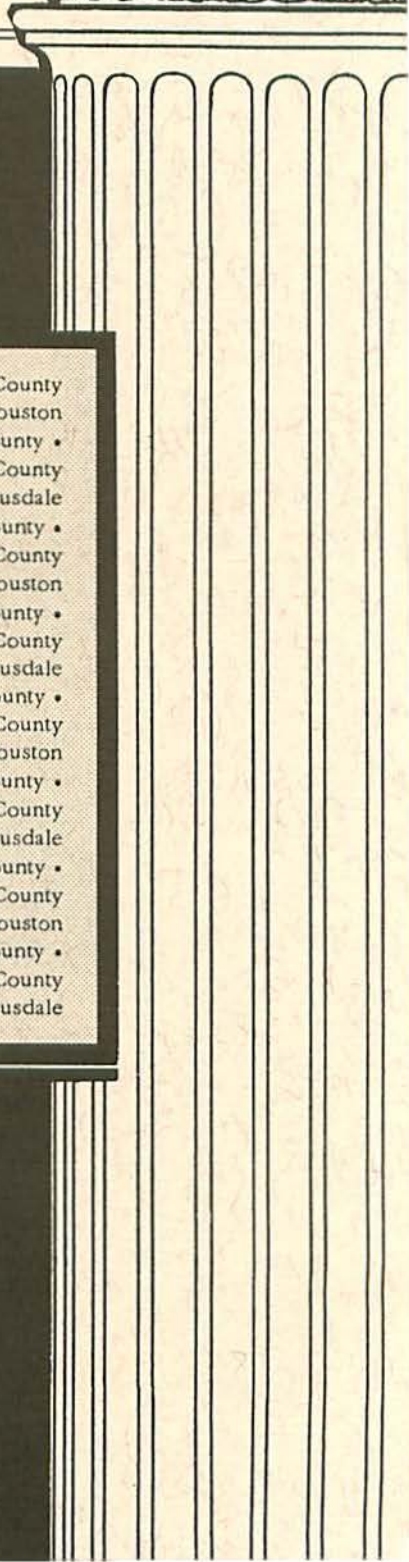


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(unless otherwise noted)  
1:00 P.M.  
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5501 Edmondson Pike  
just north of Old Hickory Blvd.  
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Jul. 16, 2005

**Putting Your Ancestors in Context**  
Linda Barnickel

Construct the time and place in which your ancestor, his family and friends lived and worked. General historical, topical and locality-specific resources will be identified and their value for the family historian described. Ms. Barnickel is a librarian and archivist in the Nashville Room, Nashville Public Library.

Sept. 17, 2005

**Genealogical Research in West Tennessee  
and Southwestern Kentucky**  
Richard Saunders

Richard Saunders, Curator of Special Collections, University Archives and Museum Director at the University of Tennessee at Martin reviews the pioneering development and political organization of western Tennessee, focuses on the challenges of doing genealogical research in this region, and introduces the special genealogical services and collections available at the Paul Meek Library.

Nov. 19, 2005

**Annual MTGS Fall Conference**  
at the Brentwood Public Library

Four historians and genealogists will fill the day with topics ranging from pioneer ancestry to cybergenealogy!

MTGS meets on the third Saturday of January,  
March, May, July, September and November,  
unless otherwise announced.

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***From the Editor . . .***

This is your lucky day. Your new issue of the MTGS *Journal* has arrived and you have the chance to learn some new and interesting things about your ancestors and Tennessee history!

While this may not be quite as exciting as winning the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes, every reader is sure to find something of interest in this issue. Sue Smith's article about her family's secret heirlooms may remind you of similar stories in your family. Martha Gerdeman's account of a prenuptial contract in Dickson County involving a well-to-do widow who later wound up in the Poor House provides one of those slice-of-life glimpses that make our field of study so interesting. Joy Herron's discovery of an early Hickman County will in Mississippi shows us how important it is to search in out-of-the-way places.

In this issue we begin two new series sure to interest readers. Sarah Armistead has painstakingly pored through issues of the Nashville *Clarion* and found many long-lost obituaries from the Federal period. Gale Bamman has delved into the 1880 census of people known today as 'disadvantaged' and uncovered a trove of information about Tennesseans from all walks of life.

While we rejoice in the successful completion of the National Genealogical Society's conference in Nashville in June, we also join in sorrow with the family of MTGS board member Tom Potter, who died in April.

As always, your comments on Journal articles and submissions of new materials are welcomed.

***Chuck Sherrill***  
***Journal Editor***

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# MTGS Praised for Hosting a Successful National Genealogical Society Conference

*T. Vance Little,*

*MTGS Vice President & NGS Local Arrangements Chair*

The National Genealogical Society held its annual conference in Nashville June 1 through 4 at the Nashville Convention Center. It was declared by most who attended to be the best ever. Local host society, the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, received high praise for its part in making the event run smoothly.

Special recognition goes to Martha Gerdeman, president of MTGS, and past MTGS president Sue Smith for handling the MTGS booth. They were assisted by MTGS mail master Juanita Patton, MTGS web master Katheryne Cowan, Martha Geyer and Marsha Campbell.

Registration chairman Virginia Watson and her helpers checked in over 1,100 conference attendees. Among those helpers were MTGS members Sue Edwards, Frank Neiswender, Ina Lona, Jane and Joel Buchanan, Janet Hasson, Mary Erwin, Mary Lawrence, Ron Dishman, and Tino Gaultney.

Shirley Wilson headed up the volunteers. MTGS members who worked with her as hosts and hostesses, and Ask-Me Volunteers included: Annese Ashton, Marsha Campbell, Jim Charlet, Bill Coles, Colleen Coomer, Ron Dishman, Marilyn Duel, Sue Edwards, Martha Geyer, Kay Gregath, Robbie Griggs, Kathryn Hamilton, Janet Hasson, Jim Hawkins, Betty Gallatin, Mary Glenn Hearne, Terry Jackson, Oddie Bryant Jones, Julia Lee, Judy Matter, Patricia McCullough, Jane Merryman, Donna Minter, Ron Otey, Juanita Patton, Michael Steve Phillips, Joan Pruett, Bonnie Scheuchenzuber, Ellen Schuster, Sharon Shipp, Kevin Sholder, Carolyn Smotherman, Janet Townes, and Lu Whitworth.

Fred James ably handed the details of the Reception at the Tennessee State Museum. Acting as docents and greeters were MTGS members arrayed in period

costumes: Katheryne Cowan, Carolyn Smotherman, Barbara Sistler and her 'friend' Minnie Pearl, Martha

Gerdeman, Sue Smith, Charlotte Solee, Virginia Watson, and Shirley Wilson.

Thanks also go to Kevin Matthews and Ron Otey, who managed the organization of hand-out material and stuffing the tote bags. Strong-armed MTGS members who helped included Katheryne Cowan, Barbara Sistler, Sue Smith, Carolyn Smotherman, and Juanita Patton.

Charlotte Solee did a fantastic job keeping the vendors organized and happy. Coming to her aid were MTGS members Mary Herbert Pope, Peggy Morrison, Robbie Griggs, and Sharon Shipp.

Charles Sherrill was in charge of Librarians' Pre-Conference and received high praise therefor. His helpers included MTGS member Oddie Bryant Jones.

Katheryne Cowan, MTGS Web Master, was in charge of publicity. She kept the Internet wires hot with announcements about the event.

## Special Notice about the NGS Conference Syllabus

MTGS has a few copies of the Conference Syllabus available for members who were not able to attend. This 500-page document contains the lecture notes of over 100 lecturers. It is certainly the second best thing to being there. A limited number are available for \$15.00. You can pick up a copy at the next meeting of MTGS on September 17, 2005, at the Edmondson Pike Library. Or you may order a copy and have it mailed to you for an additional \$2.50. To reserve a copy or to order a copy, contact Vance Little, 9580 Crockett Road,

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## Old News is Good News

Newspaper Sources for Middle Tennessee Genealogy

The Lewisburg *Southern Messenger* of 1859

The *Southern Messenger* was started in early 1859 as a weekly newspaper in Lewisburg, the seat of Marshall County. The first complete issue available is dated July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1859, and is designated as Volume 1, Number 24. Marshall County at that time boasted a mere 15,000 residents, a third of whom were slaves.<sup>1</sup>

Lewisburg was a very small town, but even at that it sported a number of businesses which were eager to advertise in the local paper. In addition, a number of advertisers from Shelbyville also found it worthwhile to purchase space in the Lewisburg paper. As the largest town in the vicinity, Shelbyville drew some of its trade from Lewisburg. And it appears that the same editor also edited a Shelbyville paper – probably allowing him to offer “two-fers” on ads in both papers.

The *Southern Messenger* was not the first paper published in Lewisburg – there is one issue each of the *Democratic Mirror* published in Lewisburg in 1838 – but it seems to have been the first one with some longevity. The last available issue of the *Southern Messenger* is dated August 1861; it was apparently a casualty of the Civil War.

### **Death Notice:**

Resolution of the Sabbath School of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church July 24, 1859. Whereas, God, in his mysterious providence, has removed from our association and Sabbath School our beloved Sister, Ophelia A. Bowden ... we most sincerely sympathize with the bereaved mother, sister and brothers in their severe trial and affliction.... W.T.C. Ewing, Secretary.

### **Lawyer Advertisements:**

Gantt & Warner, Attorneys at Law  
James C. Davis, Attorney at Law

### **Non-Marriage Announcement:**

“The young men have not done any better in the way of marrying yet. What is the matter we do not know. They might marry for our benefit if they do not feel interested themselves. It don’t cost much, and then we would get to

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<sup>1</sup> Geospatial and Statistical Data Center, University of Virginia. <<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/php/county.php>>

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publish the marriage. It is hard enough to fill up a paper and have marriages to put in every week, much less never to getting one."

***Publisher & Rates:***

Published by J.G. Carrigan & Company: J.G. Carrigan, J.W. McKnight, L.P. Bills. [This trio appears to be a group of young entrepreneurs. The 1860 census shows Joseph Carigan, age 24, occupation Editor, living in Shelbyville, Bedford County.<sup>2</sup> John W. McKnight was 25 years old, and lived in Lewisburg in the household of 70-year-old physician Daniel G. Bills and his family.<sup>3</sup> Lemuel P. Bills was 26, occupation printer, living in Lewisburg and providing a home for two 15-year-old boys who were printer's assistants.]<sup>4</sup>

Subscriptions cost \$2 a year *in advance*.

Advertising of 12 lines or less, one column, cost \$1.00 for the first insertion.

***Agents:***

The following gentlemen are appointed Agents ... to receive money for subscription and give reciepts[receipts] for the same.

W.C. Cook, New Hope	C.C. McKinney, Petersburg
C.L. Randolph, Richmond	W.R. Carrigan, Richmond
G.W. Hunter, Medium	Joe. Rason, Spring Place
W.L. McClelland, Cornersville	J.B. Fulton, Chapel Hill
Wm. McClain, Caney Spring	D.C. Ore, Morsville
Ed. R. Packette, Silver Creek	W.C. Green, Berlin
B.F. Houston, Esq., Globe Creek	Arch Baxter, Farmington
John Laws, Esq., Farmington	

***Court News:***

In Chancery Court at Lewisburg. Caroline W. Black vs. C.W. Black. C.W. Black is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee and is required to appear at the next term of the Chancery Court to plead, answer or demur to the complainant's bill, or the same will be taken for confessed....

Sheriff J.B. Wilks will sell 38 acres of land in Marshall County district 15, property of W.C. Hopwood, due to a Chancery Court decision. Boundaries are C. Hopwood, Paxton's heirs, A. Cochran, Mary N. Webster, W.M. Hopwood. "By his deputy, W.M. Hopwood."

Clark Hopwood, administrator of the estate of F.M. Hopwood, deceased, announced the insolvency of the estate and calls on all creditors to come forward by Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Buggies for Sale:***

B.F. Drake is still manufacturing carriages and buggies at Spring Hill in Maury County and will have a supply available at Lewisburg on the first Monday of each month (County Court days). Will also manufacture to order.

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<sup>2</sup> 1860 census of Bedford County Tenn., page 182, family #496.

<sup>3</sup> 1860 census of Marshall County, Tenn. Page 124. Family 35. Also in this household are: Rachel Bills, age 67, a midwife; Charles Cook, age 40, a cooper; E.L. Elliott (female), age 28, a domestic servant; and two Elliott children. Daniel Bills was well-to-do, with \$6,000 in real estate and \$3,000 in personal property.

<sup>4</sup> 1860 census of Marshall County, Tenn., page 123B, family 27. Living with Bills and his family were: James Sewell, age 26, Editor; James J. Baker, age 15, Asst. Printer; and Virgil H. Wright, 15, Asst. Printer. In the following household (#28) were John C. Elliott, age 33, Asst. Printer, and his family.

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**Candidates:**

Candidates for Sheriff at the March election

Winn Twitt

James R. Neil John Snell

W.F. Collins.

**Groceries:**

Family Groceries. W.P. Collins, would respectfully inform the citizens of Marshall County that he has just received a large and well selected assortment of Family Groceries, among which are Sugar, Coffee, Salt, Mackerel, Molasses, Candies, Raisins, Candles, Soaps and almost every other article in his line, which he will sell for CASH. His store is in the house occupied last year by Reed & Major, northeast corner of the Public Square.... He will take in exchange for groceries Beeswax, Tallow, Feathers, Rags, in short the usual barter of the country.

**Education:**

Lewisburg Male Academy announces that it is seeking pupils, having secured the services of a gentleman of long experience and unrivaled success as an instructor. Trustees: Thos. Harden, B.H. Powel, J.S. Webb, R.K. Kercheval, J.V. Ewing. W.R. M'Dougal, A.M., Preceptor. The 1860 census shows that this "gentleman of long experience" was William R. McDougal "Teacher & Professor [of] Math," a 45 year-old native of New York.<sup>5</sup>

The editors reported on their attendance at the graduation ceremonies held at Union Academy in Lewisburg, describing the school and its festivities.

**Furniture for Sale:**

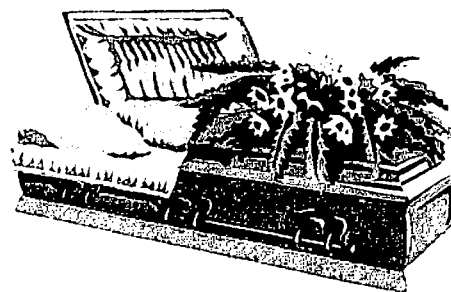
I am now offering for sale a good assortment of Eastern and Home Made Furniture, low for cash, or on six months time to punctual dealers. I will keep constantly on hand the latest Eastern Style of all kinds of furniture.

Bureaus

Bedsteads

Cribs

Wardrobes



Ready Made Coffins & etc.

And every thing usually kept in my line of business. T.N. Bowden

**Livery Stable:**

J.G. Sanford announces that he has purchased the Livery Stable connected with the Lewisburg Hotel.

**Other Merchants:**

J.S. Webb & Co. have received a shipment of Spring Goods from Philadelphia, and invite the attention of the ladies wishing to buy bonnets, silks and other articles.

Mike Shoffner advertises to farmers that he has become the agent for threshing and winnowing machines of several manufacturers. In Mr. Shoffner's absence, farmers should see Mr. Moses Marshall.

W.J. Staten, Saddlery, Lewisburg. Two doors north of Webb's store on the Public Square.

**Hotel for Sale:**

G.W. Collins announces that he wishes to sell the Lewisburg Hotel with the lots, garden and stables. "The House is large and commodious."

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<sup>5</sup> 1860 census of Marshall County, Tenn., page 124B, family 42. Also in the McDougal household were Martha A., 25, housekeeper; W.H., 20, student; Wm. R., 13; James, 11; John B., 5; Alexander, 3; and Nettie, 2. All but the head of household were born in Tennessee.



# Our Family Secret

A secret drawer and a contraband flag  
by Mary Sue (Green) Smith

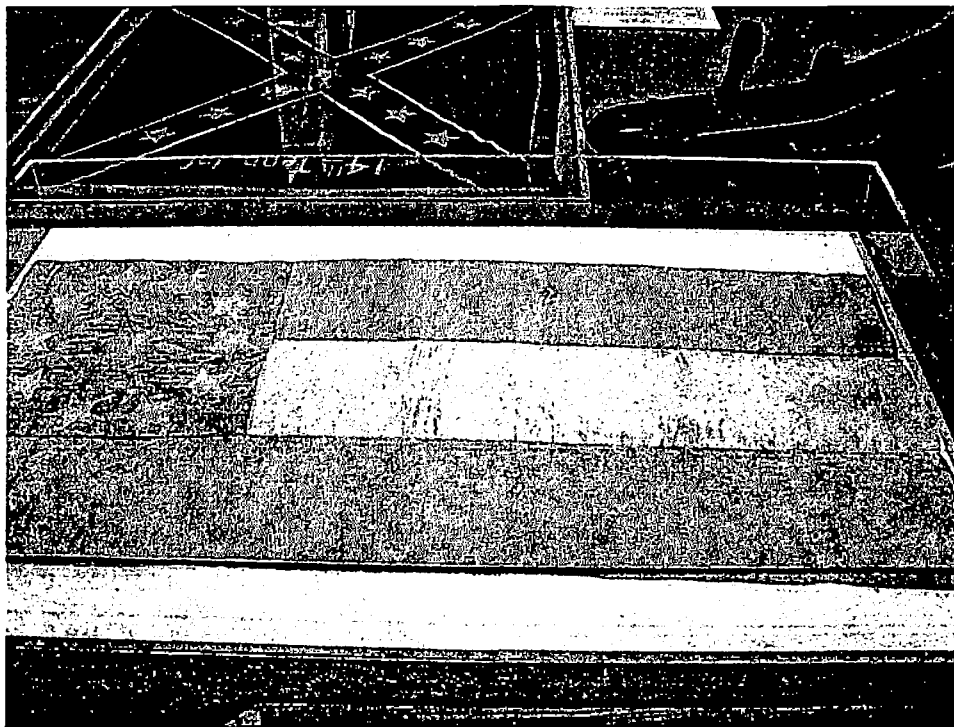
*I think I was about 13 when I learned two of our family secrets.*

The first was the existence of a secret drawer in the marble topped walnut dresser that had come down through the family along with the matching high headboard bed with the inlaid veneer panels and washstand, also with a marble top. The second secret: in the hidden drawer was kept a Confederate handmade silk flag ... the *Stars and Bars* with two red bars divided by a white and a blue field in the upper left corner with eleven five pointed white stars in a circle.

I was told the story that my father's grandfather had carried this flag when he, as a 13-year-old boy, rode with his own father during the various raids made by the Confederates in the Middle Tennessee area.

I was allowed to take this flag to school to display and tell the family story, but research I have done since becoming a genealogist has added new dimensions to the old account passed down through the generations. I had grandchildren myself before I learned that to simply possess a Confederate flag was a felony in the South, much like possession of the family tartan was a felony following the battle of Culloden in Scotland. I also learned that possession of this flag was such a major family secret that my father's younger siblings had not known of its existence as they were growing up. My eldest son recently told me that when he was a teenager, Granpa had taken him to the bedroom, closed the doors, and showed him both the secret drawer and the flag, telling him it was a great secret. My son said he felt that being given this knowledge was a like solemn rite of passage into manhood.

Although possession of the flag is, of course, no longer illegal, we decided in the interests of preservation and



fairness to all the descendants of our Confederate ancestor, the proper place for this flag was the Tennessee State Museum. Dan Pomeroy, acquisition archivist there, tells me there are only 85 such flags known to have survived, and most of those are in or have been returned from northern museums, the latest from a museum in Wisconsin. Our flag is one of very few with a known history.

As I began to research the facts surrounding the oral tradition of our heirlooms, I found that my father's great-grandfather was Elijah A. Kennedy. Elijah was born in 1823, the son of William Barnett Kennedy (born 1781) and Mary Stevens, who were married in Sumner County in 1812. Elijah's father served during the War of 1812 as a sergeant in Col. Newton Cannon's regiment of mounted gunmen. His captain, John Harpole, was from Wilson County.<sup>1</sup> Colonel Cannon would later become the Governor of Tennessee.

When Elisha was ten years old, William B. Kennedy married his second wife, Drucilla Hobson. This marriage also took place in Sumner County. Seven years later William B. Kennedy died leaving a will naming his wife, Drucilla, and the following children: Joseph H. Kennedy; Henry S. Kennedy; Thomas H. Kennedy; *Elijah A. Kennedy*; Benjamin F. Kennedy; Vestus S. Kennedy; Margaret Ann Kennedy; Nancy E. Kennedy; Drucilla Kennedy; and John Kennedy. The will was signed 16 September and proven in October Term of Wilson County Court in 1840.

Joseph H. Kennedy, the oldest son, was appointed guardian of the minor heirs of William B. Kennedy. Court records show that in Sept. 1847 the guardian still held the estate for six minors. The oldest of the six, Benjamin F. Kennedy, had attained his majority. Another heir, Margaret Ann Kennedy, had recently died. The distributees of Margaret Ann's estate were her mother and eight brothers and sisters.<sup>2</sup>

Goodspeed's *History of Tennessee* gives the following information: "*J. H. Kennedy is one of thirteen children of William B. Kennedy ... was born in Wilson County June 23, 1816. The father was born in the Old Dominion in 1781, and went to Kentucky with his widowed mother when a youth, and later came to Tennessee and died in September 1840.*"

Elijah A. Kennedy married Elizabeth Ann Smith (born 13 November 1826, daughter of Byrd White Smith and Martha McAdoo) in Wilson County, Tennessee on 31 March 1847. Elijah and Elizabeth had three children: Samuel T. Kennedy (my great-grandfather, born 15 October 1847); Josephine Kennedy (born 1850); and Gus Kennedy (born 1853). Elizabeth Smith Kennedy died 15 July 1856, leaving Elijah with three small children.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Elijah enlisted and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Confederate Army, serving in F Company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. Surviving records show he was at Camp Trousdale in June of 1861, absent sick at Winchester on 25 December 1861, and discharged from duty at the end of his 12-

month enlistment on 30 April 1862. Elijah died 5 March 1865, shortly before his 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday. His children, having lost both parents, were cared for by their Smith grandparents.

Thus, the facts showed that the family story I had been told was remarkably accurate. Elijah Kennedy was a proven Confederate soldier, and his son Samuel was the proper age to be the 13-year-old son of the story, riding with his father. Since Samuel was still too young, even at the end of the war, to take the Oath of Allegiance, he was probably never required to turn in his father's flag. Thus the flag slipped between the rules, survived and was preserved by his descendants.

Continuing the family story after the Civil War, Samuel T. Kennedy married Almeda 'Meda' Dougherty in Wilson County in 1872. Meda was born in Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky in 1854. She was the daughter of Mark Dougherty & Sarah Clark. Sam & Meda Kennedy had three children: Erwin (born 1874); Lucile (my grandmother, born 1877); and Sammie Dick Kennedy (born 1879). Samuel T. Kennedy died 10 June 1884, leaving Meda a young widow with three small children. Meda married a second time to W. H. Lincoln in New Middleton, Tenn., in 1888.

My grandmother, Lucile Kennedy, married William Houston Green in 1901, and she inherited the Kennedy furniture and flag following the death of her mother in June 1910. Lucile died in the old family bed on June 15, 1953, at the home of her son (my father) Sam Kennedy Green in Nashville, and the furniture and flag came into the possession of my father.

I was amazed today (May 14, 2005) to discover that my only older cousin (daughter of Lucile's eldest daughter) had never heard of the existence of the flag. Evidently it was an extremely deeply kept secret among the males in our family. I suppose my father, when I was 13, decided that since neither he nor his brother had any sons, he would entrust the family secret to me, the eldest of his five daughters. ■

<sup>1</sup> Byron and Sam Sistler, *Tennesseans in the War of 1812*. (Nashville: Byron Sistler & Associates, 1992), 293.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Partlow, *Wilson County Miscellaneous Records, 1800—1875*. (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1982), 34.

# Tennessee Church Histories and Records at the State Library & Archives

*Contributed by Kitty Durham Mayo*

*Part 1 of a Series*

The following list of church records in print or in microfilmed manuscripts is based on the holdings of the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville. Titles followed by BX or F number are print materials; they may be used in the library by asking for them with that call number. Titles followed by MF are held in manuscript format on microfilm; the microfilmed records may be used at the archives or borrowed on interlibrary loan.

If you are aware of a church history book or original church records that do not appear on this list, and would like to arrange for a copy to be placed at the State Library & Archives, please contact the Archives Review Committee, Tenn. State Library & Archives, 403 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243-0312 or e-mail [reference.tsla@state.tn.us](mailto:reference.tsla@state.tn.us).

Researchers interested in church records should also consult *Tennessee Church Records, Volumes 1 and 2* by Byron and Barbara Sistler, which comprise a name index to the individuals who appear in various church records throughout the state, including some of those listed below.

## Anderson County

Farmer's Grove Baptist Church (est 1897): then and now. BX6480.C63 F37  
Hinds Creek Baptist Church Records, 1806-1831 partial BX6480.H55 L49  
A Promise of Good Things: Longfield Baptist Church 1831-1981 BX6480.L24 L663 Index – BX6380.L24 L663  
Briceville Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Records MF 727

## Bedford County

New Providence Church Records of Bedford County 1826-1860 F443.B35 C76  
Historical Summary and Church Directory of First Baptist Church of Shelbyville  
BX6480.S34 H5  
New Hope Baptist Church, Lists of Members, 1809, III-A-6, Box 4 (MS Files), AC. No. 1861  
One Hundredth Anniversary of Thompson Creek Baptist Church House, 1889-1989  
BX6480.R28 O6  
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Record Book, 1851 II-M-4, Box 2 (MS Files)  
AC. No. 67-199  
Lewisburg Presbyterian Church, Record Book, 1847 III-A-^, Box 3 (MS Files), AC. No. 458  
Records of the Church of Christ at Flat Creek, 1868-1981 BX7077.Z7 C43  
New Hope Lutheran Church, 1805-1836 F443.B35 T42  
Written on Many Hearts: History of the First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville BX9211.S54 F5  
Church of the Redeemer, Shelbyville, 1867-1969 Mf 480  
First Presbyterian Church Records, 1827-1956 Mf 478

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### **Bedford County** (continued)

New Hope Baptist Church Record Books, 1809-1912 Mf 1480  
New Hope Congregation Minute Book, 1875-1949 Mf 1507  
Normandy Presbyterian Church, Normandy, Records, 1870-1956 Mf 492  
Spring Creek Baptist Church Records, 1819-1830 Mf 915  
Liberty Baptist Church, Bell Buckle, Records, 1831-1870 Mf 1626

### **Benton County**

Cowell's Chapel F443.B4S582  
Cypress Baptist Church, Camden, Minute Book, 1821-1900 Mf 1434

### **Bledsoe County**

Bledsoe County Baptist Church Minutes 1882-1938 F443.B55T4

### **Blount County**

First Baptist Church Minutes Maryville F443.B6R42  
Millers Cove Baptist Church Minutes, Walland, 1812-1824 BX6480.B56 T46

### **Bradley County**

Canday's Creek Baptist Church Minutes 1849-1866 F443.B8 T4  
White Plains Baptist Church 1843-1864  
History of Broad Street United Methodist Church, Cleveland, TN, 1836-1984 BX8481.C63 B76  
Philippi Baptist Church Records, 1841 MF 1366  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church History (org. 1861), Charleston, and Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Charleston 1868-1936 (in Historical Records Compiled by TN Society of Colonial Dames of XVII Cent., Vol. 1) F208.C55  
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Records, 1837-1986 Mf 1148  
Philippi Baptist Church, Cleveland, Records, 1841-1992 Mf 1366  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church Records, 1867-1970 Mf 602  
Union Missionary Baptist Church Minute Books, 1852-1980 Mf 1398

### **Campbell County**

Christ Church Episcopal, South Pittsburg, TN, Parish Register, Vol. 1, 1878-1905 F444.S57 C55  
A Look Back: Lake View Baptist Church History, 1936-1990 BX6480.C3 M33  
A Promise of Good Things: Longfield Baptist Church, 1831-1981 BX6480.L24 L663  
First Baptist Church, Caryville, Records, 1886-1988 Mf 986  
First Baptist Church, Jacksboro, Records, 1860-1988 Mf 971

### **Cannon County**

Hopewell Baptist Church of Christ, Minute Books, 1833 I-B-2 (MS Files), AC No. 99-059  
Woodbury Baptist Church Minutes, 1888-1906, Tennessee, Records of Cannon County F443.C313 H5  
First Baptist Church, Woodbury, Records, 1844-1971 Mf 514

### **Carroll County**

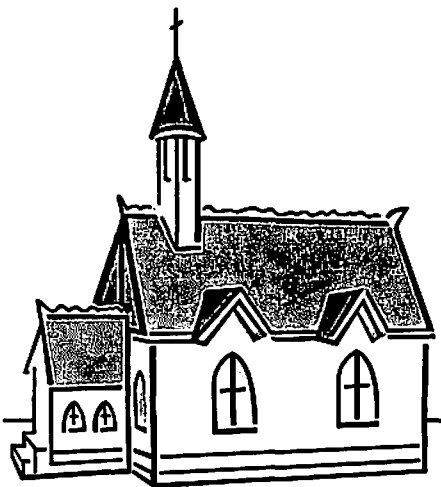
Carroll County, TN records: wills marriages, church, cemetery, etc. F443.C316 N  
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Roll of Ministers and Congregations, 1868, Cumberland Presbyterian Church II-M-4, Box 2 (MS. Files), Ac. No. 1653

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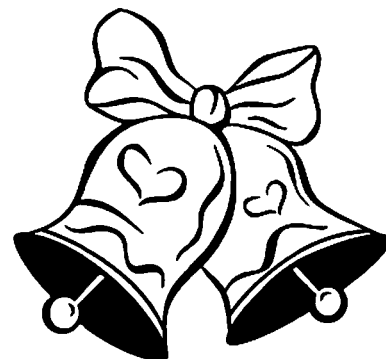


# An Early Prenuptial Agreement

Bomar & Tilley, Dickson County, 1854

By Martha Gerdeman

The following prenuptial agreement is found on page 60 of Dickson County Deed Book K.



*This article of agreement made and entered into, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1854, between William J. Bomar of the one part and Milly Tilley of the other part, witnesseth that Whereas sd Bomar and Milly Tilley have agreed to intermarry, on the following terms. Now if anything should transpire to produce separation whilst we both live, then in that case each one is to have all the property that they had at the time of marriage, but if on the contrary they should live together till parted by death, then in that case Sd Bomar, if he die first, promises to provide and leave to said Milly a negro to do for her as long as this natural life may endure; and at her death to be given to twin daughters in Smith County, to wit Victoria and Viena, and all the rest of my property to go to my children, and in the case of the death of sd Milly, whilst said William lives, then in that Case, I the said William agrees [sic] to relinquish all further claim to sd Milly's Estate, and hand it over to her children without hesitation.*

Signed by      Wm. J. Bomar  
                    Milly X Tilley

Witnesses:      S.M. Simmons  
                    M.A. Tilley

*Rec'd 8 November 1854, recorded Nov. the 8<sup>th</sup> 1854*

According to Dickson County marriage records William and Milly were married on 30 October 1854.<sup>1</sup> No other mention of William Bomar has been located in Dickson County records at this point. An Ancestry search of the 1850 Tennessee census for William Bomar/Bomer/Bowmer/Bowmar located four possibilities, but none of them included Victoria or Viena among the household.

Ancestry World Tree entries include 15 for a William Johnson Bomar, of which 10 state that one of his wives was named "Willie" and that he died in Dickson (or *Dickerson*) County, Tennessee. About the only point on which they agree is that he was born 14 February 1776 in Halifax County, Virginia. He may have been married four times; the final marriage was definitely to Milly Tilley. Since the prenuptial agreement is dated November 1854 and Bomar apparently died before the end of that year, it is not surprising that his descendants knew Milly Tilley only as an unknown Mrs. "Willy."

<sup>1</sup> -Georgia Baker, compiler, *Dickson County Marriages, 1817—1900* (Nashville: Richland Press, 2002), marriage bond no. 943.



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More is known about Milly herself. Born about 1802,<sup>2</sup> she was the widow of George Tilley (the more common spelling), who purchased Tennessee land grants #6598 and #6599 in Dickson County in the fall of 1825.<sup>3</sup> It is not known when or where they were married or what her maiden name was, but George is probably the George Tilley who was listed in the Montgomery County census for 1820.<sup>4</sup>

In 1850 George and Milly Tilley lived in Dickson County with three probable children: Adaline, age 18; Burgess, age 15; and Margaret, 13. All three were born in Tennessee; both George and Milly named North Carolina as their birthplace.<sup>5</sup>

There was one other Tilley family in Dickson County: that of Ava Tilly, also born in North Carolina, whose household included Ava (18), Fendall (a 16 year old male), Henderson (10, male), Carroll (9, male), and Susan (7). The birthplace for all of them was North Carolina.<sup>6</sup>

There are nine Dickson County marriage records for the younger Tilleys. By studying the census records from 1850 through 1880, it is possible to determine probable children and their birthdates for George and Milly's family.<sup>7</sup> (All but Martha's birthdates are approximate.) They are as follows:

Mary, 1820 to John W. Hudson, (bond #59 issued on 1 December 1838)

Lucretia, 1823, married first Robert Halliburton (bond #282, 5 December 1842) and second Thomas W. Willy (bond #1035, 29 Jan 1856)

Lucinda, 1825, married William Hendricks (bond #331, 5 January 1844)

Martha, 12 March 1827,<sup>8</sup> married William R. Von Schmittou (bond #473, 22 September 1846)

Adaline, 1832, married James Gravitt (bond #724, 26 December 1850)

Evaline, 1833, married William Gravitt (bond #677, 3 January 1850)

Burgess, 1835 (no marriage record found)

Margaret, 1837, married S. M. Simmons (bond #913, 24 May 1854)

There may have been two other children; when George Tilly's estate was settled, it was to be divided among eleven heirs.<sup>9</sup>

According to the 1850 census, George Tilley owned \$500.00 worth of real estate and three slaves,<sup>10</sup> although he was taxed in that year for only one slave and the tax valuation for his land was \$800.00.<sup>11</sup> The inventory of his estate when he died in 1852 runs for five pages; the sale netted \$570.81, to be divided "among 11 Heirs."<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Milly's date of birth is based on her age as given in the 1850-1880 censuses.

<sup>3</sup> Dickson County Deed Book D: 582, Dickson County Archives, Charlotte, Tenn.

<sup>4</sup> George Tilley household, 1820 U. S. census, Montgomery County, Tenn., page 230, line 18: National Archives Micropublication M33, Roll 122. A search for George Tilly/Tilley on Ancestry located only seven, and none of the others were in Tennessee or North Carolina (which the 1850 census lists as his birthplace).

<sup>5</sup> George Tilley household, 1850 U. S. census, Dickson Co., Tenn., population schedule, p. 110 (printed), dwelling 308, family 308; NA microfilm M432, roll 876.

<sup>6</sup> Ava Tilly household, 1850 U. S. census, Dickson Co., Tenn., population schedule, p.206 (written), dwelling 207, family 207; NA microfilm M432, roll 876.

<sup>7</sup> All marriage records are from Baker, *Dickson County Marriages, 1817-1900*.

<sup>8</sup> Jill K. Garrett & Iris Hopkins McClain, *Dickson County, Tennessee Cemetery Records, Part I, Revised Edition* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 2001), 89 (Dickson Union Cemetery).

<sup>9</sup> Dickson County Administrator Settlements Book C: 137, Dickson County Archives, Charlotte, TN-Tenn.

<sup>10</sup> George Tilley household, 1850 U. S. Census, Dickson Co. Tenn, Slave Schedule, unpaginated (enumerated 11 September), line 22, NA microfilm M432, Roll 902.

<sup>11</sup> Dickson County tax record for 1850, Dickson County Archives, Charlotte, Tenn.

<sup>12</sup> George Tilley estate settlement.

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In the 1860 census, Milly Bomen [sic] is listed with a ten-year-old male, C. Halliburton,<sup>13</sup> likely a son of her daughter Lucretia, who by then had been widowed and was living in the same neighborhood with her second husband Thomas Willey.<sup>14</sup> Milly owned \$500 worth of real estate and \$1070 in personal property, which included two slaves, a twenty-year-old woman and a two-year-old boy.<sup>15</sup>

Milly appears in two more census enumerations. In 1870 she was "keeping house," the only other member of her household a twelve-year-old mulatto boy named Robert Bomer.<sup>16</sup> Perhaps he is the two-year-old boy listed on the 1860 Slave Schedule. There is no entry to indicate an occupation, but he had attended school within the year. At that time Milly owned \$750 worth of real estate and held personal property worth \$150.

Ten years later Milley Bomer, aged 78 and born in North Carolina, was a pauper, residing in the County Poor House.<sup>17</sup> Ironically, her daughter and son-in-law Martha and William R. Von Schmittou had been the keepers of that institution thirty years earlier.<sup>18</sup> Tax records from 1852, this first year she was listed in her own name, through 1870, the last year she appears, consistently show her as the owner of 70 - 75 acres of land. At least one of her children, her daughter Mary, lived in the same Civil District in 1880,<sup>19</sup> and the obituary of her daughter Martha Schmittou indicates that she had lived in Dickson County throughout her lifetime.<sup>20</sup>

How did Milly Tilley Bomar move from property owner to pauper in a decade? Why was she a resident of the poorhouse when she had both children and grandchildren near by? The answer to that question remains a mystery.

*See Footnotes Below*

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## Vincent van Gogh's Family Tree

His dizzy aunt	Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes	Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store	Stop 'n Gogh
The brother who bleached his clothes white	Hue Gogh
The cousin from Illinois	Chica Gogh
His magician uncle	Where-diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin	A-mee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother	Gring Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach	Wells-far Gogh

*Internet Humor*

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<sup>13</sup> Milly Bomen household, 1860 U. S. Census, Dickson Co., Tenn., Post Office Danielsville, p 164, dwelling 1109, family 1159; NA microfilm M653, roll 1247.

<sup>14</sup> Thomas Willey household, 1860 U. S. Census, Dickson Co., Tenn., Post Office Danielsville, p 161, dwelling 1138, family 1138; NA microfilm M653, roll 1247.

<sup>15</sup> Milly Bomen household, 1860 U. S. Census, Dickson Co., Tenn., Slave Schedule, p 22, line 32, NA microfilm M653, roll 1281.

<sup>16</sup> Milly Bomer household, 1870 U. S. Census, Dickson Co., Tenn., Civil District 6, Post Office Charlotte, p 18, dwelling 110, family 118; NA microfilm M593, roll 1524.

<sup>17</sup> Poorhouse listing, 1880 U. S. Census, Dickson Co., Tenn., Civil District 6, E. D. 35, p 48D, dwelling 337, family 367; NA microfilm T9, roll 1252.

<sup>18</sup> William R. Von Schmittou household, 1850 U. S. census, Dickson Co., Tenn., p 108, dwelling 285, family 285; NA microfilm M432, roll 876.

<sup>19</sup> Washington Hudson household, 1880 U. S. Census, Dickson Co., Tenn., Civil District 6, E. D. 35, p 30B, dwelling 216, family 234; NA microfilm T9, roll 1252.

<sup>20</sup> Martha Schmittou obituary, *The Dickson County Herald*, 14 May 1910, p. 5.

# DeKalb County Union Army Draft List, 1864

*Contributed by Debbie Harmon McConnel*

The following record, one of the few of its type to be found in Tennessee, is on file at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Although it is filed as a 'Muster Roll' the heading makes it clear that it is a list of men eligible for the draft in the ninth district of DeKalb County, which apparently included Smithville. This was made in October, 1864, during the Union military occupation of Tennessee, under Military Governor Andrew Johnson.

It is officially titled "Names of Persons Enrolled in District No. 9, County of DeKalb, State of Tennessee, by virtue of a Proclamation Issued by His Excellency Gov. Andrew Johnson, Sept. 13, 1864, providing for the Organization of the State Militia."<sup>1</sup>

The list was probably made by the County Court Clerk, who made a special point of designating J.M. Allen as the "Assistant Clerk." Perhaps the Court Clerk himself was too old to be included on the list. It appears that men over the age of 48 were not required to be listed, as William H. Certin[?] is noted as being "past 48." Only one older person is listed, that was J.W. Hames who is shown to be "past 59." It is not clear why he was included on the list when other men in their 50s were not.

The clerk was not a good speller, as evidenced by the "orbern" hair and "fare" complexion of many of those registered. However he seems generally to have done a good job with the surnames. Where a word was unclear we have included a question mark in brackets. All words are transcribed with spelling verbatim, with the exception of the states of birth, which have been abbreviated to save space.

#	Name	Birthplace	Occupation	Age	Height	Hair/Eyes	Complexion
1	Moore, Thos.	not known, N.C.	Farmer	47	5' 10"	Black/Black	Dark
2	Alsup, Jacob	DeKalb, TN	Farmer	41	5' 10"	Black/Black	Dark
3	Bain, Archa	DeKalb, TN	Local Minister	47	5' 11"	Black/Blue	Dark
4	Sewel[?], T.L.	DeKalb[sic], GA	Tobacconist	36	5' 10"	Dark/Blue	Fare
5	McGuene, John	DeKalb, TN	Farmer	19	5' 8"	Black/Black	Dark
6	Lumberson, R.	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	46	5' 7"	Black/Black	Dark
		<i>Remarks: [could be Lamberson?]</i>					
7	Warren, Jacob	TN	Farmer	18	5' 8"	Brwn/Black	Dark
8	Warren, T.D.	Dekalb Co., TN	Farmer	22	5' 8"	Fare/Dark	Fare
9	Foster, A.L.	TN	Sadler	36	4' 11"	Dark/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Rumatism Rite eye injured</i>					

<sup>1</sup> This record may be found on microfilm at the Tennessee State Library and Archives: Record Group 21. Office of the Adjutant General. Box 7, folder 12. Muster rolls 1864.

#	Name	Birthplace	Occupation	Age	Height	Hair/Eyes	Complexion
10	Drake, Isaac	Warren Co., TN	Reglr[?] Physcian	30	5' 10"	Black/Blue	Fare
11	Cheathum, A.B.	Smith Co., TN	Farmer	40	5' 11"	Black/Black	Dark
		<i>Remarks: Paroled Confederate Soldier</i>					
12	Allen, T.C.	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	22	5' 8"	Orborn/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Paroled Confederate Soldier</i>					
13	Allen, [page torn]	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	21	5' 9"	Light/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Paroled Confederate Soldier</i>					
14	Clarke, [page torn]	Vanburen Co., TN	Farmer	19	5' 8"	Light/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Paroled Confederate Soldier</i>					
15	Fraser, [page torn]	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	42	5' 11"	Dark/Blue	Fare
16	Foster, Wm. W.	Franklin[?] Co., TN	Farmer	49	6' 2"	Black/Black	Dark
17	Foster, A.A.	De Kalb Co., TN	Farmer	19	6' 0"	Black/Black	Dark
		<i>Remarks: Diseased from milk poison[?]</i>					
18	Parsley, Jud	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	41	5' 8"	Orbern/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Disesd in the knee and hip from dislocation</i>					
19	Stockton, Perry	Rone, TN	Farmer	46	5' 11"	Lite/Blue	Fare
20	Pack, Bartimas Jr,	DeKalb, tN	Farmer	19	5' 10"	Lite/Blue	Fare
21	Hayes, John	Smith, TN	Farmer	44	6' 1"	Black/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Rite eye out</i>					
22	Ford, G.B.	Saver, TN	Farmer	47	5' 1	Black/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Paroled Confederate Soldier</i>					
23	Hayes, J.E.	[marked out], TN	Farmer	34	5' 10'	Lite/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Enlisted</i>					
24	Johnson, Henry	Hamilton Co., TN	Farmer	19	5' 1"	Orburn/Blue	Fare
25	Pack, Thomas	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	40	5' 9"	Black/Black	Fare
26	Atwell, J.A.	Wilson Co., TN	Farmer	19	5' 9"	Lite/Blue	Fare
27	Evins, John	Wilson Co., TN	Farmer	19	5' 7"	Lite/Blue	Fare
28	Fuson , A.J.	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	20	6'	Lite/Blue	Fare
29	Williams, J.T.	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmers	19	5' 8"	Black/Blue	Dark
30	Harris. J.W.	Giles Co., TN	School Teacher	28	5' 10"	Orbern/Blue	Fare
31	Fusen, J.F.	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	26	6' 1"	Dark/Blue	Fare
32	Pack, Moses C.	Warren Co., TN	Miller	33	6' 2"	Black/Blue	Dark
		<i>Remarks: Dislocated hip by rumatism[?]</i>					
33	Philips, William R.	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	45	6' 11"	Orbern/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Badly ruptured</i>					
34	Capshaw, H.L.	Warren Co., TN	Shoe & Boot	36	5' 10"	Lite/Blue	Fare
35	Cantrell, U[?] E.	Warren Co., TN	School Teacher	37	5' 10"	Lite/Blue	Fare
36	Davis, E. M.	Spartinburg, SC	Farmer	36	5' 8"	Dark/Dark	Fare
37	Fowler, Anton[?]	Wilson, TN	Farmer	26	5' 9"	Dark/Dark	Dark
38	Merit, B.H.	DeKalb, TN	Farmer	28	5' 10"	Dark/Blue	Dark
39	Smith, G.R.	Wilson, TN	Farmer	31	5' 11"	Dark/Dark	Dark
		<i>Remarks: Disease of liver</i>					
40	Waren, F.	DeKalb, TN	Farmer	18	5' 11"	Dark/Lite	Hazle
41	Ford, W.W.	McMinn, TN	Farmer	28	6'	Lite/Lite	Hazle
		<i>Remarks: Has had milk sickness</i>					
42	Hames, J.W.	Notaway Co., VA	Farmer	59	6'	Dark/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks: Dise'd by rumtism &amp; kidney. Age: "past 59"</i>					



#	Name	Birthplace	Occupation	Age	Height	Hair/Eyes	Complexion
43	Philips, S.M.	Warren Co., TN	School Teacher	31	6'	Dark/Dark	Fare
		<i>Remarks:</i> Rite fore areme disabled by gun shot wound					
44	Harrison, John	"not known"	Taner	33	5' 5"	Black/Black	Fare
		<i>Remarks:</i> [Birthplace appears to say "not known, NY" but NY is overwritten by "Irribel[?] County"]					
45	Batten, L.G.	Smith Co., TN	Blacksmith	41	5' 10"	Black/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks:</i> Kidneys diseased					
46	Chambers, Elija	Smith Co., TN	Blacksmith	38	5' 10"	Black/Black	Fare
47	Williams, Simeon	Smith Co., TN	Farmer	42	5' 10"	Orburn/Dark	Fare
		<i>Remarks:</i> Rumatism in knees & [unreadable]					
48	Hayes, John T.T.	White Co., TN	farmer	24	5' 10"	Black/Blue	Fare
49	Batten, S.H.	Smith Co., TN	Farmer	43	5' 7"	Fare/Blue	Fare
50	Parker, George	Sumner Co., TN	Farmer	23	5' 7"	Fare/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks:</i> Subject to fits					
51	Lile, J.H.	Bledsoe, TN	Farmer	22	5' 8"	Orburn//Blue	Light
		<i>Remarks:</i> Fraterd [sic] Skull & Thy					
52	Liles, J.R.	Knox, TN	Farmer	26	5' 8"	Orburn/Blue	Fare
53	Melton, J.W.	Wilson Co., TN	Farmer	35	5' 10"	Black/Hazle	Dark
54	Allen, J.M.	Warren, TN	Deputy Clerk	42	5' 8"	Dark/Hazle	Dark
55	Foster, E.T.	Wilson, TN	Sadler	43	5"	Lite/Blue	Fair
56	Beckwith, W.D.	White, TN	Farmer	24	24	Dark/Hazle	Fare
57	Beckwith, J.R.	Smith, TN	Farmer	39	6'	Gray/Hazle	Dark
58	Liles, S.M.	Jackson, TN	Farmer	21	5' 11"	Black/Black	Dark
59	Blankeship, S.D.	Wilson, TN	Farmer	26	5' 11"	Light/Blue	Fare
60	Cantrell, B. Y.	Warren, TN	Farmer	44	5' 11"	Brown/Blue	Fare
61	Gray, S.H.	Wilson, TN	Shoemaker	36	5' 11"	Orbern/Blue	Fare
62	Hayes, R.C.	White, TN	Whele rite	33	6'	Black/Dark	Fare
63	Fulton, J.M.	DeKalb, TN	Farmer	18	5' 8"	Lite/Blue	Fare
64	Fansler[?], J.W.	Wilson, TN	Farmer	20	5' 9"	Black/Hazel	Fare
65	Coggen, John	Smith Co., TN	Day Laborer	40	5' 6"	Dark/Blue	Fare
66	Richardson, T.J.	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	21	5' 8"	Dark/Hazel	Fare
67	Allen, L.B.	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	20	6'	Black/Hazel	Fare
68	Staley, O.B.	Sumner Co., TN	Merchant	34	5' 8"	Black/Hazel	Fare
69	Pack, John	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	37	6' 2"	Light/Blue	Fare
70	Pack, Arch	Dade Co, GA	Farmer	20	6' 2"	Lite/Blue	Fare
71	Spurlock, F.M.	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	30	5' 8"	Dark/Hazel	Fare
72	Johnson, P.P.	Halafax Co., VA	Miller	41	5' 8"	Dark/Blue	Fare
73	Culwell, Plesant	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	46	5' 10"	Sandy/Blue	Fare
74	Certin[?], Wm. H.	White Co., TN	Farmer	48	5' 8"	Dark/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks:</i> Age: "Past 48"					
75	Culwell, Isaac	Warren Co., TN	Farmer	44	5' 8"	Dark/Blue	Fare
		<i>Remarks:</i> Badly diseased & has been for 16[?] years					
76	Cantrell, Aron	Cannon Co., TN	Farmer	29	6'	Dark/Blue	Fare
77	Johnson, Wm.	White, TN	Farmer	45	5' 10"	Dark/Blue	Fare
78	Culwell, Thomas	Warren, TN	Blacksmith	43	5' 8"	Black/Black	Fare
79	Eastham, James	DeKalb Co., TN	Farmer	19	5' 9"	Black/Black	Fare
80	Cantrell, Abram	DeKalb, TN	Farmer	31	6'	Blue/Sandy	Fare
81	Baily, Wm.	Cannon, TN	Farmer	30	5' 10"	Dark/Dark	[blank]

# A Sleepy Village in Williamson County

## The 1900 Census of Brentwood – Part III

Brentwood today is a city of 30,000 people, and one of the wealthiest communities in Tennessee. But in 1900 it was a sleepy village entirely separate from Nashville and Franklin, which now push at its borders. Brentwood itself sits on the line between Williamson and Davidson counties, but for most purposes the 15<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Williamson County can be said to encompass the community. The following census records, transcribed by Jean Waggener for the Brentwood Library, show a community mainly comprised of farmers. A sprinkling of tradesmen and professional people also appear. The presence of toll-gate keepers Ella Kelly and Mrs. J. Lane reminds us that Brentwood was on the Franklin Pike, and the residency railroad laborers, “rousty bouts” and railroad superintendent Charley Phelps signify the village’s place along two railroad lines.

149	Carpenter	William L.	Head	W	51	M 25		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Carpenter	Fannie	Wife	W	46	M 25		TN	TN	TN	
	Carpenter	Ola	Dau	W	23	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Carpenter	Mattie	Dau	W	21	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Carpenter	Morton	Son	W	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Grocery Clerk
	Carpenter	Lucille	Dau	W	18	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Carpenter	Maggie	Dau	W	16	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Carpenter	Lena Maud	Dau	W	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Carpenter	Willie	Dau	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
150	Carmichael	G.W.	Head	W	54	M 24		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Carmichael	Mollie	Wife	W	49	M 24	5-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Carmichael	Thomas	Son	W	22	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Carmichael	Ossiane?	Son	W	20	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Carmichael	Martin	Son	W	18	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
151	Stephens	Jas. R.	Head	W	63	W		TN	VA	NC	Farmer
	Stephens	Blanche	Dau	W	25	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Stephens	John R.	Son	W	24	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Stephens	Robert	Son	W	22	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Stephens	Hugh	Son	W	20	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
157	Crockett	B.D.	Head	W	49	M 26		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Crockett	Sallie E.	Wife	W	47	M 26	2-2	TN	TN	TN	
	Nox	Augusta B?	Dau	W	25	M 6	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Nox	W.W.	Son in Law	W	30	M 6		TN	TN	TN	Ticket Agt.
	Nox	Louise	Grand Dau	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Nox	Nannie	Grand Dau	W	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Nox	Henry	Grand Son	W	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Crockett	Daniel	Son	W	23	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
158	Degraphen-reid	?	Head	W	30	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
161	Jackson	Andrew	Head	W	30	M 10		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Jackson	Lucy	Wife	W	28	M 10	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Jackson	Fannie	Dau	W	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Jackson	Susie	Dau	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Jackson	Lee	Son	W	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Jackson	Mira	Dau	W	1	S		TN	TN	TN	
165	Owen	Joshua	Head	W	54	M 25		TN	VA	VA	Farmer
	Owen	Martha	Wife	W	52	M 25	6-6	TN	TN	TN	
	Owen	Bettie	Dau	W	23	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Owen	Belle	Dau	W	21	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Owen	Mary	Dau	W	20	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Owen	Gloffy	Dau	W	17	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Owen	Joann	Dau	W	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Owen	William	Son	W	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
167	Cook	Elias	Head	W	53	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
168	Edmonson	C.H.	Head	W	67	M 30		TN	TN	TN	Farmer

169	Edmonson	Sarah K?	Wife	W	60	M 30	3-2	TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Edmonson	Henry	Son	W	28	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Edmonson	Louise	Dau	W	25	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Lampley	James D.	Head	W	30	M 7		TN	TN	TN	
	Lampley	Mary	Wife	W	28	M 7		TN	TN	TN	
	Lampley	Lee	Son	W	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Lampley	Jennie	Dau	W	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
170	Lampley	Felix	Son	W	2	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Lampley	Walter	Son	W	1	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Carr	Mrs. Fannie	Head	W	41	W	6-6	TN	TN	TN	
	Carr	Bessie	Dau	W	14	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Carr	Walter	Son	W	12	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Carr	Homer	Son	W	9	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Carr	Alma	Dau	W	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
171	Carr	Barney	Son	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Carr	Carneal?	Dau	W	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Farrish	L.T.	Head	W	30	M 8		TN	TN	TN	
	Farrish	Lillie	Wife	W	28	M 8	2-1	TN	TN	TN	
	Farrish	Elva	Dau	W	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Farrish	J.E.	Head	W	?	M		TN	TN	TN	
	Farrish	Lula	Wife	W	?	M	7-4	TN	TN	TN	
173	Farrish	Herbert	Son	W	?	?		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Farrish	George	Son	W	?	?		TN	TN	TN	
	Farrish	Leslie	Son	W	?	?		TN	TN	TN	
	Hathcock	James	Head	W	54	M 17		TN	TN	TN	
	Hathcock	Minerva	Wife	W	50	M 17	6-5	TN	TN	TN	
	Hathcock	Sallie	Dau	W	15	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Hathcock	Minnie	Dau	W	11	S		TN	TN	TN	
174	Hathcock	Alice	Dau	W	9	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Hathcock	Thomas	Son	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Hathcock	Henderson	Son	W	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Scales	Joe	Head	W	35	M 10		TN	TN	TN	
	Scales	Maggie	Wife	W	31	M 10	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Scales	Julia	Dau	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Scales	Susie	Dau	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
175	Scales	Carter	Son	W	3	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Scales	William	Son	W	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Null	Albert	Head	W	40	M 10		TN	TN	TN	
	Null	Lillie	Wife	W	34	M 10	?-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Null	Susie	Dau	W	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Null	Minnie	Dau	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Null	Charley	Son	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
176	Null	Carrie	Dau	W	3	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Warfield	Jno.	Head	W	45	M 20		TN	TN	TN	
	Warfield	Layce	Wife	W	39	M 20	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Warfield	Buford	Son	W	17	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Warfield	Andrew	Son	W	15	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Warfield	Lucy	Dau	W	12	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Warfield	Gertrude	Dau	W	10	S		TN	TN	TN	
177	Crockett	V.J.	Head	W	42	M 18		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Crockett	Anna	Wife	W	41	M 18	9-6	TN	TN	TN	
	Crockett	Lucy	Dau	W	12	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Crockett	Anna Belle	Dau	W	10	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Crockett	Charley	Son	W	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Crockett	Gip?	Son	W	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Crockett	Lucille	Dau	W	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
178	Crockett	Cynthia	Dau	W	<1	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Tanner	Davis	Head	W	30	M 11		TN	TN	TN	
	Tanner	Musie	Wife	W	29	M 11		TN	TN	TN	
	Tanner	Mose	Twin Dau	W	9	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Tanner	Musie	Twin Dau	W	9	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Tanner	Sam	Son	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Tanner	Thomas	Son	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
179	Tanner	Minnie	Dau	W	3	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Tanner	Adela	Dau	W	<1	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Brooks	Emmett	Head	W	28	M 5		TN	TN	TN	
	Brooks	Eva	Wife	W	25	M 5	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
180	Brooks	Robert	Son	W	4	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Brooks	Nicholas	Son	W	3	S		TN	TN	TN	

182	Brooks	Carson	Son	W	1	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Degraphen-reid	D.	Head	W	64	M		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Degraphen-reid	Sallie	Wife	W	?	M	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Degraphen-reid	Tegnold?	Son	W	29	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Degraphen-reid	Rudy	Son	W	23	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
184	Degraphen-reid	Roy	Son	W	18	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Brown	Henry	Head	W	30	M 11		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Brown	Sarah	Wife	W	29	M 11	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Brown	Minnie	Dau	W	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Brown	Martha	Dau	W	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
185	Brown	Lucy	Dau	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Morel	Julius	Head	W	65	M 30		GER	GER	GER	Farmer
	Morel	Mary	Wife	W	60	M 30	9-8	TN	TN	TN	
	Morel	John	Son	W	27	S		TN	GER	TN	Farmer
	Morel	Sam	Son	W	26	S		TN	GER	TN	Farm Laborer
	Morel	Leon?	Son	W	23	S		TN	GER	TN	Farmer
	Morel	German	Son	W	22	S		TN	GER	TN	Farm Laborer
	Morel	Julius	Son	W	19	S		TN	GER	TN	Farm Laborer
	Morel	Mary	Dau	W	17	S		TN	GER	TN	At School
	Morel	Rose	Dau	W	16	S		TN	GER	TN	At School
186	Morel	Herbert	Son	W	14	S		TN	GER	TN	At School
	Jones	John	Head	W	57	M 37		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Jones	Martha	Wife	W	55?	M 37	16-14	TN	TN	TN	
	Jones	Sim?	Son	W	35	S		TN	TN	TN	Preacher
	Jones	Frank	Son	W	33	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Jones	Joe	Son	W	31	S		TN	TN	TN	State Prisoner
	Jones	Lettie	Dau	W	23	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Jones	John	Son	W	22	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Jones	Charley	Son	W	20	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Jones	Emerson	Son	W	17	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Jones	Dan	Son	W	16	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Jones	Mary	Dau	W	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Jones	Susie	Dau	W	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Jones	Louise	Dau	W	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Jones	Minnie	Dau	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
187	Jones	Martha	Dau	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Jones	Henry	Son	W	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Allen	John	Head	W	40	M 15		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Allen	Susan	Wife	W	38	M 15	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Allen	Henry	Son	W	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Allen	Sam	Son	W	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Allen	Charley	Son	W	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
188	Allen	Eliza	Dau	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Tullos	Jno. D.	Head	W	44	M 18		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Tullos	Eugenie	Wife	W	40	M 18	1-1	TN	TN	TN	
189	Tullos	Nicholas	Son	W	16	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Striker	William	Head	W	50	M 20		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Striker	Martha	Wife	W	44	M 20	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Striker	Susie	Dau	W	18	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Striker	Helen	Dau	W	16	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
190	Striker	Nathan	Son	W	13	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Stanfield	Thos.	Head	W	61	M 30		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Stanfield	Mary	Wife	W	54	M 30	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Stanfield	Metta	Dau	W	24	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Stanfield	William	Son	W	23	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Stanfield	Henry	Son	W	21	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Stanfield	Louise	Dau	W	16	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
191	Lampley	Henry	Head	W	74	W		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Lampley	James	Son	W	39	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Lampley	John	Son	W	36	M 9		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Lampley	Lewis	Grand Son	W	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Lampley	Sally	Dau in Law	W	30	M 9	1-1	TN	TN	TN	
192	Cook	John C.	Head	W	52	M 35		TN	SC	TN	Farmer
	Cook	Lucy A.	Wife	W	49	M 35	12-9	TN	TN	TN	
	Cook	Henry	Son	W	22	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Cook	Eugene	Son	W	20	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Cook	Lewis	Son	W	15	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer



	Cook	Novill	Son	W	13	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Cook	Oscar	Son	W	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Cook	Charley	Son	W	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
196	Glisoos?	Miss Jane	Head	W	50	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Cook	Jas. A.	Boarder	W	32	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Cook	E.C.	Boaarder	W	47	S		TN	TN	TN	Lawyer
197	Edmonson	Mrs. Patsy	Head	W	64	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Edmonson	Robt.	Brother in Law	W	62	S		TN	TN	TN	Foreman
	Gray	Abe	Servant	W	35	M 6		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Gray	Fannie	Wife	W	30	M 6	7-2	TN	TN	TN	
	Gray	Daisy	Dau	W	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Gray	Harry	Son	W	<1	S		TN	TN	TN	
198	Cox	Carter	Head	W	30	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
199	Davis	Mrs. Sallie	Head	W	56	W	2-2	TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Davis	Walker	Son	W	20	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Davis	Mary Kate	Dau	W	17	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
200	Irvin	Mich	Head	W	35	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
201	Gardner	Mrs. M.	Head	W	63	W	4-4	TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Gardner	William	Son	W	39	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Gardner	Robert	Son	W	36	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Gardner	Mattie	Dau	W	33	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Gardner	James	Son	W	30	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
202	Bruton	Jno. W.	Head	W	30	M 11		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Bruton	Cynthia	Wife	W	29	M 11	2-2	TN	TN	TN	
	Bruton	Charley	Son	W	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Bruton	Will	Son	W	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
203	Forsee	W.W.	Head	W	57	M 25		VA	VA	VA	Farmer
	Forsee	Mary	Wife	W	42	M 25	1-1	TN	VA	VA	
	Forsee	Mamie	Dau	W	20	S		TN	VA	TN	At School
	Forsee	Grace	Dau	W	14	S		TN	VA	TN	At School
	Forsee	Lee	Son	W	13	S		TN	VA	TN	At School
206	Davis	W.C?	Head	W	42	W		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Davis	Logan	Son	W	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Davis	Collins	Son	W	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Davis	May	Son	W	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Davis	Gus	Son	W	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Collins	Mrs. A.	Mother in Law	W	70	W		TN	TN	TN	
208	Wikle	Douglas	Head	W	39	M 9		GA	GA	GA	Farmer and Lawyer
	Wikle	Birdie	Wife	W	33	M 9	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Wikle	Herbert	Son	W	6	S		TN	GA	TN	
	Wikle	Mary	Dau	W	5	S		TN	GA	TN	
	Wikle	Douglas, Jr.	Son	W	<1	S		TN	GA	TN	
209	Temple	Herbert	Head	W	30	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Temple	Mrs. Susan	Mother	W	64	W	7?-1	TN	TN	TN	
210	Craig	Jas. D	Head	W	43	M 15		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Craig	Eliza	Wife	W	38	M 15	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Craig	Lula	Dau	W	13	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Craig	Birdie	Dau	W	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Craig	Charles	Son	W	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Craig	Susie	Dau	W	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
213	Phelps	Charley	Head	W	49	M 27		TN	TN	TN	? Supt. RR
	Phelps	Ada	Wife	W	47	M 27	5-5	TN	TN	TN	
	Phelps	Katie	Dau	W	22	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Phelps	Charley	Son	W	20	S		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Phelps	Harry	Son	W	17	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Phelps	Margy	Twin Dau	W	15	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Phelps	Mildred	Twin	W	15	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
214	Callinder	Jno. H?	Head	W	24	M 4		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Callinder	Mamie	Wife	W	23	M 4	2-2	TN	VA	TN	
	Callinder	Mary H.	Dau	W	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Callinder	Eunice F.	Dau	W	<1	S		TN	TN	TN	
215	Johnson	Geo. ?	Head	W	40	M 12		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Johnson	Carrie	Wife	W	36	M 12	0-0	TN	TN	TN	

*To Be Continued*

# The Will of Samuel Estes: Hickman County, 1818

*Contributed by Joy Herron*

The will of Samuel Estes of Hickman County, Tennessee, was written in 1818 and proved in 1819. Apparently a copy was made in 1825 and this copy was later recorded in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, for a purpose not stated in this Mississippi copy.<sup>1</sup> The earliest existing recorded wills of Hickman County begin in August 1866—long after this will was written and probated. Possibly the only record of this Hickman County will, it is given here in its entirety.

"Samuel Estes, Last Will and Testament (Copy)

"State of Tennessee Hickman County

"Court January Term 1819

"The following last will and Testament of Samuel Estes dec'd was at said Term exhibited in open Court and the due execution proven to wit

"In the name of God Amen

"I **Samuel Estes Jr.** of the Hickman and State of Tennessee being sick of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same

"Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following revoking all others,



"Item 1<sup>st</sup> I appoint **Armistead Estes** and **Robert Estes** my Executors to this my last will &c.

"Item 2d, I will that so much of my perishable property may be sold as will settle all my just debts the balance not hereafter not willed to be and remain in the possession of my loving wife **Martha Estes** as part of legacy

"Item 3d, I give and bequeath to my wife **Martha Estes** three negroes named **Lewis, Esther and Fanney** during her lifetime and at her death they the aforesaid negroes, **Lewis, Esther & Fanney** together with their increase to be equally divided between my three children **Harriet[,]** **Susanna** and **America Estes**

"Item 4<sup>th</sup>, I give and bequeath to my loving daughter **Harriett Estes** two negro girls **Manah** [name partly erased] and **Rachael** and one feather bed and furniture

"Item 5<sup>th</sup>, I give and bequeath to my loving daughter **Susanna Estes** two negroes named **Louisa** and **Amy** together with one feather bed and furniture

"Item 6<sup>th</sup>, I give and bequeath to my loving daughter **America Estes** two Negro girls named **Clarisa** and **Maria** together with one feather bed and furniture

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<sup>1</sup> Samuel Estes will (1818), Yalobusha County Will Book A (1834—1858), pp. 18—19, Office of Chancery Clerk, Coffeeville, Yalobusha County, Mississippi; FHL Film no. 891,115.

"Item 7, I will that in case either [sic] of my children's death, to wit, **Harriet[,] Susana or America Estes** before marriage or their property not otherwise lawfully disposed of, the before recited property to be equally divided between the two surviving sisters.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> September 1818.

[Witnesses]     **A. W. Sweeney**                      **N. Murphree**                      [signed] **Samuel Estes Jr.** (Seal)

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"Same Continued

"State of Tennessee Hickman County January Term 1819

"I certify that the within will of Samuel Estes Jr. was proven in open court by the oath of A. W. Sweeney & N. Murphree to be the act and deed of the said Samuel Estes and ordered to be recorded

S. Sebastian, Clerk of Hickman County Court

Attest

"State of Tennessee Hickman County

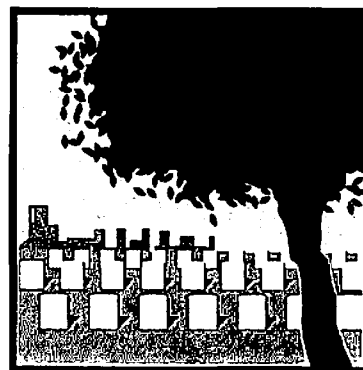
"I Samuel Sebastian Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of the last will and Testament of Samuel Estes deceased and also the probate thereon all of which appears of record in my office

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at Office In Centreville on the eighth [sic] day of April in the year of our Lord 1825 and of the Independence of the United States the 119<sup>th</sup>."

S. Sebastian, Clk.

## Are Your Ancestors Buried at Mt. Olivet in Nashville?

The management of Mount Olivet Cemetery is looking for information, photographs and stories of special persons buried there, with the plan to publish a book of information about the cemetery. The book is to mark the occasion of Mt. Olivet's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it having received a charter from the Tennessee General Assembly on Feb. 18, 1856. By 1890, more than 10,000 people had been interred there.



Many persons notable in Nashville and regional history are buried at the elegant old cemetery. One of the most impressive tombs is the pyramid (complete with a pair of sphinx) marking the grave of Major E.C. Lewis, who was responsible for building the Parthenon. Railroad magnate V.K. Stevenson's family erected a huge replica of Napoleon's tomb over Stevenson's grave. The mausoleum of the Acklen family marks the resting place of the first residents of Belmont Mansion.

In addition to these important graves, there are many interesting and touching stories about those buried at Mount Olivet. If you know of such a story and would like to share it, please send the information to Ron Crabtree, Chaplain, Mount Olivet Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1101 Lebanon Road, Nashville, TN 37210. Include a brief biographical sketch of the individual. Pictures, if available, should be 5" x 7" black & white prints.

Records of lots and burials at Mount Olivet can be found on microfilm at the State Library & Archives, as well as in the cemetery offices on Hermitage Avenue.

# Death Notices from *The Clarion*: Nashville, 1801-1821

Contributed by Sarah Armistead

The Editor of the Nashville *Clarion* was Thomas G. Bradford and the location was "Next Door to the Talbot's Hotel." It was sometimes called *The Clarion and Gazette* and also *The Tennessee Gazette*. Issues of the newspaper are available on microfilm at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.



April 15, 1801

Nashville – About the 3<sup>rd</sup> instance a dreadful hurricane happened at Wilkinsonville about 18 miles below Fort Manac, on the Ohio by which about fifty persons were killed and wounded, nearly all the buildings were blown down, and even some (as we are informed) were taken off the earth and lodged in the tops of trees. Several boats, lying at the bending were sunk but no lives loss from them.

April 15, 1801

On Saturday last, a man by the name of WEISNER was accidentally killed in turning a boat at Neely's Bend, by one of the picks giving way, and striking him on the head. He survived the stroke but a few hours.

September 9, 1801

Extract of a letter from a gentleman just arrived down the Ohio river, to the editor of the *Kentucky Gazette*, dated August 20. "On my way from Baltimore, I fell in with a gentleman by the name of BENNER or BENJAMIN ROGERS, who told me that he lived near Nashville, in Cumberland. He had with him six negroes. I should have come down the river with him only my business would not admit of it. He went to Wheeling and took water, in company with a MR. ELLIOTT. A small distance below Gallipolis, the negroes killed both the white men and threw them into

the river and then attempted to take the vessel up the river but finding it not as easy as going by land, they started up by land, and went about 15 miles, where they were taken up and sent to point Pleasant and thence to Elk jail. It would be doing the friends of the deceased a favor if you would send this to our son in Cumberland, and he would put it in the papers, or it may be of service if you would give it a place in yours. N. B. This murder was committed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August."

August 25, 1802

DIED – On the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. in the town of Nashville, after a long and lingering illness, MR. RICHARD CROSS, long a respectable inhabitant of this town.

February 3, 1802

On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult. the following melancholy accident happened near the mouth of Big Harpeth. MR. HENRY DILLARD, a young man on a visit to this country from Raleigh, North Carolina, called at the house of MR. THOMAS BETHNEY and took him out to have some conversation during which some dispute arose and DILLARD struck BETHNEY with an horse whip. BETHNEY immediately caught his gun which was in the yard and shot Dillard dead on the spot. We understand that the father and brother of BETHNEY are bound for their appearance at the Superior Court for Mero District, as accessories.

February 17, 1802

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> instance, a man was drowned in Second Creek, Smith county. His loss will be severely

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felt as we understand he was an industrious man and had a large family.

February 17, 1802

On Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> instance, a son of JOHN NICHOLS, ESQ., of about 7 years old, was accidentally killed by the fall of a tree.

February 17, 1802

Died at Raleigh, North Carolina on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, THOMAS MALLOY, ESQ. He was a resident of this district for a number of years, and his loss is much regretted by his friends and acquaintances.

November 13, 1802

DIED last Thursday of a very short illness in the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of her age, MRS. ELIZA DONNEL, consort to the REV. MR. SAMUEL DONNEL, of Smith county. She was a native of Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. Her exemplary piety and good sense endeared her to all who were acquainted with her. She was an affectionate wife and a sincere friend.

December 11, 1802

DIED on Tuesday last, very suddenly, MRS. BARROW, wife to WILLIE BARROW, ESQ. of Davidson County.

December 11, 1802

DIED on Wednesday last, very suddenly, MRS. STUMP, wife to MR. JONA STUMP of Davidson County.

December 11, 1802

There will be a Funeral Sermon preached on MR. RICHARD CROSS at WILLIAM GUNN'S by the REVEREND MR. GREEN HILL.

January 1, 1803

He's Gone - Another Revolutionary Patriot Gone - Died suddenly on Saturday evening last at the house of MR. BRACKETT OWENS, Shelby County, of a apoplectic fit GENERAL BENJAMIN LOGAN, at an advanced age.

October 5, 1803

DIED ON Friday last, MR. MITCHEL MERCHANT, in Franklin. He lived respected and died regretted.

May 18, 1803

On Friday last MR. REUBIN WHITE of this county, on his return from Natchez, was killed near Swan river (about 50 miles from this place) by a party of Indians and a white man. He had a considerable sum of money with him on a pack horse, which, by the exertions of two others who were in company with him, was saved. On Sunday the mail carrier and another man were fired on near the same place supposed by the same party, but luckily escaped without injury. This is the third attack on travelers of that road within a few weeks past.

June 1, 1803

Died on Thursday morning the 26 inst., MRS. BOYD, consort of JOHN K. BOYD, one of the first settlers of this place and still an inhabitant of Davidson County.

June 1, 1803

The following melancholy circumstance happened sometime last week at Knoxville. The sheriff



summoned a MR. RAVENHILL and another person to ..... He

defended himself with a gun, and killed MR. RAVENHILL and wounded the other.

August 3, 1803

Died on Thursday the 21st ult. at this place, MR. STEVENS, a stone mason. We understand he was an inhabitant of Lincoln, County, Kentucky, where he has left a wife and three small children to lament his loss.

August 3, 1803

Died on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. an infant son of MR. PATTEN, an inhabitant of this town.

August 24, 1803

Died on Sunday last, MR. COOPER, after a short but severe illness. He has left a wife and family to lament his loss.

August 24, 1803

Was killed by the fall from a horse, on Sunday last, MR. CASTLEMAN, aged 75, long an inhabitant of this district.

August 24, 1803

We are informed there was a man found dead on the Natchez road, a few days ago, about 10 miles the other side of Duck River. He was supposed to be a MR. BRASHIER from Kentucky. It is supposed he was murdered.

September 14, 1803

Died on Monday the 12th inst. after a short but severe illness, MR. SAMUEL BUCKHANNON, an early settler of this place. He has left a wife and family to lament his loss.

September 14, 1803

Died on Friday the 9th inst. an infant daughter of MR. WIGGINS, an inhabitant of this town.

September 28, 1803

Died on Monday the 19th inst., MRS. TREMBLE, after a long and painful illness which she bore with Christian fortitude.

September 28, 1803

On Monday last, MR. BENJAMIN THOMAS, one of the first settlers of this country. He died regretted and esteemed by all who knew him.

October 5, 1803

Died on Friday last, MR. MITCHEL MERCHANT, in Franklin. He lived respected and died regretted.

October 19, 1803

Was killed by a fall from his horse, last week, MR. BAKER of Sumner county, On Manscoes Creek.

October 19, 1803

Died on Friday last, a son of MAJOR THOMAS HARNEY'S fell from a tree and instantly expired.

October 19, 1803

Died on Friday last, an infant of MR. ROBERT STOTHART's, a citizen of this place.

October 19, 1803

Last Wednesday came on before the Supreme Court, the trial of STEPHEN DUNCAN, JOHN CHILDERS and JOSEPH DUNCAN, for the murder of MR. JOSEPH RAVENHIL. The trial took up a considerable part of the week. STEPHEN DUNCAN

and JOHN CHILDERS were found guilty of murder and JOSEPH DUNCAN of man slaughter. STEPHEN DUNCAN and CHILDERS received sentence of death. They are to be executed on Friday, the 21st inst. JOSEPH DUNCAN received a pardon from his Excellency, the Governor, shortly after the verdict of the jury was returned for manslaughter.

October 26, 1803

Died on Thursday last, MRS. MACLEMORE, consort of MR. ROBERT MACLEMORE, of Davidson county, after a long and lingering illness which she bore with all the fortitude of a true Christian.

October 26, 1803

Died on Friday last, an infant son of MR. NATHIEL M'CRARY of this town.

March 14, 1804

Nashville – On Thursday last a man by the name of HENRY POTTS was accidentally killed at MAJOR JOHN BUCHHANNON'S saw mill by a log rolling on him.

April 25, 1804

Nashville – Died yesterday suddenly at his seat in Rutherford County, CAPTAIN THOMAS BEDFORD, a worthy member of society. He has left an amiable wife and family to lament his loss.

August 22, 1804

Nashville – Died on Wednesday evening last after a short but severe illness, at his farm, about five miles from this place, MATTHEW TALBOTT, ESQ., an old and respectable citizen.

September 19, 1804

Nashville – DIED on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. after an illness of twelve months, MRS. DICKSON, lady of DR. DICKSON, a representative in Congress from this state. She sustained her illness with patience and met death with that resignation and fortitude which can only be derived from a correct and innocent life.

October 3, 1804

On Thursday evening the 27th ultimo, MRS. SARAH PHILIPS, relict of the late PHILIP PHILIPS of Davidson county, was killed by the fall of a limb from a tree. She was riding in her chair; a servant and one



of her daughters were riding a few paces before her. The servant heard the limb break, saw the impending danger and called to his mistress, but, alas! Too late. The limb struck her on the back of the head and she expired in about two hours after. She was an affectionate parent, kind neighbor, beloved and respected by her friends and acquaintances. She has left a rising family to bewail her loss. A monument is erected to her memory in the breasts of those who knew and cherished her virtues.

October 24, 1804

Died on the 26th ult., MRS. ELIZABETH CLAIBORNE, wife of his Excellency, the Governor of this Province and on the same day, his only daughter and child, aged four years. To do justice to the character of MRS. CLAIBORNE, to portray the various virtues which marked her as the object of ..... admiration and esteem, is a ..... far beyond our ability to perform. Equally fruitless would it be for us to attempt to express our commise ..... at this most melancholy and ..... event, after the universal sympathy and deep felt lamentations which has been so strongly manifested by every class and description of our fellow citizens. Of MRS. CLAIBORNE it may be justly said that her virtue procured her the love of all who knew her. To a dignified deportment and a masculine understand, she united all those accomplishments which could adorn her sex. Her superior excellence seemed hidden only from herself. Shrinking from the observation of the world, she was the theme of its constant enlogium. Wherever she moved there was joy, wherever she was known, there was an example of all that was excellent, all that was amiable in woman. Fitted to adorn the highest stations, to shine in the brightest circles of gayety and splendour, the moments of her felicity were those when unobserved by others she had the humble opportunity of doing good. She avoided rather than fought for the attention of the world, and the very tribute which gratitude paid to her ..... and unwearied benevolence was a ..... to the disinterested ..... and generosity of her nature. Let it then be recorded that although cut off in the very prime of life, her life has not been short, since every day of it was devoted to the performance of some duty, to the increase of human happiness and the diminution of human misery. Long will her memory be cherished in grateful recollection by the virtuous and the good. "The Union"

November 28, 1804

On Monday last, departed this life after a short and painful illness of three days, MRS. STUMP, the wife of CAPTAIN FREDERICK STUMP, of Davidson county.

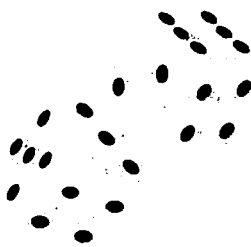
January 2, 1805

A most cruel and atrocious murder was committed on the night of the 20th December last, at Christian courthouse (Kentucky) by a certain MICHAEL DILLINGHAM, a citizen of Christian county, who assaulted a traveler by the name of JOHN FISHER, a resident of Illinois, and in the most wanton and cruel manner, stabbed him with a knife, so that he expired the next night. We learn that this horrid deed has excited in the citizens of the country, generally, a determination to take the most prompt and effectual measures to have the offender brought to justice. There has been subscribed in Russellville, the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to any person or persons who may lodge the above MICHAEL DILLINGHAM in Christian jail and it is believed the Governor of Kentucky will offer a reward of several hundred dollars in addition to the above sum of five hundred.

MICHAEL DILLINGHAM

is about 35 years of age, about six feet high, slender form, stoop shouldered, dark skin, dark hair and dark eyes, fond of gaming, was formerly a citizen of Greenville County, South

Carolina. When he made his escape, he was possessed of 3 very fine geldings, one a handsome roan, another a fine black, the third horse not recollected. The editors of newspapers are requested to publish the above a few times.



March 20, 1805

DIED - MICAHAH GREEN LEWIS

The last New Orleans mail furnished us with the unpleasing and melancholy fate of MICAHAH GREEN LEWIS, the only son of MAJOR WILLIAM T. LEWIS, who was killed in a Duel in the vicinity of New Orleans on the 12<sup>th</sup> ult. His remains were interred the following day, attended by the most numerous and respectable concourse of all ranks and sexes that ever

were convened on a similar occasion in that part of the world.



This disastrous event took place, in consequence of some virulent and unfounded charges against Governor Claiborne's administration in that quarter. A cloud of hungry vultures, it seems, repaired thither, either to mend their fortunes

or to seek farther objects of prey. On this list may be recognized a certain Mr. Livingston, a defaulter to the amount of upwards of one hundred thousand dollars of the public moneys who has been rendered as infamous as the public prints in New York could make him; and who was accordingly dismissed from office by the President of the United States. Under this virtuous character, found sanctuary and patronage, a certain Robert Sterry the renegade assassin of the subject of these remarks; and he could not more strongly recommend himself to his benefactor than by the most unmerited censure of every part of the present administration. Thus have the dregs of the former one, extended the ..... the utmost confines of the United States, and hence Governor Claiborne has been assailed with the ..... From the genius, education, early popularity and the patronage with which this gentleman was honoured, no person seemed more secure from the danger of perfection, yet to attached is depravity to the sordid views of avarice, ambition, disappointment, that no character or conduct, however amiable or praise worthy, can shield a man from the pointed arrows of seaction. For when neither facts or reasoning could be deduced to support those machiaverrhany charges, imaginary ones were substitute. Even the lonely so disturbed (in contempt of every personal feeling of honour or decency) to exhibit a ..... Object of resentment and disgust; and for no end, but merely to gratify the wanton ..... of sheer malignity; to wound the sensibility of the Governor. This exhibition, as might naturally be expected, roused every latent spark of indignation that animated the breath of the fallen

youth. Unable to repress his feelings, which were of the most exquisite kind, and founded on a tenuous and deliberate conviction of the baseness and depravity that could give birth to such a production, he fought the wife ..... in the character of Robert Serry.

Neither the hope of life, nor the fear of death, had any ..... or terrors to prevent the fatal interview. He went to the ground as to the altar of virtue, to make a sacrifice to the ..... of a beloved sister, not with a fearful perturbation on the prospector doubt, as being in an ..... cause – not with the apprehensions of the judgments of an offended deity, because he was devoid of guile – but because he deemed it a duty and he left the consequences with his God.

“When Jove in anger strikes the blow,  
Oft as the wicked, the righteous bleed:  
Yet with sure steps, the lame and flow,  
Vengeance o’er takes the villains speed.”

Thus fell in the bloom of life, or rather before he had attained the age of maturity, this amiable young man, a victim to the baneful and barbarous Gothic custom of dueling! Surely the ..... Of mankind, the principles of society, the most brilliant light of reason, the maxims of morality, and the ..... Cause of the land; all, all ..... in judgment against the murderous practice of dueling. How many lonely widows, how many tender orphans; how many aged parents are o’erwhelmed in misery by this daring, this wanton and inhuman infraction of the laws of humanity.

Mr. Lewis has first imbibed the elementary part of a classical education, at a seminary in the neighborhood of Nashville, then conducted by a Mr. Martin, a gentleman well qualified for functions of that kind, where his proficiency was such as in a short time to qualify him for a more extensive cause of studies. Accordingly in 1800 he repaired to the College of Princeton, and after his merit had led him through the interior stages of preferment, he graduated with uncommon applause as Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. During his stay at college (which was upwards of 3 years) he not only read all the eminent classical authors in the Latin, Greek and French language but attained a considerable proficiency in the mathematicks, history, experimental philosophy and civil law, to which his studies laterally directed. He also cherished the Belle

letters, and in his epistolary correspondence, he has exhibited marks of refined sentiment. His stile of composition was flowing sonorous and with all dignified as to his politicks, he might be considered a pure republican; deeming that only good, which had the benefit of the community for its object.

During his stay of the Northward, he visited the different towns there, together with every institution worthy of notice' not to import the fashions, fopperies, and prejudices among them, but to imitate the example of the wise Ulysses; to study the laws, manners, and desirable improvements of the town and cities through which he passed or in which he resided, nor was he unmindful of what was to be derived from Arts and Sciences, all were encompassed within his sphere of observation.

In the attainment of these objects, he was indulged by the fondest of parents, in all that could any way contribute to qualify him for the most elevated station in life; in so much, that few men's circumstances could keep pace with the liberality of the donor. Ever bordering upon that degree of prodigality, that however commendable, no man was bound to imitate. But when we reflect that he was an only son, ..... a son on whom the hopes of the family were fondly placed, the wonder ceases.

On finishing his education, he returned home, and became the general object of esteem and attention, not only on account of his excellent qualities, but the elegance and ..... of his manners. The acquisition of Louisiana, have presented a new area in the appeals of the American Republic; he was .....induced to make a tour to that extensive region. He therefore accompanied his sister, Governor Claiborne's Lady, to New Orleans. The place of her ..... There he was a witness to many distressing scenes, especially in the family of the Governor, during the continuance of the yellow fever that ..... there. He saw his sister, and her only child buried in the same grave. The Governor's secretary, Mr. Briggs also died in the same house; and the hand of providence only averted the arm of death in recruiting him, and ..... The same fate. But alas! He was reserved for a more ..... Exit than the calm preparation of a sick bed repentance. ....into eternity; and just at the very period of time (for he was expected home this

month) there the families, of fraternal affection were preparing to greet his return, is a heavy and calamitous stroke, especially to his parents with whom we devoutly participate suitable acts of condolence. But he's gone (altho hastily summoned) to join with angels and arch angels in exemplifying those truths, on which rest our future immortality.

"A soul prepared, needs no delays, The summons comes, the saint obeys." An attempt to delineate the character of our deceased friend, involuntarily calls up in our mind an ..... Of everything that is amiable, for in the social intercourse of life, he preserved a dignity of manners ..... for his years, neither tinged with gloom, nor debated with feverity; a mild pacific disposition marked

April 24, 1805

STOP THE MURDERER – a certain WILLIAM DAVIS, some time in May last, murdered a man of the name of JAMES WILLIAMS, on the trace leading from this settlement (Price's) to Knoxville in the state of Tennessee, in a most cruel and inhuman manner; was apprehended and detained in the jail of this county on suspicion until the proceedings prescribed by law could be had against him, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant broke jail and made his escape. It is supposed that he has gone down the Cumberland. He said he had two uncles and a brother living in the neighborhood of Nashville, and in all probability will aim for that neighborhood. He is a strong able bodied man, about 25 or 30 years of age, about five feet nine or ten inches high, light hair, and sandy bead, was well clothed when he escaped from jail though particulars are not recollected.

If he is closely interrogated it is probable he will confess, having the horse he took at the time he committed the murder. He was a white horse very large of his height, 14 or 15 years old. N. S. His father lives in Ohio.

The printers of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio, Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana and Orleans territories would subscribe the cause of humanity by giving the within a place in their respective papers.

MARTIN SIMS, Sheriff, Wayne County, 8<sup>th</sup> April 1805

*To Be Continued*

# The Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Schedules of the 1880 Tennessee Census

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The DDD Schedules, as they are often called, were part of the non-population schedules supplementing the 1880 federal census, and were created to help the government decide on funding appropriations for institutions and health programs.<sup>1</sup> On each of the following schedules of the DDDs, the census-takers were instructed to give an account of the location and condition of persons who met these descriptions:<sup>2</sup>

1. **Insane Inhabitants:** those suffering from mania, melancholia, paresis (general paralysis), dementia, epilepsy, or dipsomania, [an uncontrollable craving for alcoholic liquors<sup>3</sup>].
2. **Idiots:** persons born that way, or whose mental faculties were arrested in infancy, or in childhood by scarlet fever, measles, meningitis, a blow to head, a fall, fright, etc.
3. **Deaf-Mutes:** those who could not speak because they could not hear sufficiently well enough to learn to speak.
4. **Blind:** the totally blind, also the semi-blind, but not those who could see sufficiently well to read.
5. **Homeless children.**
6. **Inhabitants in prisons.**
7. **Pauper and Indigent in institutions, poorhouses, or asylums, or boarded at public expense in private houses.**

The census-taker identified these individuals as he canvassed his assigned enumeration district within his county, and he indicated those with tick marks in the designated columns by their names on the population schedule. He then was to proceed in filling out the appropriate DDD Schedule. It was expected that he would know of these persons since he was supposed to be a resident of that enumeration district himself;<sup>4</sup> but he was also to inquire, either of others in the household, or of neighbors, or local physicians, the answers to questions that the persons could not answer for themselves.<sup>5</sup>

Regarding the enumerators in Bedford County (the first in this planned series on Middle Tennessee counties), the population census schedule was checked to see if they did indeed live within their assigned enumeration districts. Upwards of 75% did, or else lived in adjoining districts. It seems reasonable to assume there would have been occasions when qualifying persons wanting the job of census-taker couldn't be found in the appropriate districts.

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<sup>1</sup> Frederick Howard Wines, Introductory Remarks, *Report on the Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes of the Population of the United States, as Returned at the Tenth Census (June 1, 1880)*, (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1888), viii. Available online at <[http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/1880a\\_v21-01.pdf](http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/1880a_v21-01.pdf)>.

<sup>2</sup> Instructions to enumerators, as found on 1880 Non-Population Census Schedules, Supplemental Schedules, 1—7: Dependent, Delinquent, and Defective Classes.

<sup>3</sup> Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, <<http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/netdict?dipsomania>>.

<sup>4</sup> Selection of Enumerators, 1880, paragraph 3; "History of the Census and Its Samples"; History of Enumerations Procedures; Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), <<http://www.ipums.org/usa/voliii/enumproc1.html>>.

<sup>5</sup> Wines, *Report on the Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes*, 1888. Note: For those who wish to do further reading, there are fascinating graphs and statistics in this report.

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## Questions on the DDD Schedules

Certain questions were repeated on all seven schedules:<sup>6</sup> name of the afflicted person; county and district where enumerated; county of residence; and location in the population schedule.

The remainder of the questions pertained to each particular class of persons:

**Insane Inhabitants:** form of disease; duration of current attack; age at first attack; if requires restraint; if ever institutionalized and for how long; if additional features, such as epileptic, suicidal, or homicidal. Distinction was to be made between persons with deterioration of mental power, such as dementia, and those born defective; the latter were to be classified as Idiots.

**Idiots:** supposed cause; age of occurrence, "or born so"; size of person's head [at that time considered as significant]; if self-supporting or partly so; if ever in training school and for how long; and if additional illnesses present (insane, blind, deaf, paralyzed.)

**Deaf-Mutes:** supposed cause; age of occurrence; if semi- or totally deaf and/or mute; if ever institutionalized; if also insane, idiotic, or blind. Enumerators were instructed to inquire about deaf-mutes and their residences from physicians in the area and also from schoolteachers.

**Blind:** if self-supporting; age at occurrence; form; supposed cause; if totally or semi-blind; if ever in an institution for the blind, length of time there, date of discharge; if also insane, idiotic, deaf-mute. Those who could see well enough to read were not to be placed on this schedule.

**Homeless Children:** whether father and/or mother were deceased; whether abandoned or surrendered; whether born in an institution, or year admitted; whether illegitimate; if separated from his/her mother; if ever arrested, and why; if origins were "respectable;" whether removed from criminal surroundings; if blind, deaf-mute or idiotic.

**Inhabitants in Prisons:** place of imprisonment; whether awaiting trial, serving a term, or serving out a fine; if awaiting execution, or transfer to higher prison, or if held as a witness; if imprisoned for debt, or for insanity; date incarcerated; alleged offense; fine; number of days in jail or workhouse, or years in penitentiary; whether at hard labor, and if so, whether contracted out. Enumerators were to ask these questions of wardens or keepers of any prison, "station-house, or lock-up in their respective districts."

**Paupers and Indigent:** if supported wholly or partly at cost of city, county, or state, or at cost of institution; whether able-bodied; whether habitually intemperate; if epileptic; if ever convicted of a crime; if disabled; if born in the institution, or date of admission; whether others of the family were also in that establishment; if also blind, deaf and dumb, insane, idiotic. Paupers living in individual homes who were supported partly or fully at county cost were referred to by the Census Office, as "outdoor paupers," to distinguish them from paupers in institutions.<sup>7</sup>

**Note:** In checking the population schedule of Bedford County, I found that none of the paupers living in individual homes were classified therein as paupers, although they appeared in that category on the DDD Schedules. Some were parents living in grown children's homes, some were in-laws, and others were not identified as to relationship. County court minutes possibly could shed more light on these persons.

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<sup>6</sup> Instructions to enumerators, DDD Schedules.

<sup>7</sup> Wines, *Report on the Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes*, 1888, p. ix.

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## Locations of the DDD Schedules

The originals for Tennessee are at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Microfilmed copies are available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives (Mf. ac. no. 1537, rolls 40-41). Other copies can be borrowed from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) through your local library's interlibrary loan department. For the locations of the original copies of the DDDs for other states, see *Your Guide to the Federal Census: for Genealogists, Researchers, and Family Historians*, by Kathleen W. Hinckley (Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2002), pp. 84—85. Also listed therein are the states for which NARA has microfilmed copies.

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## Arrangement of Abstracts

These abstracts include all information found on the schedules. Some enumerators fully complied with their instructions and attempted to answer all questions, while others merely listed the persons' names and their locations (district, page, and line numbers) where they appeared on the population schedule. Occasionally, persons would be listed on more than one schedule, such as a pauper who was in an institution and who was also blind. The multiple entries have been grouped together in this abstract.

The DDDs can give us a better understanding of the problems the enumerators had in completing their duties. Their additional comments help explain some of the reasons for inconsistencies and omissions. One enumerator wrote at the bottom of one schedule, "I cannot now remember what was said to me." He then left entire page blank! Another excused his non-reporting by saying that high waters prevented his returning to a certain area to obtain the needed information. This latter remark shows that repeat trips may have been necessary in the attempt to gather the required data; and, obviously, this would have applied to general census-taking, as well. (Neither of these comments were in the Bedford County DDDs.)

Although these schedules are unknown to many researchers, the data in them is significant for genealogists, for those compiling health histories, and for medical researchers. The records reveal the limited knowledge people had in 1880 about certain disorders and conditions. Follow-up research on descendants of various of these persons may lead to identification of gene-related disorders, making these records especially relevant not only to genealogists, but also to geneticists.

### 1880 Bedford County, Tennessee Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Schedules

**Note:** For a few of the entries, data from the population census schedule has been added. That additional data does not appear on the DDD Schedules themselves.

The interpretations of these records may contain deciphering errors. If, upon viewing the microfilm, you find mistakes, please contact the compiler with that information.

**Cable, John M.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 25<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; disease Dementia; duration of present attack, 19 years; number of attacks, 1; age at first attack, 25; not confined; not restrained. [s.d.3,e.d.19;see Pop.Sch.p.20,ln.15]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 44, single, cousin, in household of John C. Troxler.

**Fuller, Ezekiel:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 25<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 1; small head. [s.d.3,e.d.19;see Pop.Sch.p.3,ln.32]

**Burnett, Lutitia:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 25<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.;

not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural size head. [s.d.3,e.d.19; see Pop.Sch.p.4,ln.31]

**Kimbro, Mary L.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 25<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; age at first attack, 61; caused by Neuralgia. [s.d.3,e.d.19;see Pop.Sch.p.6,ln.39]

**Prince, Sarah:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.8,ln.24]

**Pop.Sch.:** Sarah C. Prince, widow, age 65, head of household.

**Carpenter, Eliza:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Spinal Finax[?]; duration of present attack, 10

Co., Spinal Finax[?]; duration of present attack, 10 years; age at first attack, 40; confined; inmate of State Insane Asylum for 28 years, discharged 1878; suicidal. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.39]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 50, mother.

**Brinkey, Nancy:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; womb trouble; duration of present attack, 5 years; number of attacks, 1; age at first attack, 50; not confined; not restrained; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.5,ln.13]

**Pop.Sch.:** Brinkley, Nancy, age 55, white; Insane, Hysterics; wife of John Brinkly.

**Guthrey, Mariah:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 28; large size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.22,ln.25]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 21, step-daughter, in hh of Jesse Coleman.

**Jemerson, John:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; afflicted at birth; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.27,ln.28]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 10, son, in household of Travis Jemerson, wife, and children. John appears in birth order in the list of children. See note after the data on William Farrar.

**Farrar, William:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; "can work some if fed only some ration"; afflicted at birth; "deficiency in reasoning and perception intellect from a falling back to selfish sentiment"; small size head; never an inmate of an institution; "simply [went] to an ordinary school with no progress."

**Also:** Insane Schedule; ~~Epilepsy~~ [marked through]; not confined, but watched. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.19,ln.33]

**Enumerator's comment:** "This child almost from infancy has been insane from epileptic fits."

**Pop. Sch.:** age 13, son, in household of William Farrar, wife, and children. William appears in birth order in the list of children.

**Enumerator's comment at bottom of page:** "This character, a child, had been brought in the

town[?] by a stranger and son went away, don't know where, and after \_\_\_\_\_[? several words illegible]from near neighbors\_\_\_\_\_ [? several words illegible] but little if anything can be gained, but seems to have been so from birth."

**Note by gwb:** Both John Jemerson and William Farrar are listed on this Idiots page. On the population schedules, both are identified as "sons" in the respective households, and in the proper birth order. It was not possible to determine which was the one the enumerator was referring to when he wrote the above statement.

**Prince, Presley:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 67; caused by Pneumonia; semi-blind; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.4,ln.32]

**Beardon, Mahala:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at age 67; old age; Cataract; caused by Neuralgia; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.17,ln.37]

**Haslet, Melvina:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 24th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 73; caused by ill health; totally blind/semi-blind [listed twice, and with differing information]; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.18;see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.23]

**Pollock, Benjamin:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 23rd Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.17;see Pop.Sch.p.26,ln.18]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 58, married, head of household, [occupation:] Chores.

**Evans, Creasy:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 23rd Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.17;see Pop.Sch.p.24,ln.23]

**Hix, Belle:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 23rd Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.17;see Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.13]

**White, John:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 22nd Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; Dementia; duration of present attack, 2 years; number of attacks, 1; afflicted at age 62; confined; not restrained; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.17; see Pop.Sch.p.6,ln.48]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 64, head of household.

**Noblett, Peyton:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 22nd Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.16;see Pop.Sch.p.4,ln.4]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 22, married, works on farm, enumerated with wife and children in hh of S. P. Freeman; no relationship stated.

**Polk, John:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 22nd Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 71; caused by sore eyes; never an inmate of an institution.

**Also:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; supported at county cost; Blind and old age; wife and daughter also here. [s.d.3,e.d.16; see Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.11]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 85, father, in household of Sally Armstrong, age 60. [no mention about being a pauper].

**Note by gwb:** In answers to questions at bottom of this page, relative to "pauper establishments, including... [those] boarded at public expense in private homes], the enumerator wrote: "John Polk, [county allowance] - \$30 per year; Samuel Morris, Commissioner, to pay and to get such things as is needed."

**Polk, Lizzie:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 22nd Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; supported at county cost; old age; husband also here. [s.d.3,e.d.16;see Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.12]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 84, wife; in household of Sally Armstrong, age 60, [no mention of her being a pauper]

**Armstrong, Henry:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 22nd Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; supported at county cost; Epileptic; Idiotic.

**Also:** Idiots Schedule; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.16;see Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.15]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 24, son; in hh of Sallie Armstrong, 60, widow.

**Davenport, Rebecca E.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 21st Civil District; residence Bedford Co., not self-supporting; afflicted at age 3; cause: poison or a fall; natural size head; Inmate of Insane

Asylum, Nashville, 5 years; discharged 1877. [s.d.3,e.d.15;see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.21]

**Dixon, Moses:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co. 21st Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 13; natural size head. [s.d.3,e.d.15;see Pop.Sch.p.8,ln.42]

**Kimes, James:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 20th Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.14;see Pop.Sch.p.1,ln.45]

**Cowan, Thomas:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 20th Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.14;see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.16]

**Thorn, Mary A.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 19th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.13,see Pop.Sch.p.5,ln.48]

**Davis, Joseph:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 19th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.13,see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.11]

**Thorn, Nancy:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 19th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 62; caused by sore eyes; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.13,see Pop.Sch.p.5,ln.49]

**Cartner, Elisabeth:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 19th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 66; semi-blind; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.13,see Pop.Sch.p.9,ln.28]

**Stephenson, E.B.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 18th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., 2 attacks; age at first attack, 46; inmate of Nashville institution, 6 months; discharged 1880. [s.d.3,e.d.12,see Pop.Sch.p.22,ln.24]

**Statement of enumerator:** "2 times in the Nashville Asylum, three months each time; pays; Melancholia; now at home."

**Pop.Sch.:** age 49, husband, and head of household.

**Jones, Pallestine:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 18th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small size head; never an inmate of an institution. [Information provided]"by the mother, the widow of a Union soldier, U.S. pensioner." [s.d.3,e.d.12;see Pop.Sch.p.4,ln.42]

**Greer, Benjamin:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 18th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; supported at county cost; Scrofulous Heredi[?]; "cared for by relatives, county court donating a small pittance." [s.d.3,e.d.12;see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.29]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 16, single, ½ brother, in home of W. C. Delk, 41, and family [no mention of his being a pauper].

**Little, Lucy:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 11th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 50; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.11;see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.24]

**Peacock, A.C.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 11th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 90; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.11;see Pop.Sch.p.24,ln.11]

**Burns, Sinda:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 11th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; supported at county cost; old age. [s.d.3,e.d.11;see Pop.Sch.p.35,ln.7]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 85, widow, in hh of Ance[?] Warner, 45, Laborer, and family; [no relationship stated, no mention of her being a pauper].

**Stephens, James E.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 10<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small size head; epileptic. [s.d.3,e.d.10;see Pop.Sch.p.1;ln.13]

**Lytle, Harvey M.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 10<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth; cause: mother frightened before birth; average head; epileptic. [s.d.3,e.d.10;see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.19]

**Neal, Elizabeth C.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 10<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; cause: came from Information [inflammation] in the eyes; Inmate of Blind School at

Nashville for 2 years; discharged 1879. [s.d.3,e.d.10;see Pop.Sch.p.2,ln.23]

**Smith, A.V.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 9th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; large size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.9;see Pop.Sch.p.2,ln.22]

**Hoskins, Sally B.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 9th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.9;see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.17]

**Jackson, Harriett:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 9th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; afflicted at birth; small size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.9;see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.17]

**Coffee, Louis:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 9th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; afflicted at birth; natural size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.9;see Pop.Sch.p.7,ln.26]

**Perry, Martha:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 9th Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.9;see Pop.Sch.p.9,ln.43]

**Adcock, Lizzie:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 9th Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.9;see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.32]

**Purvis, George:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.8;see Pop.Sch.p.8,ln.44]

**Pop.Sch.:** 23, step-son, in hh of Martha Purvis, Farming, 43.

**Steele, Candy:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.8;see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.11]

**Thompson, Lizzie:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not confined; not restrained; Inmate at Nashville Asylum.[s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.30,ln.36]

**Statement of enumerator:** "I will state that Miss Thompson is reported to have recovered and is now at home with her family and she is only placed upon this schedule now because she was in

the Asylum on June 1, 1880 and until a few days since. She had a spell of brain fever about six months ago which caused a dethronement of reason until a short time ago as aforesaid."

**Pop.Sch.:** age 21, daughter, in hh of John W. Thompson, 49, Magistrate.

**Hobbs, Wm.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; duration of present attack, 8 years; age at first attack, 24; Inmate of Asylum at Nashville. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.48,ln.23]

**Statement of enumerator:** "He is still there and I know nothing more about him."

**Pop.Sch.:** age 32, son, in hh of James M. Hobbs; "in Asylum."

**Tally, Martha:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District ; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.61,ln.12]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 20, daughter, in hh of Clark Tally, Farmer.

**Maupin, Saml.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; rather small head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.59,ln.35]

**Anderson, Robt. C.:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.71,ln.43]

**Jackson, Martin:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; self-supporting; afflicted at age 20; Scrofula; Inmate of Nashville Blind Asylum for 2 years; discharged 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.37,ln.30]

**Crowell, Edmd.:** Prisoners Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; in County Jail, awaiting trial; incarcerated 11 July 1880, for stealing a mule. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.26]

**Daniel, James:** Prisoners Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; in County Jail, awaiting trial; incarcerated 17 July 1880 for stealing shoes. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.27]

**Parker, Fannie:** Prisoners Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; in Jail, serving a prison term; incarcerated 1 June 1880 for disturbing the Peace. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.28]

**Boyd, Luranie:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co, 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in institution; supported at county cost; widow, old and feeble. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.34]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 67, "Companion" [no mention of her being a pauper]; in hh of Martha J. Smith.

**Daniel, Eliza:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in institution; supported at county cost; widow, feeble, and large family. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.15]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 47, head of household, born England, and parents born England.

**Calhoon, Wilson:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in institution; supported at county cost; crippled, "born so"; [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.44,ln.45]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 43, single, in hh of William Hall, age 25.

**Brantley, Mary:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in an institution; supported at county cost; widow, feeble and six children; [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.27,ln.15]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 28, h of h [no mention of her being a pauper].

**Watson, Sarah:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in an institution; supported at county cost; feeble and sickly. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.51,ln.26]

**Travis, Polly:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in an institution; supported at county cost; feeble and weak mind. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.37,ln.32]

**Pop.Sch.:** Travis, Mary M., age 58, single, servant, in hh of Martin V. Jackson. [no mention of being a pauper].

**Young, Asa:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in an institution; supported at county cost; old age. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.16,ln.3]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 80, in hh of David Blakemore; "county charge."

**Cannon, Nancy:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in an institution; supported at county cost; old and helpless. [s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.58,ln.31.]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 60, Mother, in hh of Lizzie Cannon, 29 [no mention of being a pauper].

**Isely, Mary:** Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 7th Civil District; residence Bedford Co., Shelbyville; not in an institution; supported at county cost; widow with family.[s.d.3,e.d.7;see Pop.Sch.p.29,ln.2]

**Statement of enumerator:** "None of the foregoing [nine paupers] are in the Poor House or any other Institution. The Poor House of our county is situated in Civil District No. 3."

**Pop.Sch.:** age 37, head of household [no mention of being a pauper].

**Houston, James J.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 6th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; a pay-patient at Nashville Insane Asylum, 1 year; disease Melancholia; age at first attack, 35. [s.d.3,e.d.6;see Pop.Sch.21,ln.21]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 27, son, in hh of C. P. Houston.

**Cowan, Nick:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 6th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.6;see Pop.Sch.p.8,ln.22]

**Saunders, Henry:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 6th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.6;see Pop.Sch.p.9,ln.7]

**McAdams, Anna:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 6th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 3; caused by Scarlet Fever; natural size head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.6;see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.13]

**Dearing, Lizzie:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 6th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.6;see Pop.Sch.p.20,ln.18]

**Saunders, Henry:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 6th Civil District; residence Bedford Co. [s.d.3,e.d.6;see Pop.Sch.p.9,ln.7]

**Suggs, Martha N.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 5th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; disease, Mania; age at first attack, 14; confined; restrained by straps. [s.d.3,e.d.5;see Pop.Sch.p.10,ln.39]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 44, sister-in-law, single, in hh of Wm. E. Epps.

**Naron, Andrew:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 5th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 10; caused by a fall; natural head; epileptic. [s.d.3,e.d.5;see Pop.Sch.p.21,ln.30]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 22, in hh of Richmond D. Naron.

**Lisenby, Rhody:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 5th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 55; caused by Neuralgia; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.5;see Pop.Sch.p.3,ln.50]

**Stovall, Susan:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 5th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 80; caused by Neuralgia; semi-blind; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.5;see Pop.Sch.p.8,ln.2]

**Moseley, Joe:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Bedford Co., 4th Civil District; residence Bedford Co.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.4;see Pop.Sch.p.9,ln.9]

*To Be Continued*



# More Middle Tennessee Connections

Contributed by Dorothy Williams Potter



**Charles Stevens** and **David Hines**, both of Williamson County, Tennessee, with Power of Attorney from **Mark Pipkin** and **Polly Hines**, also of Williamson County, Tennessee,... all four "being heirs of **Charles Hines**, deceased, late of Wayne County, North Carolina," deeded land to **Robert Hollowell** of Wayne County, excepting the graveyard where **Charles Hines** and his children are buried, 20 Dec. 1805. *Wayne County, North Carolina, Deed Book 8*, pp. 334-335. [Also see *Deed Book 8*, pp. 337-338, 365, 374.]

**Alfred Summers** of Rutherford County, Tennessee, was given as son of **William I. Summers** of Iredell County, North Carolina, in the latter's will dated 7 June 1836. [*Iredell County, North Carolina, Will Book 2*, p. 162]

**Abraham Alexander**, in his will written in Iredell County, North Carolina, 18 Feb. 1829, he disclaims any right or title to any land in Tennessee devised to my wife [Jane] as a legatee of **Alexander Worke**. [*Iredell County, North Carolina, Will Book 2*, p. 76]

**Elizabeth Kilpatrick** of Iredell County, North Carolina, left her son, **Alexander Barr**, a set of Scotch Family Bibles and Tennessee Land [no county given], in her will written 14 June 1827. [*Iredell County, North Carolina, Will Book 2*, p. 88]

**Elijah Potter**, a Private, 6 feet tall, 38 years old, born in Brunswick County, Virginia, enlisted in the regular army on 16 Oct. 1813 in McMinnville, Tennessee, for one year in Capt. J. B. Long or Lt. S. Wilson's 39<sup>th</sup> Reg. [*Register of Enlistments in U. S. Army, 1798-1914*, FHL #0350316, Roll 10, Vol. 19, pp. 64-65]

The will of **William Dickson**, of Rutherford County, Tennessee, was probated in Nelson County, Virginia, 1837. See *Nelson County, Virginia, Will Book B*, p. 178.

The will of **George Lynn** of Bedford County, Tennessee, was recorded in Botetourt County, Virginia, 1829. See *Botetourt County, Virginia, Will Book E*, p. 25.

The will of **George Purvis** of Haywood County, Tennessee, was proved in Nelson County, Virginia, 1853. See *Nelson County, Virginia, Will Book J*, p. 276.

Another will, this one belonging to **Samuel Purvis** of Haywood County, Tennessee, was probated in Nelson County, Virginia, in 1859. See *Nelson County, Virginia, Will Book L*, p. 44.

**Betty Bridges** of Nash County, North Carolina, for love and affection gave property to her son, **John Bridges**, of Sumner County, Tennessee, 29 July 1806. See *Nash County, North Carolina, Deed Book 5*, p. 13.

A Giles County, Tennessee, resident, **Thomas Steele**, had his will probated in Rockbridge County, Virginia, 1835. See *Rockbridge County, Virginia, Will Book 7*, p. 334.

The estate record of **James Taylor** of Tennessee [no county given] was recorded in Albemarle County, Virginia, 1833. See *Albemarle County, Virginia, CF1846*, p. 12.

**Thomas Crow**, living in Giles/Lawrence County, Tennessee, area in 1819, was a Revolutionary War Pensioner, enlisting in North Carolina and later serving as a fifer in a South Carolina Regiment. His wife, **Sarah**, was of McNairy County, Tennessee, in 1848. See *Revolutionary War Pension File R2538*.

**Duke W. Sumner** of Davidson County, Tennessee, appointed his brother, **Joseph John Sumner** of same, as true and lawful attorney in collection of money due him from **Michael Collins** and **Francis Drake**, executors of **Matthew Drake, Sr.**, deceased, in Nash County, North Carolina, which was due to him as the lawful husband of a daughter, **Mary**, commonly called **Polley**, from the estate of **Matthew Drake**, 20 Aug. 1811. See *Nash County, North Carolina, Deed Book V*, p. 255.

**Joseph Lemaster**, son of **Isaac Lemaster**, applied for a pension in Maury County, Tennessee, on 21 June 1819, aged 61. By 1823, he was living in Williamson County,

where he died in August 1828 while visiting relatives. Joseph's (second) wife, **Mary Waddell**, had brothers **John, William, George and James Waddell** and sisters **Jane and Elizabeth**. A daughter of Joseph's by his first marriage was **Rebecca (LeMaster) McKay**, aged about 55 in 1839, Maury County, Tennessee. Many other relationships are given in his pension file. See Virgil D. White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Volume II: F-M*, (1990), p. 2053; John H. Gwathmey, *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, 1775-1783* (1938), pp. 454, 468.

**Temperance Drake** of Davidson County, Tennessee, also gave **Joseph John Sumner** her Power of Attorney to collect legacies from **Michael Collins** and **Francis Drake**, executors of the will of her father, **Mathew Drake, Sr.**, deceased, late of Nash County, North Carolina, 24 Aug. 1811. See *Nash County, North Carolina, Deed Book V*, p. 254.

**John Turner**, son of **Francis Turner**, born 23 March 1773 in Albemarle County, Virginia, migrated to Patrick County, Virginia. In 1793 he married **Mary Judith Roberson**, daughter of **David Roberson**, and after 1812, the family moved to Franklin County, Tennessee, where John died 2 March 1856. *Patrick County, Virginia, History* (Stuart, Virginia: Patrick County History Society, 1999), p. 84.

*The following Patrick County History, Virginia, entries are courtesy of Sue Edwards.*

**Elijah Banks**, born 1777, was a son of **William Banks**. He moved to Smith County, Tennessee, from Patrick County, Virginia, in 1818 and died in Smith County in 1860. *Patrick County, Virginia, History* (Stuart, Virginia: Patrick County History Society, 1999), p. 85.

**Josiah Farris**, migrated about 1838 to Rutherford County, Tennessee, from Patrick County, Virginia. His wife was **Mary Penn**, daughter of Col. **Abram and Ruth (Stovall) Penn**. [See next entry.] *Patrick County, Virginia, History* (Stuart, Virginia: Patrick County History Society, 1999), p. 85.

**Phillip Penn**, born 1792, was the youngest son of Col. **Abram and Ruth (Stovall)**. He served as a Patrick County, Virginia, Commissioner 1812-1815, but had left

to settle in Tennessee by 1820. *Ibid*, p. 85.

**Madison R. Hughes** served in Patrick County, Virginia, court from 1822-1825. A son of Col. **Archelaus** and **Mary Dalton Hughes**, he moved in later life to Tennessee where he died. *Ibid*, p. 86.

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*The following abstracts were from folders, as located in 1961, of the Revolutionary Military Papers housed in the North Carolina Archives, Raleigh. (Files No. SS760 through SS804). More information is contained in the various files.*

Folder 4. 1808, Power of Attorney from **Thomas Ames** of Martin County, North Carolina, to **Daniel Cherry** of Tennessee, regarding 640 acres for services of brother **James Ames**, deceased, soldier who died in service.

Folder 13. 1817, Clarksville, Tennessee - Letter from **John Marr** to **William Hill** of Raleigh, North Carolina, recommending **Drew S. Whitmill's** claim to 1736 acres as only legal heir of **Thomas Blount Whitmill**.

Folder 13 also. 1817, Montgomery County, Tennessee - Power of Attorney, **Drew S. Whitmill** to **William Hill** of Raleigh, North Carolina, regarding military warrant of 1736 acres due heirs of **Thomas Blount Whitmill**. [Also in folder is deposition of **Thomas Hunter** who stated that **Drew S. Whitmill** is son of **Thomas Blount Whitmill**, who died testate.]

Folder 14. 1814. Nashville, Tennessee, Power of Attorney of **William G. Blount**, one of the heirs of **Caleb Grainger** of the North Carolina Continental Line, to **William Hill**, North Carolina Secretary of State.

Folder 14 also. 1813. Davidson County, Tennessee, deposition of **Willie Blount** that stated **William Grainger Blount** is son of **William Blount** and wife

**Mary Grainger**, she a sister to **Caleb Grainger**. Another deposition given by **Howel Tatum** of Davidson County, Tennessee, stated that Tatum served under **Caleb Grainger** and was well acquainted with the mother, brothers and sister of said **Caleb**, who is now dead, leaving no issue. That **William Grainger**, the youngest brother, is the only brother of said **Caleb** that

married, and if he has no issue, the next heirs are the children of **William Blount** and his wife **Mary**, the only sister of said **Caleb**.

Folder 16. 1813. Sumner County, Tennessee, deposition of Mr. **William Edwards** who stated that he was well acquainted with **Thomas Cooper**, oldest brother to **Josiah** and **Jeremiah Cooper**, soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line, and that he raised **John Cooper**, only son of said **Thomas**, from a child.

Folder 16 also. 1813. Power of Attorney from **John Cooper** of Maury County, Tennessee, only heir to **Jeremiah** and **Josiah Cooper**, given to **Daniel Cherry** of Wilson County, Tennessee, regarding Military Warrants to heirs of said **Jeremiah** and **Josiah Cooper**.

Folder 19. 1805, Clarke County, Georgia, Power of Attorney from **Joseph Davidson**, blacksmith, soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line, to **William Stephenson** regarding bounty land in Tennessee.

Folder 19 also. No date given. Assignment of Order. **William Stephenson** once of Clark County, Georgia, but now of Rutherford County, Tennessee, does empower & entrust the bearer hereof, **Mical Kincid**...warrant which **Joseph Davidson** sold to said **William Stephenson**.

Folder 45. 1809. Power of Attorney of **Asaw Dennes** (**Dennis**) of Warren County, Tennessee, heir to the late **William Dennes**, Revolutionary soldier, to **James Hearn** of Edgecombe County, North Carolina for 228 acres.

Folder 47. 1806. **Henry Skinner** of Stewart County, Tennessee, Power of Attorney to **Thomas Edwards** of Sumner County, Tennessee... said **Skinner** was heir to his deceased brothers **William** and **Thomas Skinner**, formerly of Bertie County, North Carolina, both Revolutionary War soldiers.

Folder 50. 1813. Martin County, North Carolina, Power of Attorney from **Esther Copeland** of Gates County, North Carolina, only heir to brother **Job Copeland**, deceased, Revolutionary War soldiers, to **Daniel Cherry** of Wilson County, Tennessee, regarding a Military Warrant. Mentions that **Daniel Cherry** was a brother of **Darling Cherry**.

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## GRAVES ESTATE?

From *The Monitor*, Washington, Georgia  
(Wilkes County)

Jan. 7, 1809

State of Tennessee. Winchester District. October Term 1808. **William T. Lewis**, complainant, vs. **William Graves**, petitioner, otherwise **Payton Graves**, **John Graves**, **Mary Swanson**, **William Swanson** and **Ann** his wife, **Joseph Terrel**, **William McQueston** and **Susannah** his wife, **Henry Terrel**, **Lydia Nail** and **Nancy Ferguson**, are not inhabitants of this state. It is therefore ordered that the said defendants appear at the next term of this court to be held at the Court House in Carthage ....

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### *Please Initial This...*

In Will Book 3 of Washington County, Virginia (1806-1812), is found a reference to:

**John S.M.W.C.B.P.D.S. Campbell**  
and his brother,  
**George Washington H.G.A. Campbell.**

# Middle Tennessee Supreme Court Records

*Second Series*

*Contributed by Gale Williams Bamman, CG  
and the late Betsy Ragsdale*



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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**Joab Scales**

vs

**John Scales et al**

Original Bill heard in Williamson  
County Chancery Court

Your orator, Joab Scales of County of Williamson, State of Tenn. sheweth that in 1835 he was married to his wife Mary G. Scales, the daughter of John Scales with whom your orator is connected by consanguinity in the third degree, and by which wife he has had the following children viz, Samuel, Mary Elizabeth and John, which John Scales being a citizen of Williamson Co., together with his said wife Mary G. and his children aforesaid he prays to be made defendants to this bill.

Your orator states that at the time of his marriage aforesaid he was young and possessed of a valuable estate of real and personal property which he inherited from his father; and received from the said John Scales as the patrimony of his wife, two Negroes Lisha or Melissa then about 18 years old and Jack aged about ten years. That for several years after said marriage your orator was temperate and industrious...that

about the year 1839 or 1840, from bad associations your orator became intemperate and some little involved in debt. That your orator was himself the legal and absolute owner of 200 acres of land in one tract, improved and well fenced worth from fifteen to twenty dollars per acre; one tract of fifty acres... and one tract of 17 acres all lying in the county of Williamson; and your Orator held and owned as his own property eleven Negroes with a large amount of stock...Your orator states that with the above property he was in debt about the sum of \$1300.00 to different persons ...

The defendant John Scales makes oath that complt. Joab Scales within a few days last past has against the wishes of himself and Ritchie Osborne taken possession of the slaves Henry Martha & Harriet and child conveyed by the deed of trust mentioned in this cause and holds the same ... Affiant and said Osborne have demanded possession of said slaves from said Joab who refused to deliver them. He further says that said Joab gives out in speeches that he intends to hold said slaves in spite of the trustee and that he will at the earliest opportunity take possession of the other slaves ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1846

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**Rainey vs**

**Street, Admr. of McKinney**

Original Bill heard in

Maury County Chancery Court

The bill of complaint of Winfield S. Rainey, Samuel McLean and his wife Sarah E. formerly Sarah E. Rainey all citizens of Marshall County, Tenn., shews that about the year 1821 or 1822 their maternal grandfather John McKinney of the State of Virginia gave to his daughter Sarah Rainey wife of Jesse G. Rainey and the mother of your Orator Winfield S. & your Oratrix Sarah E. a negro woman slave named Hagar thereupon to be hers during her life and at her death the property of your Orator Winfield S. and your Oratrix Sarah E. forever.

Your Orators shew that possession of said negro woman was delivered to their father Jesse G. Rainey and their mother Sarah Rainey. Your Orators shew that about the year 1825 the sd. Jesse G. procured himself to be appointed the Guardian of your Orator Wingfield S. & Sarah E. by the County Court of Bedford County, Tenn. and took upon himself the discharge of that duty

and has continued such guardian up to this time. About the year 1822 or 1823 the said Sarah Rainey died leaving your Orator Wingfield S. and your Oratrix Sarah E. her only children then infants of tender years and that your Oratrix Sarah E. was 21 years of age in 1841. Your Orator Wingfield S. was 23 years old in June 1841.

Your Orators shew that the issue of said negro woman now amounts to ten, to wit King aged 24, Maria 22, Patrick 21, Jane 19, Squire 18, Harriett 16, Peter 11, Emaline 11, Lucy 10, Martha 10 years old. That those now in sd. Jesse G.'s possession are worth about \$5500.00 and that from the death of their mother till this time sd. slaves have remained in the possession and use of sd. Jesse G. Rainey except two to wit Patrick and Jane which sd. Jesse G. has sold and which have been carried to parts unknown to your orators ...

Your orators have been informed that a deed of gift for said Negroes was made to them by their grandfather ....

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Middle Tennessee, 1846

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**J. Hart Marable**

vs

**John A. Jordon et al**

Original Bill heard in Montgomery  
County Chancery Court

J. Hart Marable a citizen of Montgomery Co., Tenn. brings this his Bill against John A. Jordon, Robert W. Jordon, Rosetta Lyons, Virginia Jones and Elizabeth Jones

citizens of the State of Arkansas ... that on 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1842 he intermarried with Mary W. Jordon who was then seized and possessed of a tract of land in Montgomery County on Cumberland River ... containing three hundred and twenty acres ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**Samuel Davis & others**  
**vs John Lee, Admr., & others**  
Original Bill heard in Williamson  
County Chancery Court

The Bill of Complaint of Samuel Davis and Sarah Foster of Williamson Co., Tenn., Complts. against John Lee & Frances Lee his wife of Marshall Co., Tenn., Henry Terry, Lucy Patton & Ann Terry of Williamson Co., Tenn., Defts. Oratrix Sarah Foster and orator Samuel Davis shew that in 1802 George Terry died in Charlotte Co., Virginia leaving a will in which he appointed Frances Terry his widow Executrix. Said will was proven and said Frances Terry qualified as executrix thereto in Charlotte Co., Va., shortly after the death of the testator \_\_\_\_\_[several words illegible; darkened area of page] until 1839 when she died intestate in Williamson County, Tenn. and letters of administration on her estate were granted to the Defdt. John Lee at the July Term 1842 of the County Court of Williamson who continues to act as such Admr.

That said testator was married three times, by the first wife he had nine children, by the second wife,

he had one child only, Thomas Terry now residing in Kentucky, who many years ago sold all his interest in his father's estate to the Deft. Lucy Patton.

That said will directs that each of the children of said testator should have a horse, saddle & bridle ... which were delivered to them by his executrix and moreover said will directed that said executrix should keep the balance of the property of the estate together fifteen years and that then she should sell it all \_\_\_\_\_[several undecipherable words] ....

... Respondents say ... Thomas Terry has sold and transferred all his interest under said will to respondent Lucy Patton and that said Thomas hath received nothing of the legacy given him in said will and that the whole of the same remains unpaid except what has been paid respondent Lucy Patton as hereinafter stated and except the said horse, saddle & bridle & bed and furniture.

These defendants further say that most of them were young at the death of said George Terry ... but the said Frances Terry who never married after the death of said George Terry left papers ... Respondents further say that by said will the testator ... gave to said Frances Terry, in case she should never marry, which she did not, a life estate in two thirds of the whole real & personal estate on hand after the expiration of fifteen years from the death of the testator, left after paying the debts of the testator ... and the legacies of a horse, saddle & bridle of the value of 20 pds. and a bed &

furniture to each of the testator's children, Thomas, Sally, Fanny, Lucy, Anna, William H. & Henry B ... Respondents are informed that shortly after the death of the testator, the said Dabney Terry, or the said Dabney Terry and Frances Terry sold the five slaves, Hector, Ben & Jim, Bel's [sic] child and Amy according to said will and they suppose the money was put at interest ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**Peyton Thomas & wife  
vs Nathan Skinner**  
Original Bill heard in Montgomery  
County Chancery Court

Your orator Sally Etheredge who sues by her guardian Joel B. Acre who was regularly chosen and duly appointed by the county court of Stewart ... represent that some fifteen years ago when your Oratrix was quite an infant one Nathan Skinner who is a citizen of Stewart County was appointed guardian of your oratrix and took upon himself the trust and management thereof ... until the \_\_\_[blank] term of the County Court of Stewart, when he voluntarily ... resigned his trust and your Oratrix then \_\_\_[was?] 17 years of age chose your orator Joel B. Acre her guardian and he ... took upon himself the trust. And the object of this bill now is to have a final settlement with her former guardian from the time he was first appointed up to the present time ....

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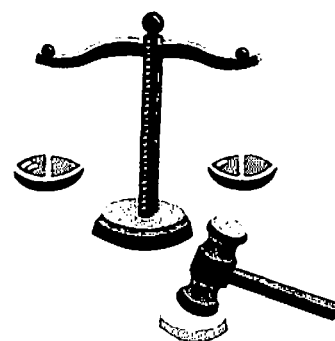
**Sarah Ray vs  
Lydia Ray, George Ray and  
Charles J. Coker**  
Original Bill heard in  
Sumner County Chancery Court

Your Oratrix Sarah Ray a citizen of the County of Macon, State of Tennessee would shew that her father Joseph Ray departed this life intestate in the State of North Carolina, Orange County, leaving a widow Lydia Ray and the following children, your Oratrix then two years of age, George Ray and Joseph Ray, who was born some two months after the death of their father, that the said Joseph Ray dec'd. died seized of two tracts of land in said County and state...containing about three hundred acres, and also the following slaves Tom, Sally, and Lettice ...

Your Oratrix would further show that her mother Lydia Ray ... never made any return or a settlement of said estate ...The said Administratrix sold the most valuable of said slaves to wit Tom, then about 22 years old without any legal authority whatever, and gave up to her said sons George and Joseph her right of dower in the said two tracts of land, and likewise to the said son George previous to the year 1800 ... and other property worth some \$250.00 which was more than his interest in the balance of said estate. To Joseph the said mother and administratrix gave and assigned over a girl Ellen, a child of Lettice, and to your Oratrix she gave over as her part of her interest in said

estate, Celia then an infant of about one year old, which was about the year 1804, in the State of North Carolina. The mother retained Sally in her possession til she died about seven years since, and likewise Lettice where she still remains.

Your oratrix would further shew that her brother Joseph who was never married, died near forty years ago on the way out from North Carolina to this state intestate and without issue ....



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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1843

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**Pope  
vs  
Green Benton**  
Original Bill heard in  
Robertson County Circuit Court

To the Coroner of Robertson County Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Green Benton to appear before the Judge of our next Circuit Court ... to answer Sabrina Pope, Mary Pope and Sally Pope, infants who sue by their next friend Wm. Pope in a plea of trover and conversion of a certain negro man named Ben to their damage one thousand dollars ...Witness Jesse Davis, Clerk ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1841

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**Ninian Edmondson & wife  
vs Holder's Heirs**

Original Bill heard in  
Franklin County Chancery Court

Complainant Ninian Edmonston & Polly his wife of the County of Haywood, State of North Carolina ... that John Strother departed this life in the year 181\_[blank] having first made his last will and testament, which was duly proven in the County Court of Davidson County in the year 181\_[blank] ... The said testator by his said will made the following disposition of real estate, to wit, "I also give and bequeath to my brother George Strother and my step-brother James Lockhart whatever real property I may be entitled to in the State of Tennessee, with a lien thereon of a legacy to my mother, except one thousand acres to be of the aggregate quality with the rest of my lands in said state, which one thousand acres I give and bequeath to two children which Flora Inman has laid to my charge (but whether proper or not she only knows) by name Polly & Caroline and if either of these children should die without issue, the surviving one is to inherit the one thousand acres given as aforesaid ... The testator at the time of his death was seized of several tracts of land in the counties of Franklin and Coffee ... He appointed Peter S. Decherd, his son-in-law sole executor of said will ...

The joint answer of Peter S. Decherd & Frances Henrietta his wife, formerly Francis H. Holder,

James A. Snowden and Sophia his wife formerly Sophia Holder, Hoalman A. Huddleston and Louisa his wife formerly Louisa Holder & Richard P. Holder, Elizabeth Holder and Virginia Holder by P S. Decherd her guardian, heirs at law of John W. Holder, dec'd. ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**Samuel Watson  
vs John H. Eaton & others**  
Original Bill heard in Williamson  
County Chancery Court

The Bill of Complaint of Samuel Watson a citizen of Robertson County, Tennessee against John H. Eaton a citizen of the District of Columbia, Allen A. Hall now resident in the Republic of Venezuela, and Mary P. Breathitt, administratrix with the will annexed on the estate of Edward Breathitt, dec'd., as a citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee.

... that in the year 1836 the said John H. Eaton & Allen A. Hall together with Edward Breathitt the testator [sic] of Mary P. Breathitt, entered into a copartnership for the purpose of carrying on a distillery of spirits in the vicinity of Nashville which partnership continued in existence until about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1837, when upon the death of the said Edward Breathitt the same was dissolved so far as his estate was concerned ... your orator further states that after the death of the said Breathitt the said Eaton being then and for some considerable time afterwards a resident of the City of Madrid in

the Kingdom of Spain, the said firm became much embarrassed in its pecuniary affairs and the said Allen A. Hall upon whom the whole difficulties of its management devolved was compelled in order to meet the debts of the concern to avail himself of his own credit and that of his friends ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 75,  
Middle Tennessee, 1841

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**John Roleman vs  
Beaker & West & others**  
Original Bill heard in Franklin  
County Circuit Court

Your petitioner, John Roleman, represents to your honor that Henry Roleman of Franklin County, Tennessee died on the \_\_\_[blank] day of August 1838 having first made ... his last will ... by which he devised to his wife Elizabeth all his real, personal and mixed estate. He appointed the said Elizabeth sole executrix ...

That at the September Sessions 1838 of the County Court of Franklin County, Tenn. the said Elizabeth proved the said will and took upon herself the execution thereof. That the said Elizabeth departed this life, about the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1838 intestate. That at the October Sessions 1838 ... your petitioner was appointed administrator, *de bonis non cum testamento annexo* of Henry Roleman, dec'd. and administrator of Elizabeth Roleman, dec'd. ....

Said Elizabeth, the widow has the following heirs and representatives, viz John B. West,



Sarah Madearis and Margaret Madearis, all of Roane County, Tennessee, Francis West and the children of Polly and William Dennis, all of Nelson County, Virginia, Nicholas West of Monroe County, Tenn., Jesse West, Sarah West, widow of James West, and Francis, James, Jane, John, Catharine Clementine,

Caroline, Eliza, and Jefferson, their children, all of whom are citizens of Saline County, Missouri, Daniel Dougan and Fanny his wife, both of whom are citizens of Barry County, Missouri, all of which heirs and representatives are made defendants to this petition ...

Said Henry at his death was seized and possessed of a tract of land in Franklin County, Tenn. on Coffee's Creek containing about one hundred and fifteen or sixteen acres, bounded North by lands of John Baker, East by John J. Travis, South by Benjamin Johnson's heirs, and West by William Frame ....

## *In Memoriam*

### *Thomas Kelly Potter, Jr.*

We mourn the loss of Tom Potter, an active member of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society and frequent contributor of articles to the Journal, who died on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Readers will remember Tom for his fascinating accounts of research into the German background of his wife, Anna Lass Potter, whose father disappeared during World War II. Tom had contributed greatly to the activities of MTGS during his service as Vice President, organizing the fall conference and arranging for popular and interesting speakers at all of the Society's meetings.

The following obituary appeared in the *Tennessean*:

Thomas Kelly Potter, Jr. Age 74 of Nashville. A former United Methodist Publishing Executive and avid amateur historian. Died April 14, 2005 at his home. The cause was complications from leukemia, his family said. Mr. Potter was an avid historian, whose lifelong interest in genealogy and Civil War history led to membership in, and several articles published by, the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society and the Middle Tennessee Historical Quarterly. Recently, he was active on the curriculum committee of the Vanderbilt University Retirement Learning program and found special meaning working as a volunteer reading tutor for Friends Learning in Paris at Charlotte Park Elementary School. Before his retirement in 1995, Mr. Potter served for 33 years on the Executive Staff of the United Methodist Publishing House. He continued to serve as a Lay Leader in the United Methodist Church. Mr. Potter was born May 16, 1930 in Sparta, TN to Thomas Kelly Potter and Bonnie Passons Potter. He earned a Bachelors Degree from George Washington University in 1954 and served to LTJG in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Potter is survived by his wife of 23 years, Anna Lass-Potter and his first wife, Barbara W. Potter of Nashville; his three sons, Thomas Kelly Potter III of New Orleans, Lee Carson Potter of Columbus, Ohio and Joseph Worley Potter of Winston-Salem; sister, Joan Guthrie of Chattanooga; seven grandchildren.

During Tom's last illness, he worked diligently to ensure that MTGS programs were scheduled through 2006 and that speakers and topics were lined up for this fall's annual conference. His legacy will live on as we continue to benefit from the fruits of these labors, as well as in the pages of the Journal. Our sympathy goes out to Anna and the other members of Tom's family. We will miss him greatly.



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