate to [Ed. note: The following appears to be out of order, but since there is no indication where it should appear in the typescript, it is being placed at the place and in the manner appearing in the typescript.]

*As to Genl. Bushrod R. Johnson.—

*You may govern yourself

me and direct to me according to copy given below. As to my own part I know nothing about the war I have had no means of knowing, and if I had I should feel inclined to spend my time in writing about subjects more congenial. I hope you will write me a letter immediately give me all the news.— I am very anxious to hear from you. I have felt a great deal of uneasiness about Lewis, when last I heard from him he was very sick. It was during The Battle.— I fear he did not get well. I hope you are all well.— I have been quite sick several days, though I am now much better so much improved that I can venture to say that I am almost well.

The Society of ladies would be quite a "treat", there are none here not permitted to come in.—I hope to see you soon, if not on earth, let us meet in heaven....

Your Aff Husband

H. C. Lockhart

"Prisoner of War"

Fort Warren, Boston, Mass.

(To be Continued)



Middle Tennessee's Unpublished Bible Records

FLEMING BIBLE

Located in Judge J. E. Tubb's office, Humphreys County, 1937

Record from the George W. Fleming family, found in an old Record Book in Judge J. E. Tubb's office, a Judge of Humphreys County. The old book was the type that one used to keep store accounts. Copied by Miss Minnie Strickland, Sycamore Landing, Tennessee, January 12, 1937. From *Bible, Family, and Tombstone Records of Humphreys County, Tennessee*, WPA, HU-1, [typescript] p. 31, Tennessee State Library and Archives.

George Washion Fleming, Was born October 1, 1828.
Huldia S. Simpson, Was born August 7, 1852.
Margaret Jane Fleming, Was born February 7, 1856.
William Samuel Fleming, Was born May 13, 1857.
James Dempsey Fleming, Was born March 25, 1859.
Fanie Bell Fleming, Was born April 10, 1860.
John Marian Fleming, Was born March 22, 1864.
Mandia Morandia Fleming, Was born November 21, 1865.
Nancie Elizziebeth Fleming, Was born February 8, 1867.
Sharah Ann Fleming, Was born February 27, 1863.
George W. Fleming and Huldia S. Simpson was married April 16th, 1854.
Mary Jane Fleming, Departed this life, April 8, 1856.
Mary Ann Fleming, Departed this life, November 1,

1856.
Infant, born October 29th and departed this life 30th of the month, 1861.
Huldia S. Fleming, wife of George W. Fleming, Departed this life, May 30th 1870.
Mandia Morandia Fleming, Departed this life, August 31, 1870.
Nancie Elizziebeth Fleming, Departed this life, August 16, 1871.
George W. Fleming, Departed this life, December 22, 1877.
John Marian Fleming, Departed this life, April 25, 1881.
Thomas Monroe Fleming, Departed this life June 10, 1905.
His wife, L. N. A. Fleming, Departed this life, June 16, 1906.

BRYANT FAMILY RECORDS

In possession of Mrs. Sam Bryant of Smithville, Tennessee, 1937

The following consists of the Family Record of Elijah L. and Mary A. Bryant. Copied by Mrs. Agnes Vanhooser and Mrs. Clara Bing, Smithville, Tennessee, June 1937. From *Records of DeKalb County - Bible and Tombstone Records*, WPA, DK-1, [typescript], p. 3, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

BIRTHS:

Elijah L. Bryant was born on the 25th of April A.D. 1813.
Mary A. Bryant, his wife, was born on the 14th of June A.D. 1813.
Emaline H. Bryant was born on the 5th of February A.D. 1832.
Thomas L. Bryant was born on the 3rd of October A.D. 1833.
Washington P. Bryant was born on the 7th November A.D. 1837.
Nancy W. Bryant was born on the 10th of August A.D.

1839.
James L. Bryant was born on the 25th March A.D. 1841.
Mary E. Bryant was born on the 9th of May A.D. 1842.
Alexander F. Bryant was born on the 17th of July A.D. 1845.
John W. Bryant was born on the 19th of July A.D. 1847.
Adolphus A. Bryant was born on the 26th April A.D. 1849.
Almira E. Bryant was born on the 6th of March A.D. 1852.
Elijah L. Bryant was born on the 28th of June A.D. 1857.
Elijah L. Bryant and Mary A. McConel was married on

the 28th day of April 1831.
Joseph Gilbert Emaline H. Bryant was married on the
15h day of December 1856.
William M. Bryant and Mary Driver was married on the
22nd day of December 1857.
William L. Driver and Nancy W. Bryant was married on

the 26th day of January 1855.
Thomas L. Bryant Died on the 16th of March 1841 -
Aged 8 years 3 months and 13 days.
Washington P. Bryant died on the 3rd day of December
1839, aged 4 years and 27 days.
Ed.'s Note - This is the complete listing as given.

HARRISON AND BEVERLEY RANDOLPH BIBLE

In the possession of Mrs. Sarah Randolph Jones, Jefferson Pike, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Submitted by Virginia Gooch Watson

The Randolph family moved to Tennessee in 1816 from Henrico and Brunswick Counties, Virginia, being of the same old and honored family of Virginia. The direct ancestry of Harrison and Beverley Randolph was the first Randolph to America, William Randolph of Turkey Island (1651?-1711) who married Mary Isham of Bermuda Hundred and had 7 sons and 2 daughters. The first Randolph to Tennessee was Beverley Randolph, son of Harrison & Mary (Jones) Randolph, in 1816 who was a merchant in Murfreesboro, later owning and operating a plantation located on Jefferson Pike about 8 miles north of Murfreesboro. Beverley was a Whig, a Magistrate for Rutherford County and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The two-story home he built in 1816 remains standing today, in beautiful condition and furnished with many of the original Randolph pieces of furniture, and is a tribute to the builders of that day. It is occupied by his descendant, Mrs. Sarah Randolph Jones. The community nearest the Randolph home was Walter Hill before the Percy Priest Dam and lake was built. —VGW

PAGE 1:

Harrison Randolph m. Elizabeth Starke Mar. 15th
1770.
Edw. Randolph b. Jan. 22d 1780.
Lucy Randolph b. Oct. 10, 1783.
Harrison Randolph m. Mary Jones, daughter of Peter
Jones, Va. Sept. 8, 1787.
Peter Randolph b. Feb. 13, 1789.
Harrison Randolph b. Nov. 10, 1790.
Beverly Randolph b. June 21, 1793.
Joseph Randolph, b. Mar. 13, 1795.

PAGE 2:

Peyton Randolph, b. Dec. 15, 1797.
Beverly Randolph married Miss Lucy W. Searcy, Dau. of
William W. Searcy, Nov. 25th 1818.
Lucy Searcy, born Apr. 4th 1802.
Mary Elizaabath Randolph born Apr. 27, 1820.
Lucy Anderson Randolph born Feb. 7, 1822.
Sally Randolph b. May 8, 1825.
Peyton Randolph, b. Feb. 24, 1828.
Wm. W. Randolph, b. Oct. 1, 1830.
Isham Green Randolph b. Jan. 2, 1833.
Martha Jane Randolph b. 5th July 1835.
Beverley Randolph, Jr., b. 5th Sept. 1837.
Charlott Randolph b. Nov. 11, 1840.

PAGE 3:

Catherine Randolph b. Dec. 1, 1845.
Peyton Randolph was married to Amanda S. Keeble,
daughter of Walter Keeble, Sept. 18th, 1822 & left

two children, Peter & Sarah.
Lucy Randolph m. to Morton Jett & left 6 children as
follows:
Edgar Jett
Thomas H. R. Jett
Beverly Jett
Lucy Ann Jett &
Louisa Jett

Lucy Burwell Randolph m. John A. Bolling (Va.) & six
children:
Sam Edw. Bolling
Thomas Elliott Bolling
John Alexander Bolling
Robt. Harrison Bolling
Wm. Elliott Bolling
Margaret Bolling

Mary Turnbull Randolph m. Jas. Barnett.

Mary Eliz. Randolph, d. of Beverly & Lucy Randolph
was married Joseph R. Daniel on May 31, 1836 & left
one son, Nathaniel Williams Daniel.

Edward Randolph m. Margaret Turnbull & left the
following children:
Robert Harrison Randolph
Lucy Burwell Randolph
Thomas Crawford Randolph
Richard R. Randolph
Edward Randolph

BELL BIBLE

In the possession of Jim Sherrel, Bakerville, Tennessee, 1938

"The Bible was formerly owned by Mrs. Jane Ellen Sherrel of Bakerville, Tennessee, deceased. It is apparently 123 years old and badly damaged. Please note: This record seems to be very irregular, but I have copied it just as it is in the Bible with the aid of Miss Telia Sherrel. - M.S."

Copied by Miss Minnie Stricklin, Sycamore Landing, Tennessee, May 10, 1938. From *Bible, Family, and Tombstone Records of Humphreys County, Tennessee*, WPA, HU-1, [typescript], pp. 4-5, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Marriage:

William Bell and Sarah Elizabeth Buchanan were married May 21, 1847.

Births:

Marion Bell was born March 2, 1850.
Jane Ellen Bell was born March 14, 1852.
Wm. H. Bell was born August 15, 1854.
Martha Artely Bell was born December 12, 1872.
James Burrell Bell was born February __, 1857.
Sarah Frances Bell was born August 4, 1859.
Malinda Evaline Bell was born October 26, 1861.
Mary Delliza Bell was born January 17, 1864.
Nancy Malissay Bell was born January __, 1866.
Charley Celvester Bell was born March 22, 1868.
Jesse Fuqua Bell was born August 2, 1870.
Dorsey Dalton Bell was born May __, 1879.
__ W. Bell was born August 17, 1802.
Sarah Bell was born February 10, 1806.
__ Bell was born __ __, 1821.
Charley Bell was born August 18, 1828.
Valentine Bell was born February 5, 1830.
__ Catherine Bell was born June 16, 1832.
Nancy Bell was born December 2, 1834.
John M. Bell was born May 2, 1837.

Barnet Smith was born October 5, 1814.
Elviry Bell was born August 17, 1828.
Malvina Bell was born July 27, 1839.
George Washington Bell was born August 7, 1843.
Louiza Bell was born May 14, 1846.
Andrew __ Bell was born January 14, 1850.
Elizah Bell was born July 9, 1794.
Sinthy Bell was born August 30, 1800.
Wm. Singleton Bell was born September 2, 1816.
Susannah Bell was born April 1, 1821.
Emelay Bell was born September 15, 1818.
Hezekiah E. Bell was born September 20, 1822.
John V. Bell was born August 11, 1823.
Jolly Bell was born July 10, 1824.
William Bell was born September __, 1825.
Malln Day Bell was born July 26, 1881.

Deaths:

William Bell Deceased January 20, 1826.
Marian Bell deceased August 7, 1850.
John W. Bell deceased August 6, 1858.
Jane Hamilton deceased September 15, 1822.
Mairay Bell deceased April 5, 1827.
W. V. Bell deceased February 24, 1882.
Jane Ellen Bell Sherrel deceased December 10, 1937.

ELVINGTON-McCLANAHAN-WARREN FAMILY RECORD

Record owned by Mrs. John Elvington, Johnsonville, Tennessee.

Copied by Miss Minnie Stricklin, Waverly, Tennessee, June 2, 1938. From *Bible, Family, and Tombstone Records of Humphreys County, Tennessee*, WPA, HU-1, [typescript], pp. 26-27, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

John G. Warren was born July 1823; died 1823.
Robert E. Warren was born April 21, 1827.
Amzie Warren, born December 13, 1830; died April 6, 1891.

Amzie Warren's Children:

Jesse Warren, born Feb. 6, 1870; died August 5, 1810.
John Warren, born June 8, 1872.
Minnie Warren, born December 10, 1874.
Robert Warren, born July 30, 1877.
Maude Warren, born July 23, 1880.

Lela A. Warren, born January 31, 1884.

Mother's People:

Robert McClanahan born November 7, 1824; died June 30, 1875.
Sarah McClanahan born March 12, 1830; died May 5, 1882.
Susan McClanahan Warren born June 30, 1846; died May 15, 1910.
Mary Jane McClanahan Miller born March 12, 1849, died __.

Wm. McClanahan born December 2, 1851; died ____.
Priscilla Johnson McClanahan West born August 4, 1854.

R. F. McClanahan, born April 7, 1857.

Mat McClanahan born November 2, 1859; died 1934.

Sena McClanahan born July 15, 1869.

Elvington Family:

James Leslie Elvington, born March 25, 1894; died July 23, 1894.

Jessie Oneda Elvington, born Feb. 23, 1896; died Feb. 29, 1896.

Bertha Maybelle Elvington, born Dec. 4, 1897; died Dec. 29, 1897.

Bertie Gladys Elvington, born October 18, 1899.

Robert Lee Elvington, born May 5, 1903.

Grover William Elvington born April 15, 1910.

Alva B. Elvington born June 4, 1916; died June 6, 1916.

John Elvington born June 10, 1868.

Charles Lafayette Warren was born June 16, 1856.

Calvin Jones Warren born March 28, 1858.

Thomas Carroll Warren born September 19, 1860.

Goodlow Warren born February 8, 1794; died September 2, 1835.

Elizabeth Warren, his wife, born December 17, 1800; died January 9, 1835.

R. G. Warren, died August __, 1936.

Y. Z. Warren died January 16, 1849.

William T. Warren died May 26, 1851.

William L. Bolton, born May 26, 1844 (cousin).

Grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. John Elvington:

Grady Elvington, born April 14, 1918.

Floyd E. Welker, born November 18, 1919.

Eugene G. Welker, born August 16, 1922.

George N. Welker, born August 19, 1925.

(Bertie Elvington Welker's children)

Robert Allen Elvington, born April 19, 1929

(Robert Lee Elvington's child)

Grover Elvington, Jr., born January 17, 1930; died July 15, 1930.

Alva Louise Elvington, born July 17, 1931.

Peggy Jean Elvington, born January 10, 1934.

Rebecca Elvington, born April 22, 1936.

Della Mae Elvington, born April 23, 1938.

(Grover Elvington's children)

McKEEL FAMILY RECORD

In possession of R. H. McKeel, Waverly, Tennessee, 1938

The record is a copy of the family record of Elder James McKeel, Cuba Landing, Tennessee, and later owned by R. H. McKeel. Copied by Miss Minnie Stricklin, Waverly, Tennessee, March 22, 1938. From *Bible, Family, and Tombstone Records of Humphreys County, Tennessee*, WPA, HU-1, [typescript] p. 48, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

BIRTHS:

Dorcas Walker was born August 15, A.D. 1802

Edna S. Gragg was born January 26, A.D. 1813

Thomas W. McKeel was born January 10, A.D. 1830

James L. McKeel was born March 27, A.D. 1831

William H. McKeel was born April 2, A.D. 1833

John W. McKeel was born May 5, A.D. 1834

Frances W. McKeel was born May 28, A.D. 1838

Lewis C. McKeel was born January 21, A.D. 1842

Martha J. McKeel was born November 22, A.D. 1843

Green H. McKeel was born December 14, 1847

Lucretia E. McKeel was born January 21, A.D. 1850

Dr. Pleasant W. McKeel was born December 25, A.D. 1851

George W. McKeel was born January 15, A.D. 1854

Anderson C. McKeel was born August 26, A.D. 1856

MARRIAGES:

James McKeel was married to Dorcas Walker October 12, A.D. 1828.

Eld. James McKeel was married to Edna S. Galloway January 12, A.D. 1847.

DEATHS:

Dorcas McKeel died October 23, A.D. 1846

Thomas W. McKeel died March 22, A.D. 1857

Anderson McKeel died September 29, A.D. 1861

Edna S. McKeel died January 21, A.D. 1876

Eld. James McKeel died August 23, A.D. 1879

William H. McKeel died July 23, A.D. 1880

Green H. McKeel died February 23, A.D. 1904

Pleasant W. McKeel died March A.D. 1910

George W. McKeel died May 20, A.D. 1925

Frances W. McKeel died (date unknown)

John W. McKeel died April 17, 1910

Lewis C. McKeel died (date unknown)

Martha J. McKeel Daniel died (date unknown)

Lucretia E. McKeel Jones died (date unknown)

James L. McKeel died March __, A.D. 1870

AN ARCHIVAL MAP OF TENNESSEE'S 3rd SURVEYOR'S DISTRICT

By Frederick Smoot

© Frederick Smoot, 1997

THERE IS AN UNDATED ARCHIVAL map of Tennessee's 3rd Surveyor's District in the Manuscript Section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville. For good cause we date this map as late 1807. The map, No. 399, is very large—in fact, too large to be reduced and satisfactorily reproduced. Therefore, a redrawing was in order, and this new map is reproduced on the following pages.

The first seven Surveyor's Districts, including the 3rd, were created by the Tennessee Assembly in 1806. The section and range lines were probably run in the spring of 1807. At least, this was the case with the 2nd District, one of the 3rd District's neighbors.

As the surveyor went about his business, he would mark in his field notes all the waterways—both great and small. He would not follow the creeks and branches to their source or to their outlets, hence you will notice incomplete waterways crossing the lines. Usually a number of surveyors would be employed to survey a whole District and then all the single line surveys would be combined to produce a map of the District. Actual entries for land in the 3rd District started on 3 Aug 1807. Surveys for individual tracts would follow.

For most of the 3rd District's twenty year life-span, 1807-1827, the 3rd District was considered to be

in West Tennessee. Previously North Carolina considered that area to be in her Middle District and is so reflected in her grants there. The western bounds of the North Carolina *Middle* District were the east bounds of the North Carolina *Military* District, also known as the Military Reservation.

The redrawn map incorporates the section numbering system used in the 3rd District. That system was different from the system used in the 1st and 2nd Districts, Middle Tennessee's other two early Surveyor's Districts.

The towns of *Cookeville*, *McMinnville*, *Sparta* and *Spencer* have added to the newly drawn version for your reference. Those towns did not exist in 1807.

BOYD'S MOUNTAIN, a.k.a. BEN LOMOND MOUNTAIN, and OTHER NAME VARIATIONS

There are two map landmark names that kindle our interest. They are "Boyd's Mountain" and "Boyd's Creek."¹ Today we know the mountain as Ben Lomond Mountain² while Boyd's Creek is McGregor Creek. The "Rocky River" that appears in Section 7 of the map should be named "Roaring River" and may have been misnamed on the original map. The "Little Caine's Fork" would be called Falling River today. "Obeds" and "Obeys" are both used historically for the same river.³

NORTH CAROLINA GRANTS AND 3rd DISTRICT SURVEYS

Many North Carolina grant plats are shown on the map in addition to few 1807 Tennessee plats. It is possible that the map was never finished for great many older North Carolina grants in the area are not drawn on the map. Many, but not all, of the grants have been identified. Those grants that have not yet been identified bear the mark "ID" in the KEY below.⁴



USE THE NAME KEY AND MATCH TO THE TRACTS ON THE MAP

D = Davidson County Sn = Sumner County Su = Sullivan County
-ID = Could not identify original grant

KEY . . . NAME GRANT # . . ACRES . . SEC. . . LANDMARK DATE . . . CO.

AL . . LYTLE, Arch^d. 367 . . . 3,000 S1 Obeds R. 23 Jan 1800 . . .
State of North Carolina, No 367...granted unto Archibald Lytle, one of the agents for laying the lands

magnetical north varied
five degrees to the
right of the true north.
The Sectional lines of this
district run and laid down
agreeable thereto.

1st Surveyor's
District

2nd Surveyor's
District

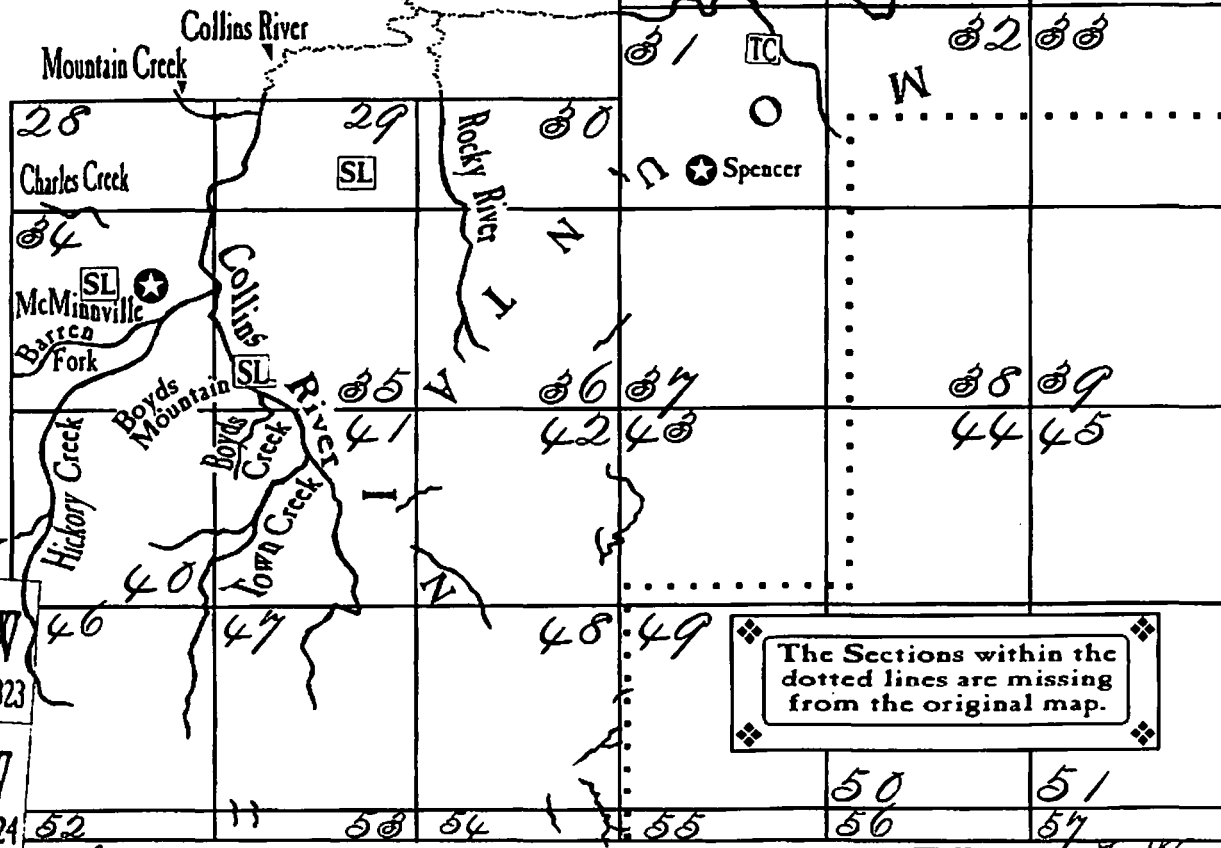
The names,
Mountain Creek,
Charles Creek,
& the
West Fork
Hickory Creek,
have been added.

The Indian Boundary ran eastward to the confluence
of the Hiwassee and the Tennessee Rivers.

West
Fork
Hickory
Creek

TW
No. 323

TW
No. 324



Indian boundary

The area south of the Indian Boundary
was ceded by the Cherokee Nation in
Jackson & McMinn's Treaty, 1817 and
Calhoun's Treaty, 1819.

About 31 miles south to the Tennessee State Line.

TENNESSEE'S 3rd SURVEYOR'S DISTRICT, Est. 1806

SHOWING ORIGINAL
NORTH CAROLINA GRANTS
AND A FEW EARLY DISTRICT SURVEYS

Based on a ca. 1807 map drawn by

Wm Mitchell
Surveyor, 3rd District



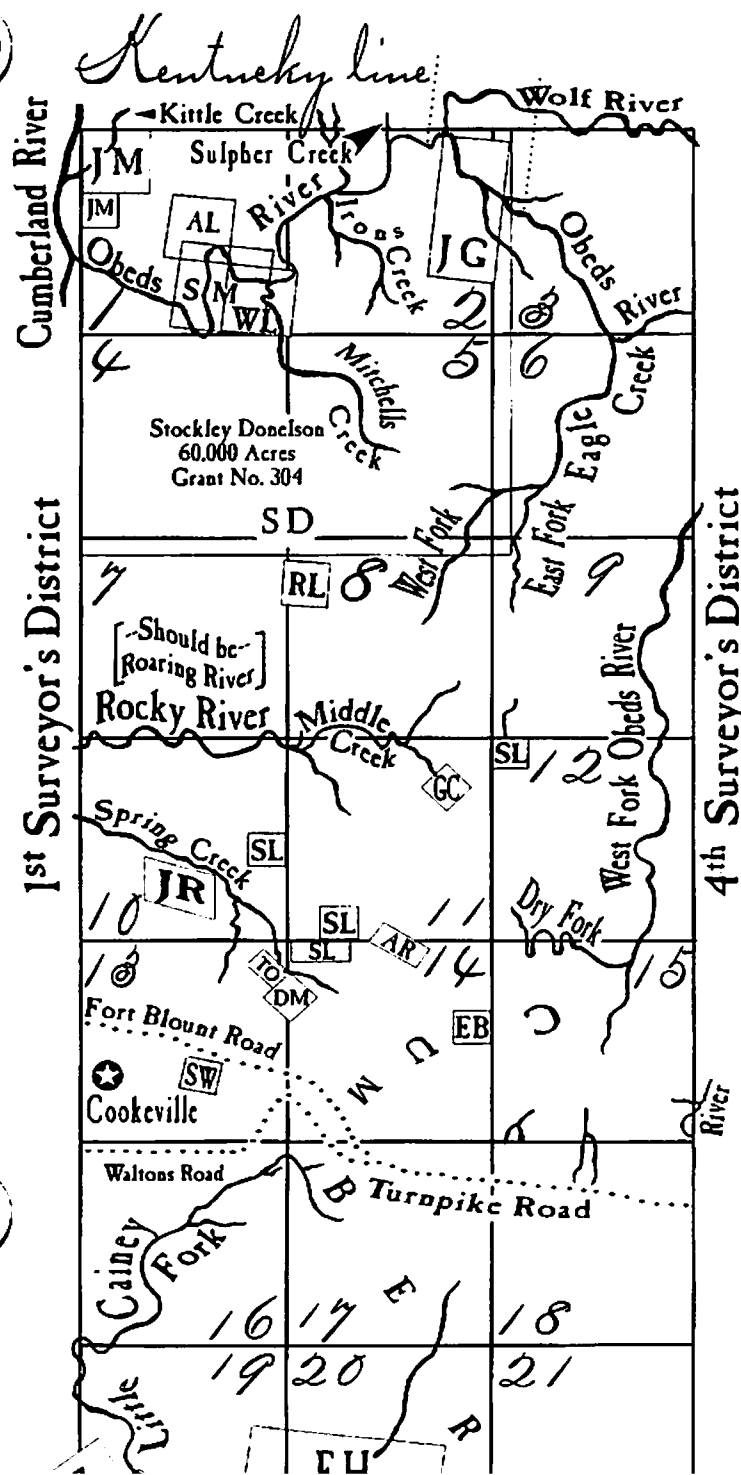
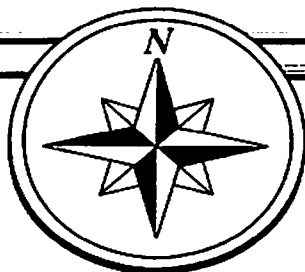
Cookeville, McMinnville, Sparta and
Spencer have been added for reference.



Scale in Miles

© 1997 Dog Trot X Press

Commercial Reproduction Rights Reserved.



granted to the Continental line, 3,000 acres...Middle District...Obeds River...dated 23 Jan 1800. Warrant 11. S. Williams, Surveyor. Jason Thompson and Oliver Williams, Chain Carriers. *N. C. Land Grants Book "A"*, p. 244. TSLA MF #1.

AR . . RAWLIN, A 560 640 S14 ID

EB . . BRYUM, Ebenezer . . 256 691 S14 7 Jul 1794
 State of North Carolina, No. 256...granted unto Ebenezer Byrum, 691 acres...Middle District...N side Cumberland Mountain...near Norhard [Northern?] warpath...dated 7 Jul 1794...Warrant 1794...Thomas King, Surveyor, John Blair and Robert Patterson, Chain Carriers. *N. C. Land Grants Book "A"*, pp. 114, 115. TSLA MF #1

EH . . HARRIS, Edward . 2612-80 . 640 ea. S Calf Killer R. . 4 Jun 1796 Sn
 State of North Carolina, No. 2612...granted unto Edward Harris, assignee of Thomas Talton's Heirs, a private in the Continental line of said State...640 acres...S side Cumberland River...dated 4 June 1796. Warrant 2695. Wm. Tyrell D. S. [Deputy Surveyor] R. King, John Man[n], Wm. Lytle, Chain Carriers and Markers. *N. C. Land Grants Book "C-3"*, p. 374. TSLA MF #6. [There are a total of 69 consecutively numbered land grants to Edward Harris. The last is numbered 2680. All the adjoining grants are similar, except in that each grant will show a different original Warrant holder. See map on opposite page.]

EW . . WILLIAMS, Eliza . . 326 . . 5,000 S19 . . Extends into 1st District. 20 Dec 1796
 State of North Carolina, No. 326...granted unto Eliza Williams, assignee of James Williams, 5,000 acres ... Middle District...North Cumberland Mountain...Hopkins Spring survey...Cane Branch...her heirs...dated 20 Dec 1796. Warrant No. 2260. Thos King, Surveyor. *N. C. Land Grants Book "A"*, 237. TSLA MF # 1.

DM . . DOUGLASS & M_? . 1257 1,000 S13+ 30 Jul 1793 Su
 State of North Carolina, No. 1257...grant unto John McCallester, Thomas Heart, William Duglas, John Sharp...1,000 acres...Middle District...waters of Cumberland River on Spring Creek... dated 30 Jul 1793. *N. C. Land Grants Book "6"*, p. 501. TSLA MF #17.

DT . . DONELSON, Stockley 2562 640 S22 . . Calf Killer R. . 7 Mar 1796 Sn & TERRILL, W.
 State of North Carolina, No. 2562...unto Stockley Donelson and William Tyrell, assignees of the Heirs of James Chisum, a private in the Continental line of said State, 640 acres...Sumner County...a large fork of the Caney fork, a branch Cumberland River...on the path that leads to Chicamoga?...dated 7 Mar 1796...Warrant 3954. *N. C. Land Grant Book "C-3"*, p. 355. TSLA MF #6. [There are a total of 8 adjoining land grants to Donelson and Tyrell. The other numbers are 2551, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2563, and 2609. All the adjoining grants are similar, except in that each grant will show a different original Warrant holder.]

GC . . CHRISTIAN, Gilbert . 205 1280 S11 . . Middle Creek, 29 July 1793
 State of North Carolina, No. 205...granted unto Gilbert Christian, 1280 acres...Middle District...S side Cumberland River...head of Gilberts Creek...large Blue Spring...James M'Nairs line, corner...dated 29 July 1793. Ja^s. At__burg, Surveyor. Jo^s. Payne and Francis Guthery, Chain Carriers. *N. C. Land Record Book "A"*, pp. 91, 92. MF #1. Also *Book 8*, p.623. MF #19.

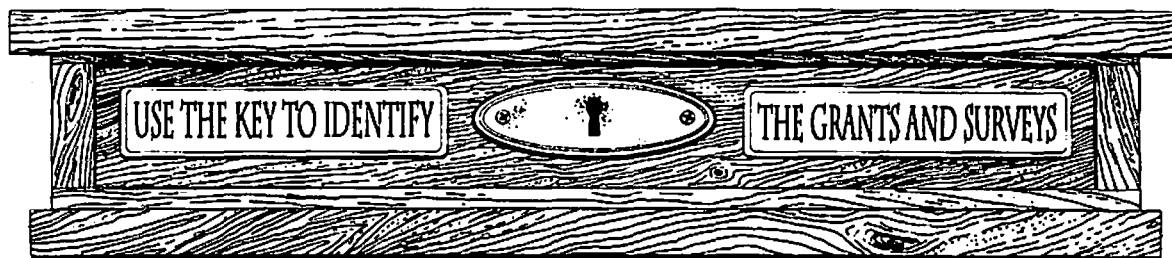
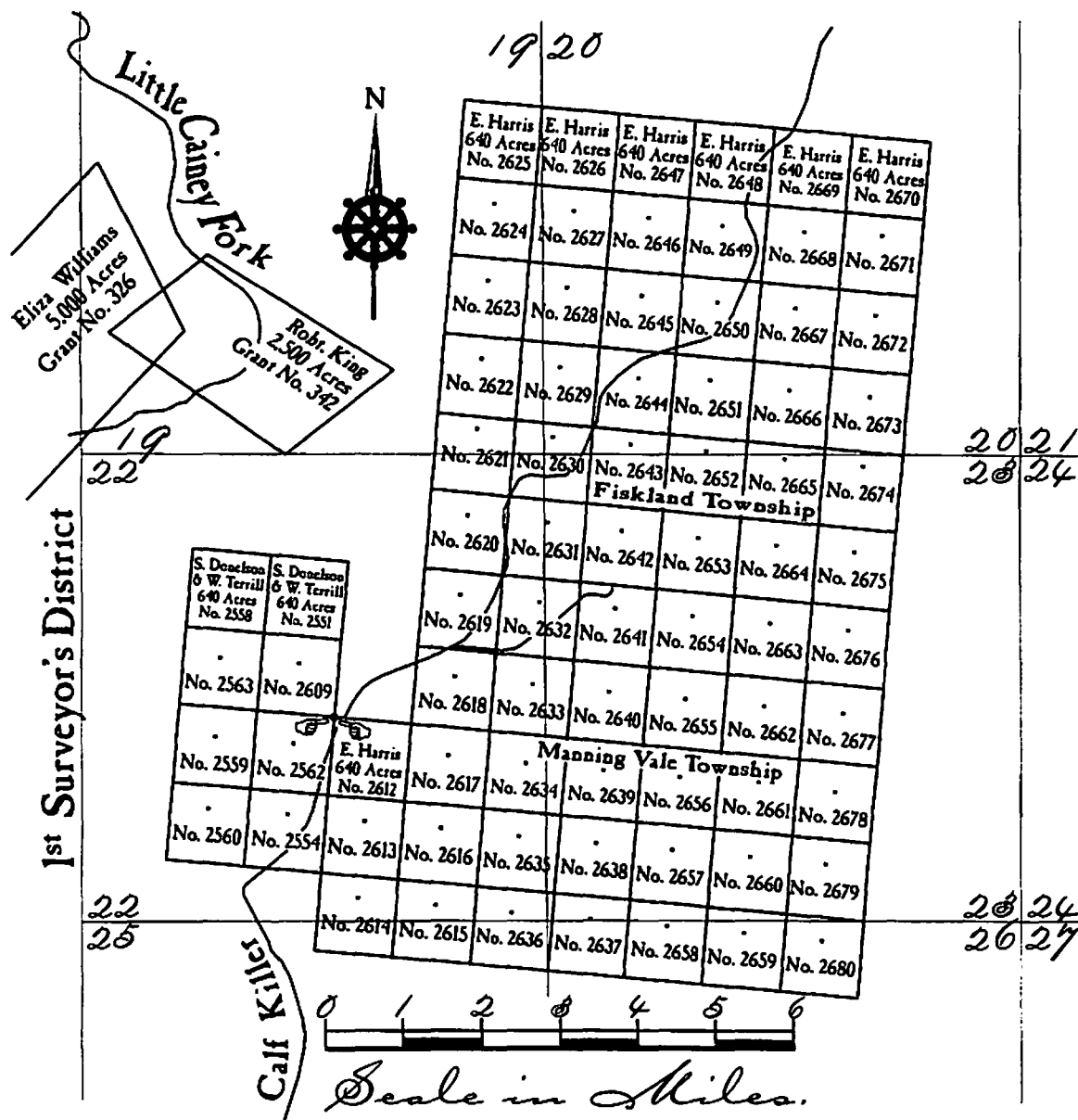
JG . . GADDY, John 307 5,000 S2+ . . Obeds R. ID

JM . . MEENES, J 326 1,000 S1 S side 17 Dec 1794 Cumberland R.
 State of North Carolina, No. 326...Grant unto James Meneese...1,000 acres S side Cumberland River...a small distance before the Virginia line...surveyed 6 Feb 1789 by Thomas Hickman, D. S. Warrant No. 1881. Entered 20 Mar 1788, Dated 17 Dec 1794. *N. C. Land Grant Book 11*, p. 115. TSLA MF # 22.

JM . . MEENES, J 247? 240 S1 Cumberland R. ID

Detail of pre-1806 North Carolina land grants in Tennessee's 3rd Surveyor's District.

These grants along the Calf Killer River are in present day White County. This detail map and the full version were drawn from the original map, No. 399, which may be found at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville.



© Dog Trot X Press 1997. Commercial Reproduction Rights Reserved.

ENDNOTES

1. An unfortunate anomaly occurs on map No. 399. The name "Boyd's" appears twice, however the third letter, the "y," is not readable in either case. It is therefore necessary to offer some evidence that the correct name is "Boyd's." The following are records presented to show the provenance for a 200 acre tract on Boyd's creek and here we see the name in the form of a survey, a grant, and also in deeds for the two 100 acre parts.

State of Tennessee, 3rd District. Surveyed 10 Feb 1808 for William Boyd...200 acres...warrant 1120 issued by John Armstrong...County of Warren...41 Section...Section line...A. Higginbotham, D. S. Abednego Merriman and Martin Dodson, Chain Carriers. TSLA RG 50 MF #35, Book 34, p. 44.

State of Tennessee, No. 407...granted...unto Wm Boyd, 200 acres...Warren County...third district...forty first Section on the Section line...Surveyed 10 Feb 1808. Recorded 3 May 1809. *Mt. Dist, Book 4, TSLA MF 155, p. 132.*

On 8 Jul 1809, William Boyd sold to James Cain, 100 acres...including the place whereon said Cain now lives on Boyd's Creek. Original Grant no. 407, dated 24 Aug 1808. *Warren Co. TN Deed Book "A", p. 76.*

On 8 Dec 1812, John Stinnett sold to John Cunningham...100 acres on Boyd's Creek of Collins River, being a part of a tract originally granted to William Boyd by Grant No. 407...including the place where William McGregor now lives. *Warren Co. TN Deed Book "A", p. 268-270.*

On the 1895 McMinnville Sheet map, the United States Geological Survey showed the creek with the name Gregory.

2. Ben Lomond Mountain was named for Ben Lomond near Loch Lomond in Scotland. "Ben" means "Mountain" in the Scottish language.

3. While the river's name on the original map #399 is Obeds, and presently rendered Obey, there is also an Obed River slightly eastward of the eastern line of this map. The presently named Obed River is in today's Cumberland and Morgan Counties.

4. *Acknowledgements:* G. Kay McGee, MTGS member, searched the records at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville and located the North Carolina Grants for us.

Dr. Wayne C. Moore, Archivist at TSLA, found the Wm. Boyd grant for us and provided expert advice. Thanks to both for the team work. ■

RECIPES—1879 STYLE

Whitewash for Outdoor Use¹

Take good quick-lime in lumps. Slack it with hot water, and while slacking add to what will make a pailful one pound tallow or other grease, free from dirt. It may be rancid, smoked, or otherwise unfit for kitchen use.

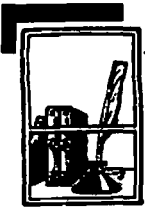
When the violent slacking is over, stir thoroughly. All the water should be added before the slacking ceases, and the mixing together should be thorough. Do not dilute with cold water. If well made, it will be very smooth and but little affected by rain.



Whitewash for Indoor Use

We have recently seen recommended in a journal a fine and brilliant whitewash preparation of chalk, called "Paris White," and said to be admirable for whitewashing walls. It sells in paint stores at three cents per pound, retail. For every sixteen pounds Paris White, get half a pound white transparent glue. Cover the glue with cold water at night, and in the morning heat it, without scorching, till dissolved. Stir in the Paris White with hot water to give it a milky consistency. Then add and mix well the glue. Apply with a common lime whitewash brush. A single coating will do, except on very dingy walls.

1. *Housekeeping in Old Virginia*, Marion Cabell Tyree, ed., (Louisville, Kentucky: John P. Morton and Company, 1879), p. 498.



BOOK REVIEWS

by Shirley Wilson, CG

Tennesseans before 1800: Washington County compiled by Marjorie Hood Fischer. Hardback 8 1/2 x 11, 334 pp., Copyright 1996. Purchase from Frontier Press, PO Box 3715, Suite 5, Galveston, Texas 77552. \$49.50 plus \$4 Shipping. TX residents add \$4.41 sales tax.

This important publication is an alphabetically arranged index to "every name in every Washington County, Tennessee record on microfilm prior to the year 1800." A detailed listing of the records included precedes the names, but in general terms, court minutes, tax lists, wills and estates, marriages and deeds were indexed. There are 72,203 entries. The entry identifies the type of record, the specific book, page number and microfilm reel number at the Tennessee State Library and Archives where it can be found.

Washington County was formed in 1777, the first county in Tennessee; and until 1779 when Sullivan County was formed, it included all of the territory in the present state of Tennessee.

Lacking census records until 1830, East Tennessee is a difficult area for genealogical research. Fischer's work represents a major contribution to the field of Tennessee genealogy and will be an excellent research tool for those with early roots in Tennessee. This one is well worth its price tag!

Grundy County Tennessee Earliest Deeds 1852 - 1867 compiled by Charles A. Sherrill. Softback 8 1/2 x 11, 132 pp., 1996, illustrations, index, map. Order from: Charles A. Sherrill, 1023 Water's Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. \$22.50 plus \$2 per book mailing.

Included in this publication are Deed Books A through C. In addition to deeds, these abstracts contain gifts, land grants, court sales, estate divisions, slaves sales and other miscellaneous records.

Added features are a plat of the town of Altamont, a sale history of the town lots, the boundaries of the civil districts along with a map indicating approximate locations.

An index to place names and landmarks as well as a complete name index make this carefully prepared book an easy one to use.

Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records 1850 - 1880 compiled by Charles A. Sherrill.

Softback 11 x 8 1/2, 236 pp., 1996, index, maps. Order from Charles A. Sherrill, 1023 Water's Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. \$22.50 plus \$2 per book mailing.

Included in the book are the agricultural, slave population, mortality and products of industry schedules.

This book was obviously a labor of love, for the schedules are quite tedious to read and abstract although filled with fascinating details. One can discover how many bushels of oats, corn and wheat an ancestor produced in a given year or how many working oxen he owned. More than 1400 names are included in the every name index.

The history section on Grundy County, as gleaned from the records by the author while preparing the book, will be of special interest to Grundy County historians and genealogists who will surely consider this well organized book and its companion book of deeds [see previous review] a "must" for their libraries.

Marching Out of the Mist Into the Light by Judith A. Strange. Softback 8 1/2 x 11, 202 pp., c1996, illustrations, index, photographs. Order from Tennessee Tracers Limited, PO Box 1493, Goodlettsville, TN 37070-1493. \$34.95. plus \$5 shipping and handling. Tennessee residents add 8.75% sales tax.

This book is primarily a transcription of Rosters One and Two of the Tennessee Confederate Soldiers Home. Information includes such items as admission date, residence, date and place of birth, occupation, enlistment date, unit, rank, times and dates wounded or captured, discharge date and rank, death date and other personal data.

Strange has enhanced the book with several photographs (including an excellent one of the home itself circa 1900), interesting illustrations and a three page history of the home.

An index lists the names of those who applied to the home (applications available at TSLA) and another index lists those buried in the Tennessee Confederate Home Cemetery with unit and years of birth and death. An index of the names that appear in the two rosters is given at the back of the book.

This is an excellent, well organized first publication by compiler Judith Strange, and should be

well received by the historical and genealogical community.

Cemeteries of Trousdale County, Tennessee compiled by Betty M. Scott and Nelwyn N. Cannon. Hardback 8 1/2 x 11, 256 pp., copyright 1996, index, map. Purchase from Bet-Nel Books PO Box 72, Hartsville, TN 37074. \$37.50 plus \$3.36 postage. TN residents must add \$3.09 for 8.25% sales tax. Exempt institutions should provide an Exemption Certificate.

Included in this publication are 242 cemeteries in Trousdale and surrounding counties. The cemeteries are listed in the front of the book with a grid number that enables the reader to locate the cemetery on a map printed on the next two pages.

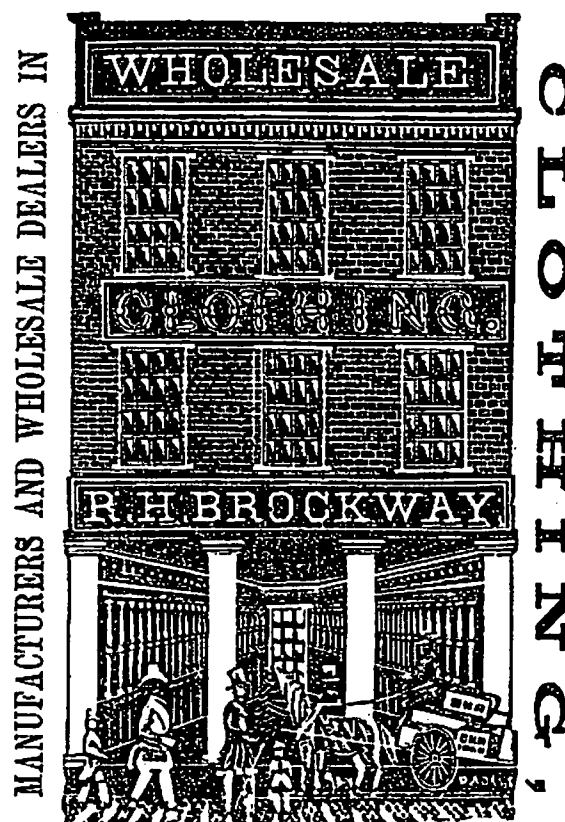
This is far more than "just a cemetery book." The tombstone information is annotated with genealogical data from various sources. Most sources are specifically identified and all annotations are in italics to keep them separate from the tombstones in boldface type. Thus, in addition, to learning the birth and death dates of your ancestor, you may also learn the names of his or her parents.

A complete name index greatly increases the value of this publication. The index includes only the burials and not the annotated genealogical material, so take time to check the index for all possible family connections. Those with roots in Trousdale County will definitely want to add this valuable book to their personal library. ■

R. H. BROCKWAY.

D. W. WHEELER.

R. H. BROCKWAY & CO.,



NO. 714 (UP STAIRS) EAST SIDE OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE,
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Nashville Business Directory, 1857, Vol. III,
(Nashville, TN: Smith, Cap & Co., 1857), p. 42.

HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF WILLIAM GOWER, DECEASED, 1862 DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Abstracted by Mary Sue Smith

The *Davidson County, Tennessee, Daily Court Minute Book H*, pp. 762-765, dated 8 February 1862, gives a detailed division of the estate of William Gower, dec'd. A short abstract is printed here.

Heirs & distributees of William Gower, deceased:

Lorenzo D. Gower, James Gower, Margaret Gatlin, Sally Newsom, Abel B. Gower, Lucy Shuster, William T. Gower, Nancy C. Wyatt, Tennessee Russell, L. F. Gower, and John H. Gower.

"Of the above, all are living save Abel B. Gower and L. F. Gower who have heretofore departed this life leaving children as follows: Abel B. Gower left 4 children: John W., Josephine, Charlotte & Abel. L. F. Gower left one child, Lena Gower."

Negroes left in estate: Robert, Lewis, Amanda, Allen, Sally & child, Caroline and Thomas.

EARLY CENSUS TAKING

PERHAPS SOME RESEARCHERS WONDER what it cost to take the federal census in the early days. Of more interest to the genealogists, however, is why some ancestors can't be located in a certain census record—or if located, the enumeration seems to be incorrect.

The assistant marshals were in charge of the actual census taking, while the marshals tabulated the larger areas, e.g., states, and reported the statistics and the schedules to Washington. The 1790 census cost \$44,377 to collect; the 1800 cost \$66,109; 1810, \$178,444; 1820, \$208,525; 1830 cost \$378,545; 1840, \$832,370; and the 1850 enumeration cost \$1,318,027.¹

The incompleteness of many returns can be attributed to insufficient compensation allowed for the collection of these statistics. For example, in 1820, Hardy Cobb, assistant marshal for Northampton County, North Carolina, wrote the following remarks at the end of his enumeration which gives us a partial insight into the difficulty endured by men who took the census:

—Oath No. 4 Interlined with the words 'As far as practicable.' But it was impossible to comply with the strict letter of the Law! and he who takes the oath in that way must have met with fewer difficulties than I or he does not reflect upon its bearing. I believe I have acted with the Spirit of the Act...

—I am to have two dollars for each copy of this Schedule and the paper alone is worth more than that sum!...

—My work is Roughly done but I hope it is sufficiently plain to be understood. I am sure I have earned more than I shall get.²

Assistant marshals rode their horses into the hinterlands for a certain fee. A little speculation may be made as to what could have occurred in the frontier areas. The census taker was paid for

each person tabulated and therefore was interested in earning as much hard cash as possible. Hence, he would travel far into the interior, but how far? Let us suppose that he arrives at a point on a stream that is near the Indian frontier and he takes the records from a squatter. Isn't it logical that he would ask how many other settlers live up the stream? If the next settler is several miles away, this squatter probably knows the man's name and approximate ages of his family members. If he is the last one up the stream, isn't it logical that the census taker would record the name as given by the squatter to save a hazardous ride?

Another scenario is borne out by George Washington's comments on the 1790 Census of North Carolina, as contained in his diary entry dated Sunday, 24th of April, 1791:

Wilmington is situated on the Cape Fear River... The number of Souls in it amount to about 1000, but it is agreed on all hands that the Census in this State has been very inaccurately & Shamefully taken by the Marshall's deputies; who, instead of going to Peoples houses, & there, on the spot, ascertaining the Nos.: have advertised a meeting of them at certain places, by which means those who did not attend (and it seems many purposely avoided doing it, some from an apprehension of its being introductory of a tax, & others from religious scruples) have gone with their families, unnumbered—In other instances, it is said these deputies have taken their information from the Captains of Militia Companies; not only as to the men on their Muster Rolls, but of the Souls, in their respective families; which at best, must in a variety of cases, be mere conjecture whilst all those who are not on their lists—Widows and their families &c pass unnoticed.³

How often this occurred, we have no way of knowing, but when people weren't home or at a considerable distance in the frontier, it is reasonable to assume that their names and ages were sometimes taken on an estimated basis or even omitted—especially before 1850 when only the head of the family was named. Therefore, do not rely completely on the census reports but use them in conjunction with other primary records generated in the ancestor's area. ■

1. Carroll D. Wright, *The History and Growth of the United States Census* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1900), and the *Journal* editor's files

2. Dorothy Williams Potter, comp., *1820 Federal Census, North Carolina*, 2nd Ed. (Nashville, Tennessee, P.p., 1993), ii.

3. Archibald Henderson, *Washington's Southern Tour—1791* (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1923). Reprinted in William Perry Johnson, ed., *The North Carolinian*, Dec. 1955, (Raleigh, N.C., P.p.) p. 109.



MINUTES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT of NORTH CAROLINA and MERO DISTRICT

Abstracted and annotated by Dorothy Scott Johnson

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

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

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

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

(Continued from Middle Tennessee Journal of
Genealogy & History, Volume X, Number 4)

John Parks vs. Frederick Stump

Action: Case dismissed "with double cost and 12-1/2 per centum." [No other information.]

PAGE 184.

Joseph Waller vs. Frederick Stump, Adm. Lockett

Action: Case dismissed "with double cost and 12-1/2 per centum." [No other information.]

Robert Bell vs. Theodoris Malett

Action: Case "dismissed with double cost." [No other information given.]

John Williams et al. vs. David Shelby

James Norfleet [written Nauflect], proves five days attendance as a witness, 60 miles travel and two ferriages.

William Cotter vs. Elijah Robertson

Action: Motion for new trial made and granted.

John Williams et al. vs. David Shelby

Action: Motion for new trial made and granted.

PAGE 185.

"Case Agreed."

[*Blacks*: Case agreed on: A formal written enumeration of the facts in a case, agreed to by both parties as correct and complete, and submitted to the court in order that a decision may be rendered without a trial.]

"A gives a bond to B conditional to convey 100 acres of land: B transfers said bond to C by these words, (viz) I do assign over my right and title to the within bond to C without recourse to me or my Heirs forever...will this assignment give C recourse against B for the value of the bond in case A becomes insolvent."

"It is the opinion of the Court that he cannot, or that it operates as a release to the assignor."

Territory vs. Richard Pearce

John Kyrkpatrick proved five days attendance as a witness.

Territory vs. Richard Harrison

Action: "Charged and submits ordered therefore

that the said Richard Harrison be fined the sum of \$15 and cost of suit and that he be in mercy, etc."

Tuesday, 18 Nov. 1795

William and Josiah Fort excused as jurors

William Fort and Josiah Fort were excused from attending any longer this term as jurors.

Juror tickets

The following jurors received their tickets for their services this term:

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. William Anderson | 13. Joseph Hooper |
| 2. John Childers Sen. | 14. Robert Kanady |
| 3. Thomas Cox | 15. John Kyrkpatrick |
| 4. Joseph Crabtree | 16. James McCarrell |
| 5. Richard Cross | 17. Israel Moore |
| 6. William Crunk | 18. George Oldham |
| 7. James Douglass | 19. Lemuel Suggs |
| 8. Thomas Edwards | 20. Robert Thompson |
| 9. Josiah Fort | 21. James White |
| 10. William Fort | 22. Daniel Williams |
| 11. James Frazier | 23. James Wilson |
| 12. Edmon Gamble | |

Territory vs. Jacob Reeder

Mathew Moore proved seven days attendance as a witness, two ferriages; James Espie proved eight days attendance as a witness.

PAGE 186

Tuesday, 18 Nov. 1795

John Williams et al. vs. James Douglass

James Norflett [written Naufleet] proved one day attendance as witness.

John Commons vs. Isaac Pearce

Henry Bradford proved four days attendance at a witness, 32 miles travel and two ferriages.

Adjourned.

PAGE 186

Wed., 19 Nov. 1795

Hon. John McNairy & Joseph Anderson, judges

Laurence Sproutzman vs. Elijah Robertson

Case: "Special Verdict"

Particulars: Not given

Action: "The matter being solemnly argues by the council on both sides, the Court is of opinion

that it is not within the statute of usury [interest rates]. It is, therefore, decreed by the Court that the plff. have judgement for the sum agreeable to the verdict of the jury (viz) seven hundred sixty pounds, three shillings & sixpence."

Government vs. Jacob Reeder

Abraham Teal proved seven days as a witness, 30 miles travel and two ferriages.

William T. Lewis vs. David Hay

David Buckhanon proved seven days as a witness.

William Brown, Sen. - Juror

William Brown, sen. came into court and made oath that he has not previous to this time received his ticket for his services as a juror at May term, 1793. Sworn to in open court. Test: Andrew McNairy.

Aquilla Suggs heirs vs. Aquilla Suggs Executor.

[Note: Unclear whether Aquilla Suggs [Jr.] is the executor or whether it means the decedent's executor who was not named.]

Case: "Rule of Reference."

Particulars: Not given

Action: By consent of parties and on motion of defendant's attorney, it is ordered by the Court that all matters of litigation between the parties be referred to the arbitration and determination of Jacob Dickerson, Edmon Gambell and William Donelson. Their award to be the judgment of the Court "or the award of any two of the arbitrators which award is to be returned next court."

Adjourned.

PAGE 187

Thursday, 20 Nov. 1795

Hon. John McNairy & Joseph Anderson, judges

Jacob Dickerson - Jury release.

Jacob Dickerson ordered released from the es-treatment of his fine for not attending this term as a juror, for reasons shown on oath. [Reasons not given.]

William Anderson - Jury release.

William Anderson ordered released from his fine

for not attending as a juror when called, for reasons shown on oath. [Reasons not given.]

Philip Phillips - Jury release.

Philip Phillips ordered released from the es-treatment of his fine for not attending this term as a juror for reasons shown on oath. [Reasons not given.]

The Territory vs. James Robertson

The court ordered that Robertson be fine \$5.00 plus cost or suit.

The Territory vs. Joseph Harison

Hesekiah O'Neal proved eight days as a witness plus two ferriages.

Adjourned

PAGE 187. Friday, 21 Nov. 1795

Hon. John Anderson & John McNairy, Judges.

The Territory vs. Richard Pearce

William Anderson proved eight days as a witness and two ferriages.

The Territory vs. Christopher Stump

Edmon Gambell proved eight days attendance as a witness.

David Shelby vs. James Lenier & ____ Set-graves

Case: Motion for Writ of Error

Action: On motion of ____ Hopkins and John Vane Kacy, Esquire, having assigned reasons for a writ of error and David Shelby having acknowledged ten days previous notice, it is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that a writ of error issue for the reasons assigned in this case. [Reasons not stated.]

John Williams et al. vs. David Shelby

James White proved five days attendance as a witness plus 60 miles travel and two ferriages. Isreal Moore proved five days as a witness, 56 miles travel and two ferriages.

John Williams vs. James Douglass

James White proved six days attendance as a witness, 60 miles travel and two ferriages. Israel Moore proved six days attendance as a witness, 56

miles travel and two ferriages.

William T. Lewis vs. James Bosley

Thomas Cox proved seven days attendance as a witness.

Elijah Robertson vs. Robert Search

Case: "Case agreed on." [Blacks: Both parties agree to present correct and complete facts in case to judge and abide by his decision, thus avoiding jury trial.]

Particulars: In the Davidson Co. April term of Court, 1793, Robert Nelson got a judgment against Josiah Love. Love's negro man named Bob was to be sold to pay Nelson. On the day of the sale, 14 June 1793, Love obtained an injunction against Nelson stopping him from proceeding on the judgment [selling Bob] until a further hearing.

Love gave bond and security to "return the property so levied on [Bob] or so much property as would satisfy" the judgment, provided the injunction be dismissed.

On 17 August 1793 Love sold Bob to Elijah Robertson for another negro named Jim which was loaned by Robertson to Love. This was intended to operate as pledge, or security, for Jim's return which has not happened. Robertson did not transfer any other right in Jim to Love than the afore-said lending.

At the November 1794 term of Court of Equity the injunction of Love vs. Nelson was dissolved and the Clerk of Davidson County was ordered to issue an execution against the property of Love to satisfy judgment. It was levied on Bob, he being all the property of Love that could be found at the time. After due process, the Davidson County sheriff proceeded to sell Bob which sale was forbid by Elijah Robertson. Robert Searcy was the highest bidder and became the purchaser of Bob.

The subscribers each claim Bob and ask the Court to decide who has the right of property.

Judgment: The Court ruled that Robert Searcy was the legal owner of Bob.

Den* on the Demise of Samuel Kerr vs. Reese Porter**

*Den not found in *Blacks*. This may be an abbreviation of *Denarius Dei* meaning earnest money, or it may stand for *Denarii* which *Blacks* defines as ready money.

**Demise in *Blacks*: A lease for a term of years.

Jury of View: James Mul, surveyor for Samuel Kerr and John Buckhanon, surveyor for Reese Porter were ordered by the Court to go onto the premises and surveyor the land in dispute. The Court also appointed John Walker, Capt. Joseph Phillips, Joseph Love and Adam Hope as a jury of view to also go onto the premises and survey the land in dispute. The surveyors and jury to report their findings at the next court.

Howell Tatus vs. James Winchester

Case: "Case agreed on" [To be heard by judge, not jury.]

Particulars: In 1784 Howell Tatum entered 640 acres of land in the proper office in Davidson County which he has not yet surveyed.

In 1792, James Winchester, having knowledge of Tatum's entry, located the same land and annexed thereto a military land warrant in the proper land office. Both entries were made according to North Carolina law in force in the Territory.

Winchester surveyed the land before 22 December 1792, obtained title from the Government of the State of North Carolina, and claims exclusive right to the land.

The question before the court is whether Tatum loses the land to Winchester since he did not have it surveyed; can Tatum now survey the land and obtain title thereby destroying Winchester's title?

Verdict: Tatum can survey the land and obtain good and sufficient title thereby making Winchester's claim null and void.

Timothy Demumbrum vs. David Hay, et al.

Joseph Duratt proved one day attendance as a witness and Elizabeth, his wife, proved one day attendance.

Seth Lewis vs. James Bosley

Abner Peck proved two days attendance as a witness.

Adjourned until Court in course.

(To be Continued)

ORIGINAL MERO MINUTE BOOK FOUND!

"And When the people saw it, they rejoiced"

I Samuel 6:13

By Kenneth Fieth, Director, Metro Archives

In November of 1788 a superior court of law and equity for the Mero District, which comprised Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee counties met in Nashville for the first time. The court had been set up by North Carolina with John McNairy as the appointed judge. When Judge McNairy arrived in Nashville, he brought with him a young lawyer by the name of Andrew Jackson. Jackson was admitted to the bar and shortly thereafter appointed Attorney for the State.

The original hand written minute book of these early court proceedings has returned to the Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville. Covering the period from 1788 to 1796, the volume records the activities of a court with broad legislative, executive and judicial powers.

However, all the grand intentions of this court still fell short of the realities of life in the early settlement of Nashville. At the start of the November 1792 term (p. 84) the following entry was made, "The Indians were so troublesome on the frontiers about this time that the court and jury thought it most advisable to adjourn court." They met again in May of 1793.

The Metropolitan Nashville Archives is pleased to have the original volume as a part of its holdings. Unfortunately the first 14 pages have been removed. A generous party, who purchased pages 7-14 at a Nashville Flea Market, loaned those pages for microfilming. We ask that anyone knowing the whereabouts of pages 1-7 please contact us. We would like to film those pages and return them to the lender.

The Metro Government Archives is located at 1113 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN, 37210. Our telephone number is 615-862-5880, and fax is 615-862-5724. We can be reached by e-mail: archives@waldo.nashv.lib.tn.us.

Opposite page: Photocopy of page 17 from the newly discovered Mero District book. Submitted by Mary Sue Smith.

State of North Carolina

At a Superior Court of Law and Equity
opened and held for the District of Mer.
at the Court House in Nashville on the first
Monday in May A.D. 1789 & in the 11th
year of our Independence —

Present —

The Hon.ble John Murray Esquire Judge &c

David Allison
Clerk P.S.

John Murray Esq. who was appointed Clerk pro Tempore for the
Superior Court of Davidson County on the Law Side, failing to appear
Ordered that David Allison be Appointed Clerk pro Tempore
for the District of Mer. on the Law Side, who came into Court and
Entered into bond with William Cooke and John Hardon in
Sum of two thousand pounds for the faithful keeping the Records
of Said Court, and one other bond in the Sum of two thousand
pounds for faithfully paying into the Treasury whatever Public
monies may come into his hands, by Virtue of his Said —
Appointment

Proclamation

Proclamation was made that the coroners & other officers of the different counties in the district of Mer.
Should make return of different crimes to them directed
recognizances and inquests by the Judges May proceed thereon

Davidson venire

In pursuance whereof the Sheriff of Davidson
made return of the venire facias to him directed viz
1 John Edmiston 12 Daniel Williams Sr. 23 Edward Swanson
2 William Stuart 13 John Walker 24 William Marshe
3 William Stuart (Hector Station) 14 James Scott 25 John Shanon
4 Thomas James 15 Thomas Hardiman 26 John Barker
5 Hadon Wells 16 Frederick Stump 27 Alex. Ewin
6 Amos Heaton 17 David Brown 28 William Gillasp
7 Benj. Drake Junr 18 John Evans 29 Rich. Burtie
8 John Drake 19 John Thomson Sr. 30 John Bell
9 Samuel Buchanan 20 William Overal 31 John Newell
10 James Hoggatt 21 John Frazier 32 Thos. Blackmon
11 William Blackmon 33 William Donaho.

Reforming Tennessee Public Education— County by County

by Christopher B. McGee, Tennessee State Library & Archives

JOHN EATON (1829-1906) SERVED AS Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Tennessee covering the period 1867-1869. During this time, he received and collected four hundred and sixty-three letters housed at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The following list is an index to that collection.

The majority of the letters were written by the county superintendents for public instruction. These superintendents wrote for a variety of reasons. Primarily, they informed Eaton of their progress in reorganizing their counties to comply with the common school law that had recently been enacted by the Tennessee State Legislature. One of the provisions of this law was to require counties to educate black students as well as white. Often, the superintendents reported strong opposition to the law from the people of the county. A.S. Snow, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Claiborne County, claimed that the county court clerk, David Cardwell, was so opposed to free public schools for everyone that he went to great lengths to cause difficulty. Snow even said that Cardwell brought fraudulent criminal charges against him in an effort to stop him from proceeding with the organization of the county. Many of the letters also contain reports, or enumerations, of the number of children of school age in the county. These enumerations are separated into categories by the race and sex of the student, but do not state the names of individ-

ual students or families.

In his capacity as Superintendent of Public Instruction, Eaton received requests and communications from a diverse group of people. In some cases, subjects of general interest are addressed by miscellaneous sources. A former slave named Jacob Brodnax wrote Eaton to request money for his school. In the letter, he told Eaton that the grandfather of his former mistress had asked him to open a school for "colored" children in the community. Brodnax stated that both he and the grandfather, George J. Taylor, thought he would be the best person for the job. They held this belief because he was educated, but he had also been raised as a slave in the area, and was trusted by the black community. Mr. Taylor financed the school on his granddaughter's property. Brodnax taught classes for two semesters, but crops being poor that year, he feared that the school might be forced to close. He claims that Mr. Taylor thought that it might be possible to receive a portion of the public school fund to secure the continuation of the school.

The John Eaton papers have obvious historical value. They are valuable as a record of the establishment of public schools in Tennessee after the American Civil War. They also provide insight into the changing political and social worlds of Tennessee and the South during Reconstruction. The Tennessee Historical Society should be thanked for preserving this collection.

Name	Number of Letters	Date	Location City/County	Folder
Abernathy, M.R.	3	1868	McNairy	2
Adams, W.C.	2	1868	Hardeman	2
Alden, B.G.	5	1867-1868	Stewart	2
Alexander, I.W.	2	1867-1868	Carroll	2
Alley, John	1	1868	Sequatchie	2
Atwell, F.J.	3	1868	Shelby	2
Bancroft, C.F.P.	5	1868	Hamilton	2
Barnes, C.J.	1	1867	Davidson	2
Barnum, J.H.	3	1867-1868	Shelby	2
Beals, Francis	1	1868	Monroe	2
Bennett, H.S.	1	1868	Davidson	2
Bentley, L.M.	4	1868	Lawrence	2
Black, R.D.	3	1868	Bradley	2

Name	Number of Letters	Date	Location City/County	Folder
Blunt, A.E.	4	1867-1868	Bradley	2
Bosson, W.	1	1868	Rutherford	2
Bowling, C.L.	2	1868	Campbell	2
Braden, C.P.	3	1867-1868	Robertson	2
Bransford, John S.	1	1868	Davidson	2
Brock, John W.	3	Unknown	Monroe	2
Brodnax, Jacob	1	1868	Tipton	2
Brooks, J.N.	1	1868	Davidson	2
Brown, A.A.	7	1868	Rutherford	2
Brown, O.F.	1	1868	Benton	2
Bryant, J.W.C.	5	1867-1868	Franklin	2
Burret, Richard	1	1868	Tipton	2
Cagle, M.J.J.	2	1868	Dickson	3

Name	Number of Letters	Date	Location City/County	Folder
Campbell, Alexander, et al.	1	1868	Hancock	3
Campbell, R.A.	1	1868	Roane	3
Cardwell, David	1	1868	Claiborne	3
Carey, Joseph S.	1	1868	Davidson	3
Carpenter, C.C.	6	1868	Hamilton	3
Carrell, S.A.	1	1868	Lawrence	3
Carson, Green W.	3	1867-1868	Lauderdale	3
Carter, W.F.	3	1868	White	3
Chastain, E.	1	1868	Smith	3
Clark, B.	1	1868	Jackson	3
Clark, J.P.	1	1868	Warren	3
Clark, R.P.	1	1868	Giles	3
Clayton, Thomas	1	1869	McNairy	3
Cole, J.E.	2	1867-1868	Tipton	3
Cole, W.L.	1	1868	Polk	3
Coleman, A.B.	2	1867-1868	Lincoln	3
Crichlow, W.B.	1	1868	Bedford	3
Cunningham, J.B.	5	1868	Dyer	3
Cureton, William	4	1868	Cocke	3
Custead, N.T.	4	1868	Cumberland	3
Davis, William B.	2	1868	Hancock	4
DeLany, Edwin S.	1	1868	Bradley	4
Doherty, Ben F.	1	1868	Carroll	4
Drake, L.F.	14	1867-1868	Washington	4
Edwards, Milton S.	1	1868	Henderson	4
Elkins, J.P.	1	1868	Cannon	4
Elliott, W.Y.	1	1868	Rutherford	4
Emerson, Hiram S.	1	1868	Coffee	4
Everett, George M.	5	1868	Macon	4
Fleming, Robert N.	1	1867	Polk	4
Frame, C.T.	5	1867-1868	Warren	4
Goodlell, A.G.	1	1868	Dickson	5
Grace, George A.	3	1868	Johnson	5
Grayson, B.C.	1	1868	Johnson	5
Griffes, James A.	7	1868	Jefferson	5
Griswold, S.M.	2	1868	Grundy	5
Harris, John W.	1	1868	Cannon/ Dekalb	5
Harvey, James C.	1	Unknown	Bledsoe	5
Hawkins, A.W.	1	1868	Dickson	5
Hawkins, George A.	3	1868	Obion	5
Hensley, C.H.	1	1868	Lewis	5
Herd, Joseph W.	2	1867-1868	Dekalb	5
Hilance, M.M.	1	1868	Cheatham	5
Hill, W.L.	1	1868	Gibson	5
Hipp, J.Y.	1	1868	Cannon	5
Hollowell, George	1	1868	Benton	5
Holman, D.D.	1	1868	Robertson	5
Houston, John L.	2	1868	Decatur	5
Houston, William	5	1868	Bedford	5
Hoyte, J.W.	1	1868	Davidson	5
Huffaker, J.N.S.	1	Unknown	Sevier	5

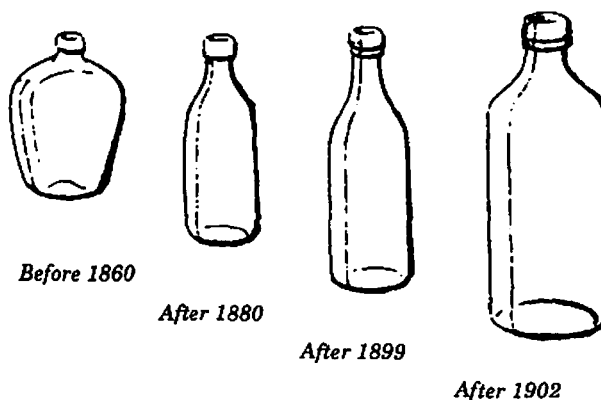
Name	Number of Letters	Date	Location City/County	Folder
Hughes, A.M.	8	1868	Weakley	5
Humphreys, R.W.	4	1868	Montgomery	5
Hunt, T.S.	1	1868	Smith	5
Hunter, Braxton D.	2	1867-1868	Putnam	5
Hyden, J. Albert	2	1868	McMinn	5
Ingalls, G.M.	1	1868	Anderson Depot	5
Jackson, Rev. W.A.	1	1868	Montgomery	6
Jeanson, J.A.	5	1868	Haywood	6
Jones, J.N.	2	1868	Bedford	6
Justice, J.E.	2	1868	Cheatham	6
Kinchloe, J.F.	7	1867-1868	Polk	6
King, Ira W.	1	1868	Smith	6
Kirkwood, J.M.	10	1868	Henry	6
Latimer, C.	2	1867-1868	Madison	6
Leath, J.T.	1	1868	Shelby	6
Ledbetter, J.P.	1	1868	Lewis	6
Lewis, J.D., et al.	1	1868	Fentress	6
Love, John M.	1	1868	Knox	6
M'Kinney, E.	3	1868	Montgomery	7
Mack, A.B.	1	1868	Davidson	7
Mack, Williams	5	1868	Maury	7
Maris, William	3	1868	Fayette	7
Matthews, E.H.	3	1868	Meigs	7
Maxwell, Thomas	4	1868	Hardin	7
McClerkin, John M.	1	1868	Tipton	7
McCreary, T.F.	3	1868	Dickson	7
McDowell, J.L.	5	1868	Carroll	7
McGeehey, A.	1	1868	Marshall	7
McGregor, John	1	1868	Henderson	7
McGuffey, Charles D.	3	1868	Anderson	7
McKee, J.G.	4	1868	Davidson	7
McLean, S.D.	1	1868	Lawrence	7
McQuary, G.W.	1	1868	Cheatham	7
McQuiddy, H.C.	1	1868	Sumner	7
McQuiston, H.W.	2	1868	Tipton	7
McWherter, G.R.	2	1868	Weakley	7
McWhirter, S.H.	1	1868	Bradley	7
Meyers, Isom L.	1	1868	Claiborne	7
Meyers, Vincent	1	1868	Claiborne	7
Mitchell, Richard	1	1868	Hancock	7
Mitchell, W.Z.	1	1868	Shelby	7
Morgan, W.H.	1	1868	Shelby	7
Mullins, J.T.	2	1868	Cumberland	7
Murphy, John	2	1868	Grainger	7
Nelson, John C.	8	1868	Roane	8
Neroland, Clay	1	1868	Hardeman	8
Ogden, John	2	1868	Davidson	8
Parker, James C.	3	1868	Scott	8
Pearce, W.H.	6	1868	Shelby	8
Pomery, H.	1	1868	Jefferson	8
Porter, J.J.	1	1868	Wayne	8
Portrum, G.W.	1	1868	Hawkins	8

Name	Number of Letters	Date	Location City/County	Folder
Powell, W.W.	1	1868	Cumberland	8
Presnell, Henderson	1	1868	Washington	8
Prestwood, J.A.	1	1868	Weakley	8
Quin, Robert	1	1867	Galloways	8
Rankin, W.B.	4	1867-1868	Green	9
Richardson, W.B., et al	1	1867	Madison	9
Roberts, Houston	1	1868	Decatur	9
Roberts, Thomas	1	1868	Morgan	9
Rodgers, E.E.	2	1868	Van Buren	9
Rogers, H.C.	3	1867-1868	Rhea	9
Rosson, D.W.	1	1868	Hardeman	9
Rowley, Henry	1	1868	McMinn	9
Rush, Benjamin	1	1868	Haywood	9
Rushing, John	2	1868	Benton	9
Salisbury, R.A.	1	1868	Stewart	10
Samar, T.J.	1	1868	Blount	10
Seal, W.G., et al	1	1868	Hancock	10
Shades, F.	1	1868	Knox	10
Sharp, H.C.	1	1868	Wilson	10
Sheperd, I.N.	1	1868	Shelby	10
Silsby, L.H.	1	1868	Dyer	10
Simonton, John	1	1868	Portersville	10
Singleton, W.C.	1	1868	Carter	10
Skinner, R.J.	2	1868	Humphreys	10
Sloss, J.W.	1	1868	Davidson	10
Smith, G.F.	2	1868	Marion	10
Smith, Lecil	1	1868	Van Buren	10
Snow, A.S.	3	1868	Claiborne	10
Stanfield, Andrew J.	1	1868	Hickman	10
Stevens, H.	1	1868	White	10
Stewart, John	1	1868	Van Buren	10
Stilwell, W.H.	3	1868	Gibson	10
Stockard, A.C.	1	1868	Humphreys	10
Stranahan, C.C.	2	1868	Bledsoe	10
Swain, Judge	1	1867	Shelby	10
Tade, E.O.	9	1867-1868	Hamilton	11
Thomas, J.F.	2	1867	Coffee	11
Thornton, R.C.	5	1867-1868	Sullivan	11
Turner, W.P.H.	1	1868	Lawrence	11
Unknown	1	1868	Warren	1
Walker, George W.	2	1868	Robertson	11
Walker, Nelson	1	1868	Davidson	11
Watson, J.A.	1	1868	Sevier	11
Whipple, M.C.	1	1868	Johnson	11
White, B.W.	3	1868	Giles	11
Wilcox, M.C.	6	1867-1868	Knox	11
Williams, R.J.	2	1868	Madison	11
Woodard, John	1	1868	Davidson	11
Woodcock, W.M.	1	1868	Fentress	11
Wright, G.H.	1	1868	Gibson	11
Yeargin, Elijah	1	1868	Dekalb	11
Young, William H.	1	1867	Shelby	11

DATING BOTTLES

How would you like have a few generalities that would help you date bottles? From about fifteen sources this can be done, but, in order to summarize and help you get started, this short primer is given.

A gauge of the bottle's approximate age can be determined by mold seams of bottles. A few examples are shown below.



Other indicators of age:

- Free blown with pontil mark seen prior 1860
- Free blown with smooth base from 1800 to 1860
- Blown in mold, applied lip, with pontil mark from 1815 to 1850
- Blown in mold, applied lip, smooth base from 1850 to 1903
- Turn amethyst color in sun from 1880 to 1914
- Automatic bottle machine from 1900-1910 to present

Some identifying marks:

- "Cures," "Specifics," etc., ceased about 1913
- Alcohol and opiates in P.M. contents ceased about 1913
- "Federal Law Prohibits..." from 1932 to present.

Most recent bottles carry trade-marks on the bottom, and some have raised lettering on the sides, all done by stamping characters in the iron molds. If a bottle does not show joint marks on its sides nor carry lettering, it has been mouth blown in a paste mold, also called turn mold.

- thanks to the Middle Tennessee Bottle Club/
Nashville Bottle Collectors Club.

FAMILY RECORD OF BENJAMIN BASS

This record was the property of Mrs. H. B. Hyde, Route #1, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1934. The introduction, as typed in 1938, goes on to state that Mrs. Mary B. Hyde lived about five miles from Murfreesboro on the Barfield Road. The material came from papers loaned by her cousin Lida Miles who had gathered the information from old family Bibles and research work.

"Miss Coutney, a lineal descendant of John Rolph and Pocahontas, married a Mr. Hix. They had one daughter named Martha Sarah Hix. Benjamin Bass married Martha Sarah Hix. Benjamin Bass's mother was a Miss Lannier.

"Children of Benjamin Bass and Martha Sarah Hix Bass:

1. i John James Bass, born 1761; died 1826
- ii Fred Bass, 2nd son, never married. Lived to be 90 years old. Died in 1863.
- iii Ann Bass married William Batey and came to Tennessee in 1808.
- iv Eliza Bass married William Thomas of Franklin, Tennessee.
- v Nathan Bass married Martha Batey and moved to Giles County, Tennessee.
- vi Martha Bass married a Mr. Burge.
- vii Wyatt Bass
- viii Henry Bass

"1. John James Bass was a Revolutionary soldier. He was given a land patent of 2500 acres of land in Rutherford County, Tennessee, around Blackman.

"The old Bass cemetery where John James Bass was buried is situated on this grant. The DAR unveiled and dedicated a monument to his memory on October 27, 1934.

"John James Bass married Temperance Jordan. Their children:

- i Ben Jordan Bass. Married Frances Smith
- ii Nancy Bass. Married Payton Randolph Smith, and lived to be 100 years old.
- iii Temperance Jordan Bass. Married (1) Tom Smith, (2) Ben Rucker.
- iv Mary Bass. Married (1) Samuel Laugh-

land, (2) Mr. Smart of McMinnville.

2. v James Bass. Married Elizabeth Catherine Ann Howse.
- vi Hartwell Bass. Married Mary Richardson.

"2. James Bass and Eliza Catherine Ann Howse had thirteen children:

- i William Bass. Never married.
- ii Thomas Bass. Married Nancy Avant
- iii Mary Bass. Never married.
- iv James Bass. Married Sarah Christian
- v Robert Bass. Married Malinda Dicon of Mississippi.
- vi Ambrose Bass. Married Rebecca Yeargan.
- vii Frances Bass. Married Richard P. Ransom, D.D.

They were the parents of J. J. Ransom, D.D., of Nashville, Dick Ransom, M.D. of Texas, and "Bob" P. C. Ransom, M.D.

- viii George Bass. Never married. Killed in the Civil War.
- ix Andrew Bass. Never married. Killed in the Civil War.
- x Eliza Bass. Born April 20, 1840; died March 21, 1901.
- xi Sarah Bass. Born May 18, 1842; died April 17, 1894.
- xii Hartwell Polk Bass. Married sisters: (1) Charlotte Amelia Sims; (2) Sarah Jane Meriwether Sims. Hartwell was a confederate soldier.

Their children: First child and last child died when infants; Mary Yeargan Bass married Hartwell Blount Hyde; Lida Howse Bass married Charles Wade Holmes; Hartwell Jordan Bass married Ruth Frost of Chattanooga.

- xiii Mary Anna Bass. Married Alfred W. Blachman. She was born April 17, 1846; died October 17, 1915."

1. *Rutherford County (Tennessee) Bible and Family Records, Tombstone Inscriptions, Miscellaneous Records*, WPA, (typescript), July 1, 1938, RU-1, pp. 5-6, Tennessee State Library and Archives.

TENNESSEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, DEED ABSTRACTS, 1789-1797

Early Records of Robertson, Montgomery, Stewart, Dickson, Houston, Hickman, Humphreys and Cheatham Counties

Transcribed by Yolanda G. Reid, Robertson County Historian *

TENNESSEE COUNTY was formed in the fall of 1788 and was the third county created in what we now know as Middle Tennessee. The county seat of Tennessee County was Clarksville. The land within this county encompassed what is today known as Montgomery, Robertson, Dickson, Houston, Stewart, parts of Hickman, Humphreys and Cheatham Counties, Tennessee.

The importance of this material lies not only in their early date, but also that many of these are grants for Revolutionary War service.

The Tennessee County deed records are found on microfilm as *Montgomery County, Tennessee, Deed Book A*. Page numbers given here are the actual page numbers found in Deed Book A and on the microfilm. Surname spelling is given as originally written, but the word "registered" is indicated as "reg." in this series. —YGR

p. 1 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN STEWART, assignee of ISAAC FITSWORTH, guard to commissioners for laying off land of Officers & Soldiers...320 acres...Red River...ROBERT HEATON's line...surveyed 28 May 1785 by JAMES SANDERS by military warrant No. 509, located 5 July 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSON 10 July 1788...reg. 27 April 1789

pp. 1-2 JOHN FORD of Davidson County to JOHN BAKER, Esquire of Gates County North Carolina...indenture made 6 May 1789...500 pounds...four tracts by survey 2560 acres...1 tract of 640 acres surveyed under warrant No. 927...2nd tract of 640 acres surveyed by military warrant No. 953...3rd tract of 640 acres surveyed by military warrant No. 2445...4th tract of 640 acres surveyed by military warrant No. 921...all of which tracts join each other and lie on Persons Creek & Brush Creek joining land of PERSONS & MCKEE...Witness: HOL TATUM & A. HART...9 May 1789

p. 2 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to THOMAS DUDLEY, Lieutenant in Continental line...2560 acres...Wills Creek...CAPT. FREDERIC HARGET's northeast corner...surveyed 26 February 1786 by WILLIAM MURRY by military warrant No. 174, located 9 March 1784, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 14 March 1786...reg. 9 May 1789

p. 3 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to GEORGE DAUGHERTY, assignee of RHEUBEN SMITH, Private in Continental line...640 acres...east fork of Buffalo Creek emptying into Tennessee on the north side...WILLIAM SMITH's southeast corner...surveyed 8 August 1785 by WILLIAM MURRY by military warrant No. 424, located 7 May 1785,

grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 14 March 1786...reg. 13 February 1789

pp. 3-4 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN DAVIS, Esqr., Captain in Continental line...3840 acres...south side of Cumberland River at mouth of Beaver Creek...surveyed 10 February 1786 by ROBERT NELSON by military warrant No. 295, located 17 October 1785, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 15 September 1787...reg. 13 July 1789

p. 4 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to REBECCA PARKERSON, heiress of JAMES PARKERSON, Lieutenant in Continental line...2560 acres...head of the first big creek below Harpeth and on south side of Cumberland River...southwest corner to GENERAL NASH then south with DOCTOR GREEN...surveyed 25 June 1785 by JOSEPH BROCK by military warrant No. 250, located 19 March 1785, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 14 March 1786...reg. 13 July 1789

pp. 4-5 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to DIXON MARSHAL, Lieutenant in Continental line...2560 acres...north side of Cumberland River...surveyed 12 April 1785 by JAMES SANDERS by military warrant No. 1401, located 16 November 1784, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 14 March 1786...reg. 13 July 1789

p. 5 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN WILLIAMS, Lieutenant in Continental line...1144 acres...north side of Cumberland River and on a creek about two miles below the Cross Creek...surveyed 30 March 1785 by military warrant No. 529, located 30 December 1784, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 14 March 1786...reg. 14 July 1789

pp. 5-6 GEORGE DAUGHERTY of Orange County North Carolina to REUBEN SMITH of Edgecombe County North Carolina...indenture made 26 September 1788...100 pounds...640 acres...east fork of Buffalo Creek emptying into Tennessee on the north side...WILLIAM SMITH's southeast corner...as by grant from North Carolina to GEORGE DAUGHERTY assignee of REUBEN SMITH bearing date 14 March 1786...Witness: EDWARD HALL & AB THOMAS...reg. 14 July 1789. CHARLES GARRARD proved the within deed of conveyance according to law before JOHN

* Several years ago I saw the need for those searching Robertson County records to have easier access to the land records dated prior to statehood for this area, and began abstracting them as time allowed. When I reached the point of having the abstracts completed and about one-half of the index done, I received a phone call telling me that someone had published such a book, in somewhat different form. However, I dropped the project. As time has elapsed many people have used my abstracts via computer at the Robertson County Archives, thus I decided to share them with MTGS members also. — YGR

MCNARY...

pp. 6-7 JOHN WILLIAMS to CHARLES GERRARD, both of Beaufort County North Carolina...indenture made 17 January 1788...80 pounds...1144 acres...north side of Cumberland River and on a creek about two miles below the Cross Creek...being land granted to JOHN WILLIAMS by North Carolina for services as Lieutenant in the line...as by grant No. 88...Witness: FORBES GERRARD...reg. 14 July 1789

pp. 7-8 LARDNER CLARK, Esqr. of Davidson County to BARTHOLOMEW TARDIVAN & PETER TARDIVAN of the District of Kentucky and State of Virginia...indenture made 16 July 1789...\$75...128 acres...north side of Cumberland River...bank of said river...said TARDIVAN's southeast corner...being part of 640 acre grant No. 15 to LARDNER CLARK as assignee of MARTIN ARMSTRONG...reg. 21 July 1789

pp. 8-9 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to DAVID DENNEY, Private in Continental line...No. 604...274 acres...Calebs Creek joining ABRAHAM DENNEY's southwest corner...surveyed 22 January 1785 by SQUIRE GRANT by military warrant No. 457, located 9 July 1785, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 15 September 1787...reg. 27 July 1789

p. 9 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to PVT. ABRAHAM DENNEY...No. 566...365 acres...Caleb's Creek about 1 1/2 miles below head...located 9 July 1784...surveyed 22 January 1785 by SQUIRE GRANT...reg. 27 July 1789

p. 10 THOMAS COLE to PHILIP PARCHMENT, both of Tennessee County...indenture made 20 August 1789...100 pounds...365 acres...Caleb's Creek about a mile and a half below the head...part of a grant from the State of North Carolina to ABRAHAM DENNEY dated 15 September 1787...Witness: SAM'L. HENLY, JAMES MARTIN & NORTH COWDRAY...no reg. date

p. 11 THOMAS COLE to PHILIP PARCHMENT, both of Tennessee County...indenture made 20 August 1789...100 pounds...274 acres...on Calebs Creek joining a tract granted to ABRAHAM DENNEY...is by the grant from North Carolina to DAVID DENNEY dated 15 September 1787...Witness: SAMUEL HENLEY, JAMES MARTIN & NORTH COUDRAY...no reg. date

p. 12 JAMES SHAW of Davidson County North Carolina to JOHN RYLER of Tennessee County North Carolina...indenture made 4 May 1789...100 pounds...370 acres...west side of South Cross Creek...land was granted to said Shaw by patent from said State on 10 July 1788 No. 82...Witness: THOMAS JOHNSON, JAS. NEWELL & JAMES NORWELL...no reg. date

pp. 12-13 ANTHONY CRUTCHER of Davidson County North Carolina to JAMES HOLLIS, SENR. of Tennessee County North Carolina...indenture made 8 January 1790...90 pounds...390 acres...on Sycamore being part of 640 acre Grant No. 579 dated September 15 1787...DANIEL OGLASBY corner...Witness: H. GALESP, GEO. SUGG...reg. 23 April 1790

pp. 13-14 ANTHONY HART to HOWELL TATUM, both of Davidson County...indenture made 11 September 1789...80

pounds...640 acres being the same land surveyed by virtue of a military grant to LAWRENCE CALBERT assigned to ANTHONY HART...JOHN CUMMINGS southeast corner...waters of Sycamore Creek about three or four miles from Cumberland River on the north side...Witness: JOSIAH LOVE...proven in court 19 October 1789

pp. 14-15 CHARLES THOMPSON to ISAAC TITSWORTH, both of Tennessee County...indenture made this 20 April 1789...200 pounds...200 acres...on north side of Cumberland River and a large Creek formerly known by the name of Richland Creek or the Sulphur Fork of Red River...being part of a preemption granted to CHARLES THOMPSON by North Carolina grant dated 17 April 1786...beginning on the south side of the Sulphur Fork about sixteen rods above the mouth of Conrads Spring branch...STUART's line...Millers Creek...Witness: WILLIM POLLACK...reg. 23 April 1789

p. 15 JAMES SHAW of Davidson County to JOHN RYLEE of Tennessee County...indenture made 4 May 1789...100 pounds...320 acres...South Cross Creek...southeast corner of said SHAW's guard right No. 651...bank of Cumberland River...which land was granted to said SHAW by patent dated July 10, 1788 No. 87 as assignee of ROBERT BEDWELL one of the commissioners Guard &c...Witness: THOS. JOHNSON registered July Term 1789

p. 16 JAMES HOLLIS to ANN CHOATE, both of Tennessee County...indenture made 1 July 1799...100 pounds...200 acres...on north side of Cumberland River about eight miles from said River and on the waters of Half Pone Creek being part of 640 acre survey and military claim where the said JAMES HOLLIS has formerly lived...reg. 20 July 1789

pp. 16-17 SAMUEL LAWRENCE of Northampton County N.C. from JAMES TATUM of Halifax County N.C....indenture made 28 April 1789...100 pounds...640 acres...in Davidson County between the Clay Lick and the Battle Ground and the head draft of Sycamore...A. HART's line...south of REASE's corner...granted to JAMES TATUM bearing date 8 December 1787...Witness: JAMES NORFLEET reg. 18 January 1790

pp. 17-18 STEPHAN CANTRAL of Davidson County to WILLIAM PRINCE of Tennessee County...indenture made 4 May 1789...for consideration of one negro fellow...640 acres...on the north side of Cumberland River lying on both sides of the Sulphur Fork of Red River formerly known by the name of Richland Creek 2 1/2 or 3 miles above the mouth of said Creek...being land granted to said CANTRAL by State of North Carolina dated 10 July and No. 269...Witness: EVAN SHELBY, MOSES SHELBY, JAS. FORD reg. 24 April 1790

pp. 18-19 JOSEPH BROCK of Davidson County to PHILLIP HORNBERGER of Tennessee County...indenture made 5 October 1789...100 pounds...175 acres...on south side of Cumberland River on the main Red River about 1/2 mile below Horse Bottom...said land granted to BROCK by N.C. bearing date of 20 October 1787 and No. 24...Witness: CHRIST EVANS...reg. 24 April 1790

p. 19 ANDREW THOMPSON of Virginia to JAMES SMEATHERS of Tennessee County...indenture made 13 June

1789...150 pounds...320 acres...on the Sulphur Fork of Red River it being the low end of a tract granted by N.C. to said Thompson Grant No. 70...FREDIRICK STUMP's corner...Witness: BENJM. HARDIN SENR...reg. July Term 1789

p. 20 ANDREW THOMPSON of Lincoln County Virginia to FREDERICK STUMP JUNR. of Tennessee County...indenture made 22 July 1789...150 pounds...320 acres...on the Sulphur Fork of Red River it being the upper end of a tract granted by N.C. to THOMPSON by Grant No. 70...corner of JAMES SMEATHERS...reg. 20 October 1789

p. 21 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN ELLIOTT...for 10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres in Davidson County on the West fork of Red River...ROBERT YOUNG's line...surveyed February 24, 1785 by ROBERT NELSON, Deputy surveyor by consequence of preemption right warrant no. 518 the Entry dated July 10, 1784 the grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSON 10 July 1789...reg. 26 April 1790

p. 21 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to WILLIAMS REASONS, Private in Continental line...412 acres lying in Davidson County on Millers Creek joining STEWART's & FLEMING's preemption...surveyed April 1, 1787 by ROBERT NELSON by military warrant No. 256 the entry dated 18 April 1786 the grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSON 11 July 1788...reg. 28 April 1790

p. 22 ROBERT KARR assignee of ABRAM CROCKER, Private in Continental line...274 acres in Davidson County on the Sulphur Fork of Red River about two miles below Wartrace Creek...surveyed for KARR October 10, 1786 by ROBERT NELSON by virtue of military warrant No. 3426 dated July 6, 1786, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 11 July 1788...reg. 18 April 1790

p. 22 SOLOMON WHITE assignee of COL. MARTIN ARMSTRONG...50 acres...Davidson County on Red River...line of CHISSOM's preemption... JOSIAH MCDONELS line...land surveyed 7 April 1789 by ROBERT NELSON by virtue of service right grant to COL. ARMSTRONG No. 1285 the entry dated 20 August 1785, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 8 October 1787... reg. 28 April 1790

p. 23 BENJAMIN ROGERS assignee of JOSEPH WEST, Sergeant in Continental Line...357 acres in Davidson County northside of Red River...joining north boundary of MOORE's preemption...surveyed 17 March 1787 by ROBERT NELSON by virtue of military warrant No. 1950 entry dated 20 February 1787 the grant signed SAML. JOHNSTON 18 May 1789...reg. 18 April 1790

pp. 23-24 ROBERT WEAKLEY of Davidson County to JOHN MCCOY ALSTON of Lincoln County Virginia...indenture made 18 May 1789...100 pounds...200 acres...on both sides of Red River...near THOS. KILGORE's corner...Witness: JOSIAH LOVE... reg. July Term 1789

p. 24 GEORGE and NANCY BELL to ROBERT DUNING all of Tennessee County...indenture made 1 May 1789...100 pounds...160 acres...south side of Red River about two miles from the mouth...a part of said BELL's preemption Grant No. 19...reg. April Term 1790

pp. 24-25 ABRAM DENNEY to THOMAS COLE, both of Dobbs County N.C....50 pounds...639 acres...by patents granted to DAVID DENNEY & ABRAHAM DENNEY dated 15 September 1787...in Davidson County on Calebs Creek... signed 3 March 1789...reg. July Term 1789

pp. 25-26 THOMAS NORRIS assignee of SAML. DAVIS, Drummer in Continental Line...357 acres...in Davidson County east boundary of JAMES BROWN's survey... surveyed 15 February 1786 by ROBERT NELSON...by virtue of military warrant No. 1463 the entry dated 22 October 1785 the grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 15 September 1787...reg. 1 May 1790

pp. 26-27 ROBERT DUNING to JOHN HINDS, both of Tennessee County...indenture made in consideration of one new copper Still...160 acres on the east side of Red River...being part of a preemption formerly belonging to GEORGE BELL who sold it to JOHN NEWELL and afterwards sold by NEWELL to ROBERT DUNNING...bounded by HUGH BELL...also HINDS shall pay to DUNNING six thousand and seven hundred weights of good merchantable tobacco in and upon the 20 day of December next coming... signed 21 July 1789...Witness: GEO. BELL reg. 21 July 1789

pp. 27-28 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to MOSES WINTERS...640 acres...10 pounds per hundred acres...in Davidson County lying on Calebs Creek and the Sulphur Fork of Red River...above a spring marked M.W. in COL. MARTIN ARMSTRONG's line...mouth of Sycamore Creek in JAMES MCFARLAND's line...corner to PHILLIP ALSTON's land...JAMES GILKERSON's line...surveyed 11 April 1785 by SQUIRE GRANT, being preemption right & warrant 233 the entry dated 7 February, 1784 the grant signed SAML. JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 17 May, 1790

pp. 28-29 JESSEE CAIN assignee of COL. MARTIN ARMSTRONG...100 acres in Davidson County on the waters of Sulphur Fork...northwest corner of JOHN CODERY's tract...which land was surveyed 1 May, 1787 by ROBERT EWING by virtue of service right warrant 16 November 1790... reg. 21 October 1791

pp. 28-29 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JESSEE CAIN, assignee of COLONEL MARTIN ARMSTRONG, Surveyor of lands allotted Officers and Soldiers...100 acres...in Davidson County...Sulphur Fork...JOHN CODERY's tract... surveyed 1 May 1787 by ROBERT EWING by service right No. 2991, entry dated 2 October 1786, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 18 May 1789...reg. 18 May 1790

p. 29 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN STANDLY, assignee of SOLOMON SAYMORE, Private in Continental line...228 acres...in Davidson County on Beaver Dam Creek below DAVID HENRY's preemption...surveyed 21 February 1786 by SQUIRE GRANT by military warrant No. 96, entry dated 31 August 1784, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 15 September 1787...reg. 18 May 1790

pp. 29-30 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to GEORGE NEVILLE...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...in Davidson County... mouth of the first creek below Little Harpeth...on a conditional line with THOS. MOLLOY...surveyed 11 September 1785 by THOMAS MOLLOY by warrant No. 438, entry dated 12 May 1784, grant signed

SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 20 May 1790

p. 30 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to WILLIAM JOHNSTON, assignee of JOHN CHUMNEY, Private in Continental line...428 acres in Davidson County on Red River...east bank of the Elk Fork... surveyed 25 September 1784 by JAMES SANDERS by military warrant No. 983, entry dated 7 August 1784, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 7 March 1786...reg. 20 May 1790

p. 31 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to GEORGE COOKE...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County on north side of Red River...SAMUEL EWING's lower corner...Cumberland River...surveyed 28 April 1786 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 611, entry dated 29 October 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 20 May 1790

pp. 31-32 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to GEORGE SCOTT & RALPH FLEMING...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... Millers Creek of Richland Creek of Red River...conditional line with JOHN STEWART...THOMPSON's line...surveyed 14 September 1785 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 516, entry dated 10 July 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 20 May 1790

p. 32 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to MOLTON MOULDEN...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... Sulphur Fork a branch of Red River beginning at the mouth the Clay Lick branch...surveyed 5 November 1785 by HENRY BRADFORD by preemption right No. 311, entry dated 20 February 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 20 May 1790

pp. 32-33 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to EVAN SHELBY & JOHN MONTGOMERY...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County on north side of Cumberland River at the mouth of a branch at the lower end of the first Cedar Bluff above the mouth of Red River...surveyed 26 April 1786 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 433 granted to EPHRAIM PRATT, entry dated 10 May 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 20 May 1790

p. 33 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN MACKEY...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres... Davidson County... at fork of Blooming Grove the first creek on north side of Cumberland River below mouth of Red River...SAMUEL BARTON's line...surveyed 15 November 1785 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 642, entry dated 28 December 1785, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788... reg. 20 May 1790

pp. 33-34 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN HAMBLETON...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County on Blooming Grove Creek on the north side of Cumberland River...JOHN SHELBY's line...surveyed 11 November 1785 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right granted to WILLIAM LEATON and assigned to JOHN HAMBLETON No. 281, entry dated 14 February 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 29 May 1790

p. 34 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN RICE...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres... Davidson County on head waters of Millers Creek...one quarter of a mile below the Spring... surveyed 30 June 1786 by ROBT. NELSON by preemption right assigned from WM. RAMSEY to JOHN RICE No. 180, entry dated 26 no month 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 29 May 1790

pp. 34-35 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN MCCOY ALSTON, assignee of ISSAC GILLOBE, Private in Continental line...640 acres...Davidson County...Red River...JOHN STEWART's line at the upper end of the first bottom below Stewart's fish trap...KILGORE's northwest corner on the Virginia line...surveyed 26 February 1786 by ROBT. NELSON by military warrant No. 1066, entry dated 3 February 1785, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 15 September 1787...reg. 29 May 1790

pp. 35-36 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JONATHAN DRAKE, assignee of heirs of PETER SOUNDERS, Private in Continental line...640 acres...Davidson County on Racoon Creek and east branch of Half Pone Creek...JAMES HOLLIS's corner on NEHEMIAH LONG's line...JOSIAH RAMSEY's line...surveyed 9 May 1788 by ROBT. WEAKLY by military warrant No. 3158, located 9 March 1786, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 18 May 1789...reg. 4 June 1790

p. 36 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to CAPT. JONATHAN DRAKE, assignee of JOSEPH EVANS, Private in Continental line...640 acres...Davidson County on Half Pone Creek including the mouth of Racoon Creek...CARTWRIGHT's corner...DUNN's line...JAMES TURNER's corner...surveyed 10 May 1788 by ROBT. WEAKLEY by military warrant No. 3265, located 1 May 1786, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 18 May 1789...reg. 4 June 1790

pp. 36-37 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JONATHAN DRAKE, assignee of heirs of JOHN CARLTON, Private in Continental line...640 acres...Davidson County on Racoon Creek on east fork of Half Pone Creek...JOSIAH RAMSEY's line...JAMES TURNER's line...surveyed 9 May 1788 by ROBERT WEAKLEY by military warrant No. 3153, located 9 March 1790, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 18 May 1789...reg. 4 June 1790

p. 37 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to ADAM HAMPTON...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... south side of Richland Creek a branch of Red River...about a half mile above the Spring about four miles below the war trace...surveyed 22 no month 1785 by SQUIRE GRANT by preemption right No. 288, entry dated 16 February 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788... reg. 22 June 1790

p. 38 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to SAMUEL MASON...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... north side of Cumberland River about five miles above the mouth of Red River...surveyed 19 March 1785 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 312, entry dated 20 February 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 22 June 1790

pp. 38-39 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to THOS. BARKER,

assignee of SOLOMON HOWARD, Private in Continental line...220 acres...Davidson County...south fork of Red River...surveyed 10 January 1786 by HENRY BRADFORD by military warrant No. 714, located 2 September 1784, grant signed RICHARD CASWELL 15 September 1787... reg. 22 June 1790

p. 39 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to SAMUEL MOS-BEY...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... Sulphur Fork of Red River beginning at the mouth of the Clay Lick Branch...surveyed 25 February 1785 by SQUIRE GRANT by preemption right No. 446, entry dated 12 May 1784, grant signed SAML. JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 30 June 1790

pp. 39-40 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to SAMUEL MOS-BEY...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County on a branch of the Sulphur Fork of Red River...surveyed 28 February 1785 by SQUIRE GRANT by preemption right No. 445, entry dated 12 May 1784, grant signed SAML. JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 30 June 1790

p. 40 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to MORGAN BRYAN, assignee of JOHN SIMMONS, Private in Continental line...274 acres...Davidson County on Beaver Dam Creek a branch of Red River... north boundary of WILLIAM GRAHAM's preemption...JONATHAN PRICE's boundary... including three springs...surveyed 19 September 1786 by ROBERT EWING by military warrant No. 1557, located 13 December 1785, grant signed SAML. JOHNSTON 11 July 1788...reg. 30 June 1790

pp. 40-41 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to CHRISTAIN CRISPS...10 pounds for every hundred pounds...640 acres...Davidson County on Brewers Creek that empties into a large creek of the Sulphur Fork of Red River on the south side...surveyed 9 January 1786 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 662, entry dated 17 January 1785, grant signed SAML. JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 1 July 1790

p. 41 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN HARDIN, Private in Continental line...228 acres...Davidson County...west of MAJOR BORTON's preemption on Blooming Grove...surveyed 7 December 1785 by ROBERT NELSON by military warrant No. 93, located 10 August 1785, grant signed RICHD. CASWELL 15 September 1787...reg. 1 July 1790

p. 42 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to ROBERT YOUNG...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... west fork of Red River at the junction of said fork...mouth of Sinking Creek...surveyed 24 February 1785 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 227, entry dated 31 January 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 22 July 1790

pp. 42-43 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to BARNARD TATOM...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... north side of Cumberland River about three or four miles below the mouth of Red River...surveyed 19 September 1785 by WILLIAM POLLOCK by preemption right No. 50, entry dated 1 January 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 2 July 1790

p. 43 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to WILLIAM RENT-FROE...10 pounds for every hundred acres...640 acres...Davidson County... CANTREL's line...Richland Creek...surveyed 8 June 1785 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 623, entry dated 15 November 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 13 July 1788...reg. 2 July 1790

pp. 43-44 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to ROGER TOPP...10 pounds for every hundred pounds...640 acres...Davidson County... north side of Red River about two miles below the old Station...above a spring and Boutows? improvement...surveyed 29 April 1786 by ROBERT NELSON by preemption right No. 332, entry dated 3 March 1784, grant signed SAML. JOHNSTON 10 July 1788...reg. 3 August 1790

p. 44 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to VALENTINE LEWIS, Private in Continental line...228 acres...Davidson County...lying on Spring Creek of Red River... surveyed 24 June 1786 by WILLIAM NASH by military warrant No. 782, located 24 July 1784, grant signed SAMUEL JOHNSTON 11 July 1788... reg. 3 August 1790

p. 45 JOHN FORD to ANTHONY HART, both of Davidson County...indenture made 5 March 1790...200 pounds...640 acres...granted to said JOHN FORD assignee of WILLIAM FANCLOTH by grant dated 17 January 1789...first long creek on the south side of Cumberland River above the Virginia line including the fork of sd. creek... Witness: JOSIAH LOVE...reg. 3 August 1790

pp. 45-46 EUSEBINS BUSHNELL & WILLIAM DOBBINS of Davidson County to SAMUEL CROCKETT of Tennessee County...indenture made 9 July 1789...100 pounds...640 acres...waters of Cumberland River...where Virginia line crosses said River...distinguished by patent No. 636...Witness: B. WILLIAM POLLOCK...reg. 3 August 1790

pp. 46-47 HOWEL TATOM to ROBERT HAYS, both of Davidson County...indenture made 29 March 1790...60 pounds...640 acres...Spring Creek on the west side of Sycamore Creek and on north side of Cumberland River...WILLIAM RAMSEY's northwest corner...line of said TATOM's 640 acres purchased of ANTHONY HART...JAMES GLASGOW's line...ANDREW ARMSTRONG's line...reg. 27 September 1790

pp. 47-48 ROBERT NELSON to BENJAMIN HARDIN, JUNR, both of Tennessee County...indenture made 20 July 1790...40 pounds...200 acres...Calebs Creek a south branch of Sulphur Fork of Red River...WINTERS line...reg. 29 September 1790

pp. 48-49 BENJAMIN HARDIN to SAMUEL LAMKIN..."I BENJAMIN HARDIN of the District of Mero Tennessee County, Farmer, for and in consideration of the love good will and affection which I have and do bear towards my loving grandson SAMUEL LAMKIN"...Calebs Creek a south branch of the Sulphur Fork of Red River...SAML. HENDLEY's northeast corner...WINTERS line...200 acres...also four horse creatures... also cow and calf...hogs...signed 20 July 1790...reg. 29 September 1790

(To be Continued)

BYLAWS OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

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

ARTICLE II.

Objectives.

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

ARTICLE III.

Membership and Dues.

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

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

SECTION 3. No member shall be deemed a member in good standing whose dues shall be in arrears for more than thirty (30) days. Delinquent members shall be notified and advised that they will be dropped from membership unless dues are paid within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. **The Recording Secretary** shall: 1. Take minutes of the meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors; keep a permanent, continuous record of all activities of the Society; make a report of the written record at each meeting. 2. Be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of membership. 3. Perform other duties as pertain to this office. 4. Be responsible for seeing that members are notified of delinquent dues per ARTICLE III SECTION 3.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE V.

Board of Directors.

SECTION 1. Four Directors of the Society shall be elected at

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

SECTION 2. The Officers and Directors of this Society shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, at a place and time determined by the Board. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society between its business meetings, make recommendations to the membership and perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Board shall be responsible to the membership.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall develop annually a budget for approval by the Society at the annual meeting, and shall have authority to expend funds in accordance with the budget. In addition, they may transfer funds from one item of the budget to another and may expend additional monies not to exceed 20% of the current budget, without prior approval of the Society.

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

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

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

ARTICLE VI.

Membership Meetings.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society will be held bi-monthly on the third Saturday beginning in January.

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

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

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

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.

SECTION 1. There may be the following standing commit-

tees: Program; Collection and Archives; Public Relations and Membership' Publications and such other committees as may be authorized by the Society or Board of Directors.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

Parliamentary Authority.

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

ARTICLE IX.

Amendment of Bylaws.

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

ARTICLE X.

Dissolution of the Society.

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

ARTICLE XI.

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

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

Original bylaws adopted 15 August 1987.

*Revised bylaws approved unanimously,
May general meeting, 1997*

THE JOURNAL

Members of the Society are encouraged to submit *unpublished* primary source material of Middle Tennessee genealogical and historical importance to be considered for inclusion in the *Journal*. The data can be in the form of county records, cemetery accounts, Bible records, journals/diaries, "how-to" articles of broad interest, or historical facts. Family histories that are well documented and pertain to the Middle Tennessee area will also be considered. Photographs, drawings, maps, and other illustrations can accompany the article and are encouraged. Complete and specific sources in the proper form should be used in the submitted material.

Please make sure handwriting is legible or the document is typed. Include your name, address, and phone number on the manuscript. *If using a computer, save the file in ASCII [.TXT], WordPerfect 5.1 word processing format, or Rich Text Format [.RTF] and enclose the disk*, along with a hard copy of the article. References/footnotes should be indicated as such and placed at the end of the article. The Editor will arrange for the placement of footnotes or end notes in the final layout. Material should be limited to a published length of approximately five typeset pages.

Journal articles are to be sent directly to the *Journal* Editor at the address given under Journal Submissions on this page. The right to edit material for presentation, grammar, and form is reserved by the editorial staff, and all material submitted becomes the property of the Society. It is the submitter's responsibility to secure permission from any person or company who may own the original record or publication rights. The Society or Editor cannot assume responsibility for errors of fact or infringement of copyrights by contributors. The opinions expressed in the *Journal* are of the

individual contributors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Society or the editorial staff.

JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

Send to Dorothy Williams Potter, Editor, 200 Sheffield Place, Nashville, TN 37215-3235. It is important that the instructions contained on this page are read prior to submitting an article.

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and other timely material should be sent directly to Irene M. Griffey, Newsletter Editor, 321 Holly Circle, Clarksville, TN 37043.

QUERIES

Queries will be included in order of receipt as space permits. Address: Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Queries, P. O. Box 190625, Nashville, TN 37219-0625. Be sure your name and complete address are shown on the query sheet. Capitalize, underline or highlight all surnames.

BOOK REVIEWS

Books should be sent directly to Mrs. Shirley Wilson, Book Review Editor, 106 Leeward Point, Hendersonville, TN 37075. All materials become property of the review editor to be distributed as appropriate.

DUES PAYMENT, BACK ISSUE ORDERS, CHANGE OF ADDRESS or QUESTIONS

Address all to Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 190625, Nashville, TN 37219-0625.

Available back issues of **Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History** (Formerly Middle Tennessee Genealogy)

Volumes 1 & 2	\$8 per yearly volume set, \$2 per issue
Volumes 3 & 4	\$14 per yearly volume set, \$3.50 per issue
Volumes 5 & 6	\$16 per yearly volume set, \$4.00 per issue
Volume 7 forward	\$18 per yearly volume set, \$4.50 per issue

Include \$3.00 postage & handling per yearly volume set or \$1.50 for individual issue
Send check or money order with your request for specific issue(s) to:

Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc.

P. O. Box 190625
Nashville, TN 37219-0625

MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

P. O. BOX 190625, NASHVILLE, TN 37219-0625

Membership Application or Renewal Form

[may be photocopied]

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip plus 4 _____

Phone _____ e-mail address _____ Fax _____

Use computer for genealogical purposes? yes ☐ no ☐ Software used _____

New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐

All yearly memberships include four issues of the Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History, and beginning in 1997, six issues of the MTGS Newsletter. Dues are \$18.00 per membership year, beginning on June 1. If joining at any other time of the year, dues are \$18.00 plus \$3.00 for mailing of back issues of the Journal for the current membership year. Make check or money order payable to Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society (MTGS).



MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

P. O. Box 190625

Nashville, TN 37219-0625

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 3229
Nashville, TN

Address Correction Requested