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Jan. 17, 2004

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Mar. 20, 2004

"Blacks in Blue and Gray"

Julia Otey Lee

Teacher and MTGS leader Julia Lee will outline the role of Middle Tennessee African-Americans in the Civil War, both Confederate and Union, as developed through research in pension records, service records, Freedmen's Bureau records and regimental histories.

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 this issue goes to press, the Tennessee State Library and Archives is celebrating its 150th anniversary as an institution, and the 50th anniversary of its building on Capitol Hill. Genealogists have reason to join in this celebration, for the staff of TSLA has, over the years, helped to compile and preserve a tremendous treasure-trove of historical records.

Mining that treasure is one of the pleasures that falls to the genealogist. In this issue are a number of articles based on original records housed at TSLA. Among them is an 1821 petition from citizens of Bedford and Rutherford counties who were disturbed that debtors were not imprisoned for their crimes.

The Society's biggest event each year is the Fall Conference, and it is time to send in your registration. You'll find an article about the German research specialty of our speaker, Hank Jones, on page 71. But even if you are not researching German ancestors, you won't want to miss this seminar. Hank Jones is one of the best speakers in the field of genealogy, and everyone will benefit from his lectures on *Psychic Roots*, dealing with erroneous records and using family traditions to further your research.

A registration form for the Conference appears on page 73. If you are reluctant to but I hope you won't want to tear a page out of your Journal, just send the information requested on a separate piece of paper, or print out a form from our web site: www.mtgs.org

If you have been thinking of submitting an article for the *Journal*, I hope you will follow through with that thought. We are looking for interesting articles about genealogical research methods, interesting documents, and local families. The inside back cover has more information for authors.

Chuck Sherrill
Journal Editor

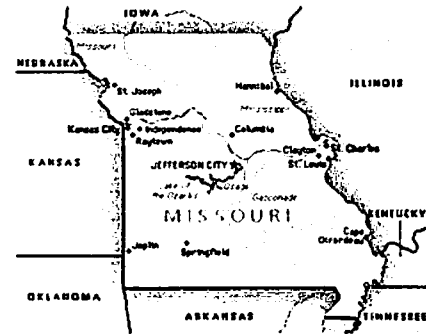
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Ewen Cameron of Williamson County, Tennessee found in Cass County, Missouri

A detailed biographical sketch of Ewen Cameron, who was born in Franklin, Tennessee, in 1813, appears in the *History of Cass and Bates counties, Missouri*, published in 1883. Cameron was a resident of Pleasant Hill Township in Cass County.



"Ewen Cameron is one of the firm of Cameron & Son, editors and proprietors of the Western Dispatch of Pleasant Hill, Missouri. His father was born in Scotland and when he emigrated to America located in Virginia, shortly afterwards moving to Tennessee. His mother was a native of Tennessee; her maiden name was Mary Trumble. Ewen Cameron was born in Franklin, Tennessee, March 31, 1813.

"He received only the advantage of a common school education and when but 14 years of age, in the year 1827, he entered a printing office in Franklin where he learned the printer's trade. In 1831 he went to Nashville, Tennessee. He was there employed on different papers and at job work until 1838, when he moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he took charge of the Green River Gazette. This paper he continued to publish till the spring of 1840.

"At that date he moved to Warsaw, Missouri, where he was engaged in the printing business till 1850, having, during the first year of his stay there, established a paper known as the Osage Banner. In 1850 he came to Osceola where he edited the Osceola Independent for 18 months. He then located on a farm in Benton County, and was interested in farming till the spring of 1863 except for the most of the time during the

winters, when he was working at Jefferson City during the meetings of the legislature.

"In 1863 he moved to Boonville, Missouri, and was there at work at the printing business for three years with the exception of eight months during which time he was employed in St. Louis. In 1866 he came to Pleasant Hill, where he has since resided. He was connected with the Review till 1872, and in September of the same year he started his present paper. Mr. Cameron is now in his 70th year and actively engaged at all work required in a printing office. He has followed the profession for 55 years and as a typo is *nulli secundus* of those in the West.

"April 11, 1839, he was married to Miss Clarissa Blakeley, who was born in Warren County, Kentucky, Aug. 1, 1819. She was a daughter of James M. and Ann (Branham) Blakeley, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The family of Mr. Cameron has consisted of five children, three of whom are living: James E., Mary E. (now Mrs. Dunn) and Luella F. Mr. Cameron and his son publish a journal which is full of instructive and interesting matter, and the patronage which they are receiving from the people is no more than should be given them by those whose cause they so ably advocate."

A search of Tennessee records revealed an Ewin Cameron in Williamson County as early as 1803. This must be the father of Ewin/Ewen who went to Missouri. He appears in an Act passed by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1803:

"Be it enacted ... that David McEwin, James Hicks, Ewen Cameron, George Hulme and Richard Steel, or any three of them, are hereby appointed commissioners to superintend the building of a jail in the town of Franklin..."

Another reference appears in 1841, and as we know from the biographical sketch that the son had left for Missouri by then, this must also refer to his father. It is from the Acts of 1841-42:

“An act to ... create a body politic and corporate to be called the Mutual Insurance and Trust Company of Columbia and Franklin.” Ewin Cameron and others are authorized to open books for subscription in the town of Franklin, and as soon as \$50,000 shall be subscribed, the stockholders shall convene and elect directors.”

Published cemetery records of Williamson County reveal that the elder Ewin Cameron is buried in the Old City Cemetery at Franklin. The plot includes these headstones:

- Ewin Cameron born at Galham Ferintosh, North Britain, Feb. 23, 1768, died Feb. 28, 1846.
- Mary, wife of Ewin Cameron, died April 15, 1845, age 67 years and 26 days.
- Margaret A., wife of D. Cameron, born Dec. 11, 1815, died Oct. 28, 1855.

From this we learn the name of the village where the elder Cameron was born. A note added by the transcriber states that he is credited with building the first house in Franklin, in 1798. Thus from a sketch published in Missouri in 1883 we are able to trace this family back to its origins in Scotland more than 100 years earlier. ■

Sources:

Directory of Williamson County, Tennessee Burials. (Franklin, Tenn: Williamson County Historical Society, 1973.)

State of Tennessee, General Assembly. *Public acts ...1803 and 1841.*

History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri. (St. Joseph, Missouri: National Historical Company, 1883).

Tennessee State Fair Prizewinners, 1856

Fair held at Nashville

Fancy Bonnet

Mrs. W.W. Smith, Davidson County

Undressed Bonnet

Mrs. A. Barnes, Sumner County

Lady's Riding Dress

Mrs. A. Barnes, Sumner County

Lady's Riding Hat

Mrs. Henderson, Grundy County

Mrs. A. Barnes, Sumner County

Summer Hat

James M. Felts, Davidson County

Mrs. A. Barnes, Sumner County

Coverlet

Mrs. Thos. P. Horne, Sumner County

Mrs. A. Barnes, Sumner County

Hearth Rug

Miss Emma Sanders, Davidson County

Mrs. Stephen Harland, Wilson County

Bangup

Mrs. W.F. Summers, Sumner County

Mrs. A. Barnes, Sumner County

From the Secretary's Report found in:
Appendix to the Senate & House Journals, Tennessee. 1857-58
(Tennessee State Library & Archives)

THE CLUES

1 and 2: Former slave owner's names, James Gordon and Sneed, can be used to trace this family in deeds, wills and court records.

3 and 4: Locations in Okalona and Lafayette County, Mississippi, are given as places where this family has lived.

5: Approximate year of the sale of the slave, between 1843-1845, can be used to look for a specific deed of transfer.

6. Name of mother: Martha.

7. Names of children: Calvin and William.

8. Military service: William served in the United States Colored Troops, and a military record can be found to provide more information about him and his service.

9. Bounty claim: there will be a paper trail for his application.

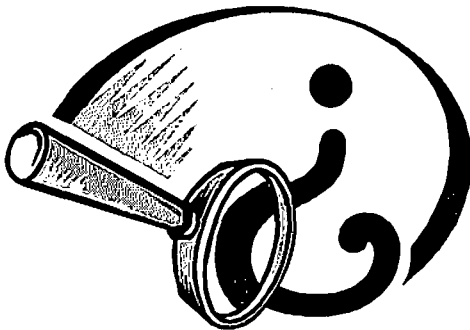
10. Place of death: William died in Memphis, Tenn. The city kept death records during this period, where this may be recorded.

11. Date of death: August, 1866. If there were unusual circumstances, the death may even have been reported in the newspaper.

Sir: I have been informed that you purchased, about 20 years before the late war, from the Sneed family of Lafayette Co., Miss., a colored woman by the name of Martha, and that said woman had two children, one by the name of Calvin, and the other William. The latter was a member of the 67th USC Troop during the late war and is entitled to bounty money. His claim has been allowed, but he is reported as having died in this city Aug. 1866. I desire to be informed if the mother is still living, as she would be the next heir and as such would be entitled to the bounty. Please give me such information as you may possess in regard to this woman or her children.

To Esq. James Gordon of Okalona, Miss.

This Freedman's Bureau letter originated in Memphis. It is a good example of how the Bureau tried to track families. Note how many clues for finding one's ancestors can be found in this letter. It is only five sentences long but there are at least 10 clues. Can you identify them? See the box below for the correct answers.



Can You Find the Clues?
by Julia Otey Lee

Stolen Documents for Sale on E-Bay

by Gwynn Thayer¹



Public records, including original municipal, county, state, and federal documents, have recently found their way to Ebay on-line auctions, and are now being bought and sold at an alarming rate. Unfortunately, Ebay's open market in county records seems to be encouraging theft from local archives, as has recently occurred in one Tennessee county. Archivists from the State Library & Archives have been working with county officials in Tennessee as well as other state archivists through COSHRC (Council of State Historic Records Coordinators) in order to combat this growing problem. Historians, archivists, genealogists, and collectors need to be aware that buying and selling public records is illegal and should be avoided at all costs.

The law in Tennessee is on the side of archivists: *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 39-16-504, otherwise known as the Replevin law, prohibits the removal of governmental records from governmental agencies in the state—state, county, or municipal. The law provides for the restitution or repossession by government agencies of public records that have found their way into private hands. Records created by county government, even if they are in the possession of private individuals, remain as public property. Replevin law supplies a much needed mechanism for the county to regain custody of them.

Section (a)(3) states that it is unlawful to, "Intentionally and unlawfully destroy, conceal, remove or otherwise impair the verity, legibility or availability of a governmental records." Section (c)(1) and (2) further state that, "Upon notification from any public official having custody of government records, including those created by municipal, county or state government agencies, that records have been unlawfully removed from a government records office, appropriate legal action may be taken by the city attorney, county attorney, or general attorney, as the case may be, to obtain a

warrant for possession of any public records which have been unlawfully transferred or removed in violation of this section," and that "such records shall be returned to the office of origin immediately after safeguards are established to prevent further recurrence of unlawful transfer or removal." Violating this law is a Class C misdemeanor.

The illegal sale of public records is by no means restricted to Tennessee or the mid-South, however. Three national organizations—COSHRC, the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, and the Society of American Archivists—are currently in the process of addressing this problem. According to James Henderson, the Director of the Maine State Archives, these organizations are "drafting a statement to be presented to Ebay...pointing out the legal prohibitions and requesting action to end such sales." States have varying policies on this issue, so these groups are working with state archivists to establish some common principles. It is hoped that concerted action by many states will put pressure on Ebay to halt the trafficking in lost or stolen public records.

The efficacy of Tennessee's replevin law and the willingness of local officials to pursue alleged transgressions are now being played out in one Tennessee county. Several months ago an employee of this county's archives noticed items listed on Ebay that had once been safely stored in the county archives. Most of these were antebellum documents pertaining to slaves or some aspect of African-American history—apparently, items that are popular collectibles on Ebay and other antique markets. The employee brought this issue to the attention of TSLA archivists, who in turn worked with county officials to resolve the problem. We now know that these records were stolen from the county archive with the

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specific goal of selling them for profit—a particularly egregious crime, since slave documents are so rare and the genealogy of African Americans so difficult to trace before the Civil War. The thieves and purveyors of these stolen documents had, in effect, robbed thousands of descendants of this county's black inhabitants of their history and memory. After the sheriff's department took action, some of the documents have been recovered and one employee of the county archives has resigned. The investigation is ongoing.

All repositories holding public records should be aware of the growing market in county, state, and municipal records, especially those of unique interest, such as Civil War and slave-related items. Accordingly, custodians of public records should ensure that access to records is strictly monitored. If theft is suspected, it is important to report this information to the appropriate authorities. Common sense should prevail: keys to the repository should be

held by one or two trustworthy individuals, patrons should have their personal belongings searched upon departure to ensure that no items have been removed, and archive visitors should be supervised carefully by an archivist familiar with the collection and aware of potential security concerns. Finally, genealogists and all those interested in preserving Tennessee history need to understand the hazards of buying and selling public records. **State law is quite clear on this point: government documents cannot be bought and sold as if they were private property.**

If you believe that records from your county are being bought and sold on Ebay (or through other means), contact your county archivist and county executive. Or, you can contact the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Manuscripts Department, at 253-3469 so that we can notify the appropriate authorities.

Clay County Pauper House, 1880

Clay County, Tennessee, 1880 Census
7th Civil District, W.H. Dale, enumerator

Surname	Given Name	Marital Status	Relationship	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father Born	Mother Born
Pennington	M.	m		w	39	TN	Keeping porper house [sic]	TN	TN
Pennington	Marry	m	wife	w	30	TN	housekeeper	TN	TN
Pennington	F.E.	s	son	w	13	TN	at home	TN	TN
Pennington	G.W.	s	son	w	11	TN	at home	TN	TN
Pennington	Sarah	s	douter	w	10	TN	at home	TN	TN
Pennington	M.F.	s	doutter	w	7	TN	at home	TN	TN
Pennington	M.A.	s	douter	w	5	TN	at home	TN	TN
Pennington	J.W.	m (male)	--	w	19	TN	farmer	TN	TN
Pennington	M.A.	m	wife	w	17	TN	housekeeper	TN	TN
Pennington	E.	wid	-- (female)	w	84	TN	porper [sic]	--	--
Killiman	Sarah	wid	--	w	65	VA	porper	--	--
Lanksford	Polly	wid	--	w	78	SC	porper	--	--
Lanksford	W.A.	s	-- (female)	w	50	TN	porper	--	--
Lanksford	Polly	s	--	w	41	TN	porper	--	--
Clark	Brat	s	-- (male)	w	23	TN	porper	--	--
Crafford	Dick	s	--	w	23	TN	porper	TN	TN
Cherry	Pat	s	-- (male)	w	8	TN	porper	TN	TN

Around the Town Square

A look at people in business

Smithville, Tennessee in 1870



Smithville in 1870 was a small town with a population of only 500. However, it boasted a full complement of businessmen, tradesmen and professional people. A study of the non-farm occupations of people living in Civil District 9 of Smith County in 1870 shows that Smithville was a thriving commercial center.¹

Very few of the professionals and tradesmen listed in Smithville in 1870 claimed great wealth in either real estate or personal property. Dr. John Evans was by far the wealthiest land-holder among them, with property valued at \$13,800. William Magness, a merchant, had the largest amount of personal property, valued at \$26,140. Magness also had real estate worth \$9,000, making him the wealthiest man in town.

Because Smithville was the county seat of DeKalb County it was home to a number of local officials. Highest-ranking was State Representative William Dunlap. Among the courthouse crowd was Jesse Hollis, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, who owned an impressive \$82,00 in real estate. The oldest person in the group of public officials was Register of Deeds John Cannady, aged 71 and a native of Georgia.

Smithville was home to ten lawyers in 1870 – one for every 50 people in town. All of them were young men, the oldest, William Crowley, was only 40. He was also

the wealthiest, with \$4,000 in real estate. William Wade, the youngest lawyer, was 21 years old and owned no property at all. Wade and James Eastham, a medical student, both lived with lawyer Bethel Cantrel and his family.

The presence of two Ambrotype artists in town is interesting. This early form of photography followed the daguerreotype and was similar in that both involved printing the image on glass. It is remarkable that a small town could support two photographers at this early period.

The only church worker listed was preacher James Kidwell, and his denominational affiliation is not given. It seems odd that other ministers are not listed – surely a town with ten lawyers to prosecute lawsuits would need several clergymen to help keep the peace. Perhaps other members of the clergy had other occupations or substantial farms, and were not listed as such.

The *Tennessee State Directory*² was published in 1873 as a listing of businesses in each town. The listing for Smithville is headed as follows:

SMITHVILLE

The county seat of DeKalb County, in the central part of the State.

¹ Information from the census is based on the book *Population schedule of the U.S. Census of 1870 ... for DeKalb County, Tennessee* by Jorene Washer Parsley (Smithville: n.p., 1985).

² *Tennessee State Directory 1874* (Nashville: Wheeler, Marshall & Bruce, Binders, 1873).

Ship to Lebanon, on the Tennessee & Pacific Railroad. Population 500.

Although this list was made only four years after the 1870 census, there are a number of differences in the

listings. Following is the complete list of Smithville businesses from the 1874 directory. An asterisk indicates that the person is also found in the 1870 census of Civil District 9.

Atwell, J.B.	carpenter	Morgan, W.H.	shoe maker
Bennett, James	painter	Nesmith, J.A. & R.C.	attorneys
*Brien, W.M.	carpenter	Prior, C.W.	photographer
*Colvert, J.L.	general store	Prior, Mrs. J.	milliner
*Crowley, W.G.	attorney	Robinson, J.B.	attorney
*D[r]iver, W.L.	shoe maker	*Seawel, T.L.	tobacconist
*Foster, S. & Son	saddlers	Shores, P.T.	saloon
Foster, A.L.	saddler	*Smith & Magness	general store
Gillert, W.C.	livery stable	Tyree, W.S. & W.H.	general store
*Harrison, J.S.	physician	*Wade, W.W.	attorney
*Hays, J.T.	wagon maker	West, R.B.	general store
Hollis & Carney	attorneys	Wilson, W.N.	general store
Love & Staley	saloon	Wilson, W.N.	livery stable and hotel
*Magness & White	general store	Worley, D.B.	blacksmith
*Maxwell, S.P.W.	blacksmith		

Here follows the list of businessmen, professionals and tradesmen who lived in and near Smithville at the time of the 1870 census. Their age, birthplace, and the value of their real estate and personal property is also provided.

Name	Occupation	Age	Value Real Estate	Value Personal Property	Birth- place
Blacksmiths					
Bond, John	Blacksmith	43	900	590	VA
Bond, John	Blacksmith	43	900	590	VA
Caldwell, Thomas	Blacksmith	48	--	100	TN
Maxwell, Samuel	Blacksmith	51	--	800	TN
Worley, David	Blacksmith	39	500	400	TN
Carpenters					
Davis, Lewis	Cabinet Maker	60	--	295	NC
Bryant, William	Carpenter	32	--	--	TN
Lamberson, Richard	Carpenter	52	--	250	TN
Maxwell, William	Carpenter	22	--	100	TN
Sweeny, William	Carpenter	38	--	100	IL
Warren, Squire	Carpenter	56	600	717	TN
Atwell, John B.	Carpenter & Farmer	37	700	385	VA
Atwell, John B.	Carpenter & Farmer	57	700	385	VA
Lawyers					
Atwell, Thomas	Lawyer	27	--	350	TN

Name	Occupation	Age	Value Real Estate	Value Personal Property	Birth- place
Bradford, Jefferson	Lawyer	35	--	500	TN
Cantrel, Bethel	Lawyer	30	--	100	TN
Crowley, William	Lawyer	40	4000	2000	TN
Foster, Bluford	Lawyer	37	350	427	TN
Foster, John	Lawyer	31	--	150	TN
Nesmith, James	Lawyer	39	1700	2000	TN
Nesmith, Robert	Lawyer	30	--	500	TN
Smallman, Montavil	Lawyer	30	100	1200	TN
Wade, William	Lawyer	21	--	--	TN
Machinists					
Johnston, William	Machinist	68	--	--	NJ
Johnston, William	Machinist	68	--	--	NJ
Merchants					
Bing, George	Merchant	21	500	1000	TN
Colvert, George	Merchant	32	--	1000	AL
Colvert, James	Merchant	42	2300	7000	VA
Magnes, William	Merchant	46	9000	26,140	TN
Moore, Leonard	Merchant	54	--	640	NC
Potter, Thomas	Merchant	34	2000	2000	TN
Potter, William	Merchant	31	--	2500	TN
Smith, George	Merchant	36	--	1500	TN
West, Robert	Merchant	26	1200	775	TN
Winfield, Tyree	Merchant	23	--	750	TN
Wade, Pleasant	Retired Merchant	56	--	1000	TN
Millers					
Hickerson, Thomas	Miller	17	--	--	TN
Hickerson, Thomas	Miller	17	--	--	TN
Lyles, James	Miller	28	--	206	TN
Pack, Bartemus	Miller	40	--	50	TN
Redman, James	Miller	55	300	302	NC
Lockhart, Andrew	Millwright	57	--	--	TN
Smith, Daniel	Millwright	62	2000	315	TN
Peddlers					
Bennett, Thomas	Peddler	32	--	410	TN
Culwell, Felty	Peddler	23	--	255	TN
Foster, Josiah	Peddler	25	--	100	TN
Richardson, Richard	Peddler	27	--	150	TN
Photographers					
Ball, George	Ambrotype Artist	45	--	100	IN
Terry, Felix	Ambrotype Artist	23	--	--	TN
Physicians					
Evans, John	Physician	51	13,800	572	TN

Name	Occupation	Age	Value Real Estate	Value Personal Property	Birth- place
Harrison, John P.	Physician	39	1200	1200	TN
Shields, Pembroke	Physician	39	700	1100	TN
Wade, John	Physician	21	--	200	TN
Eastham, James	Medical Student	24	--	--	TN
Public Officials					
Bennett, Thomas	Magistrate	55	2000	665	TN
Blankenship, David	Constable	29	150	600	TN
Cammeron, Washington	Jailor	65	800	200	TN
Cannady, John	County Register	71	1200	600	GA
Christian, Thomas	Circuit Clerk	40	--	1200	TN
Dunlap, William	General Assembly	48	1000	250	SC
Hollis, Jessey	Clerk & Master	59	8200	2200	TN
Saddlers					
Duke, David	Saddler	57	--	250	TN
Foster, Anthony	Saddler	40	1400	300	TN
Foster, Edmond	Saddler	49	1000	150	TN
Foster, William	Saddler	59	2400	250	AL
Gray, Samuel	Saddler	49	350	750	TN
Shoemakers					
Capshaw, Hugh	Shoemaker	43	1000	700	TN
Driver, Lawrence	Shoemaker	41	900	105	TN
Fuson, Jonathan	Shoemaker	25	--	296	TN
Teachers					
Banks, Wesley	Teacher & Farmer	39	--	313	TN
Eastham, William	Teacher	40	--	--	TN
Lee, Zebulon	School Teacher	27	--	150	TN
Trapp, Martin	Farmer & Teacher	30		786	TN
Wagon Makers & Drivers					
Davis, David	Waggoner	52	--	600	SC
Terry, John	Waggoner	48	--	568	NC
Hays, James	Wagon Maker	41	--	250	VA
Johnston, Peter	Wagon Maker	47	1000	601	TN
Other Occupations					
Brown, Mikaja	Harness Maker	46	800	300	TN
Cantrel, Perry	Hotel Keeper	37	--	--	TN
Kidwell, James	Preacher	34	800	400	TN
Gilbert, William	Saloon Keeper	41	1000	325	VA
Ford, Green Berry	Stone Mason	52		103	TN
Sewell, Thomas	Tobacconist	42	2900	600	NC

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Supreme Court Records, Box 60,
Middle Tennessee, 1838

William Ward's heirs vs George W. Thompson & others

(Original Bill heard in
Franklin County Chancery Court)

The heirs at law of Wm. Ward filed their Bill in the Chancery Court at Winchester for partition of a tract of 1,000 acres of land, granted to their grandfather Enoch Ward. They allege that they are entitled to one third of the tract and that Thompson was entitled to one third and seven eighths of the other third.

They allege that Thompson, as the agent of complainants, and the other heirs of said Enoch Ward, has been leasing said tract of land and receiving the rents and profits for 8 or 9 years. They also charge him with having committed waste of timber etc. to the amount of \$1,000.00 and they claim one third thereof.

Thompson in his answer says that on the 26th of September 1828 he purchased from his co-deft. Canady one third of the 1,000 acres-he afterwards purchased seven eighths of the other third; that he took possession and made

valuable and lasting improvements but denies that he was at any time the agent of complt. or the other heirs of said Enoch Ward, dec'd. He admits that he rented out small portions of the cleared land, believing it to be his own; but denies that he used and destroyed the timber.

... many years ago a grant issued to Enoch Ward for 1000 acres of land lying in what is now Coffee formerly Franklin County. Enoch Ward died leaving Wm., David, and Solomon Ward his heirs at law. Since that Wm. Ward also died intestate leaving complts. His heirs at law. David Ward died intestate leaving eight heirs, seven of whom have sold their interest in the land and the same is now owned by deft. Thompson, who has also purchased Solomon Ward's share of the land.

This bill is filed to make partition of the land, allotting to Thompson one third and seven eighths of one third of the land - to Wm. S. Ward the heir of David Ward who has not sold his interest 1/8 of 1/3 -- & to complts. One third all of which has been done by the decree of the court, & to which there is no objection ...

Deposition of Caleb C. Bell on behalf of complainants - State of No. Carolina, Craven County.

In pursuance of the annexed commission to me directed from the Honorable the Court of Chancery at Winchester in the Sate of Tennessee - I have caused to come before me at the courthouse in the town of Newburn in the County of Cravin in the State of North Carolina on the fourth day of May 1837 - Caleb C. Bell aged about 28 years a witness in behalf of the complainants in a certain matter of controversy in the said court -pending between Charles L. Ward and others complainants and George W. Thompson & others defendants—who deposeth as follows- that he knew David now of Carteret County in the State of North Carolina - that he is dead - that he left the following named persons his only children him surviving viz. Comfort the wife of William F. Bell Senr.[?] Abigale the wife of Colonel John H. Hill, Hope the wife of David W. Barron, William L. Ward, Hannah Ward, Alice the wife of John F. Jones, Elizabeth Ward, and Rufus Ward. Caleb Bell further deposeth that he knew William Ward of the town of Newburn -that he was the brother of David Ward dec'd -that the sd. William now is dead and that he

left the following named persons his only children him surviving him Charles S. Ward, Susan L. Ward, William Ward, Cicero S. Ward and Julia Ward

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**Jesse Gambling vs Z.Y. Green
and John Read**

(Original Bill heard in Sumner
County Chancery Court)

Orator Jesse Gambling a citizen of the County of Sumner shews that about the 24th of April 1837 he made a contract with a certain John Read likewise a citizen of said county with regard to an infant slave the property of your orator a boy about three months old at the time the child of Hannah who was likewise at the time the property of your orator. Said child had no name at the time of the contract and if it has a name at this time your orator is unacquainted with it ...Your orator first sold Hannah the mother of the child to the sd. John. She was a woman of bright complexion [sic] about 22 years of age of extraordinary quality and very valuable the price was \$1200.00

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**James H. Jenkins et al vs
William Simpson**

(Original Bill heard in
White County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of James H. Jenkins Waman Leftwick Hugh

L. Carrick Samuel V. Carrick Anthony Dibrell John Warren Edward M. Murray William L. Young Robert S. Young and Andrew L. Young Austin C. Young and Joseph H. Young the three latter of whom are minors who sue by their next friend William L. Young all citizens of the County of White in the State of Tennessee Compls. Against William Simpson of said county and state Defendant.

Your orators shew that your orator James H. Jenkins some years ago purchased a tract of land adjoining the town of Sparta in said County of White of and from the heirs of Thomas Herbert [?Herbut?] dec'd. That he has paid a large part of the consideration money but the payments being in several annual installments are not yet all made and he holds the bond of said heirs

Supreme Court Records, Box 61,
Middle Tennessee, 1839

**Elizabeth Elder & others vs
William H. Rainbolt and others,
defendants**

(Original Bill heard in Giles
County Chancery Court)

Your orators etc. who are citizens of Giles County, Tennessee would state and set forth that Elizabeth Elder now widow of Tilman Elder who died about the year 1830 leaving Marry [sic] H. Elder, Martha, now by marriage Martha Coldwell and wife of Jefferson Coldwell, Nancy R. Elder, Rebeckey Elder and James S. Elder who are now of full age; together with David A. Elder and Hartwell T. Elder who are minors,

who are the children of said Elizabeth , one of complts. and her late husband Tilman Elder.

She further states that she was the daughter of one David Walker of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, who died about the year 1816 leaving a will which was proven in the court of said county on the 16th December 1816, and during her coverture with her lat husband (a copy of which is here annexed and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill) that her said father, amongst other things, made the following provision in his will - 1st Item: I lend unto my daughter Elizabeth Elder two Negroes by name Will & Tobitha, during her life and after her death to be equally divided among her surviving children

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**Chattin[?] Chowning vs Joseph
Gore, Henry Dillon,
and Wiley B. Miller**

(Original Bill heard in
Overton County Court)

... by attorney complains of a plea of debt of \$358.00 which to him they owe ... for that on the 2nd day of February 1837 in the county aforesaid the said Joseph Gore and Henry Dillen by their bond ... promised on the 2nd day of January next ... to pay Thompson Griffin \$358.00 for value rec'd. and afterwards to wit on the ___[blank] day of ___[blank] 1837 the said Thompson Griffin departed this life intestate. And that at ___[blank] term of the County Court of Overton County the said Wiley B. Miller was appointed administrator

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**Armstrong & others vs Seay &
others**

(Original Bill heard in
Smith County Circuit Court)

John Den, lessee of Thomas F. Armstrong, John B. Armstrong Mary Ann Elisabeth McCall, Richard Evans, and his wife Elizabeth Evans against Pltff. John Seay, Charles Seay, William W. Seay, Daniel Seay, William Spears, Elizaabeth Wynne, JamesS. Chambers, Elisabeth J. Chambers, Harriett J. Pursley, Sarah Johnson, John Bell, Edney Bell, Sarah E. Andrews, William J. Andrews, Charles Spears & Sally Spears, Harriett L. Bell, Sarah A. Bell, Elisabeth F. Hearn, Nancy Hearn, Mary Hearn & John Hearn, defts. Ejectment.

Staet of Tennessee, To the Sheriff of Smith County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to take John Seay and Purnell Hearn, Junior [sic.] [*Notice this name doesn't appear in the listing above.*] if to be found in your county and them safely keep so that you have them before the Judge of our Circuit Court ..on the second Monday in April next, to answer John Den, lessee of Thomas F. Armstrong, John B. Armstong, Alexander McCall and Mary Ann Elisabeth his wife, Richard Evans and Elisabeth his wife, in a plea wherefore, with force and arms they broke and entered the close of the said plaintiff and ejected him, to his damage five hundred dollars. Fail not, and have you them and there this writ. Witness, William Hart, clerk of our said court, at office,

the second Monday in October 1823...[signed]Will. Hart

Issued 20 Decr. 1823. Hart. Came to hand same day issued, executed 30 March 1824 [sic] and delivered copies of declaration according to law. Wm. Goodall, Shff.

I acknowledge myself the above named plaintiff's security for prosecuting his suit against John Seay and Purnell Hearn, Junior with effect; or, on failure thereof, that he will satisfy and pay all costs and damages, or, I will do so for him ... this 1st December 1823. Martin McCall {seal}

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**Daniel Graham, Admr. of John
McIver vs John B. Rodgers &
Susannah Livingston**

(Original bill heard in Overton
County Chancery Court)

Filed on 4th day of March 1837 in office of the clerk of the chancery court at Livingston in the County of Overton the following Bill to wit: ... Humbly complaining Daniel graham a citizen of Davidson County in the state aforesaid and administrator of John McIver, dec'd. shows to your honor, that his intestate in his lifetime being the proprietor of a large tract of land situate in the Overton and Fentress Counties, called the Donaldson cove tract, on the 1st day of May 1819 sold to Henry Livingston 218 acres thereof situate in the County of Fentress upon and on the east side of the east fork of Obed's River and whereon George Smith, Jr. Now resides for which said

Livingston agreed and by his bond of that date bound himself to pay said McIver the sum of four hundred and seventy five dollars in annual installments of \$11.875 cents the last of which fell due 1st March 1823. McIver executed to him his bond for title to said land to be made when the consideration should be paid which as yet has not been done. Livingston took possession of the land under and by virtue of this contract and used and held it until his death which happened some time in 1829. He died intestate leaving the following named persons his heirs at law to wit his relict and widow Susannah who took upon herself the burthen[sic] of administrating his effects also the following named person being the children of said Livingston, to wit Jesse James Peter Thomas Mariah Mahala and Nancy Livingston, Sally who married John Duese[?], Polly Mayfield, Catharine wife of John Smith (and Thomas Reade and his wife Jane, who reside in parts unknown), all the others with Susannah reside in Overton County.

The said Henry was worth nothing at the time of his death nor had not been from the time of his purchase. In 1830 said McIver died intestate leaving your orator and his wife Mariah late Mariah McIver of Davidson County and John McIver of Rutherford County his only heirs at law and to whom the title to said land descended. Your orator to whom said McIver was much indebted and which is yet unsatisfied, took upon himself the burthen of administering his effects. The title bond executed by said McIver to said Livingston is now in the possession of the said

Susannah and which your orator requires her to file in this your honorable court with her answer, the administratrix and heirs of said Henry are unable to pay the consideration for said land.

Your orator further charges that on the 31st day of August 1832 all of that part of said tract of land which lies in Fentress County was sold at auction to satisfy an execution, that Felix Grundy caused to be issued at his instance from the County Court of Davidson County against the heirs aforesaid of said McIver and to be levied of the real estate descended to them from the said John, when John B. Rodgers who is a citizen of Warren County purchased the same at the price of \$300.00. David Beaty at that pretended to be sheriff of Fentress County and as such sold said land when in fact he was not then Sheriff of said county. Said Rodgers has not yet paid the purchase money he bid off said land at

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**Dibrell & Lincoln
vs Ross & others**

(Original Bill heard in
Warren County Chancery Court)

On the 4th day of January 1838 a Bill was filed..to wit ...The Bill of Complaint of Anthony Dibrell and Jesse Lincoln of the County of White, Tennessee against Randolph Ross of the state of Missouri, William Galt Exr. of Wm. Galt & Boyer F. Miller of the State of Virginia & John Pain & John Cain Admr. of Reuben Ross of Warren County,

Tennessee. Humbly complaining your orator shews that lately the said Wm. Galt instituted a suit in Equity in McMinnville, Tennessee agst. Your orator for a family of negroes that owing to the ignorance of your orator of the concern relative to the sales, mortgages and deed of trust, & the consideration moving the same, the said Gault effected a recovery to have said negro [sic] delivered up & also the sum of about 950 dollars with interest for two [sic] which your orator Dibrell and owed[?] - that your orator appealed to the Supreme Court at Nashville, when the said judgt. Or decree was affirmed, your orators shew that the court predicated their decree in favour of said Gault upon the ground that he had procured a lien upon said slaves (to wit) James & Lowry his wife, David & Rachel his wife, Taylor, Matilda, Mary, Davy, Francis, Charles Loyd & Rachel—That the original deed of trust from Randolph Ross to said Gault bore date in 1820

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**Achillas Hare vs Ritta Kelly and
John Johnson Kelly**

(Original Bill heard in
Jackson County Circuit Court)

John Den lessee of Achilles Hare vs Ritta Lelly and John Johnson Kelly. In Ejectment.

John Den by attorney complains of Richard Fenn of a plea of trespass and ejectment wherefore with force and arms he broke and entered the close of the said John Den and ejected him. For that heretofore to wit on the first day of

March 1838 in the County of Jackson aforesaid Achilles Hare ____[?] ____[?] and to farm let to the said John en a certain messuage or tract of land containing one hundred acres lying in said county south of Cumberland River on the head waters of a branch of Doe Creek and waters of Aaron's branch, beginning at a beech tree a few poles north of the path leading from Nicholas Hale's to Abijah Kelly's running thence east 154 poles tree near John Stafford's west boundary line thence south 103 9/10 poles ... a small distance west of Joseph Stafford's field ... to the beginning including the improvement whereon the widow Flatt formerly lived

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**Elisha E. Dismukes and Jacob D.
Donelson vs Absalom Adams
and wife Mary**

(Original Bill heard in
Rutherford County Court)

Your orators Elisha E. Dismukes and Jacob D. Donelson citizens of the County of Rutherford in the State of Tennessee ...would inform ... that your orator E. E. Dismukes in the latter part of the summer or early in the fall of the year 831 rented of William M. Richardson the former husband of the said Mary Adams his farm lying on Stones River in the County of Rutherford for the term of three years. There was attached to the farm several Negroes which were also hired by the said Dismukes, by the terms of the agreement your orator was to give

for the rent of the farm and the hire of the Negroes the sum of \$480.00 per annum ... This was a very high price the times considered to the rent of the farm and the hire of the Negroes as there was but few of them able to render and service as field hands, and your orator would not have rented the said farm and Negroes at the said price but for express promise agreement and undertaking of the said William Richardson at the time of the contract that he the said William would erect on the premises and prepare for service a new cotton gin the entire profits of which were to ___[?] to the benefit of your orator the said Elisha Dismukes ...

Shortly afterward Richardson died, leaving a will in which he appointed his wife sole executrix, and sole devisee. She afterwards intermarried with Absalom Adams.

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**State vs Jack Claiborne,
a free person of color**

(Original Bill heard in Maury
County Circuit Court)

Indictment for removing himself to this state and residing therein twenty days he being a free person of color.

... The grand jurors ... do further present that Jack Claiborne a free person & person of color being born free late of said county

laborer on the 1st day of January 1834 with force and arms in the County of Maury aforesaid feloniously and unlawfully did remove himself to this state to wit to the County of Maury aforesaid in the State of Tennessee and feloniously and unlawfully did remain therein twenty days and more to wit from the said first day of January 1834 until the first day of December 1837 and during all the time aforesaid hath and still doth feloniously reside in the County of Maury...contrary to the form of the statutes in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state

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Middle Tennessee, 1840

**David Franklin & wife and
Henry Stephens vs Robert
Stephens, extr., and devisees**

(Original Bill heard in
Lincoln County Chancery Court)

We the undersigned have this day personally met and agreed to settle by mutual consent all controversy between ourselves so far as relates to the division of the following Negroes, to wit, one negro man named Peter, one negro woman named Sely about 40 years of age, one negro girl named Mary about six years old, one negro woman named Rainy about 24 years of age and child Ned about six weeks old, one negro girl named Eliza about 8

years old and negro boy named Bob about 7 years old ...

The parties agree that no further proceedings be had about said negroes, also a negro man sold to Benjamin Fannon named Ned about 40 years old sold for one thousand dollars, sold by Charles Bright and John Moorehead, executors of Robert Stephens deceased. The said executors have this day made settlement with us for said negro by assuming to pay our several orders so soon as funds can be had to do so, to wit, out of the sale of Ned an order from David Franklin to Col. Fall[?] for two hundred dollars, also an order to Josiah Stephens for three dollars and twenty five cents also an order to James Stephens for six dollars and 25 cents, there being a balance on Ned made payable by note for \$31.26 to David Franklin, being the whole of his interest in Ned. It is understood that there is no claim on Letty an old negro woman against said executors.

It is fully understood by all the parties that all matters herein contained are fully settled and compromised between the whole of the parties who have hereunto set their hands and seals this 6th day of March 1840.

[signed] David Franklin, Sarah (her x mark) Franklin, Josiah (his X mark) Stephens, James Stephens, David Franklin, attorney in fact for Henry Stephens, John Moorhead, Charles Bright.

Witness: Thomas Whitaker. ■

MARRIED

On Thursday 30th Dec. by the Rev. A.B. Duvan, Mr. M.D. Cardwell, of Carthage,
to Miss Fredonia Belote, of Sumner County.
(From the Carthage Republican, Jan.7, 1842)

Smith County Alms House, 1880

Residents of the Alms House were destitute people dependent on public support. In this period before welfare and formal social services, some counties provided funds for a Poor House or Alms House where such people could live. Those who were able often engaged in farming and other work to help pay their way.

Smith County, Tennessee, 1880 Census Civil District 20, Census Enumeration District 125

Surname	Given Name	Marital Status	Relationship	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father Born	Mother Born
Phelps	Silas			w	50	TN	Supt. of Alms House	NC	VA
Phelps	Martha	m	wife	w	53	TN	Keep house	NC	TN
Lambert	Almedie	s	grandniece	w	9	TN		TN	TN
Petress	Charlottie	s		w	36	TN		--	--
Petress	Sidney	s		w	9	TN		--	TN
Petress	Harvey	s		w	7	TN		--	TN
Petress	Florance	s		w	4	TN		--	TN
Petress	William	s		w	1	TN		--	TN
Reaves	Easter Emly	s		w	62	TN		--	--
Greyor	Lucy	m		w	46	TN		--	--
Greyor	William	s		w	16	TN		NC	TN
Green	Mary	m		w	27	TN		--	--
Green	Auntny	s	(male)	w	1	TN		TN	TN
Fultz	Mary	s		w	23	TN			
Fultz	Mandy	s		w	9/12	TN		TN	TN
Cornwell	Judi	m		w	51	TN		--	--
Carman	Darkas	s		w	74	TN		--	--
Gordon	Mary	s		w	43	TN		--	--
Garner	Caroline	s		w	35	TN		--	--
Herflen	Lucy	m		w	60	NC		--	--
Bush	Delcy	m		w	72	TN		--	--
Smith	Celey	m		w	56	NC		--	--
Mathes	Marth	m	(female)	w	40	TN		TN	TN
Fredrick	Frankie	s		w	54	TN		--	--
Martin	William	s		w	17	TN		--	--
Wilson	Timmie	s	(female)	w	24	TN		--	--
Timberlake	Marth	s	(female)	b	52	TN		--	--
Hail	Judi	s		b	33	TN		--	--
Beasley	Francis	s	(female)	b	32	TN		--	--
Robingsen	Frona	m		b	42	TN		--	--
Garner	William	s		w	14	TN		TN	TN

Giles County Tennessee

Census of Manufacturing, 1850

The manufacturing schedules were enumerated along with the 1850 population census. They provide details about any manufacturing business which produced articles valued at more than \$1500 during the year. The population schedules can be consulted for personal information about the business owners listed here. In addition, local histories may provide further details about the development of business in the county.

Tennessee manufacturing census records for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 are available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Name of Company or Individual	Type of business or product	Capitol invested	Raw materials	Kind of motive power	Number hands employed	Annual Production
Addainson, William S?	tailor	250	cloths & trimmings	hand	2	225 coats, pants, ?, cloaks
Anderson, Samuel	gristmill	2000	wheat & corn	water	1	6750 bu. meal & flour
Anderson, Samuel	sawmill	1000	lumber	water	1	100,000 ft. lumber
Andrews, Benjamin	tailor	25	?, trimmings	hand	2	500 cloaks & pants, coats & vests
Barker, Willis	boot & shoe maker	250	skins, upper & sole leather	hand	1	90 prs. boots & shoes
Baucom, Cader	stone cutter	400	stone	hand	7	150,000 ft. tomb stones & building work
Bell, Adam	blacksmith	150	iron, coal	hand	2	farming implements
Benet, Henry	carpenter	250	wood	hand	2	building houses & other work
Birch, Barnard	brickmaker	6600	bricks	hand	11	500,000 bricks
Black, Quincey	blacksmith	1000	iron & steel, coal	hand	2	horses ironed, other work
Boston, Josiah	carpenter	200	wood	hand	2	6 work on houses
Boyd, John	cabinet maker	100	lumber	hand	1	500,000 ft. lumber
Brown, Angus	blacksmith	150	iron, coal	hand	2	farming implements
Budd, James	painter	1000	??	hand	1	?, ? painting
Bull, A.D.	saddler	1000	leather	hand	2	100? saddles & bridles

Name of Company or Individual	Type of business or product	Capitol invested	Raw materials	Kind of motive power	Number hands employed	Annual Production
Chamblin, Turner	tailor	40	cloth, trimmings	hand	4	472 coats & cloaks, shirts & vests
Childress, Joseph	tanner	3000	hides & skins	hand	6	2000 sides upper & sole leather
Childrons, J.M.	tanner	1500	hides	blank	2	750 sides leather
Cofer, Cyrus	cabinet maker	7000	lumber	hand	2	200 pieces furniture, 4 chairs
Connally, A.D.	shoe & boot maker	200	leather	hand	2	shoes & boots
Covy?, Charles	silversmith	1200	?, silver, ?	hand		??, other articles
Curry, J.W.	tailor	50	cloth	hand	2	clothes
Erin?, Andrew	stonecutter	100	stone	hand	2	1500 ft. gravestone, houses
Erwin, Edward	iron founder	1000	iron, coal	horse & steam	6	5000 pipes, other castings for machines?
Ezell, Samuel	sawmill	900	logs	horse	4	250? ft. lumber
Farmer, John	boot & shoe maker	250	skins, upper & sole leather	hand	2	90 prs. boots & shoes
Gage?, Frederick	boot & shoe maker	400	sole & upper leather	hand	2	110 prs. boots & shoes
Garner, William	carpenter	100	wood	hand	2	13 work on houses
Harlow, A.M.	sawmill	700	lumber	horse	5	250,000 ft. lumber
Howard, William	cabinet maker	1500	lumber	hand	4	260 pieces furniture
Hurd & Childress	shoemaking	300	skins, upper & sole leather	hand	1	150 prs. boots & shoes
Irwin, A.W.	saddler	300	leather	hand	2	saddles & bridles
Jackson, Andrew	saddler	350	lather	hand	2	saddles & bridles
Johnson, Bluford	blacksmith	150	iron, coal	hand	2	farming implements
Jones, E.D.	blacksmith	2000	iron & steel	hand	5	ironing wagons & horse shoeing
Knight & Elliott	blacksmith	300	iron, coal	hand	2	farming implements
McGreer, G.W. & Co.	tanner	6000	hides	hand	4	2500 sides upper & sole leather, skins
McGreer, G.W. & Co.	shoemaking	2000	upper & sole leather	hand	4	1400 prs. boots & shoes

Name of Company or Individual	Type of business or product	Capitol invested	Raw materials	Kind of motive power	Number hands employed	Annual Production
McGreer, G.W. & Co.	saddler & harness	2000	skirting & trees	hand	1	50 saddles
McMillin & Thurston	hatter	1000	furs?, wood, wools?	hand	3	500 hats
Meek, Moses	saddler	500	skirting, trees	hand	1	40 saddles, other work
Miller, Jacob	tanner	1000	hides	hand	2	800 sides leather
Moore, William	tinner	1000	tin plate?	hand	2	6000 bu. ? copper, ?
Pearce, Samuel	tailor	70	cloth & trimmings	hand	2	60 ? & pants, coats & vests
Pitts, Annanias	gristmill	800	corn & wheat	water	1	2200? bu. meal, ? flour
Pulley, David	saddler	1000	skirting, trees, skins	hand	2	100 saddles
Reese, John	blacksmith	150	iron, coal	hand	2	farming implements
Richland Mfg. Co.	cotton milling	60,000	wood	steam	12	milling produced
Riddle, Madison	brick maker	150	wood	hand	4	30,000 bricks
Riddle, Thomas	tailor	50	cloth, ?, other trimmings	hand	3	300 cloaks?, pants, coats & vests
Rudd, Charles	?maker	200	leather	hand	1	40 ? ?, ?
Scruggs, George D.	saddler	1000	leather	hand	2	saddles & bridles
Smallman, R.C.	shoemaker	300	leather	hand	2	shoes & boots
Smith, Jno? B?	blacksmith	300	iron, coal	hand	?	farming implements
Speer, George	blacksmith	1000	iron & steel	hand	4	ironing ploughs & wagons
Stokes, William	sawmill	?	saw logs	water	2	60,000 ft. lumber
Tillery, George?	carpenter	1500	lumber	hand	8	6 houses, other work
Trentham, John A.	tailor	100	cloth	hand	5?	clothing
Wilkinson?, F.H. & C? J.	tinmaker	500	tin?, ?	hand & horse	2	17 ? tin, ?
Williamson, Thomas	wagon maker & blacksmith	1000	wood, iron & steel	hand	5	82 wagons, ploughs, carts?, & other repairs
Worsham, Henry	wagon maker	100	wood	hand	1	12 new wagons
Young, Spencer	sawmill	2500?	logs	horse	2	100,000 ft. lumber



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

**From Bedford & Rutherford Counties
recommending the imprisonment
of debtors**

**Based on Petition Number 13,
Legislative Records of 1821¹**

To the honourable the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee now in session. Your humble petitioners citizens of Rutherford & Bedford Counties respectfully sheweth to your honourable body that they have for a long time viewed with deep regret the inadequate provisions of the now existing insolvent law to protect & secure the honest creditor.

Your petitioners beg leave further to say that with an honest indignation that they have marked the insolvent conduct of the insolvent debtor, most of whom regard not the common jail provided they can secure the bounds and will laugh at the much injured creditor where they have insulted[?] him with the prison fees while they can fare sumptuously ever day upon their ill gotten gains and make an affluent appearance on that property which they hold in a fraudulent manner. And notwithstanding all this often aspire to offices of honour & dignity far beyond the reach of justice and where the cries of those they have ruined cannot come.

Your petitioners would further remark that they are well aware that no law can pass contrary to the 12th article of the Bill of Rights – that without strong presumption of fraud the debtor cannot be detained a prisoner. But your petitioners would humbly ask is there not grounds for strong presumption of fraud when the debtor holds more property than the creditor, when that property is claimed by some pretended owner only to defraud honest men.

And your petitioners further ask if it would be a violation of said 18th article to work out their debts or at least to pay all prison charges or hire out such gentry in futer while they hold such property so that a man or men shall keep in their possession & service[?] [And?] would be it be a violation of the above named article to make all property which the law has not already provided for the poor & unfortunate[?].

Your humble petitioners beg that the above provisions may be made or some other that you in your wisdom may think proper in order to detect the like frauds in futer. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

*Charles Hodges
Humphree Bynum*

*Joseph Jacobs
Edw. Hodge[?] Sr.[?]*

*James Gibson
Robt. Fevauser[?]*

¹Petitions to the Tennessee General Assembly, including this one, are found on microfilm at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Record Group 60. A card-file provides an index to the principal names and subjects in the collection of petitions.

Lunsford Dillard
James Dillard
Sml. Rayburn
John Summers
Daniel McCoy
Empson[?] Hill
Wm. Wilson
Harrison Turrel
Reubin Angle
Jeremiah Jacobs
Wm. Oakes
James Kelton
Alexr. Wigg
Norton[?] Oakes
Joel Dayshields
John Lee
Wesley Suttin[?]
Samuel Jacob
John Glas
George Uselton
Joseph Elison
Samuel Hoover
Wm. Brooksan
Willis Burks
Squire Gwire
Eli Dotn
Martin Hoover
Wm. Rawling
John Rawlings
John Painter
Martin Hoover
Thos. Woods
Rowan[?] Summers

George Summers
Nathan Paton
Abner Summers
James Summers
Mathias Brown[?] Jr.
George Uselton [2nd]
Christopher Hoover
Henry W. Norton
Shot[?] Allison
George Hill
Basdel Summers[?]
Dabney Ewell
Wm. Summers
Peter Lee
Wm. Ashley
Wm. S. Watterson
Jno. Kirk
John Wright
William Suttin
Edward Orgety
Robt. French
James Cunningham
Richard Keel[?]
[illegible] entry
Jos. Ray Ewin[?]
David Keel
Andrew Calhoun
John Keele
Hiram McRoy[?]
William Heron
Wm. F. Moore
Tailar Daughtry
Wm. Smith
John H. Uselton

Hiram Betts
Bardel Gaither
James Elders
Alfred Jacobs
Jonathan Dunkin
Wm. Lee
John Arnold
Wm. Arnold
Jos. Oakes
Adam Stafford
Elisha Ennis
James Megill
John Cross
Wm. R. Cartham
Euis Jonakin
Pleasant Gathern
Benjamin Daughtry
Thomas Boyte
James Keele
Wm. Boyte
Reuben Me--[?]
Henry D. Sims
Henry Boyle
Gideon Green
James Burkes
Lee Burks
Robert Gregory
Sanders Carney
Jonathan McChurch[?]
John Branch
Harrison Stewart
Samuel Sutton
James Davidson[?]

Nashville Deaths, 1853

"The Nashville Gazette learns that a negro woman, servant of Rev. A. L. P. Greene, died in Nashville a few days since, aged 110 years. Also, a negro woman, the servant of Mrs. Edmonson, of Verandah Hotel, died in that city a few days since aged 112 years."

From: *The Bedford Yeoman*, August 10, 1853, Vol 3 #31, p. 3, column 2

Submitted by Julia Otey Lee

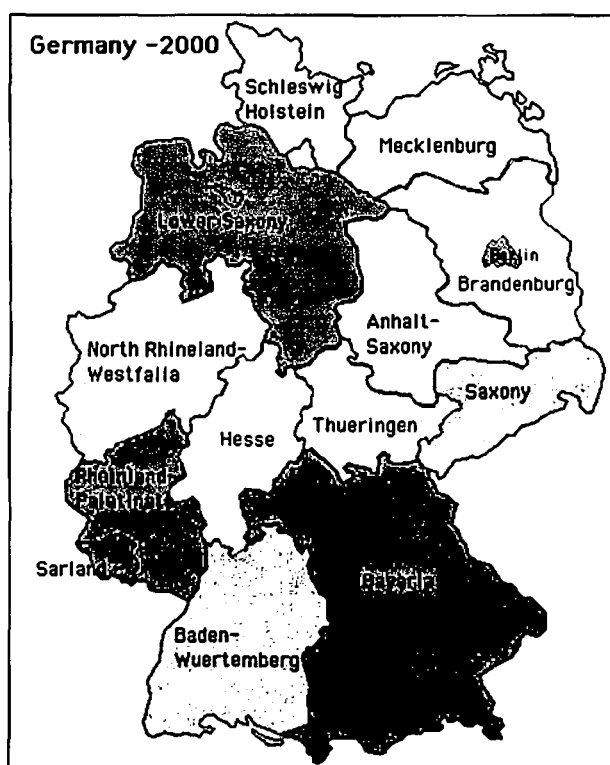
What is A Palatine?

By Henry Z Jones, Jr.

Fellow, American Society of Genealogists



Hank Jones is a noted genealogist specializing in German-American families. Here he describes the origins of the people known as Palatines. Join us at the MTGS Annual Fall Conference on Nov. 15th to hear more from Hank Jones! (See pages 72 & 73 for Conference details.)



Probably the question I'm asked most frequently at a genealogical gathering is, "What's a Palatine?" Is it a surname, like "Harriett and Irving Palatine" or what?

"Palatine" is indeed a term that we often hear when climbing the family tree. In fact, I've been immersed in chronicling these so-called "Palatines" for some forty years now. Basically here's who they were: if you were a German-speaking immigrant to colonial America in the early to mid 18th century, you would have been called "a Palatine" by those already here in the new world. It was sort of a generic term, the roots of which came from the word given to the area in southern Germany called "the Pfalz" or "Palatinate" where so many of these early settlers originated. Many American Palatines also came from other regions outside of the borders of today's Palatinate, however: Isenburg, the Kraichgau, Hessen, the Westerwald, Württemberg, and Siegen for example.

The first initial burst of emigration from Germany began in the 1680s and then reached full thrust in 1709/10 with large settlements in Ireland and colonial New York and North

Carolina. Later groups went to Pennsylvania, Maryland, and other colonies. But, sadly, the new arrivals in America weren't simply known as "Palatines;" they were a hyphenate and called "Poor Palatines," which denoted their economic and social status in the Europe they had left behind. It was a derogatory term and unfortunately endured for a few decades.

However, upon their arrival, the Palatine immigrants to colonial America found a wilderness ready to be tamed and transformed into liveable communities by perseverance and hard work. Their story is a tribute to their fortitude and quality of character which enabled them to find the inner strength to meet the terrible difficulties they faced in their new life in a new land.

They "took the risk" and succeeded!

Map from "Remmick's German Facts Index" at <http://www.remmick.org/Remmick.German.Facts/Page5.html>.

The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society and Tennessee Historical Society

Present

16th Annual Genealogical Seminar

Saturday, November 15, 2003

Brentwood United Methodist Church*

309 Franklin Road, Brentwood, Tennessee

Henry Z. Jones

Fellow, American Society of Genealogists

Noted Author, National Lecturer

and Authority on German Emigration



Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, FASG

8:00 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. - Introduction and Welcome

9:15 a.m. - "When The Sources Are Wrong!"

**10:45 a.m. - "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th-Century German
Palatine Emigrants"**

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:15 p.m. - "Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact From Fiction"

2:45 - "How Psychic Roots Became An Unsolved Mystery"

4:00 - Conference Close

*** The seminar will take place in the Family Life Center of Brentwood Methodist Church.
Enter on the north side of the church off Williamsburg Rd., under the red canopy.**

Lectures Cover Problems, Palatines, Psychics

"When The Sources Are Wrong!" - Ways and means of addressing the kind of problem every genealogist will encounter at least once! Learn how to recognize faulty research sources, how to identify the most common types of errors, and what to do about them.

"Tracing The Origins of Early 18th Century German Palatine Emigrants" - Based on research for the speaker's three-volume, 2,600 page set about Palatine families, this lecture focuses on methods for tracing an emigrant and documenting him in the homeland. The key techniques are broadly applicable for various ethnic groups and eras.

"Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact From Fiction" A common genealogical task---sorting tales from truth---is addressed in this case history of Jost Hite, so-called "Baron of the Shenandoah Valley," and how he was eventually documented as the son of the village butcher back in Europe.

"How Psychic Roots Became An Unsolved Mystery" Hear how serendipity and intuition play key roles in the amazing research experiences of genealogists around the world---as recorded in Jones's best-selling book of the same title and the sequel, *More Psychic Roots*. Now in its 7th printing, *Psychic Roots* was dramatized in the NBC-TV series, "Unsolved Mysteries."

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Hank Jones's books and CDs will be available for sale during breaks.
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About our Conference Speaker....

Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr.

Hank Jones is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists (FASG), is a leading authority on the emigration of German Palatines to early America, the author of several acclaimed books on the Palatines and the psychic phenomena reported by genealogists worldwide, is one of the most popular speakers at national genealogical meetings and a former TV and movie actor and recording artist.

The Palatine Families of New York – 1710, a two-volume set by Jones, published in 1985, won the Donald Lines Jacobus Award as "best genealogical work of 1986" and the National Genealogical Society's Award of Merit.

For his genealogical work on the Palatines, Jones was elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, becoming one of only 50 persons worldwide in this distinguished company.

Other books followed. *Westerwald To America*, co-authored with Annette Burgert, describes the German origins of 250 families from the Neuwied/Westerwald region who arrived in Philadelphia 1740-1753. *More Palatine Families*, released in 1991 as a companion volume to Jones's first set, chronicles the European origins and American activities of many of the families who arrived in colonial New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey during 1717-1776, the great second wave of emigration from Germany.

In *Psychic Roots: Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy*, which was published in 1993, Hank recounts the intriguing experiences of more than 200 prominent family historians. A sequel, *More Psychic Roots: Further Adventures in Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy*, contains 300 new stories and experiences of genealogists worldwide. An episode based on *Psychic Roots* was featured recently in NBC-TV's popular program, "Unsolved Mysteries."

Hank began climbing family trees at the age of eight, when he found an old family trunk filled with fading tintypes, family letters, and newspaper clippings. As a high school student, he wrote his first genealogical work, a story about his great-grandfather.

After graduating from Stanford University in 1963, Hank discovered that he descended from Abraham Bergmann, a German who immigrated in 1709 from Iggelheim in the Pfalz (Palatinate) to County Limerick, Ireland. Exhaustively combing archives in Germany, London and Ireland, Hank gathered data on this Irish-German group, resulting in his book, *The Palatine Families of Ireland*.

Spurred by this success, Hank determined to research all the families who left Germany in the great exodus. He began his research in 1969, focusing on the 847 families who settled in colonial New York in 1710. Every extant New York "Palatine" churchbook was extracted for Palatine references 1710 - 1776, and these data entered on 17,000 family group sheets. Through village-to-village research overseas he documented the ancestral homes and German origins of over 600 of the 847 Pfälzer families.

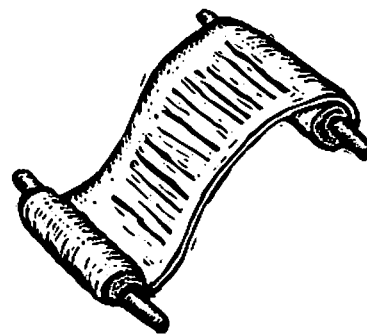
In a "second career," Hank has logged 25 years as an television and film actor in the movies, over 300 network TV programs, over 500 national radio and TV commercials, and as a recording artist. He starred in ABC's daytime "Tennessee Ernie Ford" television show, and in many other films of the 1960s-1970s, including "Girl Happy" with Elvis Presley (a descendant of the Palatine, Valentin Pressler of 1709). On television, he appeared in several recurring roles, including "My Three Sons" and "Love Boat."

Since 1981, Hank has devoted more time to his first love of genealogical research. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Scripps Ranch area of San Diego.

Slaves, Debtors and other Associates

from the John P. Hickman Papers

by Mary Sue Smith



MTGS President Mary Sue Smith spends many hours volunteering at the Nashville-Davidson County Metro Archives in Green Hills. There she recently came across a small plantation account book, surviving from the 1840s, among the papers of John P. Hickman. From it she transcribed the following references to people mentioned in the plantation records. The pages are not numbered and many are loose so it was not possible to number these references.

Although the account book appears to have been written in the 1840s, it relates to the family of John Pryor Hickman who died in 1840. One of that first generation of children born in the Nashborough settlement, John P. was the son of Edwin and Elizabeth (Pryor) Hickman and was born on Sept. 9, 1788. His wife, Narcissa Weakley, was the daughter of another pioneer Nashville family. Their only child was Edwin Weakley Hickman. It may have been Narcissa and her brother who began the ledger, tracking their deceased father's estate. John P. Hickman served in the War of 1812 against the Creeks and again in the Seminole War of 1818. He served in the House of Representatives, representing Davidson County, from 1835 to 1837.¹ Tennessee genealogists who have reviewed pension files for their Confederate ancestors may recognize this name from the correspondence in those file, because for many years another John P. Hickman, grandson of the first one, served as head of Tennessee's Confederate Pension Board.

Narcissa Hickman's father, Robert Weakley, died in 1845. He was a remarkable man of military, political and financial accomplishment. Born in Halifax County, Virginia, in 1764, his parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Gillespie) Weakley. After serving in the Revolutionary War, Robert Jr. migrated to Rowan County, North Carolina, where he married Mary Jane Locke, daughter of General Matthew Locke of Halifax, in 1791. In 1783 they came to the pioneer settlement at Nashborough, eventually settling in the area now known as Edgefield. Soon after his arrival, Robert became a Justice of the Peace. This was the start of a long and illustrious political career. He served in the Tennessee General Assembly off and on from 1796 to 1825, and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1809 to 1811. He ran unsuccessfully for Governor of Tennessee in 1815. Robert Weakley was also a surveyor, bank director, trustee of the University of Nashville, and president of the Gallatin Turnpike Company. His plantation in Edgefield was called "Lockland."²

Some of the debts listed in this ledger date very far back, and must have been incurred by Robert Weakley. The earliest two are those of Samuel McBride dated in 1812 and of Dabner Wade dated. The heading on this list is "debts made" but it seems likely that these are debts owing to the estate of Robert Weakley.

The last lines in the journal read like a quote from a will, although it is not clear whose will it is. "My Dover land I have received all except \$2000 and one thousand is due Jan 1852 and one thousand Jan 1854 bearing interest from Jan 1852. All I leave to my children - hoping it may be enough to give them all a start - - -"

¹ McBride, Robert and Dan Robison, *Biographical directory of the Tennessee General Assembly*, vol. 1, 1796-1861 (Nashville: Tenn. State Library & Archives, 1975), p. 364.

² *Ibid.*, pp. 768-770.

[List of Deaths – Apparently of Slaves]



Jane killed July 25, 1852 aged 10 years by a bay named Staboun
 Wade killed Dec. 11, 1853 from a fall from a horse – aged 23 years
 Anarchy died Jan 15 1854 – aged 50
 Peter died Oct 1854 at Bailies aged 53 having hired for \$3000 in his life
 Aunt Judy died March 19 1855 – aged 69 years – dropped dead
 Pleasant Green died Jun 2 1855 – aged 34
 Rose died Feb 6 1859 from carriage horse
 Ball died Dec 1859 – horse

**A list of Personal Property owned by Col. Ro Weakly Dec'd at the time of his death.
 Say on the 4th day of Feby 1845 & taken in charge by his Administrators 7th Apr 1845**

**59 [Slaves] begins as follows:
 [Giving name and age]**

1. Joe	69	16. Levi	39	31. Andrew	9
2. Salisus	75	17. Manuel	36	32. Billy Stout	26
3. Matthew	33	18. Winny	35	33. Charles	30
4. Saul	64	19. Jane Sarah	2	34. Big Esther	52
5. Harriet	47	20. Lewis	40	35. Solomon	41
6. Anthony	46	21. Rose	48	36. Big Jess	23
7. Jimson	30	22. Aaron	16	37. Booker	20
8. Esther	22	23. Lewis	14	38. Aggy	15
9. Washington	21	24. Jim	56	39. Dick	52
10. Hannibal	18	25. Henry	34	40. Hercules	47
11. Elizabeth	12	26. Moses	32	41. Jordan	31
12. Tom Sturgus	64	27. Cillers	29	42. Judy	55
13. Priscilla	72	28. Jim Banks	27	43. Big Winny	29
14. Harry	48	29. Isaac	22		
15. Stephen	45	30. George	20		
44. Jack Barfield	24	50. Jess	15	56. Westley	17
45. Alley	40	51. Ruth	11	57. Coly	10
46. Dave	42	52. Sally	5	58. Sarah Ann	6
47. Dickson	12	53. Jane	2	59. Lucretia	3
48. Garland	39	54. Viny	52		
49. Anarchy	50	55. Nathan	32		

[Other Personal Property]

Nannie Garland Rese's colt born June 18 1858	5 young Mules	2 young mares in foal
Rick Weakley Kits colt – June 28 1853	3 work horses	2 young horses
16 work Mules – various ages	4 brood mares	1 colt
	4 young mares – unbroken	3 carriage mules
	1 saddle horse	9 cows & calves

11 cows without calves
 28 stock cattle
 105 sheep & lambs
 145 stock hogs
 1 Jack 6 years old
 1 undivided ½ of one Jennet
 1 Jennet with foal
 1 family carriage with harness
 1 Berrush?
 1 gig
 1 carryall
 3 horse wagons
 1 coach
 16 caisy plows
 5 bute tongue plows
 4 flat harrows
 6 angling harrows
 1 larger two horse harrows
 25 hoes

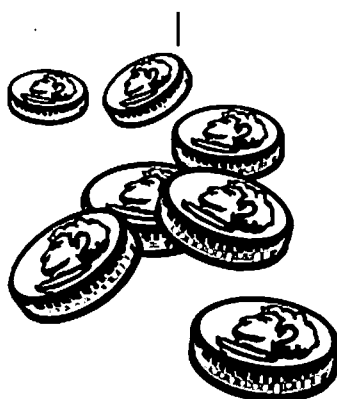
12 chopping axes
 1 broad ax
 1 crosscut saw
 1 whip saw
 1 set carpenters tools
 1 set Smiths tools
 19 pair plantation gear
 1 wheat fan
 1 Spinning Jenny
 1 Loom
 2 Bureaus
 1 Secretary
 1 cupboard
 1 sugar chest
 1 desk with bookcase
 1 pr gilt peer glasses
 1 pr mohogany pier glasses
 1 pr dressing glasses
 1 set dining tables

1 pr card tables
 1 sofa
 1 doz Windsor chairs
 1 doz rush bottom chairs
 8 split bottom chairs
 1 rocking chair
 2 small dressing tables
 7 bedsteads
 1 old fashioned clock
 1 old silver watch
 2 wash stands
 2 pr andirons
 1 fender
 3 pr cast andirons
 2 shovel & tongs
 a library of books
 kitchen furniture
 1 compass, chain & plotting instruments

170 shares of bridge – Davidson
 9 shares in the Murfreesborough Turnpike

20 shares in the Gallatin Turnpike
 10 shares in Whites Creek Turnpike

Debts made



Arnold Russel dec'd 4 Oct 1842
 William Chandlers note 28 Oct 1818
 John Askin 20 Nov 1820
 Dabner Wade 12 Apr 1813
 Thomas P. Boyer 21 July 1832
 George Koher 4 Sept 1819
 Thomas Lay [dead] 21 Dec 1833
 Peter Cheatham 23 May 1837
 Jeremiah Pierce 26 Feb 1839
 N. D. Ray 1 May 1842
 Thos Bradford 14 July 1819
 N. D. Ray 2 Mar 1824
 William Baker 1 Apr 1820
 William Rutherford 8 May 1818

William Brian 5 Aug 1819
 William Sawyer 8 June 1819
 William Russell Col 26 Aug 1829
 Robert Henderson 1 Nov 1830
 David Crocket 24 Oct 1824
 Samuel McBride 10 Dec 1812
 Edmond Lenier 6 Jul 1818
 Claiburn Gentry 7 Aug 1816
 Samuel Love 18 May 1842
 William Toney 1 Aug 1844
 Stump & Cox 1 Mch 1842
 Samuel R. Green 29 Jan 1820
 L. P. Cheatham 6 Nov 1843
 Roger Sappington 24 Aug 1824

William ? Brown	20 Dec 1835	James G. Green	7 July 1829
Jno Bennifield	3 Aug 1827	Henry Rutherford (paid)	9 Jan 1821
Elias W. Alexander	4 Mch 1829	Richard Kingston Col	16 Apr 1820
Lewis R. Garrett	7 May 1838	John M. Holland	8 Aug 1831
James Stewart	27 Mch 1833	W. S. Couthy	24 Oct 1845
U. S. Cheek	23 Nov 1842	Micajah Mason	5 Jan 1825
Francis Lock Cook	25 Dec 1840	Judge Turner (paid)	1844
Geo A. Bennett	31 Aug 1833	Jesse W. Page	18 Mch 1845
Henry McPeak	31 Dec 1818	Robt Parrish	
	18 Mch 1845	James Clemons	
Thos G. Saunders	30 Jan 1840	Joseph Litton	Jan'y 1835
Saml T. Love	11 Sept 1839	Jno McGavock	
R. G. Buckhanan	29 Mch 1841	order for cotton	May 1844
Geo S. Guyer	13 July 1830	N. A. Cargill	Jan 3rd 1840
James McGowan	27 July 1844	J. B. Geruter	10 Jan' 1842
N. S. Norvall	31 July 1844	N. B. Young	4 Aug 1842
M. McCall	11 Jan'y 1831	J. S. Gage	19 June 1841
Wm H. Tony	1 Aug 1844	A. Morrison	3 Jan 1837
James Lovell	1 May 1822	N. A. Cargill	3 Jan 1839
G. W. Lattimer	17 Nov 1834	N. M. Cryer (Gallatin)	30 Jan 1842
John W. Baker	5 May 1839	W. M. Hinton	14 March 1842
James Jones	1 Jan 1842	W. Mitchell	
Geo Richards	1 Jan 1842	H. A. Cargill	3 Jan 1841
J. Bersifield		Payn & Allen	Nov 1840
Miles Flanigan))		N. B. Hinton, 20 lbs cotton	3 Jan 1844
John Flanigan))	rent of horses	N. B. Hinton, 14 lbs cotton	30 March 1844

**The above is a schedule of the effects of Col. Robert Weakley, dec'd
taken by us on 10 April 1845
R. M. Patton Robt L. Weakley**

**A continuation of the effects of R. Weakley, dec'd,
administers on by R. M. Patton & R. L. Weakley Admr's.**

George W. Gordons Note due	20 Mrch 1843	W. & J. A. Tucker	1844
E. W. Morgans note	1 Jan 1843	Dr. Buckhanan	1843 & 1844
H. R. & Nath. Roberts	1 Jan 1843	A. M. Hankins	1 Jan'y 1844
G. Kirby constables	6 Dec 1842	Jno F. Morgan	16 Oct 1845
E. W. Morgan	1844	W. & J. A. Tucker	1 Jan 1846
Simpson S. Walker	1835 & 36	92 bales of cotton sold to	Yeatman
W. Coleman	1842 & 1843	James Stewarts note	
W. W. Coleman	1844		

**The following claims against Robt Weakley dec'd
have been paid in full by his administrators.**

Note in favor of E. H. Childress Admr of Jno P. Hickman due 1 April 1841

Note in favor of E. H. Childress Admr of Jno P. Hickman due 1 Jan 1842. Paid by check on State Bank.

Account sold by Robt Patton and R. L. Weakley
Admrs R. Weakley dec'd 6 May 1845
[Names attending sale of livestock]

M. Lobstun	Nancy Grizzard	Ro A. Burton
Jacob Cladfelter	G. D. Grizzard	Eli Hickman
McKinney	Wm Maxie	Madison Stratton
Peyton T. Roscoe	R. L. Weakley	W. M. Grizzard
Jas Hyde	Mrs. Jane Brown	McKee
Jas Yarborough	Jos McGavock	Thomas
J. C. Gee	Coatney	Jas Scraggs
Bell	Grizzard & Patton	Harry Stump

Names of the Hickman Negroes in 1855

Ailsy	John	Dave	1815
Bitha	Bob	Kate	1853
Joe	Byran	Green	1819
Jim	Dave	Jack	1819
Henry	M Anne	Dick	1833
Cate	Sabry	Turner	1834
Jack	Turner	John	1841
Billy	Vane	Sally	Oct 1832
Ben	Sarah	Jake	1842
Elick	Darby	M. Jane	1827
Walter	Born	Nicy	1847
Cherity	Charity	Jim	1832
Ruthy	Wade, Jr.	Viny	1844
Nancy	Byron	William	
Wade	Walter	Darby	
Danny	Sabry	Davey	
Ellen	M Anne	Ellen	
M Jane	Bithy	Jane	
Nicy	Joe	Ben	
Kirk	Jim	Ellick	
Viny	Henry	Sarah	
Sally	Peter	Kirkman	

[Slaves] Hire[d out] for the year 1852
[Name, To Whom Hired, Amount Paid]

Sabra	Bing	\$100.00	Dave	Newels	130.00
M. Jane	Edmondson	100.00	Jack		
M. Anne	"	100.00	Dick		
Sally	"	100.00	Bob	McArry	50.00
Jane	Dobson	25.00	Byran		
Wade	Moser	125.00	Walter		
Jim to barber	\$15.00 a month	180.00	Turner	Griffin	100.00
Green	at home		Jim, Jr.		
Joe	Cheatham	100.00	Hen		
Peter	Steel	130.00	Viny		

Charity
John C.
Nicy

Bitha
Bill
Darby

Names of the Hickman Negroes in 1855

Ailsy	Ben	Ellen	Byram
Bitha	Elick	M. Jane	Dave
Joe	Walter	Nicy	M. Anne
Jim	Charity	Kirk	Sabry
Henry	Ruthy	Viny	Turner
Cate	Nancy	Sally	Jane
Jack	Wade	John	Sarah
Billy	Dany	Bob	Darby

Negroes hired in the year 1857

Gabry	Blount	Dortch	\$175.00	Jim	Mrs. Davis	100.00
Mary Jane	--	two children	100.00	Bob	Mr. Brockway	175.00
Mary Anne		by the month	10.00	Darby	by the month	15.00
Sally		Bridges	\$100.00	Byron	at Home	
Nicy		Davis	25.00	Joe	at Home	
Dave	Irwin, Jourdan & Co.		175.00	Turner	at Home	
Wade	K - R - W	Kill	250.00	John Cheatham	at Home	
Billy		George Bradford	175.00	Jack	Mrs. Bell	175.00

Negroes hired in the year 1858

Sabry	Charles Hays	\$250.00	Viny	at home	
Mary Anne	Mrs. Bailey, one child	120.00	Bitha	at home	
Sally	Sold March 22	1,025.00	Henry	at home	
Mary Jane	at home		Cate	at home	
Nicy	Mrs. Davis	40.00	Hal	at home	
Jim	Mrs. Davis	100.00	Kirkman	at home	
Byron	Mr. Ballew	170.00	Emma	at home	
Bob	Mr. Brockway	150.00	Laura	Dortch	
Dave	Cook	175.00	Walter	Mr. Cross	130.00
Wade	H - R - W - Kill	by month 30.00	Aunt Ailsy	at home	
Ben	Mr. Gleason	18.00	Benj	at home	
Billy	at home		Ellen	at home	
Joe	at home		Julia	at home	
Turner	at home		Sarah	at home	
John Cheatham	at home		Ruthy	at home	
Jack	Mrs. Bell	175.00	Henry	at home	
Charity	at home		Mary Brown and 4 children	here	

Account Sales R. M. Patton & R. L. Weakley, Adms., Ro Weakley, Dec'd 5 & 6 Jan'y 1846 on credit of 6 months

E. T. Craig 15 Gal. Kettle \$1.60 2 churns .65 \$2.25

	Lot Hogs \$20.00
Lewis Craig	20 Bu Corn @\$1.65 20 Bu Corn @\$1.65 20 Bu Corn @\$1.65 Stack Oats 9.00 1 Book Case & Desk \$8.50 1 Bear St--- 4.00 1 Tenn & Con Journals .40
J. E. Phillips	1 Cast Kettle 1.80
J. H William	1 Sorrel Mule 42.00 1 Bay Mule 46.00
W. C. Hall	20 Barrels corn @1.65
S. T. Love	20 Barrels Corn @1.75 20 Barrels Corn @1.70
S. Cage	4 Bull Tongue Plows .10 Cart 6.75 10 Bls Corn @ 1.65
W. Maxey	1000 fodder @.52 20 Bls Corn @ 1.65 20 Bls Corn @1.75 20 Bls Corn @ 1.65 20 Bls Corn @ 1.65 20 Bls Corn @ 1.65
Jabez Owen	1 whip saw 3.00
Geo Coleman	1 white cow & calf 5.00 1 Ola cow & calf 2.50
W. Clemons	1 pot & kettle .20 2 Candlesticks & Snuffer .25 1 Bureau 5.50 1 Candlestand .75 1 pr corner tables 2.50 1 copper kettle 2.10
Col. A. W. Johnson	2 cradles .50 1 still 6.50 2 sledge hammers 1.00 1 set Hames & Harness 1.50 1 Sorrell Horse 33.25 1 Bay Mule 60.00
Lewis Morgan	1 white Faer Cow 2.00 1 Pied Cow 4.10
B. F. Johns	2 Mattocks 1.50
L. E. Temple	1 set Ivory knives & forks 4.37
McKinsey	1 brindle cow 9.90 1 log chain 4.75 20 Bls Corn @1.65 10 Pork Hogs 47.00 1 old fashion clock 4.50 1 lot double trees 4.75
Torrey	1 stack oats 9.80
C. Mcandles	1 lot hames & harness 1.85 1 Black Mule 46.00 1 Black Mule 16.00 Tea Pot & Tumblers 1.05 2 candlesticks .65 Laws of Tennessee .35
R. M. Patton	1 wagon & gear 31.00 2 sets gear 2.25 2 Law Books .40
J. C. Braham	2 pickle dishes .20 1 plati... coffee pot 8.50 1 teapot 2.35 1 doz rush chairs 12.45 1 press 3.00 1 copy French Revolution 3.38 1 History of Literature .45
R. W. Braham	1 sorrel Mule mare 50.00 1 sorrel Mule horse 71.00 1 gray Mule horse 77.00 1 black Mule horse 102.00 1 sorrel Mare 48.00 1 carriage 16.00 1 set Harness 5.50 4 Vols Correspondence 2.80 1 copy Life of Clay .15
E. W. Hickman	2 cross bars 1.75 1 doubletree .80 4 axes 1.30 6 hoes .75 1 spinning wheel 2.20 1 harrow 2.05 2 ploughs .10 1 spinning wheel 1.70 1 Brindle cow 25.25 1 bull 10.00 1 sorrel mule 72.00 1 waggon 51.00 Harness 3.25 1 Bay mule 79.00 20 Bu corn @1.70 40 Bu corn @ 1.65 20 Bu corn @1.70 10000 bundles oats @1.00 500 bundles of oats @1.05 Spinning machine 20.00 1 loom 10.00 1 kettle .50 1 wash tub .75 1 set china 2.70 1 set glass 5.50 1 set knives & forms 4.50 1 dish 2.40 1 copy ...

Biography 2.75 1 copy Masters .60 1 wheat fan 4.50 milch cow 15.50 1 gilt looking glass 24.00

R. W. Weakley 1 black Mule 81.00 1 set blacksmith tools 30.00 12 large silver spoons 24.00 11 small silver spoons 6.00 1 silver sugar bowl 20.00 1 dish 2.10 1 gilt pier glass 20.00 1 large cast kettle 1.80 1 turene .25 2 dishes saucers 1.70 1 bathing tub 4.00 2 cotton harrows 1.50 1 red & white cow 13.00 1 dark cow 4.25 4 window blinds 4.00

S. M. Allen 1 red cow 1 old gig

Fentriss 1 spotted cow & calf 1 wheat fan

Rich Love 20 Barls corn [marked out]

J. Vaughn 20 Barls corn @1.65

Thomas 20 barls corn @1.65

W. H. Turner 1 dark brindle horse 17.50 1 red cow & calf 18.00 1 black cow & calf 17.75 20 Bls corn @1.65 20 Bls corn @ 1.70 910 Bsls oats @1.10 1 Carry-all 35.00

J. B. Brown 2 cradles .50 2 xcut saws @1.25 2 reap hooks .15 1 lot barrels .10 1 lot hoes & crowbar 1.05 1 lot wedges .25 1 lot axes & plows 1.55 Hanes & harness 1.00 2 spinning wheels .55 1 red cow & calf 6.50 1 yearling calf 1.25 1 red cow & calf 10.00 1 red cow 5.25 1 red cow & calf 15.00 1 brindle cow & calf 8.00 1 sorrel mule 57.00 1 black mule 22.00 1 black muoe 74.00 1 bay mule 32.00 1 wagon & gear 56.00 1 grey horse 64.00 1 log chain 1.00 100 Bls corn @1.65 1 stack 900 Bdl's oats @1.00 1 stack 600 Bdl's oats @2.12 1 lot axes & hoes 1.05 500 Bdl's oats in barn @1.05 1 lot double trees 2.00 1 cast kettle & hook 3.00 1 oven 1.10 1 pale & piggin 1.00 1 churn & jar 1.00 tub & piggins 1.00 2 ovens @20 51 head stock hogs 72.85 2 veg. dishes & g boat .65 12 lunch plates 1.10 11 soups .70 3 pitchers 1.45 3 dishes .60 1 lot sundries .65 3 plated tin bakers .50 1 bowl & pitcher 1.35 10 k & forks .80 1 carver & steel .95 brass kettle 5.00 2 washers .40 2 dining tables 2.00 3 wash stands 1.75 3 stone jars .50 1 caster 3.60 1 sideboard 5.00 1 old sofa 1.95 1 mahog. secretary 24.50 4 vols N. Portraits 15.10 1 fender, shovel & tongs 4.00 1 dining table 1.00 1 sugar chest 4.60 1 pr looking glass 7.00 1 bedstead 1.40 11 split bottomed chairs @.30 1 pail & dipper .05 1 map .05 r Vols of Wash. 2.75 3 books @1.10 1 bedstead 4.30 1 dressing table & glas .50 1 bedstead 3.00 1 trunk .50 1 lot cooking utensils 7.05 1 pr candle molds .30 1 bureau 1.00 1 low bedstead 1.50 1 trundle bedstead .50 1 small table 1 dressing table .25

Col. R. L. Weakley 1 set carpenters tools 7.00

Elem 1 coffee mill 3 waiters @.35 1 trunk 1.00 15 books 1.95 1 lot books 1.80

Capt Payne corn & fodder for beef 31.00

J. L. Brown 2 pr andirons & shovel & tongs 1 pr steelyards 34 bts Port in cellar 15.30 35 Bls corn @1.60 4000 fodder @.50

W. K. Turner 6 loads shucks 14.40

E. W. MxKinna 55 lbs pork 2.38 500 bins oats 5.25 1 wagon frame 2.50

To account of articles \$498.50 Emanuel 1,215 Mades 742 Bill 702 Harry 200 Anthony 550 Easter 595 Jack 261 Anarky & children 525 Charles 663 Easy & Dick 536

My Dover land I have received all except \$2000 and one thousand is due Jan 1852 and one thousand Jan 1854 bearing interest from Jan 1852. All I leave to my children - hoping it may be enough to give them all a start -----

BEDFORD COUNTY CLAIMS

Allowed for Payment by the Southern Claims Commission

Part II of a Series

Following the Civil War, many residents of Middle Tennessee attempted to gain compensation from the Federal government for damage done to their property by the Union Army as it marched through their towns, raided their barns and camped in their fields. The Southern Claims Commission was established in 1871 to review the claims of Southerners. Only those deemed to have been loyal to the Union throughout the war were eligible to receive payment for damages.

More than 20,000 people filed claims with the commission; the records show that fewer than one-third recovered anything. The records of these "allowed" claims are located at the National Archives. Files pertaining to those who were rejected have been microfilmed and are available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The files of those claimants who were allowed some payment have not been filmed and can be viewed only at the National Archives branch in College Park, Maryland.

The following abstracts are based on the claims of Bedford County residents who were deemed loyal Unionists and allowed payment by the Commissioners for Southern Claims.

Hart, John

Residence: Shelbyville; Amount: \$2530. Material: hay, corn, horses, fence rails, mules, cows, jackass; Age: 54; Year: 1873.

Summary: Mr. Hart voted against separation in 1861 and in 1862 when Gen. Buell fell back to Nashville Hart went with him and remained there till recalled by sickness and death in his family. After he left his home depredations were committed on his property by the Confederate army amounting to \$17,000, including two stocks of merchandise. The Confederates arrested him when he returned home but released him on request of some of his rebel neighbors because of the unfortunate state of his family. While at Nashville he was in the secret service of the Federal army and evidence shows that he had the confidence of Generals Beard and Negley. Investigations into his loyalty have been twice made by the Quartermasters Dept. and once by our own agent, and it has been established beyond question. The jackass claimed at \$600 is not allowed for payment because it was not required for use in the

army, "although it is said to have been well represented in the epauletted volunteer service."

Examiner: Union men and Rebels agree that John Hart was loyal to the Union. He is a quiet unpretending man but of great force of character, and only wants what he is justly entitled to. His candor and honesty and straightforward demeanor very favorably impressed me. The witnesses that he introduced are of the first men of the place. His son James H. Hart is a man of honor and ability. The colored witness Thomas is a man of sound sense and intelligence.

Notes & Relations: The file includes a large amount of correspondence from Hart and his agents in an effort to get payment. His farm was 320 acres. Came home in June 1863 through Rebel lines when he learned that two of his children had died and his wife was sick. Thomas C. Whitesides and Robert Matthews were Rebels but were his particular friends, and they wrote to tell him of his family's situation and offering to protect him if he would come home. His nephew from Aberdeen, Mississippi, was in the Rebel army and was wounded and captured at Gettysburg. Hart got

permission from the Union commander at Shelbyville to send him some clothing in prison.

Witnesses:

- Mullins, James (Hon.) age 65, US Revenue Collector, has known Hart from boyhood.
- Houston, C.P. age 69 (in 1879)
- Hart, James H. age 26, son of claimant.
- Hart, Thomas (colored) age about 38, was claimant's slave. General Baird and his infantry camped on Hart's plantation and used the cedar fencing for fires. On reexamination in 1879 said he was not Hart's former slave.
- Houston, Caleb? P. age near 63, lived in sight of Hart's plantation. After the army left Hart asked Houston and Steele to evaluate the damages so Hart could apply for compensation.
- Steele, John P. age 62, says he is "one of the Brownlow retired judges as we are sometimes called by the opposition."
- Ellis, Willie age 60, of Palmetto, lived near Hart's in 1863.

Hastings, James

Residence: Shelbyville; Amount: \$270. Material: horse and mule; Age: 45; Year: 1873.

Summary: Claimant swears to loyal sympathies and that he voted against separation and aided Union men to get through the lines. He was abused and insulted and robbed by the Rebels. Two witnesses testify to his loyal conversation and reputation. He was exempt from military service on account of physical disability.

Examiner: James Hastings seems to have been a firm consistent Union man. I get this from Union men other than his witnesses, both of whom are respectable. The claimant is a modest, timid man of but few words, and this accounts for the seeming want of effort to get his property back. His two sons who are witnesses are both very modest and unassuming but intelligent. The case seems to be a correct and just one.

Notes & Relations: "I was called a Lincolnite and told that I ought to be driven from the county.... At one time when a party of rebels were robbing my house my wife asked the officer if they were not going to pay for any of this property, and the officer made a motion like he was going to draw his pistol to shoot me and told

her that Jeff Davis paid his debts in dead men." His nephews William and Joseph Fuller were in the Confederate army. William was killed but Joseph "was living in Ark. the last I heard of him."

Witnesses:

- Wiggins, Benjamin F. age 57, his farm joined Hastings'.
- Thomas, Wm. P age 48, has known Hastings over 30 years. He and Hastings sometimes laid out together to avoid bushwhackers.
- Smiley, Polly R. age 37, wife of Wm. G. Smiley "and have charge of the domestic affairs." Lived near Hastings.
- Hastings, James A. age 22, son of the claimant.
- Hastings, William J. age 25, son of the claimant.

Helton, Austin

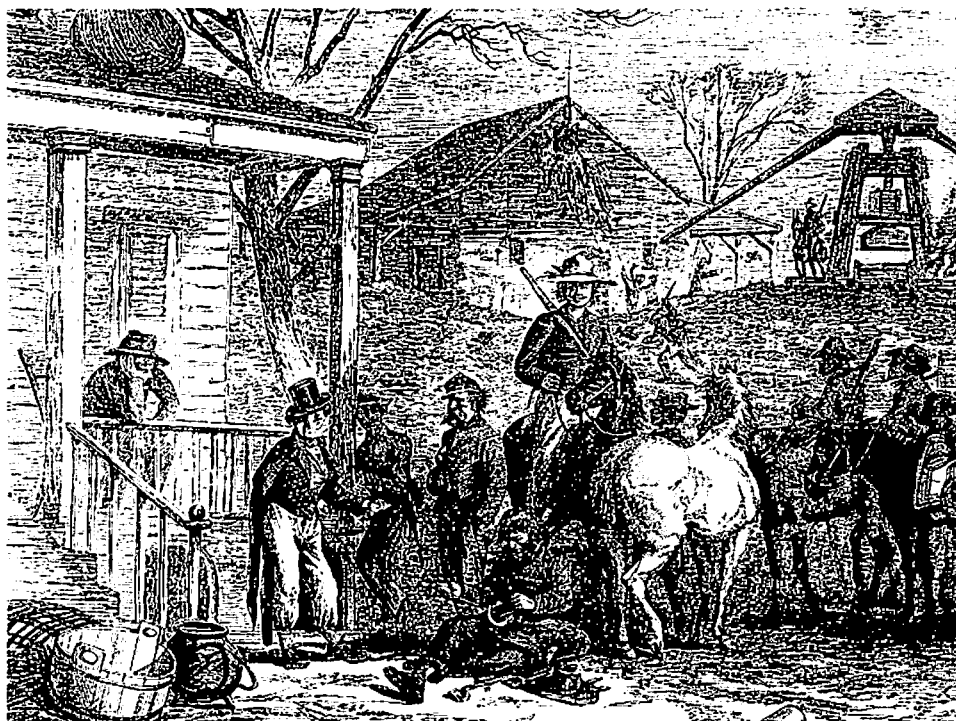
Residence: Bedford P.O.; Amount: \$175. Material: horse; Age: about 70, born near Petersburg, North Carolina.; Year: 1877

Summary: Mr. Helton is an old man. He resides nine miles from Shelbyville and was engaged in farming during the war. He opposed secession and voted against it. He was outspoken and was threatened with death for his Unionism. His reputation as a Union man seems to have been very general. He was recognized as such by the Federals upon their arrival and they gave him protection and the privilege of keeping a gun. Notes & Relations: Had two nephews in the Union army, one died at Vicksburg and the other died shortly after the war. Cousin Peter Courtner served in the Rebel army, he was nearly 40 years old then, now lives in this county. Nephew Daniel Osteen, nearly as old, also served in Rebel army, is now dead.

Witnesses:

- Word, William age 42, has known Helton 15 years. The Union men of the neighborhood were Lewis Tillman, L.T. Williams, Martin Coleman, J.M.H. Coleman, Lee Madison and John G. Primrose.
- Muse, Thomas W. age 53, has known Helton 30 or 40 years.
- Madison, Levi, age not given, has lived near Shelbyville 26 years.
- Patterson, E.H., age 52, worked in blacksmith

- shop during the war and heard Helton join in Union talk there. Helton brought provisions to him while he was hiding out from the Rebels.



Hix, Joshua M.

Residence: Shelbyville; Amount: \$100. Material: horse; Age: 60; Year: 1873.

Summary: The Confederates took 7 horses from him without payment. He was repeatedly threatened on account of his Union sentiments, was molested at different times, was twice shot at, his wife was shot and wounded by Confederates, he furnished a horse to one young man to go into the Federal army and otherwise aided the Union cause.

Notes & Relations: Farm of 180 acres. Gave Joshua Edy a horse to get him to go into the Federal army. Assisted families of Union soldiers by doing their milling for them. Had some nephews in the Rebel army.

Witnesses:

- Holt, Isaac B. age 55, has known Hix since boyhood. "Time had got so squally that we hardly dared speak out. Were surrounded by Rebel spies and informers."
- Smiley, Wm. G., miller, age 40, related to Hix in a very distant way by marriage. His offered to run his mill for his family while Smiley went into the Union army. Was in the 5th Tenn. Cav.
- Brown, John F. age 44, merchant and postmaster. Has known Hix 30 years.
- Hix, Wm. G. age 22, mechanic, son of claimant.
- Hix, Kenneth R., age 26, son of claimant.

Holt, Isaac B.

Amount: \$300. Material: mule and buggy; Age: 55; Year: 1873.

Wartime Raid on a Southern Plantation

Summary: Claimant swears to his loyalty and to his vote against separation, also that he had two sons in the Union army. Witnesses testify to his loyal conversation and reputation. We find him loyal. The buggy was taken from his son by a body of troops on the march from Shelbyville to Murfreesboro to carry a trunk with papers belonging to an officer and a sick or drunken [marked out] soldier. We cannot regard the buggy as supplies for the army "and it don't appear what became of it."

Examiner: Everybody about Shelbyville regards Isaac B. Holt as a loyal man to the United States. He was one of the reckless outspoken sort, one that can hardly tolerate a democrat to this day for fear there is a little rebel in him. As he is a poor man I did not think it necessary to examine any more loyalty witnesses. His witnesses Mullins, Roane and Miller are all men of recognized standing at Shelbyville.

Notes & Relations: Resided on a farm owned in partnership with Wm. Gosling, also a Union man. Went to New Albany, Indiana, for a month while the Rebels were in control. I was frequently threatened by Rebels as a traitor. "They declared I ought to be hung -- 'raised out of my boots' and etc." He and his son

Samuel M. agreed that the son would join the Rebel army and desert at the first opportunity, which he did when captured at Ft. Donelson. Samuel served the rest of the war in the Union army and now lives at Nashville.

Witnesses:

- Miller, James S. age 45, police judge or recorder for Shelbyville. He was to bring the buggy back to Holt from Murfreesboro but it was taken from him by Gen. Negley's troops.
- Roane, Thomas J. age 45, druggist, the trunk conveyed in the buggy belonged to William H. Wisener and contained valuable government papers
- Mullins, James, age not given, US Revenue Collector. Served in the Federal army.

Lentz, James, Estate of

Residence: Unionville; Amount & Material: \$150, horse; Age: not found; Year: 1873.

Notes: Formerly Mary Lentz, executrix of Valentine Lentz (given as James Lentz on one form). Valentine's will is in the file, naming brothers Benj. and John J. Lentz and sister Mary Crowell; no children. he died 1866. Present husband Robert Allison. Mentions her uncle James Harris dec'd.

Witnesses:

- James B. Jones age 35, school teacher, was in Federal Army, his mother lived near Lentz.
- Hiram G. Culbertson age 38, nephew of Valentine and Mary Lentz.
- Robert Allison age 57, married Lentz' widow, knew Lentz 36 years before his death, says Union guides and spies stopped at Lentz' house.
- Wm. A. Mann and Wm. L. Mann stated in 1866 that they saw the horse taken but had "gone west" by the time of the application.
- Elvira Turrentine age 59, wife of Wilson Turrentine, Mary Allison is her cousin, James Harris was her father.
- John F. Thompson age 59.
- Nelly Shearin (colored) age 45, wife of Jacob Shearin, she and her mother were at home when the horse was taken, Nelly had belonged

to Mary Lentz' sister who had recently died, Nelly's mother was a slave of Valentine Lentz.

McAddams, James

Amount: \$370. Material: 2 horses, fodder, corn; Age: 64; Year: 1873.

Summary: Claimant swears that he was in favor of the Union, voted against separation and still clung to the Union after the state went out. He had a son in the Union army. Four witnesses testify to his loyalty. Claimant says that soldiers representing themselves to belong to a forage train of the 5th Tenn. Cav. came to his premises and took both his mares in Oct. 1864, and that he went to Col. Gilbreath and complained, and the Col. told him to find his horses and they would be given up to him. He hunted for them but could not find them. The facts would indicate that they were taken without authority, and payment cannot be allowed. His boys say that the mares were taken at different times and later one was seen in a government team, but nothing about the visit of their father to the Col. and his hunt for the horses. We allow the amount charged for fodder and 10 acres of corn taken from the field.

Examiner: This is the claim of a poor man who lost nearly all he had. There is but little if any doubt as to his loyalty. There is a little uncertainty in amounts, values, etc. but there is no doubt but that he lost the property.

Notes & Relations: Lived on rented land. Went to Murfreesboro to avoid rebel threats of hanging when Hood's army came in 1864. His only son was in the Federal army. One nephew joined the Rebel army but later joined the Federal army.

Witnesses:

- Gilbreath, Wm. age 77, Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, has known claimant 30 years.
- Wisener, William H. age 61, lawyer, has known claimant 30 years or more.
- Cooper, Edmund age 50, lawyer, has known claimant 25 years.
- Gilbreath, Robert age 36, tax assessor.
- Eakin, Alexander age 70, neighbor.
- Trollinger, Thos F. age 25, claimant is his father's uncle.

- McAdams, Wm H. age 24, son of claimant, is a farmer in the summer and a cooper? (or cooker?) in the winter.
- McAdams, Isaac D. age 26, son of claimant.

McFarlin, Benjamin

Amount: \$204. Material: 4 cattle; Age: 71; Year: 1873.

Summary: Claimant is over 70 years of age and resided on his farm four miles south of Shelbyville. The rebels took a great deal of his property and did not pay him. He was threatened and molested and robbed by the rebels. His son was forced into the rebel army and remained two years before he could get him out. Claimant swears that he voted against secession and adhered to the union all the time. Four witnesses testify to his loyalty. Claimant and a neighbor who was a union soldier testify that a battalion of the 2nd Mich. Cav. took the four cattle and drove them off with others they had gathered in the neighborhood. Mrs. Rogers also testifies to seeing them in possession of the soldiers.

Examiner: Neither union man nor rebel about Shelbyville doubted that Ben McFarlin was for the US. I get this outside the evidence in the case from different men. The taking of the property is so much of the same sort that I do not see that I could aid you any by trying to particularize. Nothing but a study of the constant marchings and skirmishings over this part of the state can give any idea of the property taken. A great many persons who lost property even by the Federal army have not attempted to file or prove their claims. I have not thought it necessary to set out more than three or four items taken by the rebels, though these lists are sometimes large.

Notes & Relations: Farm of 245 acres, a party of rebels came to horsewhip him but just as they got into the yard they saw some union men and fled. He hid young men in in his cellar to avoid rebel conscription. Son Josephus McFarlin was forced into rebel army.

Witnesses:

- Holt, Isaac B. age 55, farmer and mechanic, neighbor.
- Reed, George W. age 36, son-in-law of claimant, was one of the men claimant helped hide from the rebels. Says one of McFarlin's sons went into the rebel army voluntarily and

another was conscripted. "I was a union man during [the war], am yet and always will be as long as the flag floats."

- Burrow, Nimrod age 74, has known claimant 40 years, neighbor. In our precinct there were only seven of us who voted for the union, and McFarlin was one of them.
- Rodgers, Jas. B. age 42, was in 5th Tenn. Cav., has known claimant 20 years.
- Rogers, Margaret age nearly 60, neighbor.

Madison, Levi

Amount: \$350. Material: 2 horses; Age: 50; Year: 1873.

Summary: Mr. Madison is over 50 years of age, a blacksmith and farmer. He voted against secession. Hon. Edmund Cooper and Hon. Thos. Caldwell testify unqualifiedly and strongly to his loyalty. The former is a brother of Senator Cooper. Mr. Madison gave no aid to the Confederacy - several times furnished Union men with clothing and aided them to get to the army. The rebels threatened to burn his shop and several times threatened to hang him on account of his Union sentiments.

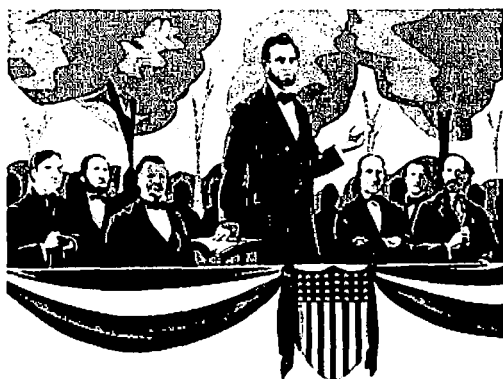
Examiner: The leading union men about Shelbyville all regard, so far as I could learn, the claimant as loyal. I only thought it necessary to examine two of them, Cooper and Coldwell. The witness Sallie Damron is a lady of intelligence, and so is the son William Madison.

Notes & Relations: 150 acre farm. His nephew John Madison was in the Confederate army, now lives near Wartrace. "About the last of October 1864 I was gathering my corn and had a load in my wagon when a command of cavalry ... [under] Gen. Croxton marched by my house and took out of the wagon our ... mare.... My son, who was but a boy, began to cry and the man who seemed to have charge of the matter said to him not to cry, for his father would get pay for her, that the army needed her and had better have her than for the rebels to get her. My son started to the house and I told a negro girl to unhitch [the other horse]... and take him to the house. She did so and on the way as we went to the house we were met by other soldiers of the command who made the colored girl give up the horse. But about that time a young lady living at my house

came out and took hold of the horse and begged the soldier not to take him as he was the last one we had. The soldier jerked the horse away from her and said he was a government horse anyhow. I then spoke out and told him that ... I had raised him and he had always been mine. And he threatened to knock me down with his gun and took the horse and went on with the command.... The young lady's name was Sallie Aaron at the time but [she] has since married a Pleasant L. Darmond."

Witnesses:

- Cooper, Edmund (Hon.) age 52, lawyer.
- Caldwell, Thomas H. (Hon.), age 51, lawyer.
- Madison, William D. age 21, student living with his father the claimant.
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- Damron, Sallie age 30, not related to claimant, nee Aaron.



Montgomery, Robert S.

Residence: Palmetto; Amount: \$750. Material: 3 horses, 2 mules; Age: 43; Year: 1873.

Summary: Claimant swears he voted against separation and adhered to the Union. He refueed a few months in the fall of 1862 coming back on one occasion and aiding a large company of men back through the lines. He aided his brothers who were in the rebel army a short time to get north and furnished them money and they joined the union army. Joseph joined the 3rd Iowa Cavalry. Mr. Weisman testifies that claimant lived in a strong union neighborhood and that he and others sent for Montgomery to come there and make a union speech in 1861. This witness and a union soldier testify to the earnest loyalty of the claimant. James Williams says they were refugees together. James

Darnell also testifies to his loyalty. Claimant's brother Joseph testifies that his brother's horses were on his farm in Lincoln County and that Sherman's army on the march to Chicamauga took them. Mr. Dysart and the Montgomery's white and black testify to the taking of the stock.

Examiner: Robert Montgomery was one of the active union men of this county, both union men and rebels knew where he stood. A peculiarity of the case from this part of the state is the large number of horses that appear in the claims. This was a stock raising part of the state where the attention of the farmers had been turned to raising horses and mules for market. Both armies were for a time supplied from this part of Tennessee. The country was swept again and again by raids whose principal business was to supply horses and mules. The witnesses in this case are men of culture and ability, of high standing in their community.

Notes & Relations: Resided with his father-in-law during the war. Gen. John H. Morgan robbed myself and partner of \$1000 worth of goods, and Confederate partisan rangers took seven horses. Brother Joseph F. was a unionist but drafted by Confederates and deserted just before Ft. Donelson. My father was about to be mobbed in May 1861 for tearing down a rebel flag at Farmington and son John was told that unless he joined the rebel army his father would be molested. He joined but later went north and joined the 3rd Iowa Cav.

Witnesses:

- Wisener, William H. (Hon.) age 61, lawyer.
- Baxter, Wm. Henry Harrison age 32, served in 10th Tenn. Inf. Has known claimant 20 years.
- Mullins, James age 65, US Revenue Collector. Says Montgomery was a merchant in Shelbyville during the war.
- Darnell, James, age 45, has known claimant 20 years.
- Montgomery, Joseph F. age 35, postmaster, resides Lincoln Co., brother of claimant. His wife and her brother were visiting Robert Montgomery and his mother in Bedford Co. and their horses were stolen by rebel bushwhackers.

- Montgomery, Thomas S. age 30, merchant, resides Farmington, brother of claimant.
- Montgomery, William A. age 27, of Farmington, brother of claimant.
- Montgomery, Burton age 60, was the slave of the claimant's father and is now the claimant's overseer. "I am an old family servant of the

Montgomery family and have lived with them right along." The mule was branded with claimant's initials, "I don't know letters, that was what they told me."

- Dysart, James P. age 68, resides Palmetto, father-in-law of claimant.

To Be Continued

An 1881 Funeral Notice – Mary Early

FUNERAL NOTICE

Died at her residence, at Harpeth, in Williamson county, at 11 o'clock, P.M., yesterday,

MRS. MARY E. EARLY,

in the 28th year of her age.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the burial from the residence at 9:30 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Services at Cowles' Chapel at 10 o'clock, A.M., by Rev. Drs. Hargrove and Goodloe.

Interment in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

FRANKLIN, TENN., SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1881

From The Early Family Vertical File, Tennessee State Library & Archives

Insurance Records of Nashville

and Other Middle Tennessee Inhabitants, 1850s, Part IV

Abstracted and contributed by Mary Sue Smith

The Metro Nashville/Davidson County Archives has a rare book used by insurance agents in the years immediately preceding the Civil War. This volume describes buildings, wares, locations and values of businesses in Nashville and surrounding areas of Middle Tennessee. The material gives us the name of owner, exact location and description of the building, contents and use of the structure.

A related map, also located in the Metro Archives, is printed at the beginning of this series of articles, which appears in Vol. XV, No. 1, p. 24.-Ed.

No. 497*L. F. HIDE*..... Nashville

\$2000 on his two story Brick building with wood Ell attached; situate at the Southwest corner of Spring and Vine streets; occupied by the assured as confectionary Bakery & Family grocery. to April 15 1859. [p53]

No. 517*George R. HAWKINS*.. Nashville

\$1000 on the northernmost half of the two story double Brick dwelling house with shingle roof; situate on the East side of South Cherry street to the South of Broad, known as #71; occupied as a family residence. to Aug. 6, 1860. [p53] {written over in ink - '290 Hartford'}

No. 705*O. H. HIGHT*.. Nashville

\$1200 on whiskey in barrels stored in the three story Brick building with composition roof; situate on the West side of South College street. 21 June 1860 [p54]

201.....*R. H. JONES*... Nashville

\$3100 on stock in trade of usual stock kept by Retain Dry Goods dealers, contained in the three story Brick building with shingle roof one of two between parapet walls, and in the two story rear building of same materials situate on the West side of Market street two tenements to the North of Broad; occupied by the assured as a store & dwelling. 4 June 1858 [p54]

No. 378*STEWART & NOEL*.... Nashville

\$4000 on their stock of Groceries, Liquors, Ship Chandler and provisions contained in the three story Brick building with shingle roof situate on the North side of Broad Street, known as #8; occupied by assured as a Grocery and Ship Chandlery store. Renewal March 2, 1861 Trans. Robt Joynt June 13, 1858
Removed to #41, 3 story Brick building, shingle roof, South side of Broad Street. Nov. 11, 1858. [p55]

No. 422*John B. JOHNSON*..... Nashville

\$5000 on his three three story Brick buildings to be occupied as stores, offices and rooms, situate on the South side of Cedar street, 60 feet East of Cherry street. Privilege of building Brick addition in the rear of building on Cedar street.

Expiring Sept. 22, 1860. [p55]

No. 569*Capt. Jesse JOINER*

\$1000 on his two story frame building and kitchen attached; situate on the West side of the Nolensville Pike at Flat Rock, about 4 miles from Nashville; occupied as Dwelling and on the small one story frame building situate about ten feet diagonally from the same, occupied as a store. 2 Aug. 1859. [p56]

No. 197..... W. A. & J. G. McCLELLAN Nashville

\$4000 on their stock of staple and Fancy Dress Goods contained in Eichbaums three story Brick building with composition roof situate on the West side of College street, #53; occupied by the assured as a Retail Dry Goods Store. 1 June 1859 [p56]

No. 283..... John KERKMAN..... Nashville

\$5000 on his three story and attic Brick & stone building with metal roof, known as the Odd Fellows Hall; situate at the Northwest corner of Summer and Union streets; the lower part of the building being used as stores and the upper part as a Lodge for meeting of the J.O.O., also for lectures, concerts etc.
Expiring 15 April 1860. [p57]

No. 332..... Hugh KIRKMAN..... Nashville

\$4000 on the three story Brick building with metal roof and the two story Ell building attached, built and covered with the same materials; situate at the Southwest corner of Cedar street and the Public Square.
Expires 13 Sept. 1860. [p57]

No. 594..... John KIRKMAN..... Nashville

\$4000 on the three story Brick building with Tinned roof; situate at the Southwest corner of Summer and Union street; to be occupied as a store, offices and rooms and the third story as a Hall for dancing and other purposes. Expires 22 Jan. 1861. [p58]

No. 659..... C. W. KLAGES..... Nashville

\$1000 on his stock of Wallpaper contained in an apartment on the first floor of Odd Fellows Hall; a brick & stone building with metal roof, situate at the Northwest corner of Union and Summer street, known as #68 on Union street. May 13 1859 to May 13 1860. [p58]

No. 188..... J. LUMSDEN & Co..... Nashville

\$2000 on their stock of leather, oils, hides and finding contained in the two story Brick building with shingle roof and in the one story Brick addition with composition roof; situate on the West side of Market street, known as #34; occupied by the assured as a store. Renew to Sept. 15, 1860. Removed to the three story Brick building with composition roof and parapet walls and two story addition of same materials; situate on the East side of Market street, #11. Oct. 29, 1856. [p59]

No. 298..... LAMER & PHILLIPS. Nashville

\$5000 on their stock of Groceries and Produce in general, contained in the three story Brick building with composition roof; situate on the East side of Market street, known as #39, and extending through to Front street; occupied by the assured as a wholesale Grocery & Produce Store. Nov. 1, 1856 [p59]

No. 383..... J. W. LANGLEY & Co. Nashville

\$5000 on their stock of manufactured Tobacco, Cigars & other goods; situate in the two story Brick building with shingle roof on the North side of Union street, known as #44; occupied by the assured as a Tobacco & Cigar store. Renewed to April 17, 1860 - it is understood that the assured has permission to keep matches for sale in the premises. Dec. 11 1858 [p60]

No. 704..... S. LAUFER..... Nashville

\$400 on his household furniture, Beds & Bedding for \$100; on the one store Basement Brick building with shingle roof; situate on the East side of South Summer street, occupied as a Dwelling.
14 Jan. 1860 - 14 Jan. 1861. [p60]

No. 644..... N. LANDE Nashville

\$1500 on his two story Brick Dwelling Home situate on the West side of South Summer St., known as #170 and occupied as Family Residence ... pay to the Nashville Building Association.
Renewed Oct. 9, 1859/61. [p61]

No. 536N. Lawrence LINDSLEY.....Lebanon, TN

\$10,000 as follows: \$4,000 on main building and Ell attached by roof, Brick kitchen attached to batten by roof; \$500 on the Recitation Building; \$1000 on Musical Instruments, Painting & Pictures in frames; \$1500 on Library of printed Books; \$300 on the Dormitory building; \$200 on the music; \$2500 on the household furniture, beds & bedding. The above mentioned premises being situate near the turnpike about 4 1/2 miles to the East of the town of Lebanon, TN, known and occupied as the *Greenwood Female Seminary*. Renewed to Oct. 26, 1860. [p61]

No. 696A. LEWIS Nashville

\$2000 on his stock of piece goods and Readymade clothing contained in the two story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the Northwest corner of Market St & an alley; occupied by the assured as clothing store and dwelling.

12 Nov. 1849 to 12 Nov. 1860. [p62]

No. 565JAMES LUMSDEN..... Nashville

\$750 on his one story frame building with Ell attached, situate on the South side of Sycamore St in the Village of Edgefield, a suburb of the city of Nashville, occupied as a Dwelling.

Expire 20 Dec. 1860. [p62]

No. 278HIPSCOMB and SMITH Nashville

\$7000 on the main Brick building known as the *Franklin College Building*; on the frame building located to the southeast of the above building occupied as a Dwelling and Female School; situate on the grounds of Franklin College about five miles from Nashville, between the Murfreesboro and Lebanon Turnpike.

8 Jan. 1859 to 8 Jan. 1860. [p578]

No. 606Z. LEVY..... Nashville

\$2000 on his stock of Dry goods, Hats & Caps, Boots, Shoes and Readymade clothing, contained in the three story Brick building situate on the North side of Broad St., known as #28, occupied as a store & Dwelling. 3 Feb. 1859-Feb. 1860. [p63]

No. 586Z. LEVY..... Nashville

\$500 on his Household Furniture, Beds & Bedding, contained in the second story of the three story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the North side of Broad St, known as #28.

expires Jan. 17, 1861. [p64]

No. 611LEWIS LYONS..... Nashville

\$2000 on his one story Brick Building with shingle roof situate on the West side of Charlotte Turnpike about 3 1/2 miles from the Public Square in Nashville, occupied as a family residence and payable to the Nashville Building Association. Expires Feb. 1861. [p64]

No. 630LACSCHER, G..... Nashville

\$2000 on his new two story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the South side of Jefferson? St. in the city of Nashville, occupied as a dwelling. 1 April 1859 to 1 April 1860. [p65]

No. 240MORGAN & CO. Nashville

\$5000 on their stock of merchandise contained and to be contained in the four story brick building with composition roof and parapet walls, situate on the North side of the Public Square, known as #49 and occupied by the assured as a wholesale Dry Goods and as a commission agency, for the sale of cotton, soolen and other fabricks and also storage ... shall not cover any property on consignment. Expires 1 Aug. 1860. [p65]

No. 255WM. C. MASSEY..... Nashville

\$5000 on his one story and Basement Brick building situate on the East side of College street to the South of Broad street occupied as a dwelling; on his three story Brick building situate on the South side of Broad street between Summer and Cherry streets, occupied by *Robert Smith* (marked thru) as a Dry Goods store

and Dwelling; on his one story frame tenement situate on the South side of Demumbrane street between Vine and Spencer, occupied as a dwelling and his one story frame double tenement situate on North side of the same street. Jan. 31, 1858

Renewed/ expires Feb. 21, 1861. [p66]

No. 254..... JOHN RAMAGE..... Nashville

\$4000 on his stock of Goods, Wares & Merchandise contained in the two story Brick building situate on the East side of College St., known as #42 and occupied by the assured as a wholesale and Retail store. Renewed to Feb. 1, 1861. [p66]

No. 279..... J. H. McGILL. Nashville

\$2000 on his two story Brick Dwelling House and Brick Ell attached, situate on the NW corner of High St, between Spring & Broad, occupied by the assured as a residence. Renewed to 1 April 1860. [p67]

No. 289..... DR. W. H. MORGAN.. Nashville

\$500 on his one story Frame Dwelling House on the West side of the Brick Church Pike, about four miles to the North of Nashville, occupied as a family Residence. Renewed to 9 May 1860 Transfere to Nashville Building Association 14 May 1857. [p67]

No. 327..... H. C. McNAIRY & CO..... Nashville

\$5000 on their stock of staple and Fancy Dry Goods, containe in the three story Brick building with composition roof, situate on the West side of North College street, known as #25 & occupied by the assured as a Retail Dry Goods store. Expires Aug. 21, 1860. [p68]

No. 650..... H & J. METZ.. Nashville

\$1000 on their two story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the West side of South Market st, known as #20; to be occupied in a manner not specially hazardous. From May 12, 1859 to May 12 1860. [p68]

No. 514..... H. & J. METZ. Nashville

\$2500 on their stock of Readymade clothing and Trimmings, Boots, Shoes, Hats and other goods in the line of clothing dealers contained in the two story Brick building with shingle roof, situate on the West side of South Market street, known as #44 and occupied by the assured as dwelling. Renewed to Aug. 15, 1860. [p69]

No. 369..... W. G. MASSEY..... Nashville

\$1000 on his two story Brick building with shingle roof, situate at the Northwest corner of Broad & Summer streets. Renewed to Feb. 1, 1861. [p69]

No. 530..... J. P. MATTHEWS..... Edgefield

\$2000 on his one story Frame dwelling house with kitchen under the same roof on the South side of Woodland street in the village of Edgefield, occupied as a family residence. Renewed to Sept. 25, 1860. [p70]

No. 427..... JAMES G. MUSE?..... Nashville

\$5000 on his saddles & Hames, manufactured & in pieces in his two story Brick building with ... at the Southwest corner of North Market and Union street, occupied by the assured as a saddle manufactory & saddle room. Expires Oct. 29, 1860. [p70]

No. 447..... W. H. MEFFERT..... Nashville

\$2500 on his stock of staple & Fancy Dry Goods contained in his two story Brick building with shingle roof, situate on the East side of North Market St., known as #52 & occupied by the assured as a Retail Dry Goods Store. Renewed to Aug. 1, 1858. [p71]

No. 452DR. J. M. McMINN.....Nashville

\$800 on his one story Frame Dwelling with Ell attached, situate on the North side of Demonbrent St. to the West of McNairy in West Nashville, occupied as a family dwelling. Renewed to March 24, 1861. [p71]

No. 642JAMES McLAUGHLIN.....Nashville

\$500 on his one and half story frame dwelling with Ell attached, situate on the West side of South College street, occupied as a family residence. from April 9, 1859 to April 9, 1860. [p72]

No. 593W. A. McCLELLAND..Nashville

\$1500 on his two story Brick Dwelling house with shingle roof, situate on the East side of North Vine street, known as #8, occupied by the assured as a family residence. Renewed to Jan. 22, 1861. [p72]

No. 653GEORGE MORSE.....Nashville

\$2500 as follows: on his two one story frame buildings, \$622 on each; on his one story double frame building, \$622 on each tenement situate on the West side of Water Street in McGavocks Addition. May 5, 1857 to May 5, 1860. [p73]

No. 600L. MOSESNashville

\$500 on his stock of furniture valued at ten thousand dollars, contained in the two story Brick Building with shingle roof and the one story building of same material in rear of the above; also in the second story of the adjoining Brick Building on the North of the first above building; situate at the NW corner of College Street and Bank Alley, known as #19, occupied by the assured as a Furniture Store; first story of the above adjoining building, #21, occupied as a Millinery Store & Dwelling. 2 Feb. 1859 Expires 2 Feb. 1861 Trans. to Mose H. Haslett 4 Feb. 1860. [p73]

No. 694SMITH & NELSON.....Nashville

\$2000 on his stock of Wines, Liquors, Tobacco & Cigars; fixtures, mirrors, glassware & pictures, contained in the two story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the S side of Cedar St, #17, known as *The Griffin House*, occupied by the assured as a Coffee House. Oct. 14, 1859 to Oct. 14, 1860. Trans. to Mils & Kenny Jan. 7, 1860. [p74]

No. 604JOHN MORROW & SON (W. H. MORROW).....Nashville

\$5000 on stock of Mdse and Saddlery & Harness, finished & unfinished, contained in three story Brick Building with Tinned roof & parapet walls, on the E side of N Market St, known as #48. 2 Feb. 1861. [p74]

No. 648THOS. A. McCALL.....Nashville

\$2500 on Jenny Lind tables, movable furniture & stock of cigars, wines, liquors, contained in the third story of three story Brick Building, situate at the SE corner of Cherry & Cedar Sts.; occupied at the assured as a Billiard & Drinking Saloon and the other stories occupied as stores, offices & Bowling Alley. 2 May 1859 to 2 May 1860. [p75]


No. 522FRANK McGAVOCK..Nashville

\$5000 on his three story Brick Building with shingle roof; situate on the N side of the Public Square, 2nd Tenement to the East of its junction with College St., including the two story addition forming an Ell fronting on College St; occupied as a --- and furnishing store. to 28 Aug. 1860 [p75]

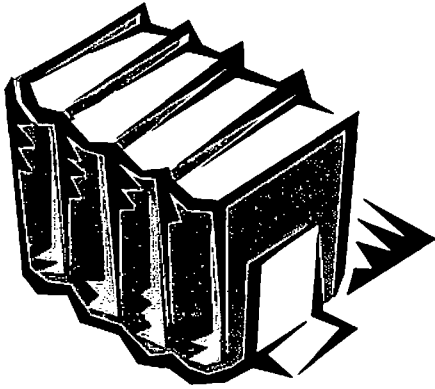
No. 669ELIZA P. MASKIN?....Nashville

\$1000 on her stock of Boots, shoes, and other articles in the line of shoemakers and dealers, contained in her two story Brick Building and one story Brick addition; situate on the E side of North College St, known as #46. 11 June 1859 [pp76]

No. 472JACOB METZ.Nashville

\$500 on his two story Brick Building with shingle roof; situate on the W side of South Market St, known as #42; occupied by the assured as a store & dwelling. 15 May 1860 [p76]... 

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Book Reviews

by Shirley Wilson

Index to the 1880 Census of West Tennessee by Barbara, Bryon, and Samuel Sistler. Softback, 398 pp., c2003. \$65 plus \$4.50 shipping from Byron Sistler & Associates, 1712 Natchez Trace, PO Box 120934, Nashville, TN 37212 or sistler@mindspring.com

In 1997 when *Index to the 1880 Census of East Tennessee*, the first volume in this series, was published, the authors noted that the work had been in progress for nineteen years. The Middle Tennessee index was published in 2000 and Byron Sistler wanted to finish the West Tennessee index before retiring. He was unable to do so, but his wife, Barbara, and son, Sam, have made that dream come true, overcoming many obstacles to complete this highly popular work begun so many years ago.

The entries include name, age, sex when it is not clear from the name, county, and page number in the census. *B* was used for black or mulatto families and *I* was used, originally for Indians, but in actuality for various other racial mixtures.

In addition to the regional head-of-household indexes of East, Middle, and West Tennessee, most counties from this census compilation are available for purchase and individual surname entries can be purchased for a fee of \$8 per surname with no shipping fee.

Don't miss the opportunity to add this excellent statewide resource to your library.

Superior Court of Law & Equity Mero District of Tennessee 1803-1805 abstracted by Mary Sue Smith. Softback, index, 258 pp. \$24 plus \$5 shipping from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, Maryland 20716, or from Byron Sistler & Associates.

This court was the predecessor to Tennessee's Supreme Court. It had original jurisdiction in all but the most minor of civil and criminal cases and heard appeals from the county courts.¹ Its cases covered most of Middle Tennessee. The records pre-date surviving census records for Tennessee making them an excellent source of information for genealogists and historians.

The county where the case originated is named in these records. Most of the appeals came from Davidson, Jackson, Robertson Smith, Sumner, and Williamson counties but many other counties are mentioned. The cases involved debt, ejectment, horse stealing, divorce, covenant broken, assault, and murder, to name just a few.

A complete name index makes it easy to locate entries. This is a valuable research tool for an early time period in Tennessee when records are sparse. Those researching in Jackson County, where most early records were destroyed, should find this book particularly helpful.

¹ James W. Ely, Jr. editor, *A History of the Tennessee Supreme Court* (Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 2002), p. 6.

Bedford County, Tennessee, Family History Book. Hardback, 552 pp., index photographs, c2002. \$60 plus \$7 shipping from Argie Cooper Public Library, 100 S. Main Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37162, or order form at:

<http://www.flash.net/~coley/bedford index.html>

Those who have researched in Bedford County know that many of its early records have been lost, which makes this huge book especially important to the world of genealogy and history in Bedford County.

It is a typical family heritage style book with histories of communities, churches, schools, businesses, civic organizations, and events at the front followed by local family histories. Both sections abound with old photographs and there is a special photography section at the back that highlights local farms with some wonderful photos of farm families and family gatherings.

The genealogy section is arranged alphabetically by family. As is customary with this type of book, the compiler's name is listed with each family sketch and the material is not footnoted.

Fortunately, the compilers avoided a serious drawback found in many books of this nature by including a comprehensive complete name index. Not only is this book full of excellent family information, but the entries can be readily accessed.

Our Eaker/Jackson Family including allied families: Francis and Rea by Jean Nunley Dennison. Hardback, bibliography, chart, footnotes, index, photographs, 183 pp., 2002. \$28 plus \$4 postage from author at 919 Waterswood Drive, Nashville, TN 37220.

Four chapters address the families of Eaker, Jackson, Francis, and Rea. The Eakers came from Switzerland, eventually settling in Lincoln County, North Carolina. The Jacksons were from Rutherford County, North Carolina, and some descendants settled in Sevier County, Tennessee, while others went to Missouri. The Francis family came from Buckingham County, Virginia, to Franklin County, Tennessee, and some migrated westward to Missouri. The Rea family was from Wayne and Bollinger counties in Missouri. A fifth chapter is composed of transcripts and some reproductions of wills, deeds, land grants, lawsuits, letters and other documents relating to various families. There are also notes on the allied families of Kiser, Craig, Leonard, Stilley and Cantwell. A list of descendants precedes each chapter and Dennison opted for a numbering system that is not cumbersome and is easily understood.

Old photographs sprinkled throughout the text and a complete name index add value to this well organized family history.

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