

## A detailed woodcut illustration of a classical architectural capital. The capital is composed of several acanthus leaves, some of which are curled upwards. A central stem rises from the capital, topped with a small, five-petaled flower. The entire design is rendered in a simple, line-art style typical of 19th-century book illustrations.

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## Middle Tennessee Counties

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Cannon  
Cheatham  
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Davidson  
DeKalb  
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Fentress  
Franklin  
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Houston  
Humphreys  
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Lewis  
Lincoln  
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Montgomery  
Moore  
Overton  
Perry  
Pickett  
Putnam  
Robertson  
Rutherford  
Smith  
Stewart  
Sumner  
Trousdale  
VanBuren  
Warren  
Wayne  
White  
Williamson  
Wilson

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*All meetings*  
(unless otherwise noted)

1:00 P.M. at the  
**Edmondson Pike Branch Library**  
5501 Edmondson Pike  
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January 21, 2006  
**Show and Tell**  
at the Edmondson Pike Library

One of our most popular meetings, this provides an open forum for any one to bring in a favorite project, artifact, heirloom or photo and make a brief presentation. Presentation order based on first-come-first-served basis; time apportioned according to number of speakers and available time.

Feb. 11, 2006  
**Genealogy Basics**  
**Sharpening Your Research Skills**  
Chuck Sherrill

Join us at the State Library & Archives for a workshop focusing on basic genealogical research skills. A combination of lecture, discussion and hands-on searching in the Archives will make the day educational and enjoyable.

18 March 2006  
**'A Historian Becomes A Genealogist:  
Putting a Face and Feelings on Facts' -  
Dr. Carole Bucy**

**Dr. Carole Bucy** discusses her experiences exploring her own family history locating these families in the broader story of history, including the Coal Miners Wars in East Tennessee and the Panic of 1893. She will also discuss how a historian and a genealogist approach research from different perspectives.

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

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

As another new year rolls in those of us who love history continue looking to documents and records of the past to shed light on the stories of those who have gone before us.

In this issue we cast our eyes back more than 200 years to the time before Tennessee was a state, when the Federal Government controlled the area and called it the "Territory South of the River Ohio." MTGS Past-President and attorney Pat Gilliam Hastings provides a very helpful look at the origins of the laws and court system in Tennessee.

Gale Williams Bamman's series on the 1880 census of the Defective, Delinquent and Dependent continues, finishing up Cannon County. More installments of this sometimes disturbing data are ready for publication in future journals, beginning with Cheatham County in the next issue.

Two contributions by former Tenn. State Library & Archives staff member Kitty Durham Mayo appear, the first is a continuation of her catalog of church records; the second is a helpful listing of Civil War sources available at TSLA.

Don't miss Sarah Armistead's continuing series of early Nashville obituaries. My college-age son happened to read this installment and was fascinated by both the stories and the way they were worded. You will be, too!

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

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

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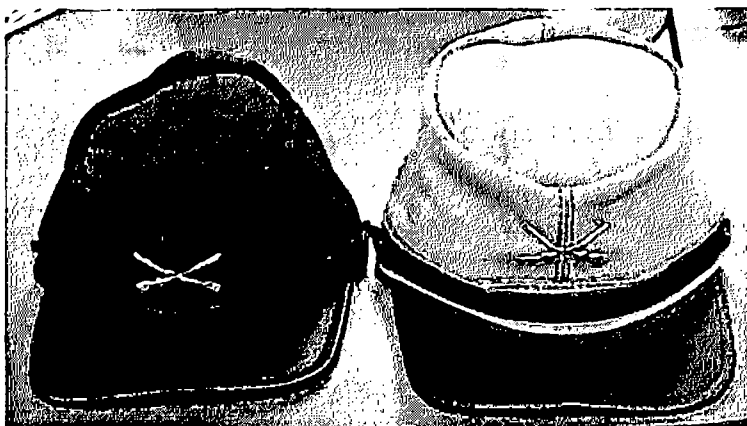
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# Tennessee Civil War Resources

At the Tennessee State Library & Archives

*Compiled by Kitty Durham Mayo*



This list of resources is designed to help you cover all the bases in your search for information about your Civil War ancestor. Many researchers find a service record or pension and stop there. But there are often other records and documents to help flesh out the story of your ancestor's service. Work your way through this list, and see if there are more rocks you need to look under!

## **Tennesseans In The Civil War (Book-2 volumes)**

### **Vol.1 – History of Tennessee units in the Civil War**

Focuses on what counties were involved with each unit. Includes a list of units from each county, and can be used to distinguish records of soldiers with the same name.

### **Vol.2 – Index to Confederate and Union soldiers from Tennessee.**

Names of soldiers are arranged alphabetically. Compiled from service records, muster rolls, and other sources. Identifies unit soldier served with.

## **Consolidated Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers-All States**

(Microfilm 535 reels) N.A. M253

Index is arranged alphabetically by surname of soldier. Also includes unit, company, and rank. Covers all states in which Confederate troops were organized.

## **Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served In Organizations From**

**The State of Tennessee** (Microfilm 359 reels) N.A. M268

Service records generally cover date and place mustered in and enrolled, muster roll details, and the muster out date. Arranged alphabetically by soldier's surname and organized by unit.

## **Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served In Organizations**

**From the State of Tennessee** (Microfilm 220 reels) N.A. M395

Service records generally cover date and place mustered in and enrolled, muster roll details, and the muster out date. Arranged alphabetically by soldier's surname and organized by unit.

## **Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With**

**U.S. Colored Troops** Mf. 1454 98 reels, N.A. M589

Index is arranged alphabetically by soldier's surname. Also includes unit, company, and rank.

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**Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Colored Troops-Artillery**

**Organizations** Mf. 1659 296 reels N.A.

The first reel contains a brief description of each unit which includes where the regiment was organized, dates, place of service, and muster out date if known. There is an alphabetical listing of soldiers for each unit. Compiled service records consist of a jacket-envelope of each soldier, with his name, rank, unit, and card numbers. Unique to these records are deeds of manumission, oaths of allegiance, proofs of ownership, certificates of monetary awards, and bills of sale.

**Caption Cards – U.S. Colored Troops From Tennessee (Regimental Histories) N.A.**

Mf 873 1 reel 35mm

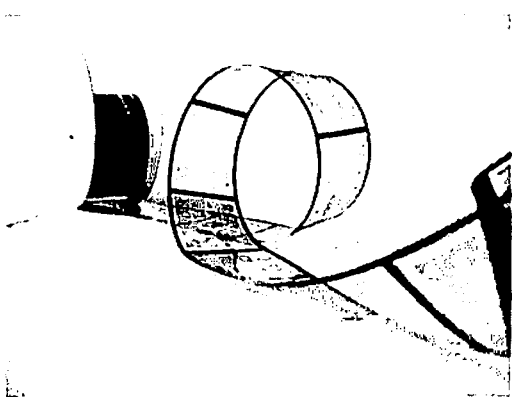
Gives company by company records of events submitted by reporting officers.

***Roster of Confederate Soldiers – 1861-1865* (Book) Broadfoot Pub. Co. 16 vols. E548.H4 1995**

Soldiers are arranged alphabetically by surname, then state, and includes unit.

***Roster of Union Soldiers - 1861-1865* (Book) Broadfoot Pub. Co. 33 vols. E494.H4 1998**

This index is organized by state, then alphabetized by name of soldier, then unit and rank.



**Tennessee Confederate Muster Rolls – Mf 872 N.A. 13 reels**

First three reels are Tennessee Confederate muster rolls.

Second ten reels are Confederate staff records.

**Muster Rolls**

RG 160 – Tennessee Confederate infantry, cavalry, and reserves.

RG 161 – Tennessee Federal muster rolls; also Colored Troops.

**Confederate General & Staff Officers & Non-Regimental Enlisted Men – Mf 1554 N.A. 26 reels**

Index to Civil War service records of Confederate soldiers who (1) served in military organizations raised directly or otherwise formed by the Confederate government or (2) served in some capacity that did not involve belonging to a unit at or below the regimental level, including general officers, officers and men of the staff departments (such as the Adjutant and Inspector General and the Quartermaster General), and various appointees with special status such as aides-de-camp, military judges, chaplains, agents and drillmasters. Each index card gives the name, rank, and unit in which he served. Register-spinner.

**Union Army Officers From Tennessee – Register-spinner**

Arranged alphabetically by county, then alphabetically by surname.

**Army of Tennessee Records – RG 4 2 reels**

Contains primarily correspondence and medical records.

**List of Military Organizations Carded By The Record and Pension Office, Confederate Records, Tennessee – Mf 1475 1 reel**

War Department, Office of the Adjutant General

**Confederate Army Casualties: Lists & Narrative Reports, 1861-1865 – Mf 1045**

N.A. 7 reels 35mm

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Records are arranged alphabetically by state where engagement took place, then engagement, then type of unit (artillery, cavalry, infantry). Reel 4 contains the Tennessee engagements. Register available. N.A. M836 Mf 1419 is a duplicate.

**Selected Records. . . Relating to Confederate Prisoners of War 1861-1865.**

Mf 1044 145 reels, Register

The first few volumes record all Confederate prisoners of war and political prisoners giving name, rank, regiment or resident of each prisoner showing date and place of capture or arrest, and often subsequent disposition of the prisoner. The series "Records Relating to all Prisoners" also contains compiled registers of deaths (arranged by state), applications for release, and names of prisoners released.

Other records are arranged by prison which consist of entries copied from rolls, reports, and returns submitted by individual prison authorities. The principal records are the basic prison registers showing arrivals, confinements, and disposition of prisoners. Ledgers typically show rank, regiment and company, date and place of capture, and cause and date of death if prisoner died during confinement. Register-spinner.

**Union Provost Marshal's files of Papers Relating To Individual Civilians, 1861-1866 –**

Mf 1047 N.A. 300 reels 16mm

The provost marshals were military police, and provost courts were established to try cases involving civilian violators of military orders and wartime measures. These documents are arranged alphabetically by name of individual involved.

**Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating To Two Or More Civilians, 1861-1867 –**

Mf 1607 N.A. 94 reels 35mm

Most of the documents are numbered in sequential order and are arranged chronologically by year and month. There is also an incomplete place and subject index. Register-spinner

**Provost Marshal's Records. Montgomery County, 1862-1864. Mf 822 1 vol. CMCHM.**

1 reel 35mm RESTRICTED

Records consisting of lists of Confederate prisoners held at Clarksville 1862-64. Information listed includes name of prisoner, residence, charges, date and place of arrest, arresting official, and remarks. (Reproduction prohibited without written permission from Museum)

**Civil War Collection, 1861-1865. 150 vols. 4500 items. Mf 824 TSLA 20 reels 35 mm**

Collection obtained from various sources. The materials are divided into two groups: the Confederate Collection, about 80% of the material, and the Federal Collection, about 20%. The name and subject index includes both parts.

Included are autograph albums; casualty lists and cemetery records; clippings, diaries, and letters; maps; memoirs; photographs, scrapbooks, and sketches; and material relating to military personnel and units, monuments, prisons, and veterans' organizations. There are fifty-one volumes of materials concerning the Civil War Centennial. Register available.

**Compiled Records of Military Units in Confederate Organizations (all states) Mf 1435**

N.A. M861 74 reels 16mm

Regimental histories of Confederate military units. Arranged by state, then unit. The information is incomplete as many records were lost or destroyed. The compiled records consist of jacket-envelopes bearing the names of the units and titled "Captions and Records of Events." The amount of information on a card varies.

## Case Files of Applications From Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons

("Amnesty Papers"), 1865-1867. N.A. 5 reels 35 mm

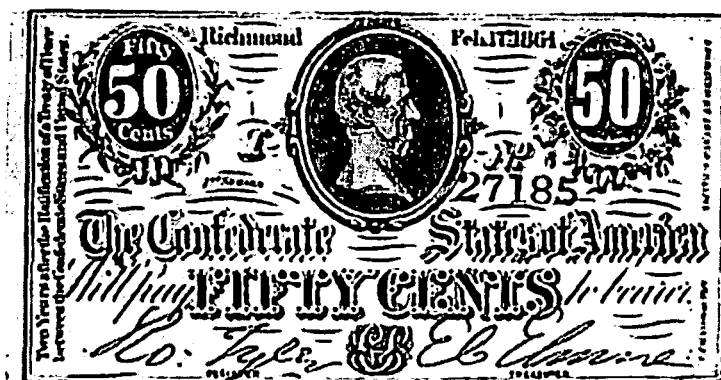
These are Tennessee applications for pardon, 1865-1867, submitted to President Andrew Johnson by former Confederates excluded from the provisions of his amnesty proclamation of May 19, 1865, together with affidavits, oaths of allegiance, recommendations for executive clemency, and other accompanying papers. The records are arranged alphabetically, and a name index to the Pardon Application Files appears on Reel 1. Tennessee's applicants can be found in that portion of the index titled "Group One: Pardon Applications Submitted by Persons from the South."

## *Index To Individual Pardon Applications From The South, 1865-1898.* Rowe, 1996

(Book) E668.R69.

A published index to the above pardon applications.

## Tennessee Civil and Military Commissions, 1796-1976. RG 195 12 reels



Civil War-Tennessee-Tax Assessment Records.  
Mf 82

Arranged by county.

Confederate Military & Financial Board-  
Addition (Nashville Records) Mf 623

These 1861 records consist entirely of telegrams of  
the Military and Financial Board.

## Muster Rolls and Lists of Confederate Troops Paroled in North Carolina (Tennessee only), 1862-1865. N.A. 4 reels 35 mm

Muster rolls and other lists of Tennessee Confederates paroled in NC 1862-65, most of them following the surrender of the remnants of the Army of Tennessee near Greensboro in the spring of 1865. The rolls and lists are arranged by place, and sometimes give such information as the soldier's physical description and his occupation before the war.

## *Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications* – (Book) Sistler, 1994. E548.S57

Entries are arranged alphabetically by surname with the designation (S) for soldiers, (W) for widows, and (C) for colored men.

## *Tennessee's Confederate Widows and Their Families* – (Book) Sherrill & Wiefering, 1992 F435.W53

Abstracts of 11,190 Confederate Widows' Pension Applications. Arranged by number of pension of file. Information included is name of soldier, year and place of birth, year and place of marriage, year and place of soldier's death. This is the only index to the maiden names of Tennessee's Confederate widows.

## *Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications* – (Book) Sistler, 1997 E548.S57

Index is arranged (alphabetically) by county of residence, and then by military unit.

## Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications (Soldiers and Widows) – Microfilm 174 reels

These applications are separated according to soldier or widow, then arranged by application number.



**Index to Tennessee Confederate Soldiers' Home Applications – Microfilm 5 reels.**

The Tennessee Confederate Soldiers' Home was built on state owned property that once was part of the Hermitage. For a veteran to gain admission he had to qualify for a Confederate pension. His pension was then awarded to the home. Arranged alphabetically by surname. Applications include personal and military information.

***Marching Out of the Mist and Into the Light – The Tennessee Confederate Soldiers' Home***

(Book) Strange, 1996 E548.S77

Rosters of inmates (beginning in 1890 and ending in 1918) include inmate number, name, admission date, date and place of birth, enlistment date, unit, rank, and other information. There is an alphabetical listing of the men who applied for admission to the soldiers' home. Also provided is an alphabetical Master List for the 485 gravestones located in the Tennessee Confederate Soldiers' Home Cemetery.



**Civil War Questionnaires. 1700 items. Mf 484 TSLA 9 reels 35mm**

This collection consists of questionnaires which were sent to all known living Civil War veterans in Tennessee in 1914-15 and 1920, and returned by 1922. There were 1650 respondents-Union and Confederate-and the questionnaires they returned contain information regarding date and place of birth; date and place of enlistment; company and regiment; war service; including descriptions of battles and prison life; economic and social status of the soldier and his family; genealogical, educational and religious data; and occupation before and after the war. Index and register available.

***Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires* –(Book) 5 vols. E494.T46**

This is an abstract of the original Union and Confederate questionnaires (above) on microfilm.

**Organization Index to Pension Files of (Union) Veterans Who Served Between**

1861 and 1900. N.A. Mf 1536 10 reels 16mm

The index card file is organized by state (Tennessee) by regimental organization, then by company and individual's name. The number of the veteran or widow's pension application is given, which then can be obtained from the National Archives.

***List of Pensioners on the Roll Jan. 1, 1883*-(Book) Volume 5. Union Only. E494.U55**

***1890 Tennessee Civil War Veterans Census* – (Book) Sistler, 1978 E494.S5**

This is a census of primarily Union veterans, but some Confederates are also included. Also available on microfilm – 5 reels.

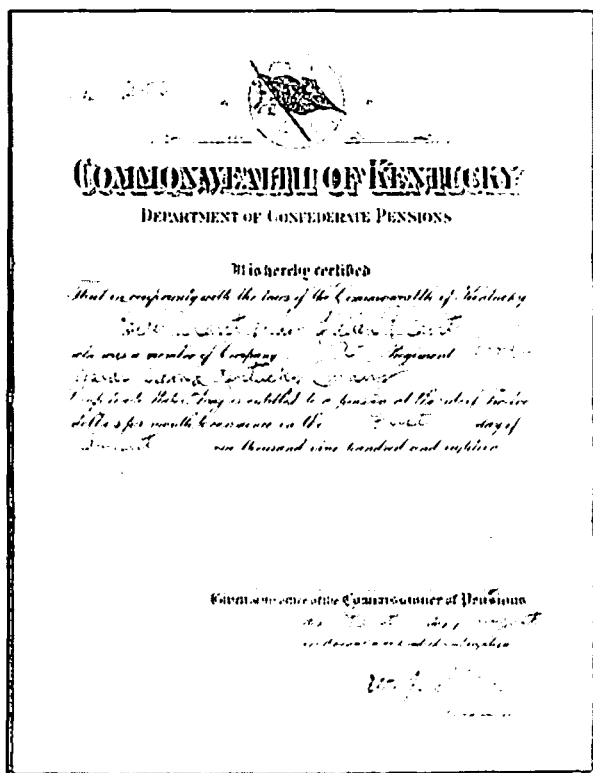
**1910 Tennessee Census – microfilm**

This census has a column for Union and Confederate veterans.

**Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers from Kentucky – Mf 925 N.A. 515 reels 16mm**

This index is organized by unit and is arranged alphabetically by soldier's name. There is a one-reel alphabetical index which gives the regiment of each soldier. Information covers date and place mustered in and enrolled, muster roll details, and muster out date. Reels 498-515 are personal papers which may include enlistment records and casualty sheets.

### Confederate Pensions from Other States



*Confederate Pensioners of Kentucky* - (Book) Lynn, 2000. E548.L96

Arranged alphabetically by soldier or widow. Information can include date and place of birth and death; date and place of marriage; unit, and pension number.

*Index of Confederate Pension Applications, Commonwealth of Kentucky* - (Book) Simpson. E564.3.K38

Information includes name of soldier, county of residence, date received, and pension number.

*Arkansas Confederate Veterans & Widow's Pension Applications.* E548.I53 SRR

*Arkansas Confederate Pension Applications By Veterans of Tennessee Units* E579.3W452

*Register of Florida CSA Applications* E548.W47

*Index to Georgia's Confederate Pension Supplements* E548.B76

*Mississippi Confederate Pension Applications A thru G* E548.W56

*1890 Mississippi Index of Civil War Veterans & Their Widows* E494.D5826

Although generally a Union census, Confederate names and crossed out names that could be read were treated as if they were Union names.

*Missouri Confederate Pensions* E548.F68

*North Carolina 1890 Civil War Veterans Census* F253.A44, microfilm

*Confederate Pension Applications From the State of Oklahoma* E548.06

*Index to Texas CSA Pension Files* E548.W48

*Index to South Carolina Pension Applications 1919-1925* Mf1506



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

## Part II

*Contributed by Sarah Armistead*

The Editor of the Nashville *Clarion* was Thomas G. Bradford, whose office 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.



May 12, 1809

DIED - On Tuesday last, MRS. NANCY BASS, relict of MR. PETER BASS of this vicinity. It rarely falls to one lot to record the death of a lady whose loss will be more fervently felt by her acquaintances. She was an affectionate wife, tender mother, friendly neighbor and indulgent mistress. It is impossible to do justice in a newspaper paragraph to the domestic virtues of the deceased. She has left a husband and three small children and an infant to mourn their loss.

June 16, 1809

DIED - COL. HARDY MURFREE, deceased. Buried Murfrees Fork of West Harpeth.

July 7, 1809



Nashville, July 7. The funeral of COL. HARDY MURFREE which takes place in Franklin on Sunday next will we presume be very generally attended. All ranks in society should be anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to the

memory of a faithful and valiant soldier of the revolution whose life and fortune were devoted to the service of his country, "in the times that tried men's souls," and whose mortal character and domestic virtues illustrated every precept of Christianity. We feel much pleasure in adding that his funeral oration

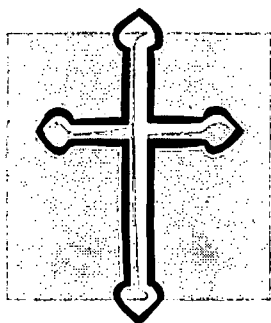
will be delivered by FELIX GRUNDY, Esq. and that from his talents and eloquence we may expect not a cold display of general panegyric but such a specific description of the conduct, actions and views of the deceased as may mark his true character in the various and respectable situations he filled in society. In a word we may confidently hope, that the oration will be worthy [of] the patriot whose virtues are to be portrayed, and the man, whose talents are to be employed in delivering it.

July 7, 1809

DIED - Departed this life on Tuesday night last, MRS. FOSTER, consort of ANTHONY FOSTER, ESQ. - a lady whose long and tedious sufferings under a lingering consumption had reconciled to death, and left hanged from the pleasures of this world, is nevertheless universally lamented. In her were blended the Christian and domestic virtues which rendered her an ornament to her sex and a blessing to her family.

July 7, 1809

DIED - To the above, the editor is sorry to add another death which will long be regretted. On Friday night last, MR. WILLIAM T. McNUTT of Gallatin, one of the firm of McNutt, Findlay & Co. of that place was the martyr, in the prime of life, of a painful and lingering illness of some months which he had borne with the most Christian resignation. Great goodness of heart universal benevolence,



hospitality and a strict adherence to the most rigid rules of morality characterized this gentleman and endeared him to his acquaintance.

July 7, 1809

DIED - On Saturday, the 24, ult., MISS ELLA CAMP, daughter of CAPTAIN JOHN CAMP of this county. In the sudden death of this amiable young lady her friends will experience the deprivation of a agreeable companion and her parents the loss of a dutiful child.

July 7, 1809

DIED - On Saturday last, at the upper ferry, MR. FRANCIS PRINCE, for many years a worthy citizen in this town.

July 7, 1809

DIED - On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. the REVEREND MR. MOORE will preach the late Mrs. Bass funeral sermon at the house of MR. PETER BASS in the vicinity of this town, where the public are invited to attend.

July 14, 1809

DIED - On Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., MR. JAMES CAMPBELL of Williamson County, the circumstances attending this death are peculiarly distressing to a wife and twelve children. He was to all appearance as well and dined as hearty as he ever did, went out to his work, which was very light, and suddenly fell dead to the ground, without the least appearance of a single struggle.

July 14, 1809

DIED - On Thursday last MRS. HANNAH DRAKE in the bloom of life. A friendly hand draws a veil over the last moments of her existence, while justice declares she was an affectionate wife, tender mother and kind mistress. Let her errors be forgotten and her virtues remembered with a kind remembrance.

September 8, 1809

An unusual neglect has prevented our noticing the death (a few weeks since) of a much esteemed friend, MR. JOHN WRIGHT, of Franklin. He was a man of

the warmest affection, and therefore loved his family and friends - he was an industrious man and therefore was rich - he was a patriot and therefore was a friend to his country - he was a Mason and therefore a philanthropist. He has left a young wife whose irreparable loss we sincerely commiserate - may the sweet consolation that her departed companion lived esteemed and died regretted by all his extensive acquaintance soothe her troubled feelings and teach her to bear the dispensations of divine providence with all her fortitude.

October 6, 1809



An event much to be deplored, we have to record in the death of MR. JESSE TERRY, on the Wilderness Road to Knoxville. On Wednesday was a week, he was killed by a MR. JOHN RUCKER with a knife. The day before TERRY saw RUCKER driving off a wagon loaded with flax wheels and inquired of a little boy who attended on RUCKER, the price of the wheels. RUCKER told him that he was the proper person for to chaser[?] as to the price of the wheels and not the child. TERRY made use of a contemptuous expression which produced an altercation of words, in which TERRY threatened to have satisfaction for the insolence of RUCKER, and proceeded on home. Next morning RUCKER arrived at the dwelling of TERRY at the forks of the road, inquired which road he was to take. TERRY then appeared with his sleeves rolled up and a handkerchief tied about his head, and said he would soon shew him the way and pushed at RUCKER. RUCKER gave way. TERRY pursued and RUCKER picked up a rock and knocked him down and jumped upon him. TERRY turned him and called for a knife to kill RUCKER. Two knives were brought but before he could use them RUCKER gave him the fatal stab with a knife from his own belt. TERRY'S character was bad and his death was not much deplored by those who were his neighbors, although his wife and child will no doubt sensibly feel their loss.

October 6, 1809

We have understood that information is brought by a gentleman from Orleans, that MR. THOMAS



NAPIER of this town, has fell victim there to the diseases of the place. We hope the information is not true, altho' we have reason to suppose it is.

October 6, 1809

Died – In the town of Franklin, on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. after a short illness which he sustained with much firmness, Mr. DILLEN BLEVINS, aged 21 years. Seldom has the visiting of death been more sorely felt than when it consigned this young man to the tomb.

Never was any one more sincerely beloved by those who had the happiness to know him, and in truth, no one ever possessed in a more eminent degree those qualities which are calculated to attract affection. His heart was the warmest and most sincere. All his ideas were elevated and noble. Perhaps there lived not upon the face of earth a man who entertained a deeper abhorrence for every thing that deserves the name of baseness. In his very soul, he abominated it, in whatever shape it presented itself, or in whatever decoration it was glided. Open and unsuspecting in his nature, his whole conduct seemed to be regulated by the belief that the world was composed of beings equally honest with himself; and with this disposition, it is not to be wondered that he should sometimes have become the victim of the artful and designing. No man ever loved his friends with more enthusiasm, or treated his enemies with generosity. I speak of his enemies. Who has them not? But perhaps no person had fewer. Modest and unassuming in his manner, not a word, not a look ever escaped him to wound the feelings or beget hatred, unless he was previously assured that an insult was intended him. So then no man ever resented with more warmth or met danger with greater intrepidity.

But why do I attempt to eulogize this young man? His memory and his virtues are embalmed in the heart of his acquaintances and requires no panegyric. Almighty creator of the universe – how impenetrable are oftimes thy dispensations!! In the bloom of youth thou hast fauted from the earth, one who promised fair to remain long the consolation of his friends, and the blessings of his aged and beloved parents. But thou hast no doubt, taken him from a world of wretchedness to those realms of bliss where

misery is no longer felt, and where parting shall be no more.

October 20, 1809

The surgical operation of tracheotomy was performed in Nashville on Monday evening last by DR. NEWNON of this town, on the daughter of MR. HENRY SWISHER of Williamson County. And we

are pleased to announce with the prospect of restoring to its parents an unfortunate child. The following are the circumstances which gave occasion to this uncommon and so terrifying an operation.



The daughter of MR. SWISHER of 3 years and a few months old, while eating and playing with a water melon, received into its wind pipe one of the seeds thereof of the largest size; after being frequently almost strangled with this substance and the continuous accumulation of mucous in the wind pipe, was brought to Nashville almost in the act of suffocation. An incision was soon after made into the wind pipe near the breast bone, and the seed happily extracted with a crooked probe. After respiration was immediately restored and great relief afforded a much distressed and anxious mother, and several sympathizing spectators. The child is now in perfect health, except a small wound which is rapidly healing.

November 17, 1809

The report heretofore published of the death of MR. THOMAS NAPIER is denied being correct, as he contradicts it.

November 17, 1809

Died on Wednesday was a week, Mrs. Nancy Anderson, the amiable consort of MAJOR WILLIAM P. ANDERSON, near Jefferson, in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of her life, leaving a husband and young family consisting of four small infants to experience their premature loss.

November 17, 1809

JAMES KING, formerly a merchant at this place, died at Abingdon on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

March 9, 1810

Died in Springfield, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, THOMAS DIXON. He died it is believed professing and possessing the Christian faith. He had a leg amputated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1808. Immediately after it was healed, he was attacked with a violent consumption which continued until his death. He has left a disconsolate widow and a large family of children to bemoan the loss, who on the same night had their kitchen and a quantity of valuable furniture consumed by fire.

June 1, 1810

Died, on Friday last at MAJOR BUCHANAN'S after a short illness, the amiable MISS ELIZA RIDLEY, aged about fifteen. She had just completed her education at MRS. CLOPTON'S school and began to enjoy the society of the friends whom the cruel despoiler, death, had left, when was summoned to attend her parents, who had gone before her.

June 15, 1810

Died on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. after a severe illness, MARY JANE CONDON, infant daughter of JAMES CONDON. Not all the skill of an able and attentive physician nor the unwearied attention of a fond affectionate mother, could prevent her from becoming the victim of the tyrant death, the destroyer of human hopes and human greatness.

June 29, 1810

Died in this town on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> inst., CAPTAIN GEORGE WEST, late of the county of Montgomery, in the fifty second year of age.

This gentleman was a native of North Carolina – an active and enterprising officer in the Navy of the United States during a great part of the war which terminated in American Independence. At the close of the war, he took the command of a Merchant ship and performed many voyages to different parts of Europe. At length being fatigued with the wandering and precarious life of a Mariner; he settled himself on a

farm in his native state, where he lived in practice of virtue, and for the last seven years of his life, has been a citizen of Tennessee, as conspicuous for his zeal in the service of his God, as he was during the ardor of youth, in the service of his country. No man had fewer enemies – none more sincere friends – none has died more lamented by an affectionate family, than Captain West. May his shade rest in peace.

July 27, 1810

Died at CAPTAIN PRYER'S on Monday last, after a few days illness, MR. GARRETT VOORHIES, in the 53<sup>rd</sup> of his age. MR. VOORHIES was on a visit to this country to see his children, when the grim harbinger "death" summoned him to that "bourne from whence no traveler returns." He has left a disconsolate wife and a numerous offspring to mourn their unexpected and premature loss.

August 10, 1810

Died on Saturday last MR. JAMES McCUTCHEN of Williamson County. It appears that in a fit of insanity, he hung himself with some popple oar to a sapling. It is difficult to account for this rash act, as he has generally sustained a fair character, unless we suppose he perpetrated the foul deed when in a fit of intoxication from drinking ardent spirits. He had for several years acted as constable in the county to the satisfaction of the public and was still in commission. He has left a wife and family to deplore their loss.

December 28, 1810

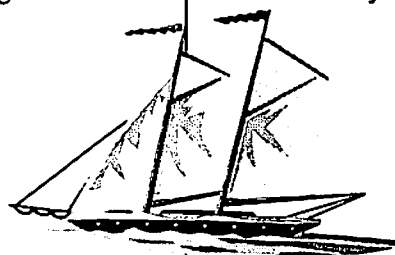
Died on Sunday last, MR. JOHN CHILDRESS, and old and very respectable citizen of this county.

January 4, 1811

Died Friday 28, after a short but painful illness of three days, WILLIAM THOMAS FUNSTAL of Robertson Co., aged about six years.

May 7, 1811

Died on Saturday night, the 28<sup>th</sup>, MR. PETER JONES, for many years a respectable inhabitant of this county. He lived respected and esteemed by an extensive acquaintance and died universally lamented by all who knew him.



June 18, 1811

Died on Friday morning last MRS. CONDEN, the consort of MR. JAMES CONDEN. She was a lady of the most amiable manners, sweet temper, and obliging demeanor. Her death bereaves an affectionate husband of a tender companion – and several small children, a kind parent – and her friends an intelligent acquaintance.

June 18, 1811

On Tuesday last, MRS. PLUMMER an aged and much esteemed lady. Her family and friends have a consolation to support the loss of Mrs. P., that she raised a numerous family whose merit ensures the esteem of the 'good is wise.'

June 18, 1811

#### A PUBLIC GRAVE YARD



In all civilized and even most of the barbarous nations, a decent respect is shewn to the remains of departed mortals, by interment in proper sanctuaries provided for the dead; and shall the town of

Nashville be alone without a resting place for the last remains of its departed citizens? We hope not. We call for the public munificence to remove the stigma. We invite subscribers to a paper in the Clarion office for that purpose.

August 13, 1811

Murdered in his house when asleep on Saturday night last, MR. JESSE JACKSON, a reputable citizen of this county, about thirty years old. Circumstances render it probable this foul deed was perpetrated by his wife. A judicial investigation is about to be made, and we forbear going into the details at present. Yesterday she was committed to jail.

August 13, 1811

Died on Sunday last, MR. JAMES ROBERTSON, a young gentleman of considerable promise.

August 20, 1811

Died very suddenly on Saturday morning last at his

seat on Hayesborough Road, MR. ELISHA WILLIAMS, an old and respectable inhabitant of this county.

September 24, 1811

SYMPATHY – Died of a fever on Friday 18 inst. about 10 o'clock at night, MRS. JANE FORTE and MISS POLLY HAMPTON, sisters and nieces of GEN. W. HAMPTON. These amiable young women were both taken sick at the same time, and of the same disorder, a day or two before their melancholy exit, living about five miles apart. There was about a year's difference in their ages, and the elder was about 18. Their afflicted mother was informed of the sickness and death of MRS. FORTE at the time her youngest daughter was lying a corpse. It is believed neither were considered dangerous a short time before their death. They were interred on Sunday following, in the same coffin. Affliction, similar to this is not known.

October 8, 1811

Died in this town of a few days since, JESSE WESTMORELAND, ESQ. of Giles Co., a worthy citizen and useful member of society.

October 8, 1811

Suddenly in Knoxville on Saturday, the 23th ult., MR. PATRICK CAMPBELL of that town.

October 8, 1811

Died, DR. ELLIS PORTER on Elk river, a young gentleman of considerable promise.



Died, MR. REES PORTER, JR., a brother of the doctor, both raised in this county.

October 8, 1811

Died a few day since, JOHN CUNNINGHAM, was hung in Bledsoe county, for the murder of his wife. The particulars are shocking. ■

*To Be Continued*

# A Sleepy Village in Williamson County

## *The 1900 Census of Brentwood – Part V (concluded)*

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 Jim Prange for the Brentwood Library, show a community mainly comprised of farmers. This section of the transcription includes the African-American families in Brentwood. Many of them were former slaves who had become farmers and property owners. Unlike most white women, the wives in these households were working outside the home to help make ends meet. A few of the younger men had left farming for jobs on the railroad. George Vernon, age 40, was the schoolteacher in the community.

Family #	Surname	Given Name	Relationship to Head	Race	Age	Years Married	Children	Born	Fa. Born	Mo. Born	Occupation
85	Ray	James	Head	B	27	M 2		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Ray	Emma	Wife	B	28[?]	M 2	0-0	TN	TN	TN	Washer Woman
	Henly	Adeline	Mother in Law	B	50	W	1-1	TN	TN	TN	Servant
87	Rucker	John	Head	B	30	M 6		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Rucker	Annie	Wife	B	28	M 6	2-2	TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Rucker	John	Son	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Dock	Son	B	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
88	Wray	Henry	Head	B	55	M 25		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Wray	Lucy	Wife	B	50	M 25	2-2	TN	TN	TN	
	Wray	James	Son	B	24	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Wray	Lillie	Dau	B	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Johnston	Net	Servant	B	28	W	[?]-1	TN	TN	TN	Cook
95	Johnston	Annie Belle	Dau	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Woolridge	Henry	Head	B	58	M 30		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Woolridge	Susan	Wife	B	53	M 30	7-7	TN	TN	TN	Hearing Def.
	Woolridge	William	Son	B	27	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Woolridge	Henry, Jr.	Son	B	25	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Woolridge	Carrie	Dau	B	21	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Woolridge	Sallie	Dau	B	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Woolridge	Mamie	Dau	B	16	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Woolridge	Mattie	Dau	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Woolridge	Bryan J.	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
96	Moore	Simon	Head	B	40	M 18		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Moore	Minerva	Wife	B	38	M 18	6-5	TN	TN	TN	
	Moore	Charley	Son	B	16	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Moore	Lucy	Dau	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Moore	Hettie	Dau	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Moore	Daniel	Son	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Moore	Cynables[?]	Dau	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
97	McGloflin	Dan	Head	B	54	M 20		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	McGloflin	Ella	Wife	B	39	M 20	7-6	TN	TN	TN	Washer Woman
	McGloflin	Lucille	Dau	B	18	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	McGloflin	Ella	Dau	B	16	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	McGloflin	Blanche	Dau	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	McGloflin	Maggie	Dau	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	McGloflin	Sam	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	McGloflin	Monroe	Son	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Gamis[?]	Alfred	Head	B	39	M 19		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Gamis[?]	Fannie	Wife	B	38	M 19	9-7	TN	TN	TN	Servant
99	Gamis[?]	German	Son	B	17	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Gamis[?]	Charley	Son	B	16	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Gamis[?]	Katie	Dau	B	14	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant



Family #	Surname	Given Name	Relationship to Head	Race	Age	Years Married	Children	Born	Fa. Born	Mo. Born	Occupation
101	Gamis[?]	William	Son	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Gamis[?]	Alfred	Son	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Gamis[?]	Henry	Son	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Gamis[?]	McFadden	Son	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Mason	Charley	Head	B	64	M 40		VA	VA	VA	Farmer
	Mason	Christine	Wife	B	60	M 40	6-6	VA	VA	VA	
	Mason	Sallie	Dau	B	34	M		VA	VA	VA	
	Mason	Charley Jr.	Son	B	32	S		VA	VA	VA	Day Laborer
	Mason	Cassie	Dau	B	29	M	0-0	TN	VA	VA	
	Mason	Nannie	Dau	B	25	S		TN	VA	VA	Servant
104	Mason	Walter	Son	B	21	S		TN	VA	VA	Day Laborer
	Mason	Hugh	Son	B	20	S		TN	VA	VA	Day Laborer
	Wilson	Robert	Head	B	34	M 11		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Wilson	Lizzie	Wife	B	34	M 11	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Harvey	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Wilson	Herbert	Son	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Wilson	Mary	Dau	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Lewis	Son	B	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Robinson	Lewis	Head	B	28	M 5		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Robinson	Nannie	Wife	B	24	M 5	2-2	TN	TN	TN	Servant
106	Robinson	Susan	Dau	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Robinson	Dock	Son	B	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Edwards	Elmore	Head	B	53	M 28		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Edwards	Martha	Wife	B	48	M 28	8-5	TN	TN	TN	
	Edwards	James F.	Son	B	26	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Edwards	Minnie B.	Dau	B	25	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Edwards	Augusta	Dau	B	22	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Edwards	Annie W.	Dau	B	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Edwards	Monroe	Son	B	17	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Gray	Abe	Head	B	34	M 15		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
107	Gray	Laura	Wife	B	33	M 15	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Gray	Susie Belle	Dau	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Gray	Minerva	Dau	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Gray	Callie	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Gray	Tom	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Williams	Josh	Head	B	35	M 10		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Williams	Fannie	Wife	B	33	M 10	2-2	TN	TN	TN	
	Williams	Thomas	Son	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Williams	Winnie	Dau	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Roberts	Frank	Head	B	30	M 7		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
115	Roberts	Arminda	Wife	B	24	M 7	1-1	TN	TN	TN	
	Roberts	Carrie	Dau	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Louis	Head	B	25	M 4		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Wilson	Fannie Sue	Wife	B	26	M 4	2-2	TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Wilson	Mary	Dau	B	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Herbert	Son	B	1	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Jordan	Josh	Head	B	40	M 12		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Jordan	Adeline	Wife	B	37	M 12	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Jordan	Mary	Dau	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Jordan	Susie	Dau	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
119	Jordan	Harry	Son	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Harvey	Silas	Head	B	36	W		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Harvey	Monroe	Son	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Rucker	Ben	Head	B	34	M 10		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Rucker	Margeritte	Wife	B	27	M 10	4-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Josie	Dau	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Rucker	Ben	Son	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Rucker	Dock	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Lewis	Son	B	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Winstead	Henry	Head	B	39	S		TN	VA	VA	Farmer
122	Terrue[?]	Henry	Head	B	29	M 6		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Terrue[?]	Mollie	Wife	B	25	M 6	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Terrue[?]	Sam	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Terrue[?]	James	Son	B	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Terrue[?]	Minnie	Dau	B	1	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Johnston	Jeff	Head	B	25	W		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Thompson	Joe	Head	B	40	M 18		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Thompson	Matilda	Wife	B	37	M 18	7-7	TN	TN	TN	

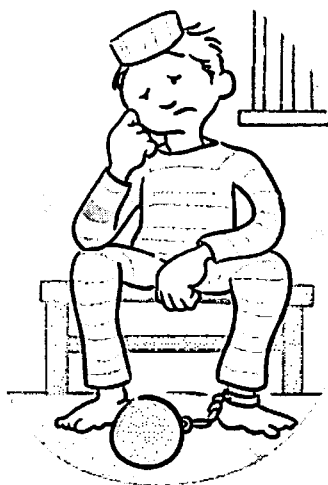
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137	Thompson	Susan	Dau	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Thompson	Anna	Dau	B	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Thompson	Roby	Son	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Thompson	Henry	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Thompson	Rebecca	Dau	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Thompson	EmmaLine	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Thompson	Thomas	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Hill	Berry	Head	B	60	M 24		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Hill	Kate	Wife	B	50	M 24	4-4	TN	TN	TN	Washer Woman
	Hill	Susie	Dau	B	21	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
138	Hill	Bettie	Dau	B	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Hill	Minnie	Dau	B	18	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Hill	Oliver	Son	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Steward	John	Head	B	39	M 15		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Steward	Dina[?]	Wife	B	34	M 15	4-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Steward	Andrew	Son	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
139	Steward	Walter	Son	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Steward	Fay	Dau	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Johnston	W[?]	Head	B	30	M 7		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Johnston	Nellie	Wife	B	26	M 7	2-2	TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Johnston	Eunice	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
140	Johnston	Mollie	Dau	B	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Johnston	Sol F.	Head	B	52	M 30		TN	TN	TN	Blacksmith
	Johnston	Fannie	Wife	B	49	M 30	5-5	TN	TN	TN	
	Johnston	Earnest	Son	B	28	S		TN	TN	TN	Blacksmith
	Johnston	Lou	Son	B	26	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Johnston	Etta	Dau	B	21	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
147	Johnston	Minerva	Dau	B	20	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Johnston	Sallie	Dau	B	18	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Garman	Emma	Head	B	28	W		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Garman	Eldridge	Son	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Garman	Mag	Dau	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Garman	Alice	Dau	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
148	Garman	Izac[?]	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Parrish	Abe	Head	B	40	M 10		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Parrish	Mary	Wife	B	35	M 10		TN	TN	TN	
	Parrish	Fannie	Dau	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Parrish	Martin	Son	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
152	Parrish	Luther	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Crockett	Andy[?]	Head	B	40	M 18		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Crockett	Matt	Wife	B	39	M 18	7-5	TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Crockett	Charley	Son	B	17	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Crockett	Will	Son	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Crockett	Sadie	Dau	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
153	Crockett	Henry	Dau	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Crockett	Carrie	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Johnston	Charley	Head	B	35	M 15		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Johnston	Mary	Wife	B	40	M 15	8-7	TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Johnston	Bettie	Dau	B	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Johnston	Thomas	Son	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
154	Johnston	Emma	Dau	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Johnston	Margarett	Dau	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Johnston	Alice	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Johnston	Ella	Dau	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Johnston	Bessie	Dau	B	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Buchanan	Mike	Head	B	29	M 8		TN	TN	TN	Teamster
155	Buchanan	Mary Ann	Wife	B	27	M 8	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Buchanan	Callie	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Buchanan	Harry	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Buchanan	Will	Son	B	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Vernon	George	Head	B	40	M 15		TN	TN	TN	School Teacher
	Vernon	Caroline	Wife	B	34	M 15	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
156	Vernon	Arthur	Son	B	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Vernon	Carter	Son	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Vernon	Willie	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Vinsang	Thomas	Head	B	40	M 20		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Vinsang	Lou	Wife	B	39	M 20	3-3	TN	TN	TN	

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159	Vinsang	Sam	Son	B	18	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Vinsang	Walter	Son	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Vinsang	Louise	Dau	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Williams	Amos	Head	B	40	M 17		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Williams	Magg	Wife	B	38	M 17	6-6	TN	TN	TN	
	Williams	Florence	Dau	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Williams	Neva	Dau	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Williams	Gertrude	Dau	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Williams	Lern	Son	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Williams	Earl	Son	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
160	Williams	James	Son	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Moore	Mag	Head	B	39	W	4-4	TN	TN	TN	Wash Women
	Moore	Henry	Son	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Moore	Magg	Dau	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Moore	Joe	Son	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
162	Moore	Pete	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Hill	George	Head	B	40	M 15		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Hill	Eliza	Wife	B	40	M 15	5-5	TN	TN	TN	
	Hill	Charley	Son	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Hill	Harry	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Hill	Katie	Dau	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Hill	Margie	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Hill	Herbert	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
163	Perkins	Rhoden	Head	B	65	M 40		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Perkins	Lillie	Wife	B	59	M 40	7-3	TN	TN	TN	Marketer
	Perkins	Sonny	Son	B	34	S		TN	TN	TN	RR Laborer
	Perkins	Hugh	Son	B	30	S		TN	TN	TN	RR Laborer
	Perkins	William	Son	B	26	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
164	Ridley	Joe	Head	B	40	M 18		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Ridley	Susan	Wife	B	38	M 18	6-6	TN	TN	TN	
	Ridley	Martha	Dau	B	16	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Ridley	Mollie	Dau	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Ridley	Pauline	Dau	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	School
	Ridley	Buist[?]	Son	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Ridley	Thomas	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Ridley	Monroe	Son	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
166	Hill	William	Head	B	34	M 15		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Hill	Allie	Wife	B	34	M 15	5-4	TN	TN	TN	
	Hill	Minnie	Dau	B	14	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Hill	Emma	Dau	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Hill	Joseph	Son	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Hill	Anna B.	Dau	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
172	Boyd	Jack	Head	B	35	M		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Boyd	Eliza	Wife	B	[?]	M	0-0	TN	TN	TN	
181	Patton	Ida	Head	B	25	S	3-3	TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Patton	Green	Son	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Patton	Mary	Dau	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Patton	Tom	Son	B	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
183	Buchanan	Harry	Head	B	60	M 25		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Buchanan	Callie	Wife	B	55	M 25	8-6	TN	TN	TN	
	Buchanan	Will	Son	B	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Buchanan	Fannie	Dau	B	17	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Buchanan	Henry	Son	B	16	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Buchanan	Caleb	Son	B	14	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Buchanan	Monroe	Son	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Buchanan	Blanche	Dau	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
193	Cockrill	Milly	Head	B	45	S		TN	TN	TN	Washer Woman
	Cockrill	Nettie	Dau	B	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Cockrill	Sallie	Dau	B	15	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Cockrill	Redor[?]	Dau	B	12	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Cockrill	Tillimar	Son	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Cockrill	Will	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Cockrill	Ophelia	Dau	B	1	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Edmonson	A.	Head	B	60	M 35		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Edmonson	Hannah	Wife	B	55	M 35	7-3	TN	TN	TN	
	Edmonson	Geo.	Head	B	50	M 20		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
195	Edmonson	Polly	Wife	B	45	M 20	5-2	TN	TN	TN	

Family #	Surname	Given Name	Relationship to Head	Race	Age	Years Married	Children	Born	Fa. Born	Mo. Born	Occupation
204	Edmonson	Alex	Son	B	24	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Edmonson	Martha	Dau	B	10	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Patten	Sally	Servant	B	30	S		TN	TN	TN	Cook
	Wilson	Sallie	Servant	B	24	S	3-3	TN	TN	TN	Cook
	Wilson	Henry	Son	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Mack	Son	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Lewis	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Geo.	Head	B	27	M 5		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Wilson	Ida	Wife	B	24	M 5	1-1	TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Wilson	Green	Son	B	4	S		TN	TN	TN	
205	Wilson	Thos.	Head	B	22	M 2		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Wilson	Sue	Wife	B	20	M 2	1-1	TN	TN	TN	Servant
207	Wilson	Maggie	Dau	B	1	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Ben	Head	B	29	M 8		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Rucker	Margarett	Wife	B	28	M 8		TN	TN	TN	Wash Woman
	Rucker	Vina	Dau	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
211	Rucker	Houston	Dau	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Solon	Son	B	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Net	Servant	B	27	D	2-2	TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Will	Son	B	7	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Wilson	Henry	Son	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Dock	Head	B	70	M 35		VA	VA	VA	Farmer
	Rucker	Vina	Wife	B	59	M 35	11-9	TN	VA	TN	Wash Woman
	Rucker	Thos.	Son	B	32	S		TN	VA	TN	Day Laborer
	Rucker	Henry	Son	B	29	S		TN	VA	TN	RR Laborer
	Rucker	William	Son	B	28	S		TN	VA	TN	RR Laborer
212	Rucker	Maggie	Dau	B	25	S		TN	VA	TN	Servant
	Rucker	Walter	Son	B	24	S		TN	VA	TN	Day Laborer
	Rucker	Louis	Son	B	10	S		TN	VA	TN	At School
	Rucker	Jos.	Head	B	33	M 9		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Rucker	Della	Wife	B	27	M 9	4-4	TN	TN	TN	Wash Woman
	Rucker	Jeff	Son	B	8	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Earnest	Son	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Jim Lee	Son	B	3	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Rucker	Not Named	Son	B	2	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Dunn	Thos.	Servant	B	30	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
218	[?]	William	Servant	B	35	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Robertson	Charley	Servant	B	27	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	McGee	Thomas	Head	B	34	M 10		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	McGee	Susie	Wife	B	31	M 10	3-3	TN	TN	TN	
	McGee	John	Son	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
219	McGee	Mary[?]	Dau	B	6	S		TN	TN	TN	
	McGee	Birdie	Dau	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	
	Robinson	Alfred	Head	B	60	M 30		TN	TN	TN	Farmer
	Robinson	Laura	Wife	B	50	M 30	14-12	TN	TN	TN	
	Robinson	Alfred	Son	B	28	S		TN	TN	TN	RR Laborer
	Robinson	Everett	Son	B	26	S		TN	TN	TN	RR Laborer
	Robinson	Liza	Dau	B	25	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Robinson	Herex[?]	Son	B	22	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
	Robinson	Polly	Dau	B	21	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Robinson	Dick	Son	B	19	S		TN	TN	TN	Farm Laborer
225	Robinson	Andora	Dau	B	18	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Robinson	Joseph	Son	B	16	S		TN	TN	TN	Day Laborer
	Robinson	Fannie	Dau	B	13	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Robinson	Addie	Dau	B	11	S		TN	TN	TN	Servant
	Robinson	Laura	Dau	B	9	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Robinson	Matt	Dau	B	5	S		TN	TN	TN	At School
	Farrish	Frank	Head	B	53	M 25		AL	AL	AL	Farmer
	Farrish	Susie B.	Wife	B	50	M 25	4-4	AL	AL	AL	
	Farrish	Robert	Son	B	24	S		AL	AL	AL	Farm Laborer
	Farrish	Frank	Son	B	21	S		AL	AL	AL	Farm Laborer
225	Farrish	Fannie	Dau	B	18	S		AL	AL	AL	Servant
	Farrish	Lula	Dau	B	15	S		AL	AL	AL	Servant

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# Index to Pardons and Paroles from Tennessee State Prisons 1904-1925

Part II of a Series  
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The following list indexes pardon and parole files available for research at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. It was prepared by Archivist Julia Rather Hammers. Each file may contain a number of items relating to the imprisonment, or there may be very little. The typical file contains the inmate's discharge papers, including a copy of the pardon or parole document. Letters from prison officials, government officials, and family members may also be found. A file often contains petitions sent by members of the inmate's community in order to help the prisoner obtain early release. Trial statements within the file give a summary of the crime committed and the reasoning behind the conviction and sentence. In many files there are newspaper clippings concerning that particular inmate's case. Newspaper clippings can particularly be found in the file of an inmate whose sentence was death.

The index lists the name of the inmate, whether the inmate was pardoned or paroled, the inmate's prison number, the county in which the crime was committed, the length of the sentence served, the prison that housed the inmate, and the crime committed. It is well worth the time of an interested genealogist to view the file. Most files contain information that may prove useful. The type of information depends on the prison where the inmate was institutionalized. Most files for inmates housed at Brushy Mountain prison, for instance, include a copy of a chaplain's report giving the inmate's native state and parents' names, ages, and nativity along with other information.

These records have been microfilmed and can be viewed at the Tennessee State Library & Archives, or the microfilm can be borrowed on interlibrary loan. Additionally, the archives staff can provide copies by mail for a fee (Tennessee residents \$5, out-of-state \$10 per file). Refer to Record Group 261, Pardons & Paroles, and the box number given in the index.

Name	Pardon or Parole	Prisoner Number	County of Trial	Year Rec'd at Prison	Year of Pardon / Parole	Notes
Davis, Floyd			Johnson		1921	Box 9;
Davis, Fred	Pardon	10062	Hamilton	1919	1920	Box 9; petition
Davis, George	Pardon	11363	Weakley	1921	1922	Box 9; Forgery; 2 files
Davis, Henry	Pardon		Davidson	1919	1919	Box 9; Petit Larceny; petition
Davis, Hugh Kyle				1922		Box 9; Selling whiskey; protest letter
Davis, John	Parole	10387	Giles	1919	1923	Box 9; Petit Larceny
Davis, Lee	Parole	8376	Obion	1915	1917	Box 9; Parole #534
Davis, Olin	Parole	9913	Shelby	1918	1920	Box 9; Assault. to murder
Davis, Oscar	Parole	8630	Shelby	1916	19120	Box 9; Petit Larceny
Davis, Porter	Parole	10661	Davidson	1921	1922	Box 9

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Davis, Sam	Parole	12330	Shelby	1923	1925	Box 9; Petit Larceny; petition
Davis, Silas	Pardon	11233	Scott	1921	1922	Box 9; Protest letter; Murder 2
Davis, Virgil	Parole	9906	Hamilton	1918	1920	Box 9; Asslt to comm murder
Davis, W.A.				1921		Box 9; Selling liquor; petition for pardon
Davis, Walter	Parole	9606	Sullivan	1917	1919	Box 9; Larceny; Parole #464; d. 1921
Davis, Will	Parole	9612	Campbell	1911	1921	Box 9; Murder 2
Davis, Willie	Parole	10429	Overton	1919	1920	Box 9; Voluntary manslaughter; petition
Dawson, Alex	Parole	7921	Shelby	1914	1918	Box 9; Parole #1023; Housebreaking & Larceny
Day, Henry	Parole	12135	Wayne	1922	1923	Box 9; Petit Larceny
Day, R.E.	Parole	10323	Madison	1919	1921	Box 9; Forgery
Day, Will	Parole	8188	Madison	1915	1916	Box 9; Larceny; Parole #496
Deadrick, Sorgoins	Pardon	8593	Washngtn	1916	1919	Box 9; murder; petition
Dean, James	Parole	8849	Davidson	1916	1918	Box 9; Voluntary manslaughter, Parole #1316
Dean, Ollie	Parole	10157	Shelby	1919	1921	Box 9; Petit Larceny; petition
Dearing, George	Pardon		Knox	1919	1920	Box 9; Making liquor
Dearmond, Albert	Pardon		Davidson		1922	Box 9; petition
Decker, W.L.	Parole	11212	Shelby	1921	1923	Box 9; Asst. to comm. a felony
Deeson, Hardeman		5025	Shelby	1909	1919	Box 9; Murder 1
Deibel, Fred Jr.	Pardon		Shelby	1913	1919	Box 9; Robbery
Delano, R.L.	Pardon	12457	Shelby	1923	1923	Box 9; Housebreaking & Larceny
Demean, Alvin	Parole	10503	Davidson	1920	1923	Box 9; Housebreaking & Larceny; Petition
Demmey, Spencer	Parole	9837	Tipton	1913	1920	Box 10; murder
Dempson, Percy	Parole	8165	Shelby	1915	1924	Box 9; Murder; petition
Dennis, Zemekiah			Knox	1921		Box 10; Voluntary manslaughter; d.1922
Denton, Will	Pardon		Hamilton	1920	1921	Box 10; Lewdness
Denwood, Jewell	Parole	9602	Lake	1916	1918	Box 10; Petit Larceny; Parole #1298
DeRose, Jas.		9191	Shelby	1917	1921	Box 27; Forgery; petitions
Derrick, Richard	Pardon	10982	McMinn	1920	1921	Box 10; Murder 2
Derrick, William	Pardon	11879	Knox	1922	1924	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Derrickson, Will	Parole	6017	Sumner	1911	1920	Box 10; Murder
Devasher, Ernest	Parole	10801	Madison	1920	1923	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Devault, Grover	Parole	9614	Macon	1916	1918	Box 10; Petit Larceny; parole #1049
Devine, Richard	Parole	4967	Madison	1909	1918	Box 10; Murder 2
Dibbrell, Lee	Pardon		Hamilton	1918	1920	Box 10; petition; lewdness
Dickens, Frank & Stewart Hezekiah		11286	Shelby	1921		Box 9; Murder 2; Petition; d. 1922
Dickerson, Isabella	Parole	7090	Hardeman	1913	1916	Box 9; Murder 2; Parole #514;
Dickson, Harvey	Pardon		Hamilton			
Dickson, Sam	Parole	9300	Knox	1916	1920	Box 9; Housebreaking & Larceny, Assault
Dietzel, Franck		8181	Obion	1915		Box 10; Murder 1; 2 files
Dill, John	Pardon		Chester	1920	1920	Box 10; lewdness, 60 days
Dillard, Morris	Parole	8997	Houston	1916	1920	Box 10; Grand Larceny; Parole #1127
Dillon, W.A.			Shelby	1920		Box 10; Petitions & original

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						newspaper clippings
Dinwoody, James	Parole	7844	Hawkins	1914	1922	Box 10; Murder 1
Dismukes, Tom	Pardon	9044	Gibson	1918	1919	Box 10
Dixon, Melvin		12531	Shelby	1924		Box 10; Petit Larceny; Transferred to Central Hospital for the Insane 1925
Dixon, Tom	Parole	12250	Blount	1922	1925	Box 10; Assault. to Voluntary manslaughter; petition
Dixon, Will	Parole	10471	Bradley	1920	1922	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Dobbins, Charley	Parole	9620	Washngtn	1916	1922	Box 10; Robbery
Dodson, Frank	Parole	12198	Van Buren	1922	1924	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Dodson, Henry	Parole	9610	Macon	1917	1918	Box 10; Petit Larceny; Parole #1119
Donaho, Willie	Pardon	11823	Trousdale	1922	1922	Box 10; Forgery
Donnell, Henry	Pardon	6782	Davidson	1919	1919	Box 10; Murder 2; Petition
Donnell, Rose		10186	Henderson	1919		Box 10; Murder 1; died 1925
Dooley, Sam			Hamilton			Box 10; possession of liquor; Petition
Dooley, William	Parole	8764	Davidson	1916	1917	Box 10; Parole #903
Doran, Clifford	Parole	10650	Davidson	1920	1922	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Dornier, Fernand	Parole	12699	Shelby	1923	1924	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Dotson, John	Pardon	9098	Franklin	1919	1919	Box 10; Violated liquor law
Dotson, Robert			Monroe	1922		Box 10; Petition for release
Douglas, Louis	Parole	9425	Shelby	1916	1922	Box 10; Arson & Housebreaking
Dowell, Walter	Pardon		Putnam	1918	1919	Box 10; Misdemeanor; Petition
Downer, John	Pardon		Hamilton	1920	1920	Box 10; Assault
Downey, John	Parole	8124	Hardeman	1915	1917	Box 10; Housebreaking & Larceny
Drake, Ollie	Parole	12380	Hamilton	1923	1924	Box 10; Involuntary manslaughter
Driffoos, George	Pardon	10563	Davidson	1919	1920	Box 10; Grand Larceny
Driver, H.		10696	Shelby	1920		Box 10; Housebreaking & Larceny
Druell, H.E.	Parole	9998	Davidson	1918	1922	Box 10; Grand Larceny
Duckett, Henry	Parole	12243	McMinn	1922	1924	Box 10; Attempted voluntary manslaughter
Dunagan, Elmer	Parole	9498	Gibson	1918	1921	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Duncan, Vernon	Parole	8480	Henry	1915	1918	Box 10; Petit Larceny & aiding jail delivery
Duncan, Zula	Parole	8479	Henry	1915	1916	Box 10; Aiding jail delivery
Dungam, A.L.	Parole	12626	Madison	1923		Box 10; Robbery
Dunlap, D.S.			Warren			Box 10; Letter from Rep. Dunlap
Dunn, Bob			Knox	1921		Box 10; Petition
Dunn, Burl	Parole	10184	Sumner	1919	1922	Box 10; Disposing of mortgaged property
Dunn, James Robert	Parole	9541	Sullivan	1918	1922	Box 10; Larceny
Dunn, Joe	Parole	10486	Johnson	1920	1921	Box 10; Voluntary manslaughter
Dunn, W.L.			Putnam	1921		Box 10; Viol. Bone Dry Law; Petition
Dunning, Kenneth	Parole	10304	Hamilton	1919	1921	Box 10; Involuntary manslaughter
Dupree, William	Parole	10887	Tipton	1920	1923	Box 10; Petit Larceny
Duvall, Henry	Parole	12185	Shelby	1922	1925	Box 10; Att. Felony
Dwight, William			Hamilton	1922		Box 10; Murder; Petition
Dyer, John	Pardon	12200	Union	1922	1922	Box 10; Involuntary manslaughter
Earl, John	Parole	10558	Lincoln	1920	1922	Box 11; Grand Larceny
Easley, J.T.	Pardon	9457	Lewis	1918	1922	Box 11; Knowingly received deposit in an insolvent bank.

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Easterly, Phillip	Parole	8292	Greene	1915	1918	Box 11; Forgery; Parole #1136
Eastman, Martin	Parole	10032	Shelby	1919	1919	Box 11; Petit Larceny
Eaves, Colons	Parole	8606	Maurry	1916	1919	Box 11; Voluntary manslaughter
Eberheart, J.T.	Parole	11459	Davidson	1921	1923	Box 11; Grand Larceny
Edge, Holly	Parole	9625	Marion	1917	1922	Box 11; Murder
Edmondson, David	Parole	10956	Davidson	1921	1922	Box 11; Bigamy
Edmondson, Hebron	Parole	9419	Gibson	1917	1919	Box 11; Petit larceny; parole #1503
Edmondson, John	Pardon		Lauderdale	1918	1919	Box 11; Petit larceny
Edwards, Clarence	Parole	10695	Robertson	1920	1923	Box 11; Grand Larceny
Edwards, Frank	Parole	9623	Anderson	1917	1921	Box 11; Housebreaking & Larceny
Edwards, H.L.	Pardon	10674	Madison	1920	1922	Box 11; Embezzlement
Edwards, Jack	Pardon	12311		1923	1924	Box 11; letters; violated age of consent
Edwards, Lon	Parole	10409	James	1919	1922	Box 11; Petit Larceny
Edwards, Ollie	Pardon	10643	Gibson	1920	1924	Box 11; Passed forged check
Edwards, W.E.			Wilson	1921		Box 11; Transporting and possession of whiskey; affidavit
Eldridge, Bill		9293	Overton	1917		Box 11; Grand Larceny
Eldridge, Bonnie & Bartlett, Perry			Putnam	1922	1922	Box 11; possession of whiskey
Eldridge, Palestine	Parole	8808	Giles	1916	1921	Box 11; Petit larceny; Housebreaking and Grand Larceny
Elkins, Fred		13124	Dickson	1924		Box 11; Petit larceny
Ellis, Ben	Parole	6759	Stewart	1912	1920	Box 11; Murder 2
Ellis, Elmer	Pardon	9902	Madison	1921	1921	Box 11; Att. rape; 2 files
Ellis, Frank	Pardon	10321	Shelby	1919	1920	Box 11; Larceny; Received stolen goods.
Ellis, Henry	Parole	10299	Gibson	1919	1922	Box 11; Grand Larceny
Ellis, Tom	Parole	9922	McMinn	1918	1920	Box 11; Petit Larceny
Ellison, Harrison	Pardon	9538	Robertson	1918	1922	Box 11; Asslt. to commit murder 1.
Ellison, J.E.	Parole	8750	Lauderdale	1916	1918	Box 11; Petit Larceny; Parole #1087
Ellison, Sherman	Parole	9109	Knox	1916	1919	Box 11; Forgery; Parole #1498
Elmore, George	Pardon	12395	Cumberland	1923	1924	Box 11; Housebreaking & Larceny
Embrea, Bill	Parole	11675	Shelby	1922	1923	Box 11; Petit Larceny
Emerton, Hayden	Pardon	10996	White	1921	1921	Box 11; Violated age of consent law
Emmens, Will	Parole	8399	Shelby	1915	1918	Box 11; Housebreaking & Larceny; Parole #1338
Emmons, Willie	Parole	11032	Shelby	1921	1924	Box 11; Housebreaking and Larceny
Enochs, Phillip	Parole	8486	Lake	1915	1917	Box 11; Murder. Parole #869
Ensley, Sam	Pardon		Davidson	1920	1921	Box 11; Petit Larceny
Epperson, W.M.	Parole	9624	Hancock	1915	1918	Box 11; Voluntary manslaughter
Erickson, E.	Parole	9491	Fayette	1918	1920	Box 11; Petit Larceny
Ernest, Henry	Pardon	11935	Hardeman	1922	1922	Box 11; Voluntary manslaughter
Ervin, Walter	Parole	11490	Monroe	1921	1924	Box 11; Voluntary manslaughter
Essex, T.T.	Parole	12322	Shelby	1922	1924	Box 11; Involuntary manslaughter
Essu, Herman	Parole	11469	Robertson	1921	1925	Box 11; Grand Larceny
Etter, Queen	Pardon		Davidson	1916	1920	Box 11; Murder 2
Eubanks, Walter	Parole	9627	Hamilton	1916	1921	Box 11; Burglary
Evans, J.M.	Parole	7669	Madison	1914	1920	Box 11; Petitions
Evans, Jno.	Parole	8040	Madison	1914	1917	Box 11; Voluntary manslaughter;



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						Parole #834; d. Nov. 1918.
Evans, John	Parole	8727	Humphreys	1917	1918	Box 11; Larceny; Parole #1403
Evans, Mack	Parole	7088	Davidson	1913	1919	Box 11; Robbery
Evans, Sam	Pardon		Morgan	1919	1919	Box 11; carrying a pistol.
Evans, Willie	Parole	4024	Shelby	1908	1918	Box 11; Murder 2; Parole #1143
Everett, C.E.	Pardon	10108	Knox	1919	1921	Box 11; Housebreaking & Larceny; 2 cases
Everly, Henry	Parole	6206	Davidson	1919	1920	
Ewell, John	Pardon		Morgan		1919	Box 11; Murder 2
Ewing, Anderson	Pardon		Davidson	1918	1919	Box 11; misdemeanor
Ewing, Loss	Pardon	7832	Cannon	1914	1919	Box 11; Asst. to commit rape
Ezell, Fred	Pardon		Davidson	1918	1919	Box 11; Petit Larceny
Ezell, John	Pardon	10908	Knox	1920	1922	Box 11; Asst. To commit. Murder 1
Fain, George	Parole	9634	Carter	1917	1922	Box 12; Felonious Assault
Fain, Mathis	Parole	8408	Shelby	1915	1918	Box 12; Larceny, Received Stolen Property
Farmer, C.H.		11119	Knox	1921	1922	Box 12; Petit Larceny
Farmer, Charles L.	Pardon		Blount	1920	1920	Box 12; Extortion
Farmer, Ernest	Parole	9928	Obion	1918	1919	Box 12; Felonious Assault
Farris, Landon	Parole	11217	Anderson	1921	1924	Box 12; Bigamy
Favers, Charlie	Pardon		Hamilton		1921	Box 12
Fawbush, G.A.	Pardon	11396	Knox	1921	1923	Box 12; Housebreaking & Larceny
Ferguson, Al	Parole	9237	Obion	1921	1921	Box 12; Murder 2
Ferguson, Albert		9237	Obion	1917	1920	Box 12; Petition; Murder 2
Ferguson, Troy				1922		Box 12; Selling whiskey; Petition
Fields, Asbury		9338	Bradley	1917	1919	Box 12; Att. To commit Forgery
Fields, Glodis	Parole	10347	Crockett	1919	1922	Box 12; Asst. To commit. Murder 1
Finley, Robert	Parole	8945	Davidson	1916	1921	Box 12; Housebreaking
Finney, Bennie	Parole	8350	Montgomery	1915	1918	Box 12; Petit Larceny
Fisher, Nealey	Parole	8168	Shelby	1915	1919	Box 12; Petit larceny
Fitts, Bob	Pardon	10468	DeKalb	1920	1920	Box 12; Petit Larceny
Flannigan, E.H.	Pardon	11552	Shelby	1921	1922	Box 12; Att. To commit forgery
Flatt, Charles		10529	Putnam	1920		Box 12; Involuntary manslaughter
Fleming, Mike T.	Pardon	8293	Loudon	1915	1918	Box 12; Housebreaking & Larceny
Flexaw, Jim	Parole	9916	Roane	1918	1920	Box 12; Received Stolen Property
Floyd, Bill	Parole	1918	Knox	1918	1922	Box 12; Grand Larceny
Floyd, Maud	Pardon	9313	Davidson	1917	1922	Box 12; larceny & Received stolen property
Flynn, Frank	Parole	7467	Shelby	1914	1917	Box 12; Housebreaking & larceny
Ford, Arthur	Parole	7763	Shelby	1913	1921	Box 12; Robbery; Served out sentence
Ford, Grant	Parole	10493	Hamilton	1920	1923	Box 12; Grand Larceny
Ford, Wm.	Parole	9633	Jefferson	1917	1918	Box 12; Petit Larceny
Forkum, Martin	Pardon		Jackson	1922	1922	Box 12; Public drunkenness
Forrester, W.H.	Pardon		Obion	1920	1920	Box 12; Selling cigarette paper; Fine \$50
Foster, Sherman		10064	Shelby	1919	1922	Box 12; Served out time; Petit larceny
Foust, Fred			Macon	1921		Box 12; Lewdness

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*To The Honorable...*  
**Petitions to the State  
Legislature**

**1806 petition for a new county  
south of Smith County**

Based on Petition Number 11,  
Legislative Records of 1806

This petition provides us with the names and signatures of some of the earliest settlers of the area which now comprises White, Warren and Franklin Counties. The inhabitants of that area were included in Smith County from the time of its formation in 1799, when it was largely a wilderness. Treaties negotiated with the Chickasaw Indians in 1805 and the Cherokee in 1806 opened up additional lands south of Carthage. Settlers in those areas wanted a courthouse, sheriff and register of deeds located closer to their homes. Their petition resulted in the formation of White County in 1806. The following year, portions of White were cut off into the two new counties of Warren and Franklin.

These notations appear on the outside of the document:

Petition for a new county south Smith

House of Representatives

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1806

Read referred to the Committee of propositions and Grievances and sent to the Senate. Edw. Scott, Clk.

In Senate Aug. 6, 1806. Read & referred as by the House of Representatives.

John N. Gamble, Clk.

We your Humble petition are Inhabitants of that part of Smith County lying South of the old Indian line & South west of the Cany fork River being a Body of Contry unconnected with any other & appears that Nature had formed for a Separate County & being also very far distant from any Court of law whatever where we might apply for Redress of Grievences. Neither is it known to us for Certain which County at this time has a Right to Extend jurisdiction over us[,] Smith County being Reduced to its Constitutional limits; & the law has mad[e] no provision for us[,] Smith County & Jackson has both Claimd us by Sending forth precepts to be levied on our Contry. We therefore pray that your Honourable body would take this our petition into Consideration Granting us a Separate County Running as followeth, viz, Beginning on the South east Corner of Smith County on the line lately run by Suliven & Jones the Course of Said line to the Cany fork River[,] up the Said River to a Ridg that Devids the Said River from Rockey River[,] with the Same to the Extreem hight of the Ridg that Devids the watters of Cany forke from that of Tennessee[,] thence a South westardly Course So far as to include all the watters of Rockey River & Collinses Riever; thence a North westardly Course along the Ridg that Devids the watters of the Cany fork from

that of Stones River until it shall Strike the old Indian line & with the same to the beginning; we therefore having faith & Confidence in your Honourable Body hope you will hear this our petition & Grant as you in your wisdoms may think proper.

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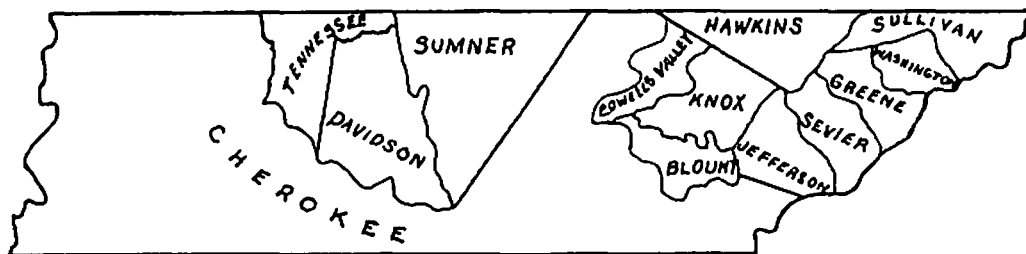
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# Law and Order in the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio

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Tennessee in 1795  
Known as Territory  
South of the River  
Ohio.

(Courtesy of Sharon  
McCormack, McMinn County  
Rootsweb site.)

Of all the records that genealogists confront in the search for their ancestors, court records are probably the most intimidating. There are many unfamiliar and archaic terms in early court records and in the statutes governing the procedure of courts two hundred years and more ago. An additional problem is locating all the sources of the early law. While enterprising firms, individuals, or state governments have collected and reprinted the early statutes of many states, the early statutes of Tennessee have not been reprinted. The only books containing the old statutes are quite rare, very old, and difficult to read and understand.

The purposes of this series of articles are to reprint the earliest statutory law governing the courts in the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio (which became Tennessee) and to steer the genealogist toward additional primary sources of the early law which should be consulted along with the statutes in order to clearly understand the early law of the courts and their procedure. An in-depth discussion of legal research techniques, tools, and sources, however, is beyond the scope of this series.

## Prior Law

It is important to remember that a jurisdiction's earliest law does not begin on a blank page. In most situations, the researcher must consult the law of prior jurisdictions as well as prior law in the jurisdiction being studied. In the Territory South of the River Ohio, "prior jurisdictions" include both North Carolina

and England. It is very clear that the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio (the "Southwest Territory") was initially governed by North Carolina law. The 1789 Act in which North Carolina ceded the Southwest Territory to the United States reads in part as follows:

Eighthly. That the laws in force and use in the State of North Carolina at the time of passing this Act, shall be and continue in full force within the territory hereby ceded, until the same shall be repealed, or otherwise altered by the legislative authority of the said territory.

This text is repeated verbatim in the 1790 Act to Accept the North Carolina Cession (1 Stat. 106) and in the deed that North Carolina executed to the United States 2 Feb 1790. North Carolina law imported into the Southwest Territory included both the statutory and

common law of England that had been adopted by North Carolina before 1776 and never repealed or amended,<sup>1</sup> but neither the Southwest Territory nor Tennessee adopted any English law that had not first been adopted in North Carolina. It was not until 1858

that Tennessee repealed English and North Carolina statutory law except that which had been reenacted in Tennessee and which was contained in the new Tennessee Code of 1858, although many prior statutes surely fell by the wayside in the interim, and a thorough researcher should determine just what was rejected and when. Although very limited in scope and number (1793-1794), the Ordinances promulgated by the Governor of the Southwest Territory, William Blount, either alone or in conjunction with Judges of the Southwest Territory, are also prior laws that one must consult. They are abstracted below if they impact the law concerning the Territorial Courts. If they do not, they are omitted. The Watauga Association (1769-1777), the Mero District settlements--Cumberland and Clarksville Compacts--(1780-1783), and the State of Franklin (1784-1788), because of their limited comprehensiveness and time, are disregarded, but the reader may wish to consult additional sources if the documents of these jurisdictions are of importance to him or her.<sup>2</sup> Indian law is also omitted, since it had no significant part in the development of the courts in the

Southwest Territory.

Finally, during Territorial days there was an overlay of Federal law that applied to the Southwest Territory that included "An Act for the Government of the Territory South of the River Ohio" (the "Southwest Territory Act"), "An Ordinance for the Government of the Territory of the United States North West of the River Ohio" (the "Northwest Ordinance"), and the "Act for the Government of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio," (the "Northwest Territory Act."<sup>3</sup> It is necessary to consult the Northwest Ordinance and Northwest Territory Act because the Southwest Territory Act provided that the inhabitants of the Southwest Territory were to enjoy the privileges, benefits and advantages set forth in the Northwest Territory Act except as otherwise provided in the Act to Accept the Claims of the State of North Carolina. The only significant difference between the two acts was that slavery was allowed in the Southwest Territory while the Northwest Territory prohibited it.

#### Primary Sources of the Early Law

A genealogist cannot assume that she will know the law of a particular state simply by reading that state's statutes. All the primary sources of law--constitutions, statutes, and judicial opinions (the "common law")--must be consulted, and, if necessary, updated to the time in question

**Constitutions.** Although Tennessee had no constitution of its own at the time the Territorial Assembly passed the bill creating the courts, it seems

that a researcher would look to the North Carolina Constitution. Both Judge John Haywood's Revisal of 1809 and Judge Edward Scott's Compilation of 1821 included the North Carolina Constitution in their collection of the laws of North Carolina that they believed to be in force in Tennessee.<sup>4</sup> However, Judge David Campbell, one of the three judges of the Southwest Territory, refers to the Ordinance of 1787 as the "Constitution" of the Territory. Beginning a letter to Thomas Jefferson, then Secretary of State, he wrote:

Sir: A question has arose, where the Ordinance or the Government of this Territory and the Laws of North Carolina, which by the Cession Act, are in force here, are contradictory, which is to take place. I have sent you inclosed my observations on that matter. You will greatly oblige me, if you will let me know by the Bearer whether you consider my opinion well founded if not state to me your own, which will lay me under obligations....

[Enclosure] The Ordinance which is adopted for the Government of this territory may be properly stiled our constitution operating on the Principles of the Statutes of North Carolina not changing the substance but regulating the mode of administering those Laws and describing the manner of appointing the Officers of government: So that those Laws which are the Rules of our Decisions derive all their force from the Authority of the Federal Government, emanating from the common agreement and original Compact of the State of North Carolina when she ceded this Country to the United States of which it is now an appendage. Questions have arisen upon the legal mode of appointing some of the subordinant officers of this Territory: It is also a matter of Doubt with some, when the Ordinance and the Laws of North Carolina are repugnant, which is to take place.

I suppose it will be acknowledged by all, that the Ordinance is in reality our Constitution; no law

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then, which is contradictory to it can be of any force or Validity in this Territory. This Country was ceded to Congress on the express Condition that it should be governed in a similar manner to that of the Territory North of the Ohio: That is governed by an Ordinance framed for the particular purpose, which Ordinance must limit and modify all the descriptions of Law which apply under it: They can have no being in any other State of Things.

Laws then which are conformable to the Principles of the Ordinance must be the Rule of Conduct for the Citizens of this Territory....This Constitution, I repeat it, we are to look for in the Ordinance which was framed for the Government of the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, our system of laws is the statutes of North Carolina as far as they apply to our particular circumstances: The mode of administering those laws must be conformable to the ordinance.

The Reservations and particular conditions required by the Act of Cession may be stiled our Bill of Rights and the Ordinance properly our Constitution....<sup>5</sup>

**Statutes in force – including North Carolina and U.S.** Early North Carolina statutory law is much easier to consult than the early Southwest Territory and Tennessee law because the early North Carolina statutes have been collected and reprinted.<sup>6</sup> Remember, however, that North Carolina law was in effect in the Southwest Territory only if it did not conflict with Territorial law. Researchers may not be surprised to learn that even prominent Tennessee jurists of early days differed on just what North Carolina law was in effect in Tennessee.<sup>7</sup> The earliest source to examine all the Territorial ordinances and statutes together in one volume is the 1803 publication by a printer, George Roulstone, who printed Territorial ordinances and statutes and Tennessee statutes to 1801.<sup>8</sup> (Roulstone had, however, printed statutes of the early General Assemblies separately.) It is from Roulstone's 1803 work that the early court bill is taken. Finally, the researcher must consider the Federal statutes pertaining to the Southwest and Northwest Territories previously discussed.

**Applicable judicial opinions and the mosaic of common law.** It is the responsibility of the courts to interpret and apply the law to cases before them. Courts make law when the existing law is incomplete or unclear. One needs only to examine a current annotated volume of the statutes of any jurisdiction to quickly see that constitutions and statutes raise many questions of interpretation and application, which are presented to courts to resolve. The body of judicial decisions that results is as much a part of a state's law as the statutes. These judicial decisions constitute a part of the common law. The common law also consists of law, again represented in judicial decisions, that is based on custom in a society. That custom may not be crystallized in a statute, but the society

recognizes it to be customary and just. There is no organized form of the common law such as is found in a statute with its sections and subsections. The only organization is simply what cases happen to come before the court.

In the Anglo-American legal system, the doctrine of *stare decisis* (precedent) is very important. Lower courts are bound by the decisions of higher courts in the same jurisdiction. The reason for this rule is so that people can know how the law will be applied—they do not have to guess how a court will hold in a particular situation if a similar case has previously been litigated. Additionally, the rule helps to ensure that people in similar situations will be treated similarly by the justice system.

In order to fully understand the law of a jurisdiction, then, it is important to have access to judicial opinions. Most early decisions, even when written, were not reported in the early days. ("Reporting" is the collection and publication of important judicial opinions.) In fact, there was no organized reporting at all in Tennessee until 1813, and even then reporting was undertaken only as a private enterprise. Beginning with Volume 9 of *Tennessee Reports*, the legislature made provision for reporting and publishing important judicial decisions. Before that time, as well as afterward, attorneys kept extensive notes of decided cases. The lack of collection and publication of the early cases means that they have been lost to us, in most cases, forever. However, those that have survived can prove interesting instruction in the early law. Reasons for collecting and publishing court opinions are stated well in Cooper's edition of Tennessee's first bound collection, 1 Overton (1 Tenn.), which contained the original opinions collected



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by John Overton with editorial additions by Justice William Cooper, one of the ablest minds in Tennessee

jurisprudence. It is stated in an advertisement in the preface:

It is important for the sake of uniformity of decision, that judicial opinions should be published. If wrong, it is proper that they should be corrected in time, before they are sanctioned by long acquiescence; to this end, their publication will materially contribute...both a check and a guide, both to the judge and the citizen.

The early decisions of courts are almost never reprinted in modern times, and, as a result, the decisions are rare, as well. Early volumes of *Tennessee Reports* are most likely to be found at the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) and at the state's four law schools, and even those facilities may not have complete sets.

To summarize, in researching the early law, the researcher first looks to the applicable Constitution and then to the statutes, being careful to consider what prior law is in effect. Finally, the common law and the interpretation of the Constitution and statutes, both of which are reflected in judicial opinions, form the remainder of the body of an Anglo-American jurisdiction's law. These primary sources must all be read together, and they must all be updated to the date in question. If the reader believes that locating and deciphering the law of the Southwest Territory seems very difficult, she may be interested to learn about Thomas Jefferson's reply to the lengthy and somewhat tortured letter from Judge David Campbell of the Southwest Territory discussed above, in which

Campbell requested Jefferson's opinion of how Federal law applying to the Southwest Territory and North Carolina law should be reconciled when they were in conflict. Jefferson wrote back to Judge Campbell, informing him that he had been away from his practice of the law and that his mind had been occupied with many other matters. In other words—Jefferson didn't know, either!

**Court Rules.** In dealing with statutes prescribing court procedure, the researcher may also want to locate court rules when possible. Courts have the power to prescribe procedure before them, and rules of court are often found in collections of statutes or cases. Early examples of the publication of rules of court include Cooke 1 (3 Tenn.), 1 Yerger (9 Tenn.), and 1 Pickle (85 Tenn.). Generally the reader must locate court rules herself by examining volumes of both statutes and court reports individually. Another source of court procedure is found in the common law forms of action that were used in Tennessee until relatively modern times.

#### **Some Secondary Sources to Aid in Locating and Understanding Primary Sources**

An in-depth explanation of secondary sources, such as treatises, digests, and legal encyclopedias is beyond the scope of this article. (There is no effort here to describe the American Digest System, including the Century Digest, even though it is a very important tool.) The following discussion is very abbreviated and describes less well-known sources that are specific to Tennessee.

An early Tennessee resource that is helpful in finding applicable early Tennessee judicial decisions is the *Digest of all the Decisions of the Former Superior Courts of Law and Equity, and of the Present Supreme Court of Errors and Appeals in the State of Tennessee* compiled by Return J. Meigs and published in 1848. (A "Digest" contains short summaries of the decisions

in court opinions.) Meigs arranged the digested opinions by subject, to impose some order.

Abraham Caruthers' *History of a Lawsuit*, the earliest edition of which is 1852, came relatively late in the state's judicial history, but it is probably the best and most available treatise for understanding procedure in Tennessee's early circuit courts. The standard treatise for procedure in Tennessee's Chancery courts is Henry Gibson's *A Treatise on Suits in Chancery*. An 1810 publication titled *The Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace in the State of Tennessee* served as a manual for the yeoman lawmaker JPs and is helpful for understanding the laws of that era and how they were applied in the County Courts.

## Structure of the Territorial Court System

One of the Territorial General Assembly's most pressing tasks was to provide for a system of justice in the Territory. The legislation that emerged bore considerable likeness to a 1777 North Carolina statute governing the North Carolina courts, though it is clear that those who worked on the bill made a number of specific changes from the North Carolina Act. The proceedings of the first Territorial Assembly reveal that James White and William Cocke from the House of Representatives and John Sevier from the Legislative Council (the upper house of the Territorial General Assembly) were appointed to work on the bill. Governor Blount evidently worked on the bill as well, since the General Assembly passed a resolution of appreciation for "the application of his abilities and attention in forwarding their business as Representatives, most especially in the system of court law."<sup>9</sup> The complexity and length of the bill is reflected in the fact that the clerks were allowed \$12.00 for drawing and engrossing the bill creating the courts. In contrast, they were allowed only \$2.50 for their work on the other individual bills. The history of the Territorial Assembly is beyond the scope of this article, but the Legislative Journals are available at TSLA.

The Territorial courts were constructed as a pyramid, with the base being the single Justice of the Peace. When he organized the Territorial government, Blount initially appointed those who were already serving under North Carolina jurisdiction. Justices of the Peace heard petty civil cases which were valued at twenty dollars and less in cases involving promissory notes, contracts, work or labor performed, and goods and merchandise sold and delivered. The individual Justice of the Peace had the power to order seizure and sale of property if a judgment he had rendered were not satisfied. He also had the power to attach the property of a defendant who was removing himself surreptitiously from the jurisdiction.

### George Roulstone and his 1803 Publication

The story of the recording, collection, and printing of Territorial and early Tennessee statutes begins with Governor William Blount's recruitment of George Roulstone (pronounced "Rall ston"), a printer, first to publish a friendly newspaper, the *Knoxville Gazette*, in the new Southwest Territory, and later to print for the government of the Southwest Territory and the fledgling state of Tennessee. Roulstone became the first Clerk of the Legislative Council, the first printer

The next higher layer of courts was the County Court, also called the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (or Court of Oyer and Terminer), which consisted of the individual justices of the peace sitting together. This court heard cases in which more than twenty dollars was in controversy. The County Court had similar execution powers to the JPs. In addition, it had appellate power. When a person was not satisfied with the decision of an individual justice, he could have an appeal *de novo* to the County Court. In other words, the County Court heard from the beginning the evidence that had previously been heard and determined by the individual justice. The individual justice who had rendered the decision did not participate in the hearing or decision of the case on appeal. In addition to its judicial functions, the County Court exercised broad administrative powers in such areas as the regulation of roads, ferries, ordinaries and other business and community matters. The researcher may want to consult early County Court records either on microfilm or as typed transcriptions by the Works Progress Administration.

At the apex of the pyramid was the Superior Court of Law (later called the Superior Court of Law and Equity). The three Territorial districts, Washington, Hamilton, and Mero, each had a Superior Court, whose jurisdiction was very broad. Their original jurisdiction extended to virtually any kind of case in which the amount of money at issue was more than one hundred pounds if the plaintiff and defendant lived in the same district or more than fifty pounds when the parties lived in different districts. They also had appellate jurisdiction, hearing appeals from the County Court. [Insert map of the districts]

This court structure was retained in Tennessee until 1810, when the courts were reorganized.

for the government, and, for several years, the only printer in the Territory.

At a time when printing resources were both scarce and primitive, copies of the statutes of the Territory and early state enactments became rare, so Roulstone undertook in 1803 to collect and publish a collection of the laws enacted between 1792 and 1801. In the preface to the volume he recounts the difficulty and

expense of bringing the necessary equipment for printing to East Tennessee. Tennessee historian and judge Samuel Cole Williams theorized that the presses were probably brought through the Hillsville Gap and down the valley of the Holston River, first to Rogersville and later to Knoxville.<sup>10</sup> Roulstone's preface also reflects a major problem that a genealogist encounters today in researching the early law. "Although several acts have been repealed, and others have had their effect, yet it was deemed advisable to print all the laws in the order they stand in the editions published under the authority of the state," he wrote. Additionally, there was no evaluation of what North Carolina law might be in force. In other words, Roulstone's publication didn't reflect current law; it merely reprinted the Territorial ordinances, statutes, and Tennessee statutes to 1801. The thorough researcher in the early law must do what Roulstone did not even try to do—she must search the prior law and determine what had been amended or repealed.

The reader should remember that the following is merely a reprint of the statute creating the Territorial courts as reported in Roulstone. Punctuation, capitalization and spelling are rendered exactly as they appear in Roulstone's 1803 volume. Page numbers in Roulstone's volume are indicated in [brackets], and they, too, are rendered exactly as they appear even though there are pagination errors in the book. The ordinances of the Governor and the Judges are abstracted only to the extent that they concern the judicial system; therefore, they are incomplete here. The act of the First Territorial Assembly is, however, reprinted in its entirety. From time to time short explanations concerning the statute are added that may be of interest to the reader. They are indicated by a five space indentation on both margins and are enclosed in {brackets}. Editorial comment is usually found at the first reference in the text and is not repeated at later references. *To Be Continued* ■

#### End Notes

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3. The text of these documents can be found in the following: Clarence E. Carter, comp. and ed., *The Territorial Papers of the United States*, 28 vols., *Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio, 1790-1796*, Vol. IV (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1936), (hereinafter cited as Carter, comp. and ed., *Territorial Papers*, vol. 4); John Haywood, *A Civil and Political History of the State of Tennessee*. Reprint. (Knoxville: The Tensae Company), 1969. The documents can also be found in most early compilations of Tennessee law (but not in Roulstone) as well as several general histories of Tennessee.
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6. Clark, comp. and ed., *Laws of NC*, vols. XXIII - XXV.
7. Carter, comp. and ed., IV: 121 *et seq*.
8. George Roulstone, comp., *Laws of the State of Tennessee, 1794-1801*. (Knoxville: Roulstone, 1803).
9. George Roulstone, comp., *Journal of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Territory of the U.S. South of the River Ohio, etc.* (Nashville: 1852 reprint), pp. 6, 34; Roulstone, *Journal of the Proceedings of the House of Representatives of the Territory of the U.S. South of the River Ohio, etc.*, (Nashville, 1852 reprint), p. 7.
10. Samuel C. Williams, "George Roulstone: Father of the Tennessee Press," 17 *East Tennessee Historical Society Publication* 51 (1945): 52

# Reconstructing the Maury County

## 1810 Census -- Part III

In an effort to reconstruct the lost 1810 census of Maury County, four sources were consulted. Each source provided names of people who were active in the county in some way between 1808 and 1811. Gleaned from these sources were 1,230 names of individuals – admittedly including some likely repetitions where the same person appeared in more than one source. Although not all of them would have appeared in the census – married women, slaves and children, for example – many of the names listed here must be the names inscribed on the 1810 census schedules which were destroyed long ago in a Washington, D.C., records building fire.

### The Sources:

*Maury County Tennessee Court Minutes 1807-1809*, by Jill Knight Garrett (Columbia, Tenn., 1965?), in which entries dated in 1809 are found on pp. 45—84. These names are found in the list below followed by a brief indication of the reason for their appearance in the court records (juror, Justice, etc.).

*Marriages of Maury County Tennessee, 1808-1852*, compiled by Edythe Whitley (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982) in which marriages dated 1809-1811 appear on page 1. These names are followed in the list below by the word 'married.' Page 1 includes 1809-1811 marriages.

*Maury County Tax List 1808-1810*, as found in the journal *Historic Maury* (volume 32, numbers 1—4, March 1996—Dec. 1996). These entries are cited in the list below as 'tax list ca. 1808-1810.'

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Lewis, Andrew tax list ca 1808-1810	Lindsay, John tax list ca 1808-1810	Long, Nicholas (estate) released from tax payment
Lewis, J. Martin tax list ca 1808-1810	Lindsey, John tax list ca 1808-1810	Long, Wm. residence mentioned
Lewis, James tax list ca 1808-1810	Lock, James tax list ca 1808-1810	Looney, Abram tax list ca 1808-1810
Lewis, James M. superior court judge	Lock, Walter tax list ca 1808-1810	Looney, David tax list ca 1808-1810
Lewis, Joseph F. sued Jacob Scott	Lockart, Samuel (estate) tax adjusted	Lorentz, Jacob road crew
Lewis, William T. tax list ca 1808-1810	Lockhart, Thomas tax list ca 1808-1810	Lorentz, John road crew
Lindsay, Edward tax list ca 1808-1810	Lockridge, James juror	Love, David mill owner
Lindsay, Isaac tax list ca 1808-1810	Lockridge, James tax list ca 1808-1810	Love, David tax list ca 1808-1810
Lindsay, Jacob witness	Lofton, William tax list ca 1808-1810	Love, James commissioner
Lindsay, Jacob tax list ca 1808-1810	Loggans, Wm. taxes refunded	Love, James tax list ca 1808-1810
Lindsay, John superior court judge	Long, Nicholas tax list ca 1808-1810	Love, John residence mentioned

Love, Samuel  
road surveyor  
Lower, Joseph  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Lowrey, Squire  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Luckey, David  
juror  
Luckey, David  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Lusk, James  
tax list 1808  
Lusk, Robert  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Lusk, Robert Jr.  
juror  
Lusk, Samuel  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Lusk, Samuel  
tax list 1808  
Lynch, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Mack, Robert  
attorney  
Maines, Joseph  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Maines, Perry Joseph  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Malone, George  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Malone, Thomas  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Malone, Thomas B.  
road crew  
Manniffee, John  
Admr of Wm. Maniffee estate  
Manniffee, Wm. (estate)  
Admr appointed  
Mark, John  
road crew  
Marr, John  
tax list 1808  
Martin, William  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Martin, Wm.  
juror  
Martin, Zachariah  
road crew  
Martin, Zachariah  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Mash, Gilbert  
sued John Hendrix  
Matthews, David  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Matthews, John  
Justice of the Peace

Matthews, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Maxwell, William  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Maxwell, Wm.  
road crew  
May, Benjamin  
son of Moses, sanity evaluated  
May, Charles P.  
commissioned to assess damages  
May, Henry  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
May, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
May, Moses  
father of Benjamin  
Mayfield, A.B.  
commissioned to assess damages  
Mayfield, James [Sr.]  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Mayfield, James Jr.  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Mayfield, Samuel  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Mays, Henry  
residence mentioned  
McBride, David  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McBride, John  
road crew  
McCabe, Charles  
witness  
McCabe, John  
took deposition in land case  
McCafferty, Edward  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCain, Eli  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCain, Robert  
road overseer  
McCain, Robert  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCall, Alexander (by agent)  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCalley, John  
road crew  
McCalley, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCarty, Andrew  
constable  
McCarty, Andrew  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McClannahan, Samuel  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McClean, James  
juror

McClure, Halbert  
sued Robt Steel  
McClure, M.  
sued Robt Steel  
McCollister, Rebecca  
married Samuel Bird 1809  
McCollum, Isaac  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCord, David  
juror  
McCord, Robert  
road crew  
McCormick, Samuel  
security for Howard Hardin  
McCoy, Jesse  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCracken, Ephriam  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCrackin, John  
tax list 1808  
McCuistain, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCuistain, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCuistain, Samuel  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCuistian, Benjamin  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McCulloch, Benjamin  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McDonald, Joseph  
married Elizabeth Gordon 1810  
McDonnell, Alexander  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McDonnell, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McDonnell, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McDonnell, Joseph  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McDonnell, Robert  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McDonnell, William  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McDowel, C. Joseph  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McEntires, Anie  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McFall, George  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McFall, John  
road overseer  
McFall, Thomas  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McGahey, Jacob  
tax list ca 1808-1810

McGahey, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McGahey, W. George  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McGee, Childs  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McGee, Chiles  
residence mentioned  
McGee, Giles  
road crew  
McGee, Jacob  
road crew  
McGee, Joseph  
security for Willis Davis  
McGee, Joseph  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McGining, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McGuary, Pleasant  
residence mentioned  
McIntire, Duncan  
road crew  
McIver, John  
tax list 1808  
McKee, Jacob  
failed to appear as witness  
McKee, Jacob  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McKinney, John  
attorney  
McKissack, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McKnight, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McLean, Charles  
road crew  
McLean, Charles  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McLean, Ephriam  
road crew  
McLean, Ephriam Jr.  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McLean, Ephriam Sr.  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McLean, James  
security for Caleb Hanley  
McLean, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McLean, Samuel  
taxed on 925 acres  
McLean, Samuel  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McLean, William  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McLin, William  
tax list ca 1808-1810

McMahan, B. John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McMahan, Samuel D.  
married Phebe Young 1811  
McMahon, John  
road overseer  
McMahon, John B.  
evaluated slaves  
McMahon, Richard  
road surveyor  
McMillen, Wm.  
road crew  
McMinn, John  
road crew  
McMuir, James  
tax list 1808  
McNairy, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McNeil, Thomas  
juror  
McNiece, James  
juror  
McNielle, Thomas  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
McNight, James  
road crew  
McNight, Wm.  
married Rachel Pickins 1809  
McQuery, Pleasant  
juror  
McRory, John  
tax adjusted  
McVay, Jordan  
judge at elections  
McVay, Jordon  
road crew  
McWhite, Andrew  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Miller, Alexander  
road crew  
Miller, Alexander  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Miller, Jobe  
Justice of the Peace  
Miller, John  
commissioner  
Miller, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Minian, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Mitchell, Andrew  
road crew  
Montford, Henry  
tax list 1808  
Montgomery, Alexander  
tax list ca 1808-1810

Montgomery, Alexander Sr.  
juror  
Montgomery, Jacob  
juror  
Montgomery, Jacob  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Montgomery, James  
juror  
Montgomery, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Montgomery, James  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Montgomery, John  
road crew  
Montgomery, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Moodey, Thomas  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Moore, Charles  
guilty of public fighting  
Moore, Henry  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Moore, Sumersett  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Moore, Summerset  
Justice of the Peace  
Moore, William  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Moorehead, John  
commissioner  
Murfree, Hardy  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Murfree, Hardye  
tax list 1808  
Myers, Wm.  
prisoner in jail  
Myrick, John  
road crew  
Myrick, John  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Myrick, Mooreland  
juror  
Myrick, Morlden  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Neal, William  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Needham, Bailey  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Needham, Jesse  
keeper of the peace  
Needham, Lewis  
tax list ca 1808-1810  
Neel, William  
tax list 1808

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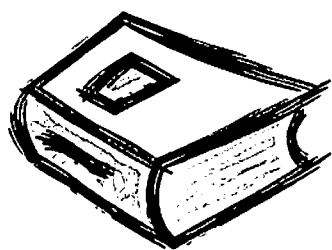
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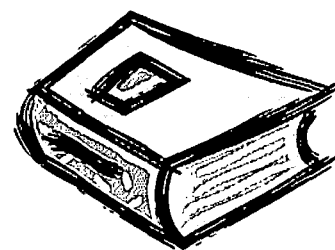
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Mss. Ac. No. 67-143  
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Early History of Owen Methodist Church (Ancient Owners of Marion Farms) F443.M32 L37  
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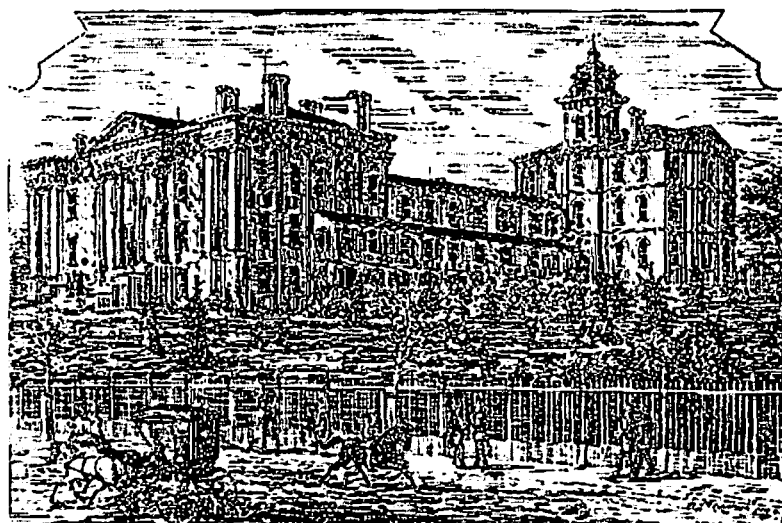
# The Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Schedules of the 1880 Tennessee Census

Cannon County continued

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*Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Nashville, Tenn.*

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. 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 certain descriptions.

The following questions were asked on all seven of the DDD schedules:

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 powers, such as dementia and those born defective; the latter were to be classified as Idiots.

**Idiots:** supposed cause; age of occurrence; size of person's head [at that time considered 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 also 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.

For a more-detailed discussion of the DDD schedules and this abstracting project, please see Part I, in the Summer 2005 issue of this journal (Volume XIX, no.1), pp. 32-40.

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

The interpretation of these records may contain deciphering errors. If, upon viewing the microfilm, any mistakes are noted, please contact the compiler with that information.

**Change to abstracts:** From this point on, the "residence when at home" will not be not abstracted unless it differs from the place enumerated.

**McKnight, Ellen:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; age at first attack, 10; confined at times; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.1,ln.15]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 26, sister, single, in household of Edward McKnight, age 28.

**Davenport, Stephen A.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; dementia; duration of present attack, 24 hours; many attacks; age at first attack, 15; helpless, restrained at night; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.30,ln.29]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 15, son, single, in household of Abram Davenport, age 46, farmer.

**McKnight, Margaret:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; demented; age at first attack, 32; not restrained, not confined; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.21]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 32, daughter, in household of Abner S. McKnight, age 54, farmer.

**McKnight, William:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; demented; age at first attack, 23; not restrained, not confined; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.23]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 38, son, in household of Abner S. McKnight, age 54, farmer.

**McKnight, Nancy A.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; par[tially?] demented; age at first attack, 23; not confined, not restrained, never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.31,ln.24]

**Pop. Sch.:** age 23, daughter, in household of Abner S. McKnight, age 54, farmer.

**Devenport, R. E.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 14th C.D.; afflicted at age 5; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.30,ln.5]

**Pop Sch.:** Rebecca E., 32, daughter, in household of Amy F. Devenport, age 53, widowed.

**Note by gwb:** On population schedule, the tick mark for Rebecca E. is in "Insane" column, not in "Idiotic" column.

**Odom, Filmore Milliard:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth; patient at Knoxville; discharged 7 Sept. 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.35]

**Odom, Albert Sydney:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; self-supporting;

afflicted at birth; patient at Knoxville; discharged 5 September 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.37]

**Odom, Alton:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; self-supporting; afflicted at birth; patient at Knoxville; discharged 3 September 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.39]

**Gibson, Jefferson D.:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 14<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; patient at Knoxville; discharged 3 September 1876. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.26,ln.6]

**Bryson, Rachael A.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 15; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.10]

**Helton, Dovey S.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 14<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.28,ln.36]

**Smith, Amy J.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 14<sup>th</sup> C.D.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.28,ln.1]

**Williams, Thomas J.:** Prisoners Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 11<sup>th</sup> C.D.; inmate Lebanon Jail; state prisoner awaiting trial; incarcerated 26 May 1880; malicious shooting. [s.d.3,e.d.26;see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.33]

**Pop.Sch.:** E.d. 26, p. 32, line 22: Thomas Williams, age 52, works in shoe & boot shop.

**Note by gwb:** This is the only Thomas Williams of adult age in the 1880 Cannon County census, according to Ancestry.com index. In Thomas's household are his wife and three children. The enumerator dated this page as 26 June 1880. It appears he must have been released from jail sometime prior to that date.

**Matison, Fults:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 10<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.14]

**Summar, Mandy J.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 10<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; natural

head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.43]

**Summar, Nancy E.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 10<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; natural head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.45]

**Grizzle, Lewis E.:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 10<sup>th</sup> C.D.; [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.11,ln.7]

**Hale, Pollic:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 10<sup>th</sup> C.D.. [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.8, ln.25]

**Melton, William J.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 9<sup>th</sup> C.D.; age at first attack, 58. [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.22,ln.23]

**Pop.Sch.:** head of household, age 60, brain dropsy.

**Blair, Caroline:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 9<sup>th</sup> C.D.; age at first attack, 28; patient at Nashville Asylum. [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.23,ln.27]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 36, wife, in household of William Blair, age 36.

**Martin, Martha:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 8<sup>th</sup> C.D. [s.d.3,e.d.24;see Pop.Sch.p.32,ln.9]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 18, disabled, in household of brother John E. Martin, 27, and a sister, and another brother.

**Brim, Jenetta:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 9<sup>th</sup> C.D.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; large head; insane, blind.

**Also:** Blind Schedule. [s.d.3,e.d.25;see Pop.Sch.p.12,ln.34]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 51, widow, no relationship stated; in household of William Fitts, 45, farmer.

**Webb, Laura:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 7<sup>th</sup> C.D.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; large head. [s.d.3,e.d.24;see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.24]

**Pitts, Catharine:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 7<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural head. [s.d.3,e.d.24;see Pop.Sch.p.18,ln.45]

**Hawkins, Sarah:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 9<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural head. [s.d.3,e.d.24;see Pop.Sch.p.28,ln.40]

**Right, Isabel:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 9<sup>th</sup> C.D.; partly self-supporting; afflicted at birth. [s.d.3,e.d.24;see Pop.Sch.p.25,ln.32]

**Vanhour, Jeremiah:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 9<sup>th</sup> C.D.; not self-supporting; cause, sore eyes. [s.d.3,e.d.24;see Pop.Sch.p. 28,ln.36]

**Peeler, Amanda J.:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 5<sup>th</sup> C.D.

**Also:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; self-supporting; afflicted at age 4; semi-mute; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d. [s.d.3,e.d.23;see Pop.Sch.p.2,ln.1]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 18, daughter, in household of Linzy Peeler, 60.

**Elam, Sarah A.:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 5<sup>th</sup> C.D.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 2; disease of the ears; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.23;see Pop.Sch.p.4,ln.32]

**Youngblood, James A.:** Deaf-Mutes Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 5<sup>th</sup> C.D.; afflicted at birth. [s.d.3,e.d.23;see Pop.Sch.p.8,ln.8]

**West, William C.:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 8<sup>th</sup> C.D.; self-supporting; afflicted at age 26; sore eyes. [s.d.3,e.d.23;see Pop.Sch.p.21,ln.49]

**Winnett, Thomas:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 8<sup>th</sup> C.D.; not self-supporting; afflicted at age 15. [s.d.3,e.d.23;see Pop.Sch.p.26,ln.1]

**Travis, Martha:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 4<sup>th</sup> C.D.; duration of present attack, 6 years; 1

attack; age at first attack, 46; not restrained, not confined; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.22;see Pop.Sch.p.21,ln.17]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 52, widowed, daughter; in household of William Craft, age 78, farmer.

**Henderson, Andrew:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 4<sup>th</sup> C.D.; duration of present attack, 7 years; 1 attack; age at first attack, 2; not restrained, not confined; never an inmate of an institution.

**Also:** Idiots Schedule; afflicted at age 2; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.22;see Pop.Sch.p.28,ln.24]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 9, son; in household of Nat Henderson, age 62, farmer.

**Cox, Oma:** Insane Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 4<sup>th</sup> C.D.; hereditary; duration of present attack, 10 years; 1 attack; age at first attack, 45; not confined, not restrained, never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.22;see Pop.Sch.p.25,ln.1]

**Pop.Sch.:** age 60, female, divorced, [no relationship stated]; in household of T.M. Gaither, age 26, farmer.

**Stone, Margaret:** Idiots Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 4<sup>th</sup> C.D.; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; natural head; never an inmate of an institution. [s.d.3,e.d.22;see Pop.Sch.p.20,ln.26]

**Harmons, Dina:** Blind Schedule; enumerated Cannon Co., 4<sup>th</sup> C.D.. [s.d.3,e.d.22;see Pop.Sch.p.3,ln.41] ■

*Cannon County Concluded  
Next issue: Cheatham County!*

## QUERIES

*From Our Readers*

**BENNETT:** I am seeking info on the family of Thomas & Rosa BENNETT who lived in Nashville in 1900. Their children were Everett, George, Ray (died 1921, buried at Mt Olivet), Rose BENNETT ROBBINS (performed in Robbins Bros. Circus), Lillie Mae (married — MALCOLM who later married — SMITH and lived in Murfreesboro in 1934. Rose had a daughter Frances. Lillie Mae had a son Wallace and another son Thomas BENNETT (buried at Mt Olivet in 1914). I can't find a trace of this family. They moved to Chicago in 1905. Rosa BENNETT died in 1924. Any info would be appreciated. Randall Wagner/807 Cypress/Duncan OK 73533

**WAITE:** Seeking info on James WAITE, age 6, sex male, race white, born in 1844 in I believe Coffee Co,TN. Seeking info on Archibald WAITE, age 2, sex male, race white, born in 1848 in I believe Coffee Co, TN. They were both listed in the 1850 census of Coffee Co, TN in the household of their parents George & Jerusha C. (Barton) YELL, WAITE. Dwight Lynn Alford/294 Rock Rd/Morrison TN 37357-3450.



# Middle Tennessee Supreme Court Records

*Second Series*

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



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Supreme Court Records, Box 76  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**John Beeler  
vs William Beeler et al**

Original Bill heard in  
Lawrence County Chancery Court

...your Orator John Beeler a citizen of Lawrence County, Tennessee that Daniel Beeler died in Lawrence Co. on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1842 leaving his widow Elizabeth surviving and the following children & grandchildren viz William Beeler Mary Alexander formerly Mary Beeler and your Orator together with Mary Jane Matthews Benj. F. Matthews & Andrew J. Matthews children and minors of Catharine Matthews dec'd. daughter of said Daniel Beeler dec'd. & William James Alexander & Alfred Alexander children of the said Mary Alexander. He further shows that in September 1840 the said Daniel Beeler made and published his last will and testament in which he appointed your Orator and his widow Elizabeth his executor & executrix ...and that at the Jany. Term 1843 of the Lawrence County Court your Orator was appointed and qualified as sole executor of said will the said Elizabeth having renounced. He

further shows that the said Daniel Beeler died seized and possessed of a valuable estate consisting of lands in Lawrence County and in lands (the latter acquired since the making of said will) negroes stock money and notes of hand etc....

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**John S. Harris & others  
vs. Isaac Saunders & others**

Original Bill heard in  
Robertson County Circuit Court  
... on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1843  
John S. Harris & wife Delany, Jackson Simmons & wife Sally, Thomas Fitts and wife Elizabeth, Lewis Harris, Thomas Rasberry and wife Anne sent out of the office of the Circuit Court their certain capias against the bodies of Isaac Saunders, Holloway Hudgins, Izra Harris, James Saunders, Andrew Saunders & Zachariah Gent, which capias is ... to wit  
State of Tennessee  
To the Sheriff of Robertson County, Greeting,  
You are hereby commanded to take the bodies of Isaac Saunders, Holloway Hudgens, Izra[?] Harris, James Saunders, Andrew Saunders

& Zackariah Gent ...to answer John S. Harris & wife Delany, Jackson Simmons & wife Sally, Thomas Fitts & wife Elizabeth Lewis Harris & Thomas Rasberry & wife Anne in a plea that they render unto them seven negroes to wit Milly, Jack, Edmund, Mahala, George, and two other children of said Milly, the names of which are unknown to these plaintiffs ...[signed] Jesse Davis

We acknowledge ourselves bound & indebted unto Isaac Saunders, H. Hudgins and Izra Harris & others in the sum of one hundred & twenty five dollars ... this 23<sup>rd</sup> day May 1843.

[signed] John (his x mark) S. Harris, M. Lowe, Lewis Cochran.  
Test. B. W. Bradley

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**Joel Bayliss & wife Polly  
vs. Dickson**

Original Bill heard in  
Dickson County Chancery Court  
... on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839  
... humbly complaining shew unto your honor your Orator and Oratrix Joel Bayliss and wife Polly citizens of Montgomery County,

Tennessee, that Isaac Shelby father of your Oratrix departed this life sometime in the year 1812 or 1813 having made and published his last will & testament in writing which was duly proven and recorded in Montgomery County by John Shelby the executor therein named who gave bond and qualified as executor. At the death of said Isaac your Oratrix was about seven or eight years of age and she had several younger brothers & sisters who are yet living. By his will he directed John Shelby his executor to keep all his negroes upon his farm in Montgomery County for the support of his wife and children until the youngest came of age ... and when the youngest came of age then to divide his estate among his wife and children....

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**John Gottlieb Houser & others  
vs. Houser**

Original Bill heard in  
Maury County Chancery Court

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your Orators & Oratrix John Gottlieb Houser John Gottlob Houser John G. Hoofman & wife Christiana Sophia formerly Christiana Sophia Houser all citizens of the County of Maury that many years since John Godfrey Houser a brother of your orators John Gottlob and John Gottlieb & of your oratrix Christiana Sophia emigrated from Saxony in Germany & settled himself in the City of New Orleans in business; that ... the said John Godfrey purchased at different times in the County of Maury , State of Tennessee a large tract of

land on the waters of Big Bigby Creek containing something like 965 acres and two houses [&] 7 lots in the town of Columbia in said County ... that about the year 1821 the said John Godfrey died seized & possessed of said tract of land & town lots; that shortly after the death of sd. John Godfrey Charles Houser a brother of your Orators & Oratrix came to the United States and took possession of the lands of the said John Godfrey up to the year 1825 or 1826—that the said Charles died in the latter year; that previous to his death as well as they recollect Henry D. Houser also a brother of the said John Godfrey and of your Orators and Oratrix came to the United States & immediately upon the death of the said Charles took possession of said land & town lots....

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Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**Joseph Robinson  
vs. John Robinson, Jr. & others**

Original Bill heard in  
Bedford County Chancery Court

... on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1841 ... the Bill of Complaint of Joseph Robinson for himself & as guardian of Jane Robinson, both citizens of Bedford County, against John Robinson, Jr. David Robinson, Alexander Saunders & wife Jane, James M. Robinson and Rachel Robinson, all citizens of Bedford County, Mary Biggers a citizen of Williamson County, Tenn., William Robinson who when last heard of was a citizen of the Republic of Texas, and the minor heirs of Alexander Robinson, dec'd., whose names are

all not known to your Orator, who reside in Texas ...

Humbly complaining your Orator Joseph Robinson sheweth that John Robinson Senr. the ancestor of complts. and defts. departed this life intestate in Bedford County, some time in August 1839, and that at the September Term 1839 of the County Court of Bedford County your Orator, the said Joseph took upon himself the administration of the estate of the said John, and qualified and gave bond and security as such administrator ...

... that John Robinson Jr. and the other defts. and complainants constitute all of the distributees of said John Robinson Sr. He further states that most of said distributees, with the exception of Rachel Robinson the widow of said John, had been advanced in the lifetime of said John, but the precise amounts of the several advancements are not known your orator....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 76  
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**Robert Steele & others  
vs. George M. D. Cantrell & others**

Original Bill heard in  
Williamson Co. Chancery Court

Bill of Complaint of Robert Steel and John Say[?] citizens of Montgomery County against George M. D. Cantrell, William Allen, Edwin H. Ewing citizens of Davidson County, Robert Bowen a citizen of Dickson County, and Christopher S. Bowen a citizen of Mississippi.

...that your orators Robert Steele and John Say on or about the \_\_\_[blank] day of \_\_\_[blank] 1834

formed a partnership with the defendants Robert and Christopher Bowen for the purpose of carrying on the manufacture of iron, and that they did on or about the fifth day of March 1834 purchase from the defendants Cantrell and Allen the "Yellow Creek Furnace" in the County of Montgomery about three miles about its mouth....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 76  
Middle Tennessee, 1843

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**John Den's Lessee  
vs Charles Goodall**

Original Bill heard in  
Sumner County Circuit Court

John Den by attorney complains of Richard Fen who has been summoned etc. in a plea of trespass with force and arms. For that heretofore to wit on the first day of January 1841 in the County of Sumner Elizabeth Crenshaw and her husband Garland C. Crenshaw and James Dickerson Reuben Dickerson & Lucy Dickerson by their guardian Garland C. Crenshaw loaned ... and to farm let the following tract of land in the county aforesaid to the said John Den for the term of two years ... two hundred acres as follows beginning on a stake John Wilks's north east corner....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 76  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**John P. McKay, Admr.,  
vs Joseph B. S. Wyatt & others**

Original Bill heard in  
Williamson Co. Chancery Court

The Bill of Complaint of John P. McKay, Administrator of Martha Cator, dec'd. of the County of Williamson complainant against

Joseph B. S. Wyatt of the Republic of Texas, Sarah Ann Sanderson of Washington County, North Carolina and Levin Cator, James Pugh, Moses C. Cator, Sr., Charles McAlister & Martha M. E. his wife and Moses E. Cator Jr. of the County of Williamson.

... sheweth that on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1820 the defendant Levin Cator and one Martha Wyatt, who was then a resident of the County of Perquimans in the State of North Carolina in contemplation of a marriage between them entered into a marriage contract ... registered in said County of Perquimans ... and that ... the said Levin Cator and Martha intermarried with each other, that by the said marriage contract the whole of the real & personal estate of said Martha was conveyed to William Reed, Ambrose K. Wyatt and Johnathan N.[?] Jacocks upon trust for the separate use of said Martha H. ... That shortly after said marriage the said Martha removed with her said husband to the County of Williamson in the State of Tennessee (where she resided until her death and brought with her as your orator believes all of the property and the then proceeds thereof conveyed by said marriage contract ...) ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 76  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**Samuel Hatfield,  
Admr. of John Hatfield, dec'd.  
vs John Morrow, Admr. of  
David McGowen, dec'd.**

Original Bill heard in Coffee  
County Circuit Court

... June Term 1841 ... Samuel Hatfield, Administrator of John

Hatfield, deceased by his attorney complains of David McGowen, who has been summon[ed] to answer etc. in a plea wherefore he unlawfully detains from him the said plaintiff the following slaves for life, to wit: Amy of the value of \$500, Elizabeth of the value of \$800, Harry ... 1,000, Eli ... \$1,000, Jane ... \$800, Robert ... \$800, Lucinda ... \$600, William ... \$500, George ... \$500, and Sarah ... \$300. For that whereas the said John Hatfield, deceased, in his lifetime, to wit on the \_\_\_[blank] day of \_\_\_[blank] in the year \_\_\_[blank] in the County of Coffee was lawfully possessed as of his own property of the aforesaid slaves for life ... and being so thereof possessed he ... in the year last aforesaid in the County of Coffee casually lost the said slaves for life out of his possession ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 76,  
Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**William. R. Saunders  
vs William H. Russell**

Original Bill heard in  
Sumner County Chancery Court

... Your orator Wm. R. Saunders a citizen of Sumner County, Tennessee some time in May 1836 left this country for the State of Missouri on a trading expedition together with other business, having in possession a stallion known here by the name of Partnership (in Missouri Partner) which horse was raised by his father Hubbard Saunders, sired by old Volunteer, out of old Rosey Clack, also a colt of his, some two or three years old, known as he is informed now, by the name of Lamplighter, said horse Partner

being at that time of the age of fifteen years.

He reached the house of one Wm. Henley Russell in the County of Calloway and State of Missouri some time in March of said year and was there shewn by the said Wm. H. Russell the following stock, viz: Wildcat and Josephine which he represented as being splendid and thoroughbred as he said might be seen by reference to the American Turf Register of Baltimore edited by Skinner in the first or 2<sup>nd</sup> volumes under the head of David M. Allen's stud; as he said they were raised by David M. Allen of Virginia which fact your orator had no means there of ascertaining, but the mere statement of the said Wm. H. not having the Register for information or reference or any in that state as to the knowledge of your orator, for which two mares to wit Wildcat & Josephine he asked your orator \$800 or \$400 each saying they cost him that sum in Virginia....

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Middle Tennessee, 1844

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**Willie L. Norfleet  
& Oliver S. Connell  
vs James Trigg & others**

Original Bill heard in  
Sumner County Chancery Court

Your orators Willie L. Norfleet and Oliver S. Connell citizens of the County of Robertson would represent that the heirs and devisees of Wm. Trigg, dec'd. to wit James Trigg William Trigg George Wimberly who intermarried with a daughter of said Trigg, dec'd. named Charlotte William Lapride and wife reside in Robertson Mary and Thomas Trigg

& George W. Temple as administrator of his wife Frances Trigg Charles Norfield and his wife Jane is dec'd. procured an order for the sale of a negro named Stephen in the Montgomery Circuit Court ...

That they advertised the sale of said boy in the County of Montgomery ... Your orator Willie L. Norfleet who resided in the County of Robertson, and knew nothing of the condition and health of the boy, having heard of the sale attended on the day he found the boy sick and in bed, and had no idea of purchasing of the said boy without an assurance of warrantee that the boy was sound and not seriously affected ... the said Stephen then being about forty years old....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 72,  
Middle Tennessee, 1843

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**David S. Jamison, Admr., and  
Lawrence Jamison, Extr.,  
vs James W. Frazer et al**

Original Bill heard in  
Montgomery County  
Chancery Court

...that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1835 a Bill was filed in the words and figures following, to wit ...

David S. Jamison as the Admr. with the will annexed of William C. Jamison, dec'd. & James Lawrence Jamison as the Executor of the last will and testament of Elenor Jamison, dec'd., vs James W. Fraser & Sally his wife formerly Sally Jamison of the State of Alabama Jesse Eli & wife Charlotte, formerly Charlotte Jamison & Zachariah Poor & Albert Jamison, defendants of Montgomery County.

Your orators state that some time about the year 18\_\_[blank] the said William C. Jamison departed this life leaving a last will and testament in which he appointed David Shelby, John Shelby & G. W. L. Moore his executors. John Shelby alone qualified ... The said John Shelby so managed the said estate, that at the time of the October Term of the County Court of Montgomery 1821 he returned an inventory of the goods and chattels of the said William C. Jamison ... that the said John Shelby after managing the estate for some years saw proper to resign his trust as executor ... when the County Court of Montgomery at the \_\_[blank] Term 18 \_\_[blank] saw proper to appoint your orator....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 73,  
Middle Tennessee, 1843

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**Martha Alexander vs  
Nathaniel & James Perry**  
Original Bill heard in

Warren County Chancery Court  
The Bill of Complaint of Martha Alexander a citizen of Warren County against Nathaniel Perry and James Perry also citizens of said County, defendants ... that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1839 your oratrix together with Samuel Alexander, Silas Alexander, Samuel Alexander, James H. Alexander & William Alexander & her son-in-law Henry Powell, sold to the defts. [several] tracts of land in Warren County and on the Barren Fork of Collins River....

*This concludes the series of  
abstracts on which the late Betsy  
Ragsdale worked. The series  
continues in the next issue, with the  
help of Joan Pruett.*

**BYLAWS  
of the  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

**ARTICLE I.**

**Name.**

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

**ARTICLE II.**

**Objectives.**

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

**ARTICLE III.**

**Membership and Dues.**

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

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

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

**ARTICLE IV.**

**Officers.**

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

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

SECTION 3. The Officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected and assume office. Their term of office shall begin June 1 following the annual meeting in May. In the event there is only one candidate for any office, voting on that office may be by voice vote.

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

SECTION 5. A. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President who shall succeed to the office of President for the remainder of the term. B. If a vacancy should occur during the year in any office or directorship other than

Presidency, the vacancy shall be filled through appointment by the Board of Directors.

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

B. **The Vice President** shall: 1. Be an active aid to the President. 2. In the event of the absence or inability of the President to perform his/her duties, the Vice President shall perform the duties of and have the authority and privileges of the President.

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE V.**

**Board of Directors.**

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

SECTION 2. The Officers and Directors of this Society shall constitute a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, at a place and time determined by the Board. The Board

of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society between its business meetings, make recommendations to the membership and perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Board shall be responsible to the membership.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Mail and Membership Master whose duties shall be: (1) To maintain an accurate list of members, along with such information as mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, expiration dates of membership, and other pertinent information; (2) to notify members of delinquency of dues; and (3) to notify mailing service of any additions or deletions from the mailing list, making sure that the mailing service has a current and correct membership list along with correct addresses; (4) to maintain a post office box and periodically collect mail addressed to the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society from that box and process such mail or forward it to the appropriate officer, director or member of the Society. The Mail and Membership Master shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors and shall serve a term concurrent with his/her tenure as Mail and Membership Master.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### Membership Meetings.

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### Committees.

SECTION 1. There may be the following standing committees: Program; Collection and Archives; Public Relations and Membership; Publications and such other committees as may be authorized by the Society or the Board of Directors.

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

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### Parliamentary Authority.

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

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### Amendment of Bylaws.

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

#### ARTICLE X.

##### Dissolution of the Society.

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

#### ARTICLE XI.

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

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

*The original bylaws were adopted 15 August 1987.*



## The Journal

### Policy and Information

Members of the Society are encouraged to submit *unpublished* primary source material of Middle Tennessee genealogical and historical importance to be considered for inclusion in the *Journal*. Data can be in the form of transcribed records, "how-to" articles of broad interest, or historical facts. Family histories that are well documented and pertain to the region will also be considered. Photographs and other illustrations can accompany the article and are encouraged. Sources used should be cited in the submitted material. References or footnotes should be in the form of end notes and placed at the end of the article. *Material should be limited to a published length of approximately five typeset pages.*

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