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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*All meetings*  
(unless otherwise noted)  
1:00 P.M.

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**Edmondson Pike Branch Library**  
5501 Edmondson Pike  
just north of Old Hickory Blvd.  
at Nippers Corner

*Check our website for any changes*  
[www.mtgs.org](http://www.mtgs.org)

*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.

*May 15, 2004*

### **"Tennesseans at War 1812-1815"**

Tom Kanon

Mr. Kanon, State Library & Archives staff member, is the author of numerous articles about the War of 1812 period.

He will present a brief history of Tennessee's involvement in the "Creek War" with special emphasis on locating and using related records.

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

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

Members of the Society have been very generous in providing material for use in the *Journal*. In this issue Thomas Potter tells the story of a "Genealogical Serendipity" experience while thumbing through Depression-era interviews with former slaves.

Gale Williams Bamman shares with us Bible records from a number of Smith County families, including some records she copied from the original when she was a beginning genealogist 30 years ago.

Shirley Wilson delves into an obscure entry in the County Court minutes of Franklin County, involving a family of triplets. Her twist on the story shows how points of view may have changed a bit since 1834.

An unusual item from the *American State Papers* is found on this issue's first page. These papers are the records of the proceedings of the United States government from 1789 to 1838. A remarkable number of Tennessee nuggets can be found in these volumes, which are available at the State Library and on-line via the Library of Congress web site.

Don't miss the information about World War I Draft Registration records, beginning on page 115. As more and more genealogists find it necessary to delve into relatively modern records, this is a collection which can help locate men lost in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Happy Reading!

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

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# Dickson County High Water Mark, 1808

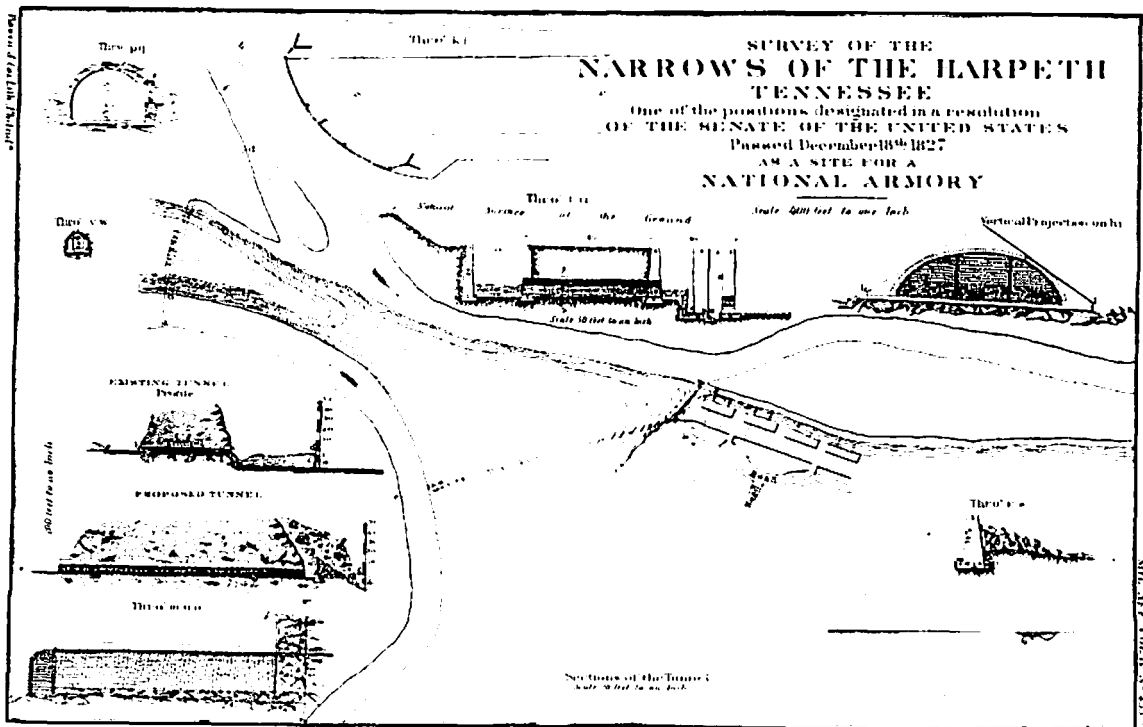
The following testimony was recorded in 1824 when the United States government was looking for a place to establish an armory. A site on the Narrows of the Harpeth in Dickson County, Tennessee, was under consideration. Concern over the possibility of flooding generated an investigation.

To: Wm. Carroll, Esq., Governor of Tennessee  
Dear Sir:

Charlotte, Jan. 1, 1824

Having been solicited by Montgomery Bell, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jarrell, to attend at the Narrows of Harpeth for the purpose of assisting and ascertaining the extreme height of water in the river at that place, I accordingly attended the place on Monday last with Mr. Jarrell and Jeremiah Baxter, Esq., resident at that place, where being shown by Mr. Baxter a mark on a large sycamore tree standing on the edge or bank of the river, which mark he stated was made by a Mr. Jonathan Johnston (who was Mr. B's predecessor) as the high-water mark and extreme height of the freshets which fell in the winter of 1808, and the highest freshet ever known by any settler on that river; and Mr. Baxter affirmed to us that during his residence at that place for the last 13 years, he has never known the river to rise so high as Mr. Johnston's mark by 18 or 24 inches. Mr. Jarrell and myself, with assistance of Mr. B., proceeded to level and measure, with as much accuracy as we were capable, and found that from the low water mark up to Mr. Johnston's mark, by actual measurement, to be *21 feet and no more!* This point is the same (as Mr. B. informed us) that John Davis, Esq., tried the height of the water of the said river; but Mr. B. seemed to regret that he had not shown the same mark (as made by Johnston) to Esquire Davis, which he said had left his memory until Esquire Davis had gone; all of which I have good reasons to believe, knowing Mr. Baxter to be a man who stands fair in society. All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration, and am, sir, with deference, yours & etc.

Molton Dickson



From the *American State Papers*, volume 19, document #455. 21<sup>st</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> session.  
"General report on ... various sites for the establishment of an armory on the western waters. May 27, 1830."

# Genealogical Serendipities

by Thomas K. Potter, Jr.

Maybe you already know the feeling . . .

- A doorway opens, unexpectedly. Now you are facing the past.
- An ancestor is before you, someone you never really knew.
- An old family homeplace emerges.
- A treasured heirloom takes on new meaning. A family mystery melts away.

It's an unexpected find, almost by accident---*a genealogical serendipity!*

*This three-part series will describe instances of genealogical serendipity the author has experienced.*

## Part One A Slave Girl's Tale

### Josie Jordan Comes Into My Life

Meeting Josie Jordan was totally unanticipated---breathtaking and a bit bittersweet!

Intrigued by the "Slave Narratives" page of Ancestry.com, I entered a keyword (the name of a great-great-grandfather) and state (Tennessee) and clicked. I had no knowledge of slaves in our family history. Any connection with any of the 3,500 former slave interviews in this database would be pure chance.

Over 20,000 pages of those type-written interviews were published in a series of 41 volumes entitled, *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves*, (Washington: Works Project Administration, 1936-1939). Documentation first began in 1929 at Fisk University in Nashville and Southern University in Louisiana. The task was continued in 1934 by Kentucky State College, and was completed in a nation-wide effort coordinated by the WPA from 1936 through 1939.

Now also digitized in the Ancestry.com subscription cyber-library and Windows compact discs, the interviews provide a unique and poignant picture of what it was like to live as a slave in the 19th-century American South.<sup>1</sup> With a click, Josie was suddenly there---her memories stirring with life.

There were tales about the past trials and troubles of her family, the bonds of home and battle of wits between slave and master, the brutality of nightriders, and the first tentative steps away from the old plantation to new freedom---all poured from Josie's heart and enriched by her own dialect.

Then in her seventies, Josie Jordan shared her story with an interviewer in her Oklahoma home in 1930. She recalled her mother's tales of slavery and she told about her own life during the early Reconstruction period on my great-great-grandfather's "plantation," a Middle Tennessee farm of several hundred acres.

<sup>1</sup> Found at <<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/biohist/slavnarr/main.htm>>. The compact discs (ISBN: 1-888486-44-9) are available at \$35.95. A select sample of 13 of these narratives accompanying by some photographs can be found in *The American Slave: A Composite Autobiography* edited by George P. Rawick and published by Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn., 1972-79. Also check the American Studies Hypertexts at the University of Virginia <<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~hyper/wpa/wpahome.html>> for an on-line anthology of these selections.

### Mammy's Tale "About Them Slave Days"

"I was born right in the middle of the War on the Mark Lowery plantation," Josie recalled, "so I don't know anything much about them slave days except what my mammy told me long years ago. 'Course I mean the Civil War, for to us colored folks, they just wasn't no other war as meanful as that one."<sup>2</sup>

"My mother she come from Virginia when a little girl, but never nobody tells me where at my pappy is from. His name was David Lowery when I was born, but I



A Former Slave

guess he had plenty other names, for like my mammy he was sold lots of times.

"Salina was my mammy's name, and she belonged to a Mister Clark who sold her and pappy to Mark Lowery 'cause she was a fighting, mule-headed woman. It wasn't her fault 'cause she was a fighter. The master who owned her before Mister Clark was one of them white mens who was always whipping and beating his slaves and mammy couldn't stand it no more.

"That's the way she tells me about it. She just figured she would be better off dead and out of her misery as to be whipped all the time, so one day the master claimed they was something wrong with her work and started to raise his whip, but mammy fought back and when the ruckus was over the Master was laying still on the ground and folks thought he was deed, he got such a heavy beating. Mammy says he don't die and right after that she was sold to Mister Clark I been telling you about. And mammy was full of misery for a long time after she was carried to Mark Lowery's plantation where at I was born during of the War.

"She had two children while belonging to Mister Clark and he wouldn't let them go with mammy and pappy. That's what caused her misery. Pappy tried to ease her mind but she jest kept a 'crying for her babies, Ann and Reuben (?), till Mister Lowery got Clark to leave them visit with her once a month.

"Mammy always says that Mark Lowery was a good master. But he'd heard things about mammy before he got her and I reckon was curious to know if they was all true. Mammy says he found out mighty quick they was.

### Old Master Gets A New Young Wife

"It was mammy's second day on the plantation and Mark Lowery acted like he was going to whip her for something she'd done or hadn't, but mammy knocked him plumb through the open cellar door. He wasn't hurt, not even bad for many says he climbed out the cellar a'laughing, saying he was only fooling to see if she would fight."<sup>3</sup>

"But mammy's troubles wasn't over then, for Mark Lowery he got himself a new young wife, and mammy was round of the house most of the time after that.

<sup>2</sup> *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves*, (Washington: Works Project Administration, 1936-1939), Records 5-10, 48565-48574. The Slave Schedules of the U.S. Census for 1860 show Mark Lowery (1791-1879) was the owner of 17 slaves, including six adult males, three boys, three adult females, and five girls. They lived in three cabins.

<sup>3</sup> *Slave Narratives...*, Records 5-10, 48565-48574.

Right away they had trouble. The Mistress was trying to make mammy hurry up with the work and she hit mammy with the broom stick. Mammy's mule temper boiled up all over the kitchen and the Master had to stop the fighting.<sup>3</sup>

"He wouldn't whip mammy for her part in the trouble, so the Mistress she sent word to her father and brothers and they come to Mister Lowery's place. They was going to whip mammy, they was good and mad. Master was good and mad, too, and he warned 'em home.

"'Whip your own slaves.' He told them. 'Mine have to work and if they're beat up they can't do a days work. Go on home; I'll the care of this.' And they left. My folks didn't have no fool troubles at Mark Lowery's like they did somewheres else. I remember Lawny told me about one master who almost starved his slaves. Mighty stingy I reckon he was.<sup>4</sup>

### ***Malitis and the Seven Fatted Hogs***

"Some of them slaves was so poorly they ribs would kinder rustle against each other like corn stalks a-drying in the lot winds. But they gets even one hog-killing time, and it was finny two [1852?], dey said. They was seven hogs, fat and ready for fall hog-killing time. Just the day before old master told off they were to be killed something happened to all them porkers. One of the field boys found them and come a-tolling the master: The hogs is all died, now they won't be any meats for the winter.'

Then the master gots to where at the hogs is laying; they's a lot of Negroes standing round looking sorrow-eyed at the wasted meat. The master asks: 'What's the illness with 'em?'

"'Malitis.' They tell him, and they acts like they don't want to touch the hogs. Master says to dress them anyway for they ain't no more meat on the place. He says to keep all the meat for the slave families, but that's because he's afraid to eat it hisself account of the hogs' got *malitis*.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> *Slave Narratives...*, Records 48565-48574. Lowery's first wife died in 1853 and, on Christmas Day, 1858, he married "a new young wife," according to Jane Gray Buchanan, "Col. Alexander Lowery: Investigating the Legend," *Tennessee Ancestors*, Vol. 9, No. 1 [April 1993], p. 59.

<sup>4</sup> Lawny might have been an older relative of Josie's.

<sup>6</sup> *Slave Narratives...*, Records 48575-48584.

"Don't you-all know what is *malitis*?' Marry would ask the chillren when she was telling of the seven fat hogs and seventy lean slaves. And she would laugh, remembering how they fooled the old master so's to get all them good meats.

"One of the strongest Negroes got up early in the morning. Mammy would explain, 'lon' 'fore the rising horn called the slaves from their cabins. He skitted to the hog pen with a heavy mallet in his hand. When he tapped Mister Hog 'tween the eyes with that mallet, '*malitis*' set in mighty quick, but it was a uncommon 'disease', even with hungry Negroes around all the time.'



### **The Klan Comes Calling**

"Mammy had me three sisters and a brother while on the Lowery plantation. They was Fine, Aldie, Alice and Lincoln. It was a long time after the War and we was all freed before we left old Master Lowery. Stayed right there where we was at home, working in the fields, living in the same old cabins, just like before the War... Never did have no big troubles after the War, except one time the Ku Klux Klan broke up a church meeting and whipped some of the folks. The preacher was telling about the Bible days when the Klan rode up. They was all masked up and everybody crawled under the benches when they shouted: 'We'll make you damn niggers wish you wasn't free!'<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Josie's family included her father and mother, David and Salina Lowery, and four siblings -- Fine, Aldie, Alice and Lincoln -- all living together at the Lowery plantation. In antebellum days, two older siblings, Ann and Reuben, remained with their owner, a neighbor of the Lowerys.





Archivist, Moore had a special interest in aspects of the antebellum society, especially the yeomanry.

The questionnaires were returned by 1922, filed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and microfilmed for security and convenient use. The responses of the veterans are richly detailed accounts of military experience, personal and family information, commentary about class and race distinctions, and observations about agricultural, business and educational opportunities for young men in 19th-century Tennessee. The information, as compiled by Moore and Dyer, and was published by the Southern Historical Press in 1985, and the index also can now be accessed online at the Tennessee State Library and Archives website.<sup>12</sup>

#### "Father Could Do Most Any Kind of Work"

"My father could do most any kind of work such as farming, carpenter's work & brick mason, surveying etc., etc.," Perry remembered. "My mother and sister done general housework, spinning, weaving. Made most of the clothes at home. I done all kinds of farm work such as plowing, hoeing and driving team, etc., etc."

The family farm was "about 400 acres" and the family home had "log walls with two halls between the porches in front." At the outbreak of the war in 1861, all family property and goods were valued at about \$4,000-\$5,000.

"Until 16 years old, attended free schools about 8 months in the year. After that, I attended at Middleton Seminary a part of 3 years till 1861. The free school was about 1/4 miles and the...high school was 2/4 miles. I attended most the time from '1858 to the spring of 1861 when the war between the states [began....] Then all schools in the county were closed."

<sup>12</sup> See Gustavus W. Dyer and John Trotwood Moore, comp., *The Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires*, (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985) for complete information. Also see the index at the Tennessee State Library and Archives Historical and Genealogical website <<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/quest.htm>>. Listings include name, county, company and regiment, and instructions for ordering copies of the questionnaires by mail. Tennessee residents are charged \$5.00 per copy; non-residents, \$10, by check, credit card or mail order.

At the outbreak of the war, Perry and his two older brothers, Tom and Billy, enlisted in rebel regiments raised in the county.

There were "but few slaveholders...in my part of the county", Perry wrote, but "as a general thing there was... a feeling of friendship" between non-slaveholding yeomen and the slaveholding aristocracy.<sup>13</sup>

*ser-en-dip-i-ty*

*a natural gift for making useful discoveries by accident!*

## Civil War Hospital Employees Gallatin, 1864

[From] *U.S. Gen'l Hospital No. 1,*  
*Gallatin, Tenn, Nov. 21, 1864*

[To] *Col. Jas. Gilfillan, 11 Tenn. Vols., Commanding Post,*

*Col[onel]*

*Enclosed find list of persons employed in Hospital No. 1 not enlisted as soldiers, viz.*

<i>Luticia Ledbetter</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Boron Ridon</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Elston McCadin</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Ester Sarver</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Louisa Johnson</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Parthena Day</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Harriett Lauderdale</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Milla Robbs</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Catherine Horn</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Martha McCadin</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Nancy Sarver</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>
<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>	<i>Matron</i>	<i>Colored</i>

*I certify the above to be correct.*

*H. McMahon, Surg. in Charge*

Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating to Two or More Civilians. (National Archives Microfilm publication M1098, File Number 12950. Tenn. State Library & Archives Mf. #1607.)

<sup>13</sup> Perry G. Potter, Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaire.

# Stewart County Militia in the War of 1812

## Companies of Thomas Gray and James Haggard

Captain Thomas Gray led a company of Stewart County men during the War of 1812. His unit was deployed in Alabama fighting against the Creek Indians, who had sided with the British during the conflict. On the way home from the war, in 1814, Captain Gray's regiment reached a ford of the Cumberland River called Ditto's Landing. This spot is now on the southern border of the city of Huntsville, Alabama. There the Captain took the opportunity to send the sick men of the regiment home by boat. A boat trip of more than 100 miles might be dangerous, but after walking through Tennessee and Alabama for three months, Gray's exhausted men were ready for a ride.

Gray must have been a resourceful man, because it was his idea to purchase a boat. He asked permission of General Andrew Jackson to do so, and it was given. He probably had to spend his own money on the boat, though he may have been reimbursed.



Gray and his men were serving under Colonel Richard C. Napier of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of West Tennessee Militia (Middle Tennessee was considered the "west" at that time). The muster roll of Gray's company indicates that all the men were returning home to Stewart County at the end of their tour of duty.

James Haggard, captain of another company of men from Stewart County, served under Colonel Robert Dyer in his regiment of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen. As the petition shows, Gray and Haggard were on their way home at the same time, and worked together at Ditto's Landing to fill with sick men the boat Gray had purchased. One of those men left behind a privately owned horse, which Gray took charge of. When the horse ran away, Gray became responsible for it and had to pay the owner. He asked the government to reimburse him for that expense, but was unsuccessful. Three years later Gray was still trying to get his money back, and he petitioned the Tennessee Legislature for assistance.

The petition reads as follows, with original spelling intact:

petitioned of me to let a part of his company decend the river in s[ai]d boat. And one of sd mounted men got me to take charge of his horse and take it home. And while we was in the act of mustering out of servis, the sd horse brok[e] his halter chain and maid his escape so that I was not able to git him again. And I have since had to pay half the value of sd horse and I have been indulged for the balance till I could have a change to see if the general government would pay it.

I sent the account on and it was sent back again because Capt. Haggard could not cirtifie that the sd horse was lost for want of forage as it was lost after we got into the settlements. I hope that your

State of Tennessee, Stewart County  
October the 12, 1817

To the honourable Legislators now sitting at Knoxville, your humble petitioner wishes to show to your honourable body that on my return home from the army the last expedition against the hostile Creek Indians, I was permitted to provide a boat at Dittos Landing by Gen. Jackson for the sick men of my company to de[s]cend [the] Tennessee River in [?] to thare homes. At which place Capt. James Haggard also had a company of mounted gunmen and he also

<sup>1</sup> Petition of Thomas Gray. File number 55-1817, Record Group 60 Tennessee State Library and Archives.



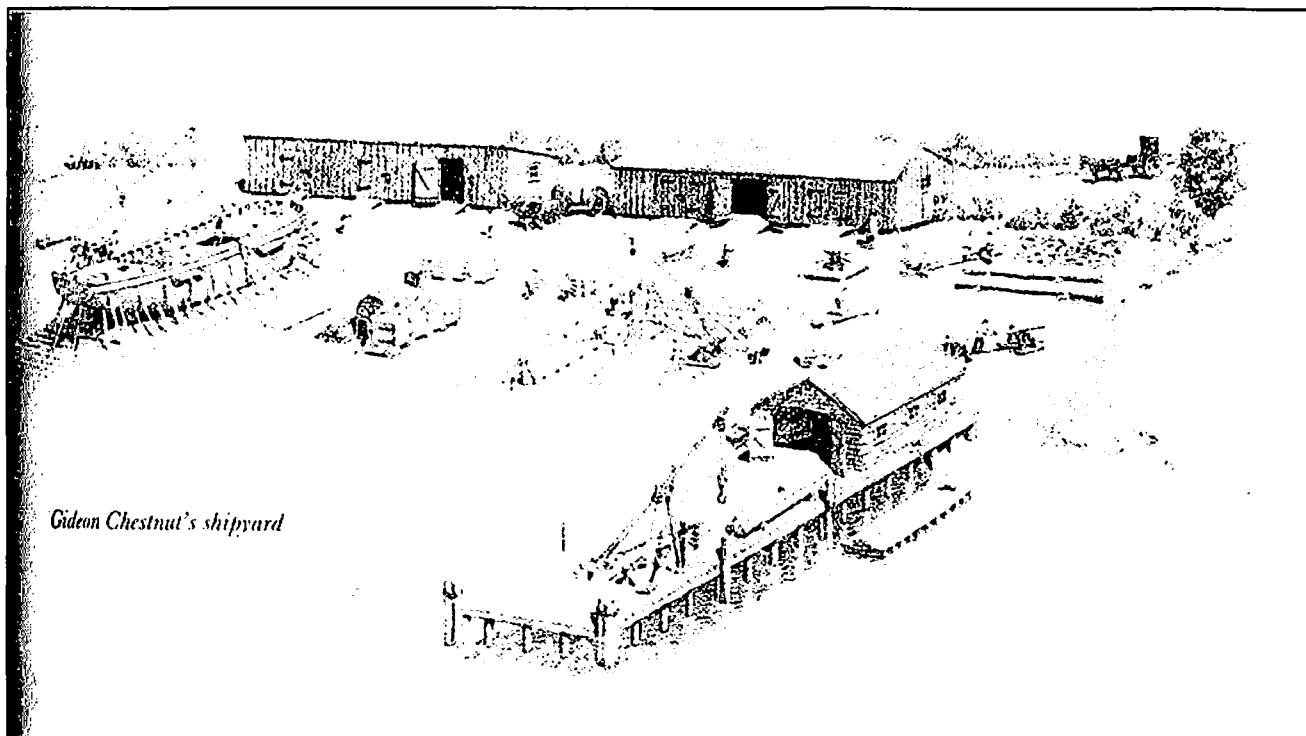
honourable body will not think it aright[?] that I should pay for any property lost on that expedition as I volunteered into that requisition made by the executive authority of the state afterwards recognized by the gen[eral] government. I hope that your honourable body will make some provision to pay for said property the valuation of which you will see in Capt. Haggard's certificate. I am your humble petitioner.

[signed] Thomas Gray

October the 7<sup>th</sup> 1817

I certify that Thomas Gray lost the horse named in his petition belonging to me of my company which was valued to sixty dollars which he has had to pay half the value of since. Given under my hand.

[signed] Jas. Haggard, Capt.



Gideon Chestnut's shipyard

The shipyard at Ditto's Landing may have resembled this one

Copies of the final muster rolls of Gray's and Haggard's companies are among the collections of the Tennessee State Library and Archives.<sup>2</sup> Notations on the muster rolls show that both companies were recruited in Stewart County and marched to Fayetteville, where they were enlisted on Jan. 28, 1814 (only a few men were attached to the companies at later dates) and served until discharge on May 10, 1814.

#### Captain Gray's Company

*Muster roll of a company of militia infantry under the command of Capt. Thomas Gray in the service of the United States, commanded by Col. Richard C. Napier from 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1814 when mustered into service, to 10<sup>th</sup> May 1814 when last mustered.*

*Traveling one hundred and [-?-] miles, marching to Fayetteville where they were mustered into service [-?-].. and one hundred and fifty miles [-?-]rmy from Fayetteville to Dover in Stewart County after being discharged. Signed 10 May 18[14]. Thomas Gray, Capt., Col. Napier.*

<sup>2</sup> War of 1812 Muster Rolls. Tenn. State Library & Archives, Microfilmed Manuscript Collection #1459..

First Name	Last Name & Rank Rank is Private if not indicated	Notes
Joseph	Allen	on furlough 6 May 1814
Samuel	Allsup	
John	Anderson	
David	Andris	sick absent 6 May 1814
Ardader(?)	Bass, Sergeant	
Jared	Bell	
James	Bird	
John	Bird	on furlough 6 May 1814
George	Boyd	
Walter	Brown, Sergeant	
Willie	Bug(?)	sick absent 6 May 1814
Absolom	Clark, Ensign	sick absent 6 <sup>th</sup> May 1814
John	Collier	
Daniel	Curtis, Corporal	on furlough 6 May 1814
Thomas	Curtis, Corporal	
Wm.	Daniel	
Samuel	Davis	on furlough 6 May 1814
Edward	Eblin	
Etheldred	Folks	transferred to artillery 12 Mar. 1814
Jeremiah	Forsythe	
Thomas	Gibbs, Sergeant	
Thomas	Gray, Capt.	
Richard B.	Hicks	on furlough 6 May 1814
James	Hogan	
John	Hood	on furlough 6 May 1814
Charles	Hooks	on furlough 6 May 1814
Wm.	Hornburger	
Jese	Hutson	sick absent 6 May 1814
John	Hyer, Corporal	
Andrew	Irvine	
Eli	Jackson	
Elisha	Jackson	
Isham	Jones, Corporal	
Samuel	Jump	
William	King, Lieut.	sick absent 6 May 1814
John	Kitts	on furlough 6 May 1814
Thomas	Lane/Laine	
Loyd	Lee	
Isaac	Lowry	on furlough 6 May 1814
Joseph	McClanahan	on detachment 1 Mar. 1814 as wagoner
John	McGregor	on furlough 6 May 1814
Harris	McGregor, Sergeant	on furlough 6 May 1814
Robert	McKinny	
Daniel	McMillen	on furlough 6 May 1814
Joseph	Miller	
Charles B.	Moore	on furlough 6 May 1814
Stephen	Parker	
Edward	Randle	
Thomas	Robinson	on furlough 6 May 1814
Elisha	Scrugs	on furlough 6 May 1814
Ebenezer	Skinner	on furlough 6 May 1814
Edwin	Stephens	died 6 Apr. 1814
Johathan	Stephens	
James	Summers	
Hiram	Warnick	on furlough 6 May 1814

First Name	Last Name & Rank Rank Is Private if not indicated	Notes
Frederick	Western	
Elijah	Whatty/Whattry	on furlough 6 May 1814
Martin	Wyatt	
Robert	Wyatt	
Nathan	Yarbrough	

### Captain Haggard's Company

*Muster roll of a company of militia infantry under the command of Capt. James Haggard in the service of the United States, commanded by Col. Richard C. Napier from 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1814 when mustered into service, to 10<sup>th</sup> May 1814 when discharged.*

*Marched 180 miles from the place "where they were in service" and returning to the place of their [--?--]e in Stewart County. 10 May 1814*

First Name	Last Name & Rank Rank Is Private if not indicated	Notes
James	Adams	
John	Albuthnott (Arbuthnott)	
John	Barton	
Robert	Barton	
William	Bell	
George	Berry	
James	Blanks, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt.	promoted from private 31 Mar.
Thomas	Boyd	
William	Braden	attached to this company 8 Apr. 1814
John	Brock	
Jonathan	Brown	on furlough
Rubin	Bullard	
James	Burns, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corp.	
James	Cain	died 24 Feb. 1814
Jese	Cain	died 7 May 1814
Samuel	Caldwell	
William	Cannady	
William	Cantrell	
Martin	Cashin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt.	
Sampson	Connell	
Johanthan	Cooley, Trumpeter	on furlough
Pleasant	Crews	
Robert	Davis	
Pleasant	Duke	substitute for James B. B-y [sic]
Hardy	Ellis	
Edward	Farris	
John	Fletcher	
Edward	Fowler	
Frizzle	Francis	
David	Gilmour, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sgt.	
David	Gray	
Andrew	Griffin	
John	Griffin	
James	Haggard, Capt.	Capt.
Thomas	Haley	
William	Hast	Blacksmith
John	Hayse[?]	on furlough
Daniel	Isbell	
William	Johnston	



First Name	Last Name & Rank Rank is Private if not indicated	Notes
John	Jones	
Charles	King	
Henry	King, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut.	
Samuel	Lancaster	
William	Langley	on furlough
William	Lewis	
Mordica	Lewis, 4 <sup>th</sup> Corp.	
Willie	Mallery	on furlough
Bird	Matlock	
Charles	Matlock	
Moses	Matlock	substitute for Wm. Valentine [sic]
John	McCalvagh[an?]	
James	Melugan	
Joseph	Melugan	promoted to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt.
Charles	Miles	
Charles	Miles, 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	
John	Mitchell	
Samuel	Mitchell	
Nicholas	Norr[is?]	
Larkin	Norrid	
Thomas M.	Olliver	
John	Palmer	promoted to forage master
Thomas	Randol	
William	Randol	on furlough
Charles	Raper	
James	Read	
John	Read, Jr.	
John	Read, Sr.	
Wm H.	Roberts, 1 <sup>st</sup> Corp.	transferred to Capt. Molton's Co.
Alexander	Ross, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Corp.	
Elijah	Rudolph	
Aron	Smith	
Mumphrod	Smith	
John	Spencer	
Absolom	Swift	
Thomas	Swift	
Nathan	Thompson	transferred to Capt. Molton's Co.
William	Trousdale	
Alexander	Trus—[?]	absent
Solomon	William	
William	Williams	on furlough
James	Williams, Ensign	
Martin	Wills	
George	Wimberly	
Charles	Winstead, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sgt.	

### Slaves of Drury Holland of Smith County

8 Negroes for Sale. By virtue of an order of Smith Circuit Court, I will sell to the highest bidder on Saturday ... at the late residence of Drury Holland, dec'd, on Defeated Creek, about 15 miles N. East of Carthage Eight Negroes belonging to the estate of said dec'd, to wit: **Hannah**, between 60 and 70 years old, **Archibald**, between 30 and 40; **Jane**, about 40; **Phillip**, about 30; **Tom**, about 16; **Alexander**, about 16; **Sarah**, about 12 and **Nelson**, about 10 years old. Will Young, Administrator.

*The [Carthage] Republican, Jan. 7., 1842.*

# Insurance Records of Nashville

## and Other Middle Tennessee Inhabitants, 1850s, Part V

*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. 657 .....D. D. DICKEY. .... Edgell**

\$1500 on his one story with basement Frame Building with addition attached by roof; situate on the S side of Fatherland St, to the East of Col. Ramseys residence; occupied as a dwelling.

11 May 1860 [p77]

**No. 495 .....HENRY METZ ..... Nashville**

\$500 on household furniture, beds & bedding, contained in the 2nd story of the two story Brick Building with shingle roof; situate on the W side of South Market St, known as #42 & #44; occupied by the assured as a dwelling and first story by H. & J. Metz as --- store. 2 May 1860 [p77]

**No. 661 .....W. G. MASSEY..... Nashville**

1500 on the two story Brick Building with shingle roof; situate on the W side of Front St.; occupied by A. L. Dan's as a Steam Boat office and in part as a Grocery Store & Dwelling.

15 May 1859 to 15 May 1860. [p78]

**No. 482 .....FELIX G. McKAY & S. H. McKAY..... Nashville**

\$1000 on his two story Brick Building with shingle roof; situate on the E side of South Cherry St; occupied as a store & dwelling.

19 June 1860 [p78]

**No. 660 .....S. NATHAN..... Nashville**

\$400 on his Household Furnishings, Beds & Bedding contained in the two story Brick Building with shingle roof situate on the West side of South Market St., known as #36; occupied as a store & dwelling.

15 May 1859 to 15 May 1860. [p79]

**No. 710 .....NICHAS GREEN & CO. .... Nashville**

\$5526 on 921 Bank of Tenn - contained in the three story Brick Building with composition roof & parapet walls, situate on the West side of North College, known as #3; occupied by the assured as a grocery and produce store. Renewed 19 May 1860 [p77]

**No. 291 .....C. NICHOLSON ..... Nashville**

\$3510 on his two story and attic Brick Dwelling house with shingle roof with Ell attached, situate at the NE corner of Spring & Spruce Sts; occupied as a private boarding house. Expires July 10, 1860. [p80]

**No. 237 .....GEO A. NELSON**

\$1000 on his two story Dwelling House and one story attached Ell, built of wood with shingle roof, situate about nine miles NE of the City of Nashville .. to the East of the Gallatin Turnpike; occupied by the assured as a family residence. Renewed to 15 Dec. 1860. [p80]

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*No. 473..... NOEL & CO. .. ..... Nashville*

\$5000 on their stock of merchandise & produce contained in the three story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the SE corner of College & Spring Sts; occupied by the assured as a wholesale grocery. [p81]

*No. 545..... J. C. NICHOLSON..... Nashville*

\$500 on his Furniture, Beds & Bedding contained in the two story attick Brick Dwelling House and one story Ell attached, situate on the NE corner of Spring & Spruce Sts; occupied as a Private Boarding House. Renewed 15 Nov. 1860. Removed to his own property. [p81]

*No. 410..... FREDERICK QUITO. .... Nashville*

\$2000 on his two story Brick Building and one story Brick Ell attached, with composition roof; situate on the West side of South Market St. in that part of Nashville known as the 7th Ward and opposite to the University of Nasshsville; occupied by the assured as a Confectionary/Bakery and Dwelling. Expires 26 Feb. 1859. Trns. to Ozannio & Jennings [p82]

*No. 212..... OZER BEASLY GUARDIAN.. Nashville*

\$3000 on the following buildings situate on the NE corner of Lower Market & Locust Sts, the same being the property of the heirs of Jas. H. Johnson and the premises occupied as a family residence. On a two story Brick Dwelling; on a Brick kitchen with storeroom attached; on a Brick stable. Expires 15 Dec. 1860. [p82]

*No. 537..... L. POWERS.... ..... Nashville*

\$2500 on his two 2 story Brick Buildings, attached with shingle roof; situate on the W side of North Market St; occupied as a family residence. To 8 Nov. 1860. [p83]

*No. 547..... M. A. PARRISH ..... Nashville*

\$5000 on his two story and Basement Brick and Stone Building with composition roof, situate on the S of Broad St, extending through from Market & College Sts; to be occupied as a warehouse for the sale and storage of merchandise, not special hazard. Privilege of completing the Building ... Nov. 26, 1858. Privilege of storing Bales, Hemp, Hay & Lumber 16 Feb. 1859 [p83]

*No. 210..... J. G. & C. ROBERTSON ..... Nashville*

\$2000 on stock in trade, sonsisting principally of fruit, confectionary and fancy articles; of household furniture contained in the three story Brick Building; the property of Rev. -- Lindsley, situate on the South side of Broad St., occupied by the assured as a store Bakery & Dwelling. Expires Nov. 19, 1860. Trans to J. G. Robertson Nov. 1, 1858

Transferred to Odenville & Klotz April 3, 1860 [p84]

*No. 630..... M. A. PINTZ [POWERS]? (very faded) Nashville*

\$600 ... (very faded) Bedding, Bureau ... Piano ...Fancy Apparel contained in the apartment on the third story of the three story Brick Building and Tin roof situate on the E side of Market St., known as #38, occupied by the assured as store & dwelling. April 8 1859 to April 8, 1860 [p84]

*No. 254..... JOHN RANNAGE?..... Nashville*

\$4000 on his stock of ... merchandise contained in the two story Brick Building situate on the East side of College St., known as #42, occupied by the assured as a wholesale and retain shoe store. To expire 1 Feb. 1861. [p85]

*No. 538..... C. ROBERTSON ..... Nashville*

\$1000 on his stock of Confectionary and other goods contained in his three story Brick Building with composition roof and parapet walls; situate on the NW corner of North Market and an alley; occupied by the assured as a confectionary store and dwelling. Expires 26 Oct. 1860. [p85]



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**No. 679 .....A. RIVA & CO. ....Nashville**

\$4000 on their stock of Wines, Liquors, Tobacco, Cigars and such other foreign & domestic goods as are usually kept by dealers in Wines & Liquors; contained in the two story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the East side of North Market St., known as #34 and occupied by the assured as a store. April 3, 1860 [pp86]

**No. 613 .....CASNER & ROSEN ....Nashville**

\$1000 on their stock of Cigars & manufactory Tobacco contained in the first story of the three story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the South side of Deadrick St, known as #41; occupied by the assured as a cigar manufactory & store and 3 offices & Book Binding. Renewed to 2 Jan. 1861. Transferred to ROSEN & SIGMAN Jan. 16, 1860. [p86]

**No. 274 .....AARON STRETCH**

\$5000 on his one story Brick Cottage with shingle roof, situate about four miles to the NE of Nashville, TN, on his place, adj Alex J. Porter; to be occupied as a Family Residence. 11 March 1861. Transfer to the Nashville Building Association. [p87]

**No. 583 .....AARON STRETCH.....Nashville**

\$5000 on his stock of Drugs, Chemicals, Oils, Dye stuffs and other goods in the line of Druggist and Artist Materials, contained in the three story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate at the NE corner of College & Union Sts; occupied by the assured as a Drug Store and Hughes as a Daguerrean Gallery. Transferred to STRETCH & FORBES Oct. 1, 1859 [p87]

**No. (page torn) JACOB STIFEL & CO. ....Nashville**

\$3000 on his stock of groceries & Liquors contained in the two story Brick Building and small Frame Warehouse in rear, situate on the West side of Market St, near Broad, known as #60; occupied by the assured as Grocery store. March 9, 1859 [p88]

**No. 301 .....W. B. SHAPARD.....Nashville**

\$4000 on his two story Brick Dwelling with shingle roof and Ell attached of same material, situate on the West side of North High St, known as #7; occupied by the assured as a family residence and on the Brick stable in the rear. 10 July 1860 [p88]

**No. 315 .....MRS. R. B. C. SPENCE.....Nashville**

(corner torn) .. on her two story Brick Dwelling House with shingle roof and Ell of same material attached, ssituate on the East side of Cherry St to the ... of Spring St, adjoining the property owned by the heirs of the late Alex Porter, dec'd; used as a family residence. July 1st, 1860 [p89]

**No. 448 .....M. F. STETZ... ....Nashville**

\$2500 on his stock of cloth, caps, mens trimmings and such other articles as are usually kept in merchant tailoring establishments/ fixtures contained in an apartment on the first floor of the three story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the South side of Cedar St. East of Cherry, containing an apartment occupied by the assured as a ... business. Feb. 5, 1859 [p89]

**No. (corner torn) .....JOHN B. SNOWDEN.. ....Nashville**

\$1500 on his household Furniture, Beds & Bedding, contained in his two story Brick Building with Ell attached and shingle roof, situate on the West side of North Summer St., known as #36; occupied by the assured as a Family Residence. Nov. 2, 1860 [p90]

**No. 582 .....WILLIAM SUMMER.. ....Nashville**

\$1300 on his two story Brick Dwelling House with shingle roof, situate on the South side of the Capital Avenue between Cherry and North College Sts; household furniture contained in the above; on the 1 1/2 story Brick Hack Stable adjoining the above on the East. Renewed Jan 10, 1861 [p90]

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**No. 643..... MRS. MARY J. SCALES**

\$\_\_\_ on her two story Frame Dwelling House with shingle roof, situate on the Lebanon & Franklin Road about 13 miles from the City of Nashville, in District #6; occupied as a Family Residence.

April 12 1859 to April 12, 1860 [p91]

**No. 663..... JOHN P. SLEDGE**

\$1000 on his one story Frame Building to be occupied as a Dwelling; situate near the Gallatin Pike about 13 miles from the City of Nashville, Tenn. May 17. 1859 to May 17, 1860 [p91]

**No. (corner torn)..... REV. DR. E. W. SCHORN..... Nashville**

\$2000 on his household furniture, Beds & Bedding; printed Books, contained in the two story Brick Building with composition roof, situate on the East side of South ---; occupied by the assured as a Family Residence. 7 July 1859 to 7 July 1860 [p92]

**No. 420..... ROBERT THOMPSON..... Nashville**

\$1500 on his two story Brick Dwelling House with shingle roof and the one story Building attached in rear, of same materials, situate on the West side of North Market St., being the southmost of the three tenements erected by the late G. W. Ham's; household furniture, Beds & Bedding; occupied by the assured as a Family Residence. Renewed to Sept. 8, 1860. Furniture removed to #87, 2 story Brick Building next door. [p92]

**No. 434..... F. THOMA..... Nashville**

(corner torn) ... on his stock of cloths ...store fixtures, contained in the two story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the East side of Market St, being the 4th tenement South of Spring St., occupied by the assured as a Tailoring Establishment & Dwelling. Dec. 12, 1860 Trans. to THOMA & ROSVEN Sept. 9, 1858 [93]

**No. 276..... A. WESTERVELT, Trustee .... Nashville**

\$1200 on their stock of Boots, shoes & other goods in the line of Shoe Dealers contained in the two story Brick Building with shingle roof being the Westmost of two similar situate by themselves on the South side of Broad St. between Cherry & Summer Sts., occupied as a store & dwelling. Renewed to Jan 1, 1861 [p93]

**No. (corner torn)..... C. WHITE..... Nashville**

on his stock of staple & fancy dress goods contained in the three story Brick Building with metal roof, situate on the North side of Union St, known as #16; occupied by the assured as a Retail Dry Goods store. Expires 17 April 1858 - Renewed to April 17, 1860..... [p94]

**No. 286..... JAMES WILLIAMS.... Nashville**

\$5000 on two story Brick Building with shingle room with wing attached of same material, situate on the West side of Cherry St., known as #17, occupied by the assured as a Family Residence. Privilege granted of renting the above building to be occupied by offices and sleeping rooms. June 11, 1859. Privilege granted of occupying the basement as Drinking Saloon, May 4, 1859. [p94]

**No. 492..... JOHN W. WALKER.... Nashville**

(corner torn) on his Double Brick Building with shingle roof, being partly three and partly two stories high, situate at the SW corner of Spring & College Sts, to be occupied in a manner not specially hazardous. To July 10, 1860 [p95]

**No. 572..... WASHINGTON BRYAN & CO..... Nashville**

\$5000 on their stock of Piece Goods & Varieties, contained in their two story Brick Building with metal roof, situate on the North side of the Public Square, known as #3, *Nashville Inn Block*, occupied jointly by the assured and COPEL & ---EARD & CO., the latter occupying the upper story as a shoe store. Renewed to Jan 1861. [p95]

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**No. (corner torn) ..... WESLEY WHELESS...Edgefield**

\$5000 on his two story Gothic Brick Mansion, situate on his grounds in or near the village of Edgefield, about 1 1/2 miles from the City of Nashville, Tenn., now in process of completion, and upon completion to be occupied by his gardner & family. Renewed Jan 10, 1861. The gardner may soon move out and the Brick remain unoccupied for a while until the assured removes. [p96]

**No. 356 .....R. L. WEAKLEY.....Nashville**

\$2000 on his one story Brick Dwelling House and frame El attached, situate on the West side of Sosuth Summer St., known as #54, occupied by the assured; on household furnishings, Beds & Bedding. Jan 1, 1860 - Renewed Jan. 1, 1861 [p96]

**No. 440 .....J. W. WILLARD.....Nashville**

(corner torn) on his two story and Basement Brick Dwelling House with composition roof, situate on the West side of South Summer St, occupied by the assured as a family residence. Jan 5, 1858 to Jan 5, 1859 [p97]

**No. 441 .....MacKENZIE & WILSON.....Nashville**

\$5000 on their stock of Tim, Plate, Copper, Sheet, Iron Manufactured & unmanufactured stoves, castings and other goods in the line of Tin & Iron worikers together with house furnishings goods contained in the three story Brick Building with shingle roof situate on the West side of North College St., known as #77; occupied by the assured as a store. Transferred to J. W. WILSON Renewed Jan. 9, 1861 [p97]

**No. (corner torn) .....- S. WELLER . .....Nashville**

\$5000 on his two story Brick Dwelling House with shingle roof, the Ell attached and all the following Brick Buildings on the premises; viz - a two story Brick Building used as a coal & Bacon house and a Brick ---, situate on the East side of Cherry St, known as # , occupied by the assured as a Family Residence and Private Boarding House, Expires Feb. 8, 1861 [p98]

**No. 476 .....D. WHITESMAN.....Nashville**

\$2000 on his two story Brick Dwelling House with shingle roof, 2 story Ell attached of the same material, situate on the East side of High St, between Line & Crawford, known as #82;' occupied by the assured as a family residence. Renewed June 8, 1861 [p98]

**No. 499 .....W. H. WEBB & CO.....Nashville**

\$5000 on their stock of Readymade clothing contained in the three story Brick Building with shingle roof and the Brick Building extension with composition roof, situate on the East side of the Public Square, known as #64; occupied by the assured as a wholesale clothing store. Removed to the three story Brick Building South of #63, E. side of Public Square Jan 4, 1859 Renewed July 17, 1861 [p99]

**No. 621 .....ROBERT WITMUELLER.....Nashville**

\$300 on his stock of wines, Beer, crockery and tableware contained in the Attic of the two story and attic Brick Building with shingle roof situate on the East side of North Market St.; occupied on the first story as a camago wareroom; on the second story as a Concert Hall & Ballroom and the Attic by the assured as a Drinking Saloon. Renewed to March 2, 1861 [p99]

**No. 656 .....JOHN N. WAMD.....Nashville**

\$300 on his one story Frame Dwelling House situate on the North side of South Union St; occupied by the assured as a family residence. From May 9, 1859 to May 9, 1860 [p100]

**No. 762 .....C. A. WINTER & CO...Nashville**

\$600 on their stock of Groceries, Liquors, provisions & other articles in the Grocery line contained in their three story Brick Building with shingle roof, situate on the North side of Broad St, known as #12; occupied as a store & dwelling. Jan. 7, 1860 to Jan. 7, 1861 [p100]

*To Be Continued*

# World War I

## Draft Registration Records

### Examples from Pelham in Grundy County

World War I draft registration cards are an excellent source of information about men born between 1875 and 1900. The Tennessee registration files are available on microfilm at the Tennessee State Library and Archives,<sup>1</sup> and records for most other states have been microfilmed by the National Archives. These other states' records can be borrowed on interlibrary loan through the LDS church. Not all registrants served, and not all who served are found among the registrations (those who were already enlisted in the regular army, for example, did not register). 24 million cards were filed nationwide, representing 23% of our population in 1918.

As an example of the type of information that can be found in these records, the names of all of those who registered at Pelham in Grundy County have been abstracted here. Although Pelham was a small community, there are 115 registrations recorded. The Registrars were local men who knew the neighborhood well and appear to have scouted out all the potential soldiers from the coves and hollers around Pelham. The Registrars there were J. Harvey Hamby, A.J. Rollings, R.B. Oliver, John Gallagher and C.H. Garner. The registration forms for men whose permanent residence was in Pelham but were working away from home have been filed with the Grundy County forms; Emmet Kilgore who was working at a nitrate plant in Sheffield, Alabama, was one of those.

Registration forms vary according to the date, but generally they include the registrant's full name, date of birth, race, citizenship, occupation, approximate height and weight, and original signature (or mark). Genealogists will especially benefit from the requirement that the man's full name be given, as few other records of this period require including the middle name.

<sup>1</sup> *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. TSLA microfilm #1438.



The laws providing for draft registration were national in scope. The first registration was taken June 5, 1917, and included men aged 21 through 31. One June 5, 1918, and Aug. 25, 1918, additional registrations were held to include men who had turned 21 since the prior registration dates. On Sept. 12, 1918, the registration was extended to include men aged 18 through 45, encompassing a much larger group of potential draftees. The Armistice was signed Nov. 11, 1918 and local boards closed 31 Mar. 1919.

The form used in 1917 asked for the soldier's place of birth, occupation and by whom employed and where, number of dependants. In June 1918 the form was revised to include the father's birthplace. The Sept. 1918 form did not include the soldier's or father's place of birth, but did ask for the name of the next of kin. The records indicate whether the men requested an exemption from the draft; in the 1917 registration it was common for the men of Pelham to request exemption because their occupation was farming. Other exemptions were claimed due to disabilities.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The introduction to the National Archives film publication indicates that further records of exemption claims and appeals are on file at the National Archives field offices. Tennessee records would be in the Atlanta regional office.



Records are arranged alphabetically by state, including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. They are file therunder alphabetically by county or city, and then by names of registrants. Records for rural areas are arranged in one alphabetical sequence for the whole county. However, some men who lived across county lines were registered in an adjoining county. In the Grundy County lists, for example, a number of young men from adjoining Warren County appear. Numerous filing errors were also noted, for example the form for Charles Newton Cannon of Eastland, White County, Tennessee, is misfiled among the Grundy County cards.

Urban areas were divided into registration districts, generally along political ward boundaries. For example, there were 189 draft boards in New York City during World War 1, and the records for each of them are alphabetized separately. This makes searching for urban ancestors more difficult, but not impossible.

For the following list of registrants from Pelham, the SSS numbers, citizenship information and physical description have not been included. All registrants are Caucasian unless otherwise indicated.

#### World War I Draft Registrations at Pelham, Grundy County

Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Occupation	Dependents/ Next of Kin	Notes
Aylor, Harvey	13 Dec. 1888	Pelham	farmer	wife and three children/	
Bean, Floyd	12 Mar. 1890	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Bean, Loyd	12 Mar. 1890	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Bowden, Upton Beall	23 Dec. 1884		doctor/postmaster	/Della May Bowden	
Bowlin, Arthur Lee	23 Feb. 1888	Decherd	laborer for John Brashear	wife & 5 ch./	hunch back
Brazile, John	8 Aug. 1890	Pelham	laborer for Cleveland Hamby	single/	
Campbell, Alvin	1 Aug. 1884		farmer	/Lizzie May Campbell	
Campbell, Vance	4 Apr. 1894	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Carden, Roy Wayne	11 Apr. 1898		farms for Dr. L.A. Carden	/Dr. L.A. Carden	
Clay, Garnet Lee	11 May 1897		farmer	/Hilda Clay	
Clay, Henry Morgan	8 Nov. 1885		farmer	/G.L. Clay	"crippl Feet"
Conry, Daniel Campbell	29 Mar 1899		farmer	/James Conry, father	
Conry, Edward	16 Dec. 1872		farmer	/Octavia Conry, wife	
Conry, Michael Arnett[?]	27 Apr. 1891	Tracy City	farmer	single/	
Cox, Robert Bell	28 Jan. 1878		farmer	/wife Lula	
Cox, Rufus Alexander	28 Mar. 1884		farms for L.A. Carden	/Rosa Cox	
Crabtree, Arthur	4 Aug. 1888	Pelham	laborer for Sam Lockhart at Coalmont	single/	physically disabled
Crabtree, Oscar	28 Jun. 1880	Pelham	farmer	wife/	
Crouch, Robert Lee	1 Jul. 1885		farmer	Mrs. Mary Belle Crouch/	
Dickerson, Anuel[?]	26 Dec. 1890	Pelham	farmer	wife & two children/	
Dickerson, Clarence Levoid	4 Jun. 1897			works at home with mother/Mrs. Mandy Dickerson	father born Tracy City
Dickerson, Duglas	1 Jan. 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	physically disabled
Echols, Creed	18 Mar. 1890	Pelham	farmer	wife and one child/	
Eckles, William Clarence	14 Jan. 1886		carpenter, Westinghouse C—?, Muscle Skald [sic] Ala.	/Etter Groomes	

Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Occupation	Dependents/ Next of Kin	Notes
Fariss, John Dewitte	13 Apr. 1884		Mail carrier for Uncle Sam	/Mollie Farris	
Fariss, Walter Benton	27 May 1897	Oklahoma City, OK	G. White Engineering Corp., Sheffield, Ala.	/Mrs. Mollie Farris	father born Ross, TN
Fults, Harris	28 May 1900	Pelham	farms for E.H. Fults		signed as Horace
Fults, John Henry	6 July 1873		farmer	/Lelia A. Fults	
Gallagher, John	15 June 1874		clerk in store for P.T. Gilliam	/Mrs. Belle Gallagher	
Gallagher, Joseph Edmund	19 Nov. 1897	Pelham	farmer	mother/	
Gilliam, Oscar Benton	3 Aug. 1887	Alto, Tenn.	farms for Edd Conry	wife & 3 children/	bow legs
Givens, James	25 Jan. 1892	Altamont	farmer	wife & 2 children	
Goodman, Henry Glendon	3 Mar. 1900		farms for W.L. Goodman	/Mary Goodman	
Goodman, William Larance	20 July 1874		farmer	/Mary Goodman	
Greene, Chester Eckford	28 June 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	affected eyes
Greene, Harlan Sam	23 Nov. 1898		farmer	/C.E. Greene	
Greene, James Alvin	25 Apr. 1892	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Greene, William Luther	27 Jan. 1889	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Groomes, James Ardle	4 Aug. 1883		farmer	/M.E. Groomes	
Guinn, Thomas Roy	1 May 1897	Pelham	employed by P.T. Gilliam	/George Gwin[sic]	negro
Hamby, Aaron	2 Apr. 1892	Pelham	[blank]	single/	
Hamby, Azzie	15 June 1889	Pelham	[blank]	single/	physically & mentally disabled
Hamby, Eldrige	6 Dec. 1892	Pelham	farmer	wife/	
Hamby, George	2 or 17 June 1886	Pelham	farmer	wife & 2 children/	
Hamby, Grover Cleveland	17 Jan. 1884		farmer	/Bessie Hamby	
Hamby, Horace	2 Apr. 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	physically disabled
Hamby, James	8 Sept. 1886	Pelham	farmer	single/	physically disabled
Hamby, James Harvey	18 Sept. 1885		farmer	/Anna Hamby	
Hamby, Leonard	31 Apr. 1894	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Hamby, William E.	28 Mar. 1891		farmer	/Lela Hamby	lost a finger
Hargis, Campbell	4 Jan. 1875		farmer	/Mrs. Emma Hargis	
Hargis, Samuel	22 Mar. 1882		farmer	/brother, Dallas Hargis	
Hargis, William Dallas	6 Jan. 1878		farmer	/brother, Sam Hargis	
Hawk, Hubert	22 Oct. 1895	Pelham	farms for father	/M.H. Hawk	
Hawk, John Dee	19 Oct. 1884		farmer	/Addie Hawk	
Hawk, John Sam	6 Jul. 1898		farmer	/Vina Hawk	
Hawk, Milard Houston	27 June 1874		farmer	/Hannah Hawk	
Hayes, Albert	30 Apr. 1895	Sparta	laborer for Tom Lasater	single/	
Hayes, Elgie	22 May 1898		farmer	/William Hayes	
Henley, Horace Aubrey	13 Sept. 1896	Pelham	farmer	/Mrs. Allie White Henley	father born Marion Co.
Hunt, Clarence Vincent	30 Dec. 1883		laborer on P.T. Gilliam farm	/Mary Hunt	
Jacobs, Charlie Lawrence	3 Jan. 1894	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Jacobs, Henry William	22 Apr. 1883		farmer	/wife Betty Jacobs	
Jones, Alvis	10 June 1887	Hillsboro	farmer	wife & 4 children/	
Jones, Lawrence Everett	7 Jan. 1897	Hillsboro	works for	/Mrs. Sallie Jones	

Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Occupation	Dependents/ Next of Kin	Notes
			Harrison Hamby		
Jones, Nelson Gordon	16 Nov. 1882		merchant	/Mrs. Aggie Jones	
Kilgore, Emmet	20 Aug. 1899		rodman at nitrate plant, Sheffield AL	/mother in Pelham	
Levan, Henry Clinton	30 Oct. 1879		electrician at nitrate plant, Sheffield AL	/Calma Levan	
Levan, Isham Alexander	29 Jul. 1875		farmer	/Mrs. Lula Levan	
Levan, James Buford	28 May 1900		farms for James M. Levan	/Mrs. Pearl Levan	
Levan, James Martin	13 Feb. 1876		farmer	/Mrs. Pearl Levan	
Loggins, Burt	6 May 1899		timber cutting	/Tennie Loggins, Rossville GA	
Magouirk, James F.	18 Mar. 1882		miner for Dixie Coal	/Rosie Magouirk	
Magouirk, Otis VickalPhin	2 Jul. 1885		miner for Dixie Coal at Corn Branch	/mother Martha Magouirk	
Medley, James	27 May 1886		cutting timber	/Nancy Medley	
Meeks, Bert Coker	30 Apr. 1883		farmer	/Manrvy Meeks	
Meeks, Hence	12 Oct. 1880		farmer	/Etter Meeks	
Meeks, John Bengerman	10 May 1880		farmer	/Mattie Meeks	
Meeks, Norman	23 Jul. 1895	Pelham	farmer	wife & two children/	
Meeks, Thomas Clarrance	5 Mar. 1900		laborer for father	/father Clouse Meeks	
Meeks, Thomas Newton	23 Mar. 1884		farmer	/Myrtle Meeks	
Meeks, William Francis	26 Oct. 1873		farmer	/Bettie Meeks	
Meeks, William Houston	6 Dec. 1877		farmer	/Ola Meeks	
Moore, John Harrison	11 Feb. 1883		farmer	/wife Virginia	
Myers, Carl	9 Dec. 1883	Pelham	laborer for Oscar Crabtree	married but parted/	
Myers, William Alonzo	22 Dec. 1882		farmer	/Allie Myers	
Northcut, Burton	25 July 1891	Tracy City	farmer	wife & 1 child/	
Nunley, Edd	12 Mar. 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Nunley, Webb	14 Feb. 1895	Altamont	farmer	single/	physically disabled
Oliver, Arthur	25 Oct. 1890	Pelham	farmer	wife/	one eye out
Oliver, Asa	12 Sept. 1897		farmer	/Otsa Oliver, wife	
Parks, William Charles Samuel	18 May 1873		farms for James C. Henley	/sister Viola Aylor	
Patton, Benton Garner	10 Jul. 1883		farmer	/Mrs. Ethel Patton	
Patton, General Forrest	26 May 1881		stockman for B. Frank Wilson	/Mrs. Willie Patton	
Patton, George Lycurgus	7 Aug. 1882		farmer	/Mrs. Ota Patton	
Patton, Harris	26 Apr. 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Patton, James Hollinsworth	2 Apr. 1880		farmer	/James H. Patton, Sr.	one leg gone
Payne, Henry Grady	17 Aug. 1891	Grundy Co.	traveling salesman, Southern Chewing Gum Co.	single/father & mother	bad foot, affected throat & lungs
Payne, James Franklin	8 Aug. 1882		farmer	/Mrs. Nora Payne	
Payne, Jerome	15 Apr. 1896	Pelham	farms for parents	single/	
Payne, Josiah Poindexter	2 Apr. 1885		farmer	/Mrs. Eva Payne	
Pearson, James Polk	4 Jan. 1899		farmer	/father, Silas Pearson	
Phipps, Dee	- Oct. 1877		farmer	/wife, Matilda Phipps	
Phipps, Hubert Allen	27 Mar. 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	

Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Occupation	Dependents/ Next of Kin	Notes
Phipps, James William	22 Jun. 1873	Pelham	farmer	/brothers & sisters	
Phipps, Joseph Cleveland	20 June 1885		farmer	/wife Mattie Phipps	
Phipps, Robert Lee	21 Dec. 1873		farmer	/M.A. Phipps	
Phipps, Robert Wade	19 Apr. 1898		farmer	/M.A. Phipps	
Roberts, William Thomas (Dr.)	12 Jul. 1892	Whitwell	dental surgeon	single/	have application in for dental surgeon
Rodgers, Ralph Houston	27 Sept. 1884		farmer	/wife Susie Rodgers	
Rogers, Oscar Sylvester	8 May 1883		timber & saw mill, Tenn. Consolidated Coal Co.	/Emma Rogers of Coalmont	
Rust, Farris	18 Apr. 1878		carpenter for John Stevens at Coalmont	/wife Della Rust	
Sanders, Hubert	20 Mar. 1893	Pelham	farmer	wife/	physically disabled
Sanders, William Lee	12 Jul. 1880		farmer	/Bettie Sanders	cripple hand
Sartain, Hubert	26 Apr. 1890	Tracy City	farmer	single/	
Sartain, James	18 Aug. 1896	Pelham	works for father	/James Sartain, father	
Sartain, Louis Martain	10 Jan. 1877		farmer	/Billie Sartain	
Shedd, John Elbert	17 Jul. 1887		farms for B. Frank Wilson	/Lizzie Shedd	negro
Shedd, Sam	10 May 1898		farms for B. Frank Wilson	/Mrs. Bettie Shedd	
Smith, George Washington	7 Oct. 1887	McMinnville	farmer	wife & child/	
Smith, Jefferson	5 Mar. 1885		farmer	/wife Pearl Smith	
Smith, Polk	29 Aug. 1896	Pelham	farms for father	/father, Sam Smith	
Smith, Samuel	24 July 1898	Pelham	farms for father	/father Samuel Smith	
Southern, Alvin Uyless S. Grant	4 Aug. 1899		wheeling & forking coke, Sewanee Fuel & Iron Co.	/Alex Southern	negro
Southern, Ben Manson	2 June 1879		preacher, farms for Geo. Patton	/Emma Southern	negro
Southern, John	16 Mar. 1876		farmer	/Caroline Southern	totally deaf and dumb, negro
Summers, John Wesley	6 Sept. 1873			/Clara Summers	
Thomas, George Washington	9 May 1895		farms for J.B. Burnett	single/	
Turner, Dave	13 Oct. 1895	Pelham	farms for James Patton	wife & child, father & mother/	
Watley, Samuel Ellis	2 Sept 1900		coal mining for Walter Thomas at Clouse Hill	/father James Watley	
White, Bascom	26 Feb. 1888	Pelham	farmer	single/	perished foot & one leg short
White, Charles Walter	21 June 1896	Irving College	U.S. Nitrate Plant, Muscle Shoals AL	/J.C. White, Pelham	
White, Henry Horace	20 July 1894	Pelham	farmer	single/	affected eye, nose and ear
White, Homer Charles	21 Feb. 1897	Pelham	Westinghouse,	/C.W. White, Pelham	father born

Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Occupation	Dependents/ Next of Kin	Notes
			Church, Ker & Co, Muscle Shoals AL		Pelham
White, Roscoe Herbert	26 Jan. 1899		farms for J.C. White	/E. Lizzie White	
White, Yancey	4 Nov. 1891	Pelham	farmer	wife/	
Wilkerson, John	2 May 1893	Prairie Plains	farm laborer for J.A. Gunn	wife & five children/	negro
Willis, Clayton	10 May 1900		farmer	/W.H. Willis	
Wilson, Benjamin Franklin	26 Jan. 1891	Pelham	farmer	wife & child/	affected eyes
Winton, Alvie	5 Dec. 1894	Pelham	farmer	wife/	
Winton, Claude Lee	1 Aug. 1898		farmer	/J.L. Winton	
Winton, James Larson	20 Jul. 1897		farms for G.L. Winton	/Annie Winton	lost one eye
Winton, Leonard	10 Aug. 1895	Pelham	farmer	wife & one child/	
Winton, Mansil	11 Aug. 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Winton, Robert	24 Oct. 1892	Pelham	farmer	single/	
Winton, Yancie	23 June 1898		farms for J.J. Winton	/Renie Winton	
Woodlee, Carrol Morris	16 July 1877		farmer	/Mamie Woodlee	
Woodlee, James Dewey	21 Apr. 1899		farms for J.M. Woodlee	/Minnie Woodlee	
Woodlee, James Matison	14 Feb. 1875		farmer	/Minnie Woodlee	
Woodlee, Jess	20 Jan. 1887	near Altamont	farmer	wife & two children/	
Woodlee, John Murphy Jr.	23 Oct. 1885		merchant	/L.A. Woodlee	
Woodlee, Talmage	3 Jul. 1895	Pelham	farmer	single/	physically disabled
Woodlee, William Gordon	12 Jan. 1879		farmer	/Mary? Low? Woodlee	
Woodlee, William Hobert	23 Dec. 1899		farms for W.G. Woodlee	/Low? Woodlee	

## Tennessee African Americans Living in Kansas in 1910

Submitted by Julia Lee

The following incomplete list of Tennessee-born African Americans was extracted from the 1910 federal census of Baxter Springs, Cherokee County, Kansas.

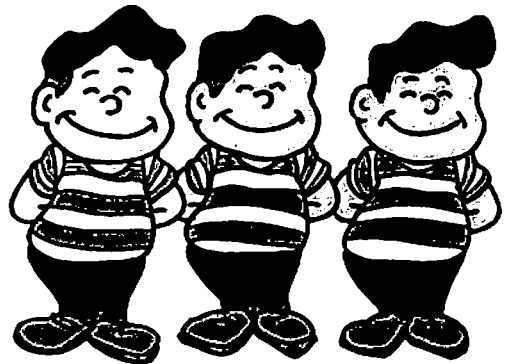
- Boyd, Abe
- Carter, Jim
- Carter, Thomas and Virgin
- Himes, Della and children Jennie May, John Robert, Sam, (youngest child, Anna, was born in Kansas)
- Howard, Sidney
- Hurt, Susan (age 73) and son Dave ( 33), William (38), Jennie Norman (3)
- Norman, William and Jennie and children
- Owens, E.T.
- Owens, Vina and daughter, Lotta McCoy
- Porter, Solomon and Eliza
- Steele, Susan

# You be the Judge!

Who deserves the praise? Father or Mother?

by Shirley Wilson, CG

This excerpt from the County Court minutes of Franklin County, Tennessee, caught my eye and stirred my curiosity about what happened to the triplets. The compilation that follows was prepared from data at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.



*It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Nancy Sanders, wife of Suddy Sanders, had at one birth on the fourth day of July 1834 three children which are now alive, to wit: George Washington Sanders, Delila Sanders, and Telitha Sanders. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said Suddy Sanders, the father of said children, receive a certificate thereof.<sup>1</sup>*

A search of the records tells us more about this couple who were blessed (we hope!) with triplets – a great rarity in those days when any complication at birth so greatly increased the risk. Southy a.k.a. Suddy Sanders was born about 1774 to 1778 in North Carolina.<sup>2</sup> His wife was Nancy who was born about 1794 in Maryland<sup>3</sup> or in Virginia.<sup>4</sup> In 1820 Southy Sanders was enumerated in the census of Franklin County, Tennessee.<sup>5</sup> He was listed as twenty-six to forty-five years of age. Living with him were two children, a boy and a girl, under the age of ten. There was also a female, age sixteen to twenty-six, in his household who was the right age to be his wife Nancy. The families of Thomas and Jacob Sanders lived on either side of him.

In 1830 Suddy Sanders was again the head of the household in Franklin County, Tennessee, living with his wife and six children, four sons and two daughters.<sup>6</sup> Suddy was incorrectly listed as thirty to forty (he would have been at least fifty-two) and his wife was incorrectly listed as twenty to thirty. If she was the same wife that he had in 1850, she would have been thirty-six years of age in 1830. Living just a few households from them in 1830 was Solomon Sanders, who was listed as ninety to one hundred years of age.<sup>7</sup>

It is believed that all of Suddy's children were born to Nancy. When the triplets were born on 4 July 1834 in Franklin County, Tennessee,<sup>8</sup> Nancy had already borne eight children. With the triplets, she had six children who

<sup>1</sup> Franklin County, Tennessee, County Court Minutes, Volume 2 1832-1837, p. 382, microfilm 74.

<sup>2</sup> Southy Sanders household, 1850 U.S. census, Grundy County, Tennessee, District 7, p. 708, dwelling and family 242; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 881.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Byron and Barbara Sistler, *Tennessee Mortality Schedules* (Nashville: Byron Sistler & Associates, 1984), p. 282.

<sup>5</sup> Southy Sanders household, 1820 U. S. census, Franklin County, Tennessee, p. 29, #1426; National Archives micropublication M33, roll 123.

<sup>6</sup> Suddy Sanders household, 1830 U. S. census, Franklin County, Tennessee, p. 81; National Archives micropublication M19, roll 176.

<sup>7</sup> Solomon Sanders household, 1830 U.S. census, Franklin County, Tennessee, p. 81.

<sup>8</sup> Franklin County, Tennessee, County Court Minutes, Volume 2 1832-1837, p. 382.



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were five years of age or younger with at least four in diapers. Suddy was sixty years of age or very close to it and Nancy herself was forty.

In 1836 Coffee County was created from Franklin County, Tennessee. In 1840 the Sanders family lived in Coffee County.<sup>9</sup> Suddy was incorrectly listed as fifty to sixty (he would have been at least sixty-two) and Nancy was correctly listed as forty to fifty. There are two males in the household aged fifteen to twenty who are not compatible with the known family data and remain unidentified. Otherwise, the numbers, ages, and sex of the children fit with the known family information.

In 1846 Grundy County was created from Coffee County. In 1850 the family was in Civil District 7 of Grundy County, Tennessee, with two of the surviving triplets, George Washington and Delila, both sixteen years of age.<sup>10</sup> Southy was seventy-six years of age and Nancy was fifty-six. Seven children lived with them.

On 16 December 1852 Southy Sanders gave a deposition in Franklin County, Tennessee, when Solomon Sanders applied for a Revolutionary War pension.<sup>11</sup> Southy stated that he was seventy-four years of age and that Solomon was his uncle whom he had known since he was a boy in Craven County, North Carolina. They all moved to Kentucky and later, about 1802, to Grundy County, Tennessee.

Nancy was a widow when she died in May of 1860 of typhus fever at the age of sixty-five in Grundy County, Tennessee.<sup>12</sup> Their son Thomas Sanders was the head of the family, still living in Grundy County in 1860.<sup>13</sup> With him were his sister Caroline age thirty-one, one of the triplets, George W., age twenty-seven, and two children, possible grandchildren of Suddy and Nancy. They were Elizabeth, age seven, and Louisa, age four. Children of Suddy and Nancy Sanders:

- i. Female, born by 1820; died or married by 1830.<sup>14</sup> This may have been Elizabeth Sanders who married Richard Pearson. Their daughter Arsenith Pearson's death certificate listed parents Richard and Betsy (Sanders) Pearson.<sup>15</sup> Richard and Elizabeth are in the 1870 census of Grundy County, living in Pelham with nine children.<sup>16</sup>
- ii. Thomas Sanders, born about 1819.<sup>17</sup>
- iii. Unidentified male, born 1820-1825.<sup>18</sup>
- iv. William Sanders, born about 1826; married ca 1848 Louisa; Child Nancy A. born 1849.<sup>19</sup>
- v. Jacob Sanders, born about 1827.<sup>20</sup>
- vi. Caroline Sanders, born about 1829.<sup>21</sup>
- vii. Sarah Sanders, born about 1830.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Sully [*sic*] Sanders household, 1840 U.S. census, Coffee County, Tennessee, p. 184, third line from bottom; National Archives micropublication M704, roll 519.

<sup>10</sup> Southy Sanders household, 1850 U.S. census, Grundy County, Tennessee, District 7, p. 708, dwelling and family 242.

<sup>11</sup> Charles A. Sherrill, compiler, *Revolutionary War Pension Applications from Franklin County* (Nashville, Tennessee: privately published, 1982) citing W1087.

<sup>12</sup> Byron and Barbara Sistler, *Tennessee Mortality Schedules*, p. 282.

<sup>13</sup> Byron and Barbara Sistler, *1860 Census - Tennessee Volume 4* (Nashville: Byron Sistler & Associates, 1982), p. 420.

<sup>14</sup> Southy Sanders household, 1820 U. S. census, Franklin County, Tennessee, p. 29, #1426.

<sup>15</sup> Charles A. Sherrill, *Death Certificates of Grundy County, Tennessee* (Cleveland, Tennessee: Southeastern Front, 1991), p. 65.

<sup>16</sup> Norma Dennis Hobbs, *United States Census Grundy County, Tennessee 1870* (no place: Goins and Hobbs Genealogy Service, 1989?), p. 62 citing entry 54-58.

<sup>17</sup> Southy Sanders household, 1850 U.S. census, Grundy County, Tennessee, District 7, p. 708, dwelling and family 242.

<sup>18</sup> Suddy Sanders household, 1830 U. S. census, Franklin County, Tennessee, p. 81.

<sup>19</sup> William Sanders household, 1850 U.S. census, Grundy County, Tennessee, District 7, p. 708, dwelling and family 243.

<sup>20</sup> Southy Sanders household, 1850 U.S. census, Grundy County, Tennessee, District 7, p. 708, dwelling and family 242.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*

- viii. Mary Emaline Sanders, born about 1833;<sup>23</sup> died 15 July 1916;<sup>24</sup> married 22 February 1852 Grundy County, Tennessee, James M. Nunley;<sup>25</sup> Children: P. H. Nunley born about 1853, Sarah Nunley born about 1854, Carroll C. Nunley born about 1856, Mary Ann Nunley born about 1857, Eliza C. Nunley born about 1859.<sup>26</sup>
- ix. George Washington Sanders, born 4 July 1834.<sup>27</sup>
- x. Delila Sanders, born 4 July 1834;<sup>28</sup> married 1<sup>st</sup> 28 March 1852 Grundy County, Tennessee, William C. Nunley.<sup>29</sup> Children: A. J. Nunley born about 1854, Sarah C. Nunley born about 1856, George W. Nunley born about 1858 and Nancy E. Nunley born about 1959.<sup>30</sup>
- xi. Telitha Sanders, born 4 July 1834;<sup>31</sup> probably died by 1840.<sup>32</sup> No further information found and not with the family in 1840<sup>33</sup> or 1850 census.<sup>34</sup>

Thus, it can be said that at least two of the triplets survived to adulthood and at least one of them married and had children. After this research was complete, a successful search was made for Internet data on the family. The Internet listed the triplets as twins, demonstrating the importance of searching original sources. Descendants of the triplets weren't listed, but wouldn't it be interesting to know if other triplets were born to their descendants?

## “Federal Soldier Drowned”

One Federal soldier drowned near Georg's Store, Lincoln County, Tenn. by 5 men, to wit:  
 William McAlya and father  
 Henry and A. Hunt  
 James Dickey

Said soldier was drowned in July 1863. Witnesses:  
 Frank Mitchell                      Boon Smith  
 William Bolton                      L.A. Smith

From the *Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating to Two or More Civilians*.  
 (National Archives Microfilm publication M1098, File Number 3215. Tenn. State Library & Archives Mf. #1607.)

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

<sup>24</sup> Sherrill, *Death Certificates of Grundy County, Tennessee*, p. 56.

<sup>25</sup> Byron and Barbara Sistler, *Early Tennessee Marriages Volume 2 Brides* (Nashville: Byron Sistler & Associates, 1988), p. 476.

<sup>26</sup> Byron and Barbara Sistler, *1860 Census - Tennessee Volume 4*, p. 154.

<sup>27</sup> Franklin County, Tennessee, County Court Minutes, Volume 2 1832-1837, p. 382.

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>29</sup> Byron and Barbara Sistler, *Early Tennessee Marriages Volume 1 Grooms*, p. 404.

<sup>30</sup> Byron and Barbara Sistler, *1860 Census - Tennessee Volume 4*, p. 154.

<sup>31</sup> Franklin County, Tennessee, County Court Minutes, Volume 2 1832-1837, p. 382.

<sup>32</sup> Sully [sic] Sanders household, 1840 U.S. census, Coffee County, Tennessee, p. 184, third line from bottom.

<sup>33</sup> Ibid.

<sup>34</sup> Southy Sanders household, 1850 U.S. census, Grundy County, Tennessee, District 7, p. 708, dwelling and family 242. Telitha was not with the family in 1850.

# Middle Tennessee Supreme Court Records

*Second Series*

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Supreme Court Records, Box 63,  
Middle Tennessee, 1837

## **M. C. Ligon vs Henry M. Clay**

(Original Bill heard in  
Davidson County Circuit Court)

...on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_ [blank]  
1837 an original writ was issued  
... to wit: To the Sheriff of  
Davidson County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to  
summon Henry M. Clay to be and  
appear ... at the next Circuit Court  
to be held for the County of  
Davidson ... and there to answer  
Matthew Ligon in a plea that he  
render to him a negro man slave  
named Jacob which from him he  
unjustly detains to his damage five  
hundred dollars ... this the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday in September 1837 ...

The plaintiff gave the following  
prosecution bond...in sum of five  
hundred dollars ... [signed] Will  
A. Cook.

... [in statement by M. C. Liggin]:  
I was unwilling to have a suit with  
my own son-in-law, and to get rid  
of litigation I compromised with  
him by giving him one of the  
negroes descended from said girl  
Diley. I state that this was done for  
peace and not on account of my  
recognizing Terry's title to the  
negroes. About this time say in the

year 1822 M. C. Liggin my son  
voluntarily made executed and  
delivered to me a deed bearing  
date 30<sup>th</sup> August 1822 tested by  
Jacob H. Fort[?] and David  
Thompson by which he  
relinquished to me all claim that he  
might have [in] a certain negro  
woman named Diley and in the  
will of Jno. Williams of Halifax  
County in the State of Virginia,  
which deed was executed about the  
day of its date...as follows, to wit  
...

Know ye that for said  
consideration of the love and  
affection which I Mastin C. Liggin  
have for Joseph Ligon have and by  
these presents do relinquish and  
forever quit all claim which I may  
have under the last will and  
Testament of John Williams,  
dec'd. of Halifax County State of  
Virginia to a certain negro woman  
named Diley and her present and  
future increase to the said Joseph  
Liggon his heirs and assigns  
forever ... this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1822. [signed] M. C. Liggin.

Test: Jacob H. Fort, David  
Thomason.

Endorsed on the back 'Joseph  
Ligon.' ...in my own handwriting  
the negro boy Henry was a son of  
the aforesaid girl Dicy [sic] and

was held and claimed by me as my  
own property from his birth, up to  
the present time and Mastin C.  
Ligon was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 1791. The negro boy Henry  
was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1801 ...

... On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1790 I  
intermarried with Dianna C. Clay  
the granddaughter of John  
Williams of Halifax County,  
Virginia. On the day after my said  
marriage or at farthest in three  
days afterward the said John  
Williams at his own house said to  
me here I give you that negro girl  
Dilecy. You may take her away  
when you please. I then and now  
considered it a gift and as such  
took the possession of said girl,  
carried her home kept her in my  
possession exercised the same acts  
of ownership over her that I did  
over my other Negroes and  
claimed her as my own property  
from that time till her death. My  
said wife lived till the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1797 and then departed  
this life, leaving three children, to  
wit, Martha C. Liggin, Elizabeth  
W. who intermarried with one N.  
D. Terry and Diana C. who  
intermarried with Josiah W. Fort.

Mr. Williams lived about ten years  
after he had given me the negro

woman Dilecy as stated above during the whole of this time I had the negro girl Dilecy and her descendants in my possession, claimed them as my own property, and held them adversely[?] to all the world after the death of Mr. Williams. His will was exhibited by which he gave the negro girl Dilecy and her children to my three children before named. I had the Negroes in my possession and claimed them as my own and did not recognize the right of Mr. Williams to dispose of them as his property. Some time from the year 1820 to 1822 N. D. Terry who had intermarried with my daughter Elizabeth W. Liggon filed a Bill against me for his share of the Negroes setting up his title to them under the said will of Jno. Williams ...

\_\_\_\_\_[?] Henderson, a witness for defendant deposed that he knew Mastin C. Ligon in his life time and negro man Jacob, that he saw Mastin in possession of Jacob at Milton in North Carolina in 1825 or 1826 and until 1831 or 1832, when he removed to Burke County. Jacob was then regarded as Mastin's property and heard Mastin call him his boy. Mastin C. Ligon was much embarrassed in his circumstances while he resided at Milton, but was not sued and no person attempted to subject Jacob to the payment of his debts.

Joseph W. Clay deposed that hew as the son of defendant and that his father's first wife was a sister of Joseph Ligon. His father had raised Mastin C. Ligon as one of his children, allowing him the same liberties. He sent him to school, etc.

The defendant and Mastin were partners in trading Negroes in 1820 or 1821 and his father was engaged 8 or 10 years in negro trading and during said time Mastin C. Ligon attended to said business for him except the time he was a partner.

Defendant paid for Mastin C. Ligon at Natchez \$4000.00 and gave him two or three colts and frequently gave him money to bear his expenses. Witness sold Mastin C. Ligon 2 colts in 1833 for \$800.00 which he owed witness at his death; and which defendant has paid since his death. The defendant lived in Lumpkin County, Georgia at Mastin's death which was in 1834, that in the year 1834 he endorsed[?] to his father a copy of the instrument given by Mastin in 1826 to the plaintiff upon the loan of Jacob. Jacob was advertised and sold in the fall of 1834 and sold for \$995.00. He also proved the handwriting of his father to the letter read in this cause. The loan of the negro Jacob was made in Montgomery County, Tennessee ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 64,  
Middle Tennessee, 1838

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**James W. Wheeler vs Achilles  
A. Dickerson & Jane R. White**

(Original Bill heard in Giles  
County Chancery Court)

... Orator James W. Wheeler a citizen of Giles County states that Benton R. White and wife Achilles A. Dickerson and wife and John R. B. Jones as the heirs of John Jones deceased filed a bill in chancery court on 24 February 1835 against

your orator and James Perry and the heirs of David Steel and the heirs of Thomas Steel. That said bill had for its object the establishing of the right of the then complainants to a certain tract of land of about 474 ½ acres situate on Richland Creek ... that David Steel and Thomas Steel had some time in the year 1826 purchased the said land and took a conveyance of the same executed by the guardian of the said heirs of John Jones ....

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Middle Tennessee, 1841

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**George W. Temple, Admr.  
vs James M. Trigg & others**

(Original Bill heard in  
Dickson County Chancery Court)

George W. Temple, Administrator of Francis B. Temple, dec'd. a citizen of Montgomery County, State of Tennessee Complainant vs James M. Trigg a citizen of the State of Arkansas Mary Laprad and William Laprad citizens of Robertson County Charlotte Wimberly and George S. Wimberly citizens of Montgomery Jane Warfield and Charles Warfield citizens of Montgomery County William Trigg a citizen of Arkansas Thos. Trigg a citizen of Montgomery County Mary Agness Temple of Montgomery County, Defendants.

Orator George W. Temple shews that on the \_\_\_\_[blank] day of July 1825 William Trigg departed this life in the County of Montgomery having previsiusly made his las t will and testament which was duly sworn...at the July Term 1825. The testator left a widow Nancy

Trigg and eight children, viz, James M., Mary married now to William Laprad Charlotte married to said George S. Wimberly, Jane now married to said Charles Warfield George H. Trigg who died intestate without having married and twenty one years of age an his estate the said George S Wimberly has been appointed Admr. by the Montgomery County Court, William Thomas and the said Francis B. who intermarried with your orator and died on the \_\_\_\_ [blank] day of \_\_\_\_ [blank] 18\_\_ [blank] leaving one child named Mary Agness ....

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Middle Tennessee, 1841

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**Robert White vs Polly Christian**

(Original Bill heard in  
Jackson County Circuit Court)

The following warrant was read: State of Tennessee, Jackson County. To any lawful officer to execute and return. You are hereby commanded to summon Polly Christian to appear ... to answer the complaint of Robert White in a plea of trespass and damages ... this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839. [signed] Lawrence M. Anderson, J. P.]

The plaintiff produced the following title papers. State of North Carolina. No. 312. Know ye that we have given and granted unto James Cole Mountflorenc and Richard Fenner assignees of the heirs of Samuel Collins a private in the Continental line of this state a tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres...in County of Davidson on the north side of Cumberland beginning

about half a mile below Roaring River...running up the river...Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1787. [signed] R. Caswell. J. Glasgow, Secretary. Warrant No. 2176. E. Hickman D. S. Eneas Thomas, John Gipson, C. C.

... It is agreed if ever the above land is taken of any older location, the said Fenner by his attorney obliges himself to replace to the said Burrus other lands in the Mero District equal in quantity. [signed] Wm. Christmas, attorney for Robt. Fenner. Test. James Blackburn, jurat Willis Jones

... This indenture made the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 between Enis Burrus, John Burrus, David Deal and Milly his wife, William Deal and Sally his wife, Daniel Johnson and Esther his wife and Samuel Dixon and Elizabeth his wife, heirs of John Burrus deceased, all of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee of the one part and John C. McLemore and James Vaulx of Davidson County County and State aforesaid ...for consideration of six hundred dollars ...the whole of the above-named heirs of John Burrus dec'd. satisfied and contentented, have granted ...to the said John C. McLemore and James Vaulx ... land in the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee on the north side of Cumberland River, being part of a tract of land granted by the State of North Carolina to James C. Montflorenc and Richard Fenner by Grant No. 312 ....

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**William Moffett vs  
William May**

(Original Bill heard in  
Bedford County Circuit Court)

... on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1836, William May by attorney, sued out of the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Lincoln County a writ of summons against William Moffett in an action of Detinue ... to wit: State of Tennessee. To the Sheriff of Lincoln County: You are hereby commanded to summon William Moffet if to be found in your county to be before the judge of our Lincoln Circuit Court ... on the first Monday in February next to answer William May in a plea that he render unto him a negro woman slave named Mary, of the value of fifteen hundred dollars, which from him he unjustly detains to his damage of two thousand dollars ... Witness Alfred Smith, clerk of our said court at office the first Monday in October in 1836 ....

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Middle Tennessee, 1841

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**Dianah Reaves vs  
Horace Oliver & others**

(Original Bill heard in  
Smith County Chancery Court)

The Bill of Complaint of Dianah Reeves of Smith County, Tennessee against Horace Oliver executor and one of the heirs of William Reaves and his wife Elizabeth William Reaves Jr. Moses Reaves for himself guardian for Simeon Reaves a minor John Reaves and Robert Bowman and his wife Elizabeth Joseph Bowman and his wife Rhoda Daniel Roberson and his wife Matilda the said Elizabeth Rhoda and Matilda

being the only children of Polly Moore who was a daughter of the said William Reaves, Senr. the said Polly and her husband being now dead. Your oratrix begs leave to state that she was married to William Reaves in the year 1835. The said William departed this life on the \_\_\_\_[blank] day of Sept. 1838 leaving a will which Harris [sic] Oliver a son in law was appointed executor ... the provisions of which will not be satisfactory to your oratrix she entered her dissent thereto before the County Court of Smith County at the May Term of Smith County Court 1839 that being the term at which the same was proved the said William left at the time of his death a valuable tract of land on which he resided together with considerable personal property ...

Wm. Reaves Sr. & Mrs. Pugh were married May 1835. Each had children by a former marriage. Reaves owned two tracts of land on Hogan's Creek, several Negroes and other property. He lived on one of the tracts and his son Wm. Reaves Jr. lived on the other. Mrs. Pugh held several Negroes and some other personal property. Prior to the marriage a contract was entered into by which the Negroes held by Mrs. Pugh were settled upon her "as a dower, Jointure, or marriage portion." After the marriage they lived together comfortably for about a year and separated in about two years. The personal estate thus settled on the wife was under her separate and exclusive control and management.

About six months after the marriage Reaves sold the two tracts on Hogan's Creek, and

shortly thereafter in conjunction with his son William, the Harald's[?] Bend tract was purchased. The son paid part of the purchase money, the father paid the balance, and the deed was made to the son, the father retaining a life estate in the land. The father died in 1838, having first made his last will and testament. The widow (alleging that the provision made for her in the will was not satisfactory to her) filed this bill for Dower in the land conveyed to the son, and for a distributive share of the personal property ....

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Middle Tennessee, 1841

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**Martha H. Clopton vs  
Wm. H. & John Johnson**

(Original Bill heard in  
Montgomery Co. Chancery Court)

... your oratrix Martha H. Clopton a citizen of the County of Robertson, State of Tennessee, would shew ... that she is the owner of a certain negro girl slave that she purchased together with one other girl from one Greenberry Kelly, also a citizen of Robertson County the former named Fanny worth about five hundred dollars and the latter named Chloe. She says that on the purchase of said Negroes, Fanny was in the possession of one Thomas Farmer having been hired by said Kelly to him for the whole of the year 1840, to end however on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December of that year, and did not therefore take her into her actual possession ... that she made the purchase aforesaid on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840 and took and received the bill of sale for said

Negroes from said Kelly on that day ...

She loaned to said Kelly on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1839 the sum of three hundred and seventy four dollars for which she took his note \$374.00 that on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1840 she took the note of said Kelly for sixty five dollars on account of a horse received by said Kelly of her brother and on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840 (the day of the purchase) she gave to said Kelly an order on her brother John A. Clopton or ninety dollars on which order the money has been received ....

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Supreme Court Records, Box 70,  
Middle Tennessee, 1842

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**State vs Littleberry Bostick  
(Murder of John Lefever)**

(Original Bill heard in  
Coffee County Circuit Court)

Sophia N. Bostick Benjamin W. Corn and wife Elizabeth, Mary B Bostick, Lewis S. Bostick Forest G. Bostick, Albert Bostick, Nancy M. Bostick and Littleberry R. Bostick vs James Winton, John G. Bostick, Sr., John G. Bostick, Jr., and others all (except deft. Winton) heirs and devisees of William Bostick, dec'd. ...

... that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 William Bostick made and published his last will & testament...departed this live in the County of Franklin ... and afterwards to wit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1836 said will was by John G. Bostick one of the executors therein named presented for probate ....



# Presbyterian Clergy Deaths, 1866-1867

Hardin, Caldwell, Doak and Eagleton

From the minutes of the Synod of Nashville.<sup>1</sup>

## Obituaries

The Committee on Obituaries made a report which was received and adopted and is as follows.

**Rev. Robert Hardin, D.D.**, a member of the Pres. of N. Alabama, died at his residence in Marshall Co. Tenn., on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1867, at about eighty years of age. He was a native of East Tennessee and there received his literary and theological education. Possessed of a superior mind naturally, he rapidly rose to prominence as a minister of the gospel. For a number of years he served the church and his Master preaching and occasionally teaching in the Easter portion of his native state. About the year 1825 he moved to Middle Tennessee and took charge of the church in Columbia. He subsequently ministered to the churches of Bethesda and New Hope, which flourished under his care. He about the same time founded and conducted a literary institution in Maury Co. known originally as the Manual Labor Academy, and ultimately as Jackson College. The last years of his life were spent in Marshall Co. Tenn., preaching to different churches and revising some of his sermons with a view to their publication. His life was spent on arduous labors for the glory of God and the salvation of souls; and like a shock of corn fully ripe he has been gathered into the harvest above.

**Rev. Isaac N. Caldwell**, a member of the Pres. of N. Alabama, died at Union City, Tenn., on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1867, in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of his age. He was born in Jefferson Co., E. Tenn., and obtained his literary and theological education at Maryville College, Tenn., and at Union Theol. Seminary, New York. He was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1861. Soon after his return from the Seminary he was called to the pulpit of the Fayetteville church. On account of feeble health, he for a time suspended his labors. For a while he preached as

an Evangelist in Union Presbytery. During the year 1866 he was one of the teachers in the High School of Bethany Church, Giles Co. Tenn. In March 1867 he took charge of the Union City Male and Female Academy, when his short but useful life came to a close. Bro. Caldwell was amiable and genial in disposition, a devoted Christian and a faithful minister of the word.

**Rev. A.A. Doak, D.D.**, departed this life at his late residence near Clarksville, Tenn., on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1866. The name of his family is identified with the religious and educational history of Tennessee. Dr. Doak was born in Washington Co., E. Tenn., on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1815. He pursued his literary course in the school of his fathers. Made a subject of Divine grace, he followed in the footsteps of his ancestors and devoted himself to the Gospel ministry. He was licensed by the Pres. of New Brunswick, N.J., and ordained by the Pres. of Holston, Oct. 5, 1839. He was a man of rare gifts and attainments and filled many important responsible positions in the churches and literary institutions of his native state.

**Rev. Wm. Eagleton, D.D.** of the Pres. of Nashville departed this life of the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866 at his home in Murfreesboro, Tenn., in the bosom of his family and the people of his charge. He died with his armor on. He was born near Maryville, E. Tenn., March 25<sup>th</sup> 1796, was trained for the sacred office by Rev. Isaac Anderson, D.D., in the school of the prophets located at Maryville, and was chosen professor in that institution soon after his ordination. Here he remained in this important trust until his removal to the church of Murfreesboro, where he remained until his death. For 37 years he was pastor of the church at Murfreesboro. His mind was clear, discriminating, comprehensive, tenacious of truth, eminently self relying, yet modest and willing to learn. He was a safe counselor and a judicious leader. Rev. William Eagleton, D.D., was a great and good man.

Signed: Geo. A. Caldwell  
T.H. McCallie

F.A. Thompson  
J.W. Neill

<sup>1</sup> *Church Records - Presbyterian; Synod of Nashville Minutes 1865-1869*, pp. 315-317. Tennessee State Library & Archives microfilmed manuscript #472, reel 1.

# Bedford County Civil War Claims

*Allowed for Payment by the Southern Claims Commission*

## Part III 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.

### **Houston, Robert W.**

Amount: \$265. Material: two mules; Age: 33.

Summary: Claimant was 21 years old when the war broke out and was living with his father. He voted against secession and in 1862 went with Gen. Buell's command on his retreat, and remained until July 1864.

Examiner: The Houston family of this county all seem to have been loyal to the cause of the US. I have been acquainted with part of them personally for some time. They are to this day firm supporters of Republican government.

Notes & Relations: Is a lumberman.

Witnesses:

- Steele, John P., age 62, retired lawyer and judge, farmer. Has known claimant all his life.
- Couch, Reuben C. age 43, went into the Federal lines with Houston in 1862. Houston stayed and did work for the quartermaster's department until 1864. Couch became Capt. in the 5th Tenn. Cav.
- Houston, Caleb P. age 63, has lived in Tennessee 42 years, is the claimant's father and lived on an adjoining farm in 1863.

- Murfree, William D. age 54, veteran of Mexican War. Always lived in Bedford County except six years in Texas. Houston and his two brothers were students in Murfree's school at one time.
- Houston, Henry (colored) age 29, employed on Nashville & Chattanooga railroad, lives near Wartrace on Mrs. Prewitt's farm. Was a slave of William C. Houston, a relative of Robert W. Houston, during the war, and was hired out to Robert.

### **Moon, Pleasant B.**

Residence: Unionville; Amount: \$227. Material: corn, bacon, pork, oats; Age: 38; Year: 1873.

Summary: The claimant was a farmer, now about 40 years of age. In Jan. 1863 he enlisted in the 5th Tenn. Cav. but before he was mustered he was detailed for secret service, in which he was employed until the Federal army passed out of that part of the state where he was acquainted, when he was discharged. In Nov. 1863 he left with his family for Illinois. In Oct. 1863 a brigade of Federal cavalry took all the property claimed. Receipts are filed with the petition.

Examiner: The claimant was in the federal service and was an unwavering union man. The facts are pretty developed in the testimony and has nothing peculiar except in the character of his witnesses who, though some of them kin, are persons of character and intelligence belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church of which the claimant is a member.

Notes & Relations: William H. Wisener recruited him into the secret service under Capt. Upright and Capt. O.O. Knight. Took the oath of allegiance at Nashville before he could bring out goods to sell after he left the service. Afterwards left for Illinois and then went to Kentucky. Was arrested by Hood's troops but escaped. Rebels robbed his store of \$1500 worth of goods.

Witnesses:

- Brown, John F. age 44, merchant and postmaster at Flat Creek.
- Houston, William age 36, worked with claimant while Houston was in the quartermaster's dept. and claimant was in the secret service. Houston left his job due to ill health.
- Wortham, James (Capt.) (no age), had kinfolks that lived in Houston's neighborhood
- Clark, Elizabeth age 68, mother of the claimant. He is the child of my first husband.
- Moon, Sarah A. age 39, wife of claimant. Capt. Barnett of the 2nd Indiana Cav. was sick and was left at her house for 10 days. The rebels had killed local unionists Mr. Crowell and Mr. Gus? Rodgers
- Clark, John S., age 61, has lived in Bedford Co. 26 years. Claimant is his step-son.

#### **Morgan, Daniel**

Residence: Bedford County; Amount: \$111. Material: corn; Age: 57; Year: 1873; 27 pp.

Summary: The claimant testifies that he was in favor of the union and voted 'no separation' and continued to adhere to the cause. Two or three witnesses testify to his loyalty. The evidence is not very strong but Special Commissioner Ramsey certifies that he has the reputation of a loyal man. He files a receipt for 185 bushels of corn taken from the field by Buell's army on its retreat in Sept. 1862. He was farming on another's land.

Examiner: A good man whose corn could ill be spared. I know that Morgan has always been considered loyal by the best union men about Shelbyville.

Notes & Relations: When the war commenced he was keeping a tollgate on the Fayetteville Pike about a mile from Shelbyville. Had a nephew or two in the Confederate army.

Witnesses:

- Thompson, Joseph H. age 40, lifelong resident of county, "am now winding up my old business." Has known Morgan all his life. Morgan lived on Thompson's father's land one year during the war.
- Thompson, George W. age 50, lifelong resident of county, has known Morgan 20 years. Served in the state legislature "when it was under a republican and loyal rule."
- Cummings, Newton A. age 51, resides Marshall Co., but was Morgan's neighbor during the war.

#### **Morgan, Daniel**

Residence: near Shelbyville; Amount: \$150. Material: one horse; Age: 50; Year: 1873. 33 pp. in file.

Summary: Claimant swears to his Union sentiments, that he voted no separation and had no son or brother in the Rebel army. He was exempt from service on account of deafness. We find him loyal. There is satisfactory proof that his mare was taken by Gen. Croxton's command in the fall of 1864. An officer told him that he wanted his mare for a soldier whose horse had been wounded. The wounded horse was left behind and subsequently taken away. We allow \$150.

Examiner: no notes

Notes & Relations: Says he may have had some nephews in the CSA but "had nothing to do with them."

Witnesses:

- John M. Phillips, 35, grocery merchant, has known claimant 14 years.
- William Low, 24, farmer, brother-in-law of claimant, lived on same lot.
- Mike Shoffner, 54, farmer, has known claimant 35 years. Says claimant is very poor and needy.
- Margaret Low, 19, sister-in-law of claimant, lived with her mother on the same lot as claimant.

#### **O'Neal, James M.**

Residence: 11 miles from Shelbyville; Amount: \$350; Material: two horses; Age: 56; Year: 1872. 124 pp. in file.

Summary: Claimant voted against separation and gave money to his son who joined the Union army. He was arrested and held prisoner for two or three weeks but released. Subsequently in 1863 his home was attacked by a squad of Rebel soldiers and he and his son defended it, and shot two dead and wounded a third fatally. Several witnesses testify to the loyal conversation, reputation and conduct of claimant. They also testify that he turned over to the 5th Tenn. Cavalry two good horses for which he never received voucher or pay. Allowed \$250.

Examiner: no notes

Notes & Relations: Material was taken by Capt. John M. Phillips, 1st Indept. Vidette Cavalry on 25 Aug. 1863. Phillips gave testimony in case, saying that at the time he was attached to the 5th Cavalry. He said they either killed or carried to camp all the horses they took. Claimant says he was threatened with hanging by rebel soldiers. His brother M.T. O'Neal was in the CSA. His son Josiah was in the USA. Brother now lives in Marshall County.

Witnesses:

- Josiah B. O'Neal age 30 in 1878, son of claimant, served in 5th Cavalry 10 months.
- Jacob Perryman, age 36, farmer, was in the 5th Cavalry and rode one of claimant's horses. Knew O'Neal before the war.
- William H. Wisener, Sr., age 60, lawyer, knew claimant during the war.
- William Wiley O'Neal, age 36 in 1877, son of claimant and lives with him. Admits he joined the CSA on the advice of his attorney, to avoid an indictment pending against him for "cutting a man with whom I had a personal difficulty on the day of the Presidential election in 1860. As soon as I got rid of the indictment I came home and stayed." Says his father was imprisoned and tried by a court martial but they could not prove the charge of giving information to the Federals.
- Henry M. Leggett, 43 in 1877, has known O'Neal all his life.
- Green T. Neely, age 69 in 1877, wheelwright, has known claimant 40 years.
- Edmund Cooper, lawyer, age 51.
- W. B. Overcast, 37, former Union soldier.
- L.T. Williams, 62, states that when O'Neals' home was attacked the rebels were demanding the body of O'Neal's son who was in the USA.

- Thomas S. Montgomery, postmaster at Palmetto, has known claimant many years.

#### **Primrose, John G.**

Residence: 8 miles from Shelbyville; Amount: \$172; Material: horse and saddle; Age: 44; Year: 1873. 35 pp. in file.

Summary: Claimant voted against separation and supported the Union. The Rebels abused and threatened him, took a great deal of his property. Had two sons who were under age but served in the USA, and he furnished them with money while in the service. Three witnesses testify to his loyalty. We find him loyal. Claimant and his family testify that a battalion of the 6th Ill. Cavalry marching west from Shelbyville passed their premises and that several soldiers left the column and went into the yard where they took the mare and saddled her. A dismounted soldier got on her and the squad rode back into the ranks. We allow \$150.

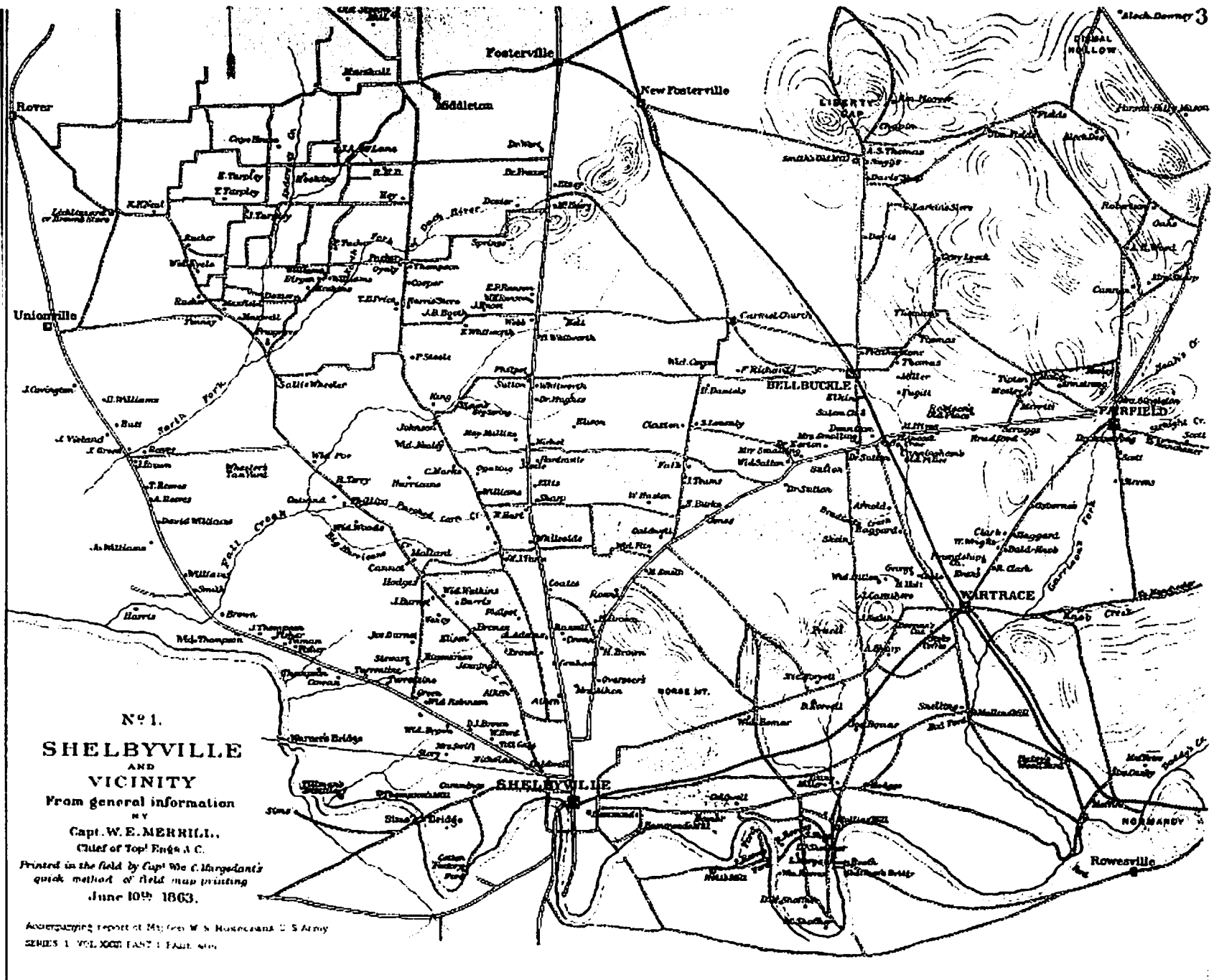
Examiner: Claimant is a man of firmness and ability. His whole demeanor made an impression of honesty and candor. From inquiries among good Union men I found no doubts as to his loyalty. The facts in the case speak for themselves. His witnesses seemed honest and intelligent.

Notes & Relations: Claimant was arrested and detained 14 hours by Gen. Wheeler's command, robbed of his wagon and team and released. He was often threatened with being killed and pistols drawn on him, called Mr. Lincolnite and traitor. Helped two sons join USA, had a brother in CSA who was "pressed in Shelbyville." Had some nephews in CSA but did not aid them.

Witnesses:

- Green T. Neeley, 63, mechanic, in county over 40 years, has known claimant 20 years.
- Leroy F. Williams, 57, has known claimant 18 or 20 years.
- William H. Christopher, 44, physician, has known claimant since before the war.
- John W. Primrose, 20, son of claimant.
- Lucretia Susanna Primrose, 47, wife of claimant. Mentions that the rebels arrested and took away claimant's son who was a discharged federal soldier, and claimant was preparing to go to Shelbyville to aid his son when his horse was taken.

Plate XXXIV/3 from the Official Military Atlas of the Civil War by George B. Davis, et al. (New York: Arno Press, 1978). Originally published in 1891.



**Reeves, Solomon G.,**

Residence: Bedford County; Amount: \$150; Material: one mule; Age: 49; Year: 1873. 32 pp. in file

Summary: The claimant is a physician about 50 years of age. He resided in Richmond, Bedford County, when the war commenced but during the war removed to Shelbyville. He did nothing to aid the Confederacy. At Richmond his horse was surrounded by rebels and he was shot at, but made his escape. They took large quantities of property from him. He was repeatedly threatened and notified to leave the country. He had two brothers in the CSA, one of these coming to his house claimant persuaded to leave the army. He did so and went home, leaving his gun which claimant gave to a soldier of the USA. We think he remained loyal to the Union. In the spring of 1864 a fine mule was taken by the 5th Tenn. Cav. for the use of that regiment. No payment was made and no voucher given. We recommend payment of \$150.

Examiner: The claimant seems to have been true but at the same time a timid Union man, fearful of rebels and rebel raids. His only difficulty is about the taking of the mule. His witnesses were intelligent but his father was old and forgetful.

Notes & Relations: Claimant says he refuged to Shelbyville from Richmond during the war. While on a trip to Nashville his wagon was surrounded by rebels. He and his companions were put on horses and "double-quickd" 30 miles, then released. Estimates he lost \$2500 worth of goods at Richmond and Shelbyville in rebel raids. Brother Nathan was in CSA and claimant persuaded him to quit. Brother James K. Polk also served in CSA and eventually deserted. Claimant had no son old enough to serve. Calls the mule a "splendid large mouse-colored mule ... well formed, well broken and first-rate" which he sent to his father's farm eight miles from Shelbyville to graze, where it was taken by the USA.

**Witnesses:**

- Wm. Galbreath, 77, Justice of the Peace, has known claimant 15 years.
- James F. Calhoon, 46, stonecutter, has known claimant 12 years.
- Wm. H. Clark, 42 years, lived near claimant's father. Saw mule later in possession of John Phillips of the 5th Tenn. Cavalry (Union). Clark was also in Union army but in a different unit.

- Christopher C. Covington, 44, brother-in-law of claimant, lived with him during the war.
- Absolum Reeves, 71, father of claimant.

**Shoffner, Loton**

Residence: Bedford County; Amount: \$150; Material: horse; Age: 58; Year: 1872. 29 pp. in file.

Summary: Mr. Shoffner was threatened and pursued by the rebels. Voted for the Union. Four very respectable witnesses testify to his loyalty. Had 5 nephews in the USA and six in the CSA, helped none of them. We find him loyal. Taking is proved by receipt of Col. A.S. Whitson of 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Sept. 30, 1864. We allow \$120.

Examiner: no remarks

Notes & Relations: Claimant followed the soldiers who took his horse eight miles to Normanda where he obtained a receipt from Lt Whitson, who said they needed the horse in order to pursue Rebel Gen. Forrest as their own horses had broken down. He was once threatened and three rebel soldiers of the 17th Tenn. Inf. held weapons on him but he "got out of the way." Nephews John, Daniel and Jacob Shoffner, Wm. C. and James Morton, and John Boyers were all in CSA. John now lives in Pennsylvania, Daniel and John Boyers in Obion County, and the others in Bedford County. Nephews in USA were Henry and Albert McQuiddy, Thomas and Michael Shoffner and Albert Newton. The Shoffners now live in Obion County, Henry McQuiddy in Kansas, Albert in Bedford County. Albert Newton was killed in the army.

**Witnesses:**

- Terry D. Thompson, 48, farmer, lived 1/4 mile from Shoffner.
- Capt. Reuben C. Couch, 42, farmer, was in Company F, 5th Tenn. Cav. stationed at Normanda on the Nashville & Chattanooga RR, saw receipt issued to claimant, with whom he was acquainted.
- John Shoffner, 32, farmer, not related to claimant [sic] but was living with him when the horse was taken.
- Hon. Lewis Tillman, 56, farmer, has known claimant 30 years, served in Congress as a Republican.
- James H. Neil, 45, lawyer, former state legislator.
- Hon. Edmund Cooper, 51, lawyer.

*To Be Continued*



# Bible Records of Smith County (and surrounding areas)

## West, Russell, Cornwell and Lankford families.

Contributed by Gale Williams Bamman, C.G.<sup>1</sup>

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### Ira S. West Bible

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Photocopies held by Gale Williams Bamman. The Bible is currently in the possession of Nancy Rebecca (Rountree) Bunch (Mrs. Andrew), 209 Liberty Street, Murfreesboro, NC 29855.

Flyleaf: The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, translated out of thee original tongues, and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, with Complete Concordance, embracing every passage of scripture in the largest editions. Wm. Garretson & Co./ Columbus, Ohio; Chicago, Ill; Nashville, Tenn.; St. Louis, Mo.; San Francisco, Cal. /1882

This certifies that the rite of holy matrimony was celebrated between Ira S. West of Smith County, Tennessee, and Maggie O. Mundy of Macon County, Tenn. on October 7<sup>th</sup> 1883 at B. P. Mundy's, by Squire Oakley.

Ira S. West was born March 25<sup>th</sup> 1860  
Maggie O. Mundy was born January 25<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Nellie Ora West was born March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885  
Ocia Campbell West was born November 1<sup>st</sup> 1887  
Irl Cleveland West was born March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1890  
Lee Wright West was born February 26<sup>th</sup> 1893  
Hoke Holland West was born October 15<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Mittie Fite West was born January 9<sup>th</sup> 1899  
Carl Haggard West was born October 9<sup>th</sup> 1901  
Lorene Morris West was born November 10<sup>th</sup> 1904  
"all born in Smith County"

Harvey Homer Hubbard and Nellie Ora West were married April 24<sup>th</sup> 1910  
Irl Cleveland West and Leatha Florence Sutton were married November 15<sup>th</sup> 1915  
Lee Wright West and Ethel Willie Kirby were married June 25<sup>th</sup> 1916  
Carl Haggard West and Bonnie Rhea Bates were married March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1921  
Irl C. West and Gillie Ayers were married June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1923  
Inez West and Menter Holliman were married January 11, 1936  
Hoke Holland West and Lois Weatherspoon were married October 15, 1924  
Mittie West and Homer Franklin were married August 9, 1928  
Ivorene West and Clarence Williams were married September 4, 1938  
Pauline Hubbard and John Edwards were married March 14, 1942  
Virginia West and Paul Moody were married June 21, 1942

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<sup>1</sup> Gale Williams Bamman, 3906 Calista Road, Cross Plains, TN 37049

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James West and Mary Robinson were married December 8, 1945

Robert West and Alta Edwards were married April 21, 1948

Virginia West and James DuBose, Jr. were married April 24, 1953

S. R. Roundtree and Maggie Sue West were married July 25, 1948

C. W. West was born August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1823 and departed this life November 30<sup>th</sup> 1893

Fannie West was born November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1824 and departed this life January 14<sup>th</sup> 1906

Ovid Neal West was born March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1920 and departed this life July 24, 1920

Florence West was born August 16, 1896 and departed this life August 1, 1922

William Edward West was born May 28, 1918 and departed this life May 29, 1925

Eveline Wright West was born April 9, 1925 and departed this life October 15, 1927

B. P. Mundy was born December 7, 1840 and departed this life July 15, 1902

Susan M. Mundy was born March 11, 1842 and departed this life November 4, 1921

Derrell Key Franklin was born January 10, 1934 and departed this life February 19, 1934

Ocia Campbell West was born November 1, 1887 and departed this life November 22, 1938

Ira Stokes West was born March 25, 1860 and departed this life February 3, 1940

Maggie O. West was born January 25, 1864 and departed this life February 7, 1940

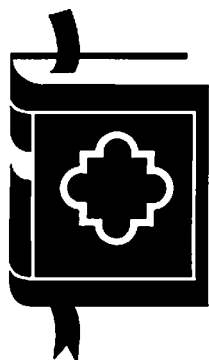
Irl C. West departed this life July 25, 1953

Harvey Homer Hubbard was born November 12, 1887 and departed this life December 9, 1948

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### Elam Russell Bible

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In 1977, this Bible was in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Elva T. Russell, Harris Branch Road, Hartsville, Tennessee 37074. A handwritten transcription was made in 1977 by Gale Williams Bamman and her mother, Ivorene West Williams.

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Mellenda Cornwell, daughter of Francis Cornwell and Polley his wife, was born May the 27<sup>th</sup> 1774

Charles Cornwell, son of Charles Cornwell and Elizabeth, his wife, was born April the 21<sup>st</sup> 1777

Charles Cornwell and Mallenda Cornwell was married February the 1st 1802

Polley Cornwell, daughter of Charles Cornwell and Mallenda his wife, was born November the 11<sup>th</sup> 1802

Artimesa Cornwell was born May the 29th 1804

Cordelea Ann Cornwell was born April the 17<sup>th</sup> 1806

Elizabeth Cornwell was born February the 9th 1808

John Cole Cornwell, son of Charles Cornwell and Mallenda his wife, was born April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1810

Francis Marion Cornwell was born April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1812

Jesse Cornwell was born June the 19th 1814

Polley Cornwell was married January 20, 1820

Artimesa Cornwell was married February 21, 1821

Cordelia Ann Cornwell was married November 18, 1830

Elizabeth Cornwell was married October 6, 1831

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John Cole Cornwell was married April 4, 1830  
Francis Marion Cornwell was married October 13, 1831  
Jesse Cornwell was married January 8, 1846  
Sintha Ann Cornwell, daughter of Jesse Cornwell and Mary Ann his wife was born October 17, 1846  
Lewvenia Ann Russell was born February 9, 1847  
Mellenda Cornwell died December 12, 1844  
Jesse Cornwell died March 8, 1847  
Charles Cornwell died March 10, 1851  
Cordelia Ann Robinson died November 16, 1836 [1856? third digit unclear]  
E. H. and Ollie Russell were married March 6, 1897

Ollie Russell was born September 2, 1874, wife of E. H. Russell  
John Browning was born February 8, 1894  
Vera Browning was born May 29, 1916  
Jewel Marie Browning was born December 28, 1917  
Rudolph Browning was born February 15, 1921  
Hulon F. Browning was born August 7, 1923

John C. Browning was killed October 13, 1933  
Osler Knight \_\_\_\_\_ [illegible]  
E. H. Russell died May 12, 1926

Louisa E. Russell was born May 8, 1838  
Elam Russell was born January 1, 1841  
Eliza H. Russell was born December 4, 1843  
Lewvenia Ann Russell was born February 9, 1847

James F. Russell was born July 22, 1833  
James Bishop F. Russell died December 9, 1949

Elam Russell died June 22, 1873  
William B. Russell died August 15, 1893  
Eliza Russell died April 25, 1894  
Evie R. Sutton died \_\_\_\_\_ [illegible]

Jeme[?] Morgan died January 26, 1897  
Eliza Hampton Russell died May 12, 1926  
E.[J.?] H. Russell died May 12, 1926

Dora E. Wood was born March 2, 1886 [? last two digits unclear]  
Sidney R. Wood was born August 7, 1888  
Winnie Pearl Wood was born April 5, 1892  
Margaret Ann Russell was born February 6, 1898, daughter of E. H. and Ollie Russell.  
Elam Russell was born April 28, 1802  
Artemicia Russell was born May 29, 1804  
Malinda C. Russell, daughter of Elam and Artemicia his wife, was born May 3, 1822  
Polly A. Russell was born September 27, 1823  
Silas C. Russell was born February 16, 1825  
Martha M. Russell was born August 26, 1826  
John B. Russell was born April 18, 1828  
Charles P. Russell was born March 25[23?], 1830  
Amanda D.[?] Russell was born November 15, 1831

J. C. Browning died October 13, 1932  
H. R. Russell died October 31, 1885  
Malindea C. Russell, daughter of Elam and Artemicia Russell died January 19, 1824

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Louisa E. Russell died February 1, 1841

Eliza Hampton Russell was born December 4, 1843

Eliza Russell, wife of E. H. Russell, was born September 17, 1843

Martha Eveline Russell was born October 7, 1864

William Bennett Russell was born April 6, 1865[? Last two digits unclear]

Rody Jane Russell was born August 11, 1870

James Bishop Franklin Russell was born October 2, 1873

Lethia Florence Sutton was born August 16, 1896

Mr. J. C. Browning killed October 13, 1933

Thelma Chase Browning \_\_\_\_ [? illegible] August 25, 1933

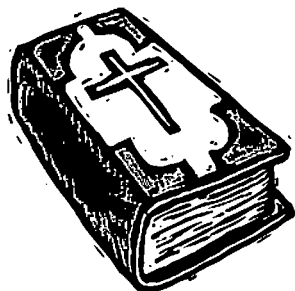
Vera Estell Browning was married May 30, 1932 to Edgar F. Ryan

Children of John C. Browning and Margaret Browning: Vera E. Ryans, Jewel M. Browning, Rudolph, Hulon F., Harold C., Elisa Browning

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### Thomas Jesse Cornwell Bible

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Photocopies held by Gale Williams Bamman. In 1988, the Bible was in the possession of Binnie Lewis Kennedy.

Flyleaf: The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, translated out of the original Greek, and with the former translations diligently compared and revised. New York / American Bible Society / 1854

J. Cornwell and Jane L. Knight was married February the 27<sup>th</sup> 1869

T. J. Cornwell joined the church August the 16<sup>th</sup> and him and wife was baptized by J \_\_\_\_ [illegible]

R \_\_\_\_ [illegible] Aug the 17<sup>th</sup> 1871

Jane S. Draper was born June the 6<sup>th</sup> 1832

Jane S. Cornwell departed this life September 16<sup>th</sup> 1883

T. J. Cornwell and Martha C. West were married November the 4<sup>th</sup> 1883

Roxie Jesse Cornwell was born August the 24<sup>th</sup> 1884

Olie Lilly Cornwell was born September 18<sup>th</sup> 1886

Renne May Cornwell was born November 4<sup>th</sup> 1889

Jacob Francis Cornwell was born February the 25<sup>th</sup> 1861 and died February the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865, 4 years old lacking 3 days

Ada Belle Cornwell was born April the 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

Elizabeth A. Cornwell departed this life Feb. the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Ida Catherine Cornwell was born December the 28<sup>th</sup> 1869

William Marion Cornwell was born July the 17<sup>th</sup> 1871 and died September the 28<sup>th</sup> 1873, aged 2 years 2 months and 11 days

Virgil Roerha \_\_\_\_ [?illegible] Cornwell was born August the 4<sup>th</sup> 1873

Simeon Almer Cornwell was born June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1876

Cornelia Cordelia Cornwell was born May the 29<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thomas J. Cornwell was born January the 10<sup>th</sup> 1834

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Elizabeth A. Spears was born July the 6<sup>th</sup> 1837  
Thomas Cornwell and Elizabeth A. Spears was married October 23, 1854  
Beverly Leonidas Cornwell was born August the 31<sup>st</sup> 1855  
Nancy Elizabeth Cornwell was born January the 6<sup>th</sup> 1857  
Mary Sousann Alice Cornwell was born April the 6<sup>th</sup> 1859

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### Henry Lankford Bible

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Handwritten transcription made by Gale Williams Bamman in 1978, at which time the Bible was in the possession of Mrs. Grace Massey, 206 Perlen Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

Flyleaf: Holy Bible / Conformable to standard of the American Bible Society / Philadelphia: / John B. Perry, / 198 Market Street, Philadelphia / Leary & Getz, No. 138 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. / Baltimore: / Walker & McDairy; John Cushing & Co. / 1856.

Henry Lankford was born December 8, 1815  
Margaret Grigory was born December 21, 1819  
S. J. Lankford was born January 15, 1838  
M. J. McKinney[?] was born June 17, 1836  
M. L. [? T.] Lankford was born June 9, 1843  
J. H. Lankford was born March 8, 1844  
J. A. Lankford was born May 26, 1845  
O. D. S. Lankford was born March 25, 1848  
N. [?M.] A. Lankford was born September 19, 1852 [? last digit unclear]  
M. H. Lankford was born February 7, 1855  
M. B. Lankford was born August 13, 1856  
L. O. Lankford was born September 26, 185\_ [last digit illegible]  
W. [?M.] A. Lankford was born September 16, 1857  
M. [?W.] J. Lankford was born April 20, 1860  
Edey Lankford was born August 27, 1885 [? last digit unclear]  
Evey M. Lankford was born December 13, 1885  
Henry Aby Lankford was born July 15, 1889  
Ibba C. Lankford was born February \_\_ [illegible], 1890  
Charlie Lankford was born November 13, 1884  
Leslie Lankford was born August 20, 1889  
Jessie Lankford was born May \_\_ [illegible], 1891  
Virgil E.[?] Grigg was born May 15, 1884 [? last digit unclear]  
Arthur D. C. Grigg was born August 20, 1890

Lillie Gracey Lankford was born January 2, 1901  
Henry Harley Lankford was born May 13, 1903  
Donal B. Lankford was born February 24, 1906  
Maud Lankford was born October 24, 1882  
Wayne Patrick Lankford was born December 26, 1945  
Maud Lankford died December 11, 1961

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David Alan Lankford was born May 8, 1955  
Charlie Lankford died March 8, 1964, buried the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Leslie Lankford died August 27, 1962, buried the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Maud Lankford died December 11, 1961, buried the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Rita Boles and Wayne Lankford were married July 8, 1967

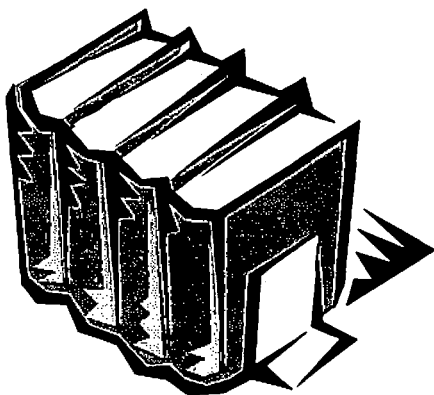
Henry Lankford died September 8, 1891  
Margaret A. Lankford died June 22, 1886

Margaret B. Climer was born October 7, 1889  
Arthur C. Grigg was born \_\_\_\_ [illegible] 20, 1890  
William C. J. Climer was born October 27, 1887  
Lary E. Climer was born December 19, 1874  
Newton L. Climer was born June 16, 1879, died February 7, 1881  
Jessy Lankford was born \_\_\_\_ [illegible] 1899  
Virgil E. Grigg was born May 18, 1887  
Laura E. Grigg \_\_\_\_ [illegible]  
W. F. [?T.] Lankford \_\_\_\_ [illegible]

James M. Lankford was born August 11, 1873  
E. S. Lankford was born June 27, 1881  
W. D. Lankford was born September 10, 1883  
Buttraim Lankford was born January 9, 1889  
Willie \_\_\_\_ [illegible] was born August 18, 1885  
Luther V. Lankford was born November 26, 1886  
M. L. Lankford died August 26, 1844  
M. A. Lankford died December 27, 1857  
Mary E. Lankford died August 26 \_\_, [illegible]  
\_\_\_\_ lisey[?] Lankford died December 27, 1857  
Lukerg[?] B. Lankford died January \_\_ [illegible], 1874  
N. A. Lankford was saved 5 November 1881, was married to Franklin Grigg on December 20, 1885  
Franklin Grigg was born May 8, 1856  
Charlie Lankford was born November 13, 1884  
Leslie J. Lankford was born August 20, 1887  
Jesse C. Lankford was born August \_\_ [illegible], 1891  
Sidney Lankford was born March 1888, died September 30, 1888

Murf B. Lankford and Marthie Ellis was married February 14, 1895  
Henry Lankford and Margaret Lankford was married February 13, 1837  
S. J. Lankford and N. S. Lankford was married October 16, 1859  
Larkin O. Lankford and Finie Smith was married September 23, 1883  
Dickson Climer and Julie Ann Lankford was married February 19, 1874  
Murfa B. Lankford and Dora S. Smith was married October 14, 1880  
Mils H. Lankford and Mecie A. McCormack was married January 5, 1882  
W. A. Lankford and Marthann Smith was married November 30, 1889





## Book Reviews

by Chuck Sherrill & Shirley Wilson

***Good people beget good people: a genealogy of the Frist family.*** William H. Frist, M.D., with Shirley Wilson, CGSM (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2004). 389 pp., hardbound, footnotes, index, photos. (Available only from *Amazon.com*, \$50 plus shipping.)

The story of the Frist family is told here in detail, from its origins in colonial Delaware to its notable presence in Nashville and Washington, D.C., today. Senator Frist, who had collected information about his ancestors, decided four years ago to hire a genealogist to flesh out the story and compile a book. He selected Shirley Wilson, past-president of MTGS and normally its Book Review editor, for the task. The compilation is for Shirley the culmination of twenty-five years as a professional genealogist, and one of which she should be very proud.

The result of their collaboration is an impressive volume, hardbound, full of photographs and well-documented. It begins with a chapter about the European origins of the Frist family, and moves into the story of Rudolph Frist who appears in New Kent County, Delaware, records in 1760. Records were not sufficient to prove Rudolph's birthplace or parentage, but indications are he was a first- or second-generation American of Dutch or German heritage.

Rudolph's son Henry was born ca. 1758 and lived his life in Delaware. Henry had ten children by two wives, including eight sons. Three of those sons left Delaware, migrating to Indiana, Maryland and Tennessee. Five of Henry's children, including both daughters, died without issue.

Of the remaining five Frist sons and their descendants this book gives a complete story down to the present



generation. Using the Register format to organize the data, Frist and Wilson delve into all of the known descendants of these Frists. The type is large and the margins are generous, making for easy reading. Descriptions of each descendant include their occupations, religious affiliations and other personal details that add to the story of this interesting and diverse family.

Name and subject indexes, along with the unusual addition of a descendency chart showing every member of the family in one long indented list, make it simple to navigate through the volume. A cluster of twenty glossy pages in the center is filled with family photographs in black and white. Pictures of Frist family homes ranging from a tiny log cabin in Indiana to a Victorian mansion in Mississippi add interest, as do photographs of horse-drawn hearses of the Frist Funeral Home in Indiana.

The author's grandfather, Jacob, was born in Chattanooga and in 1910 became stationmaster for the

railroad in Meridian, Miss. The fascinating story of how Jacob earned a Medal of Honor from President Woodrow Wilson in 1915 by saving the life of a passenger and her grandchild is among the book's highlights. Jacob's son Thomas Fearn Frist came to Nashville as a medical student in 1928 and established the family in Middle Tennessee. His sons Thomas, Jr., Robert and Bill (the author) all became M.D.'s. Bill's election to the U.S. Senate in 1994 made the Frist name a household word in Tennessee.

The even treatment accorded the lesser-known members of this family along with the more famous ones is one of the merits of this excellent genealogy. Another is its documentation – an amazing 2,564 footnotes appear. Sure to be treasured by every member of the family, it should also serve as a model for other genealogical publications.

*Reviewed by Chuck Sherrill*

***Pioneers, Patriots, and Planters*** by Elizabeth Carrow Woolfolk. 638 pp., bibliography, footnotes, illustrations, index, maps, photographs, c2004. \$47.50 hard cover or \$39.50 paperback plus \$7.50 shipping from Wynnton Publishing, 6524 San Felipe, No. 94, Houston, TX 77057 or [www.woolfolkbook.com](http://www.woolfolkbook.com)

Richard Woodford [*sic*] of York and Gloucester Counties, Virginia, is thought to be the immigrant ancestor. He had a son Richard Woolfolk and grandsons Robert, Richard, and Joseph who lived in

Caroline, Spotsylvania, Orange, and Albemarle Counties in Virginia.

Billed as "A Historic Narrative of a Woolfolk Family," this book follows the progression westward of the Virginia Woolfolds as they leave Virginia to become first settlers in Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Tenn., and Georgia.

Woolfolk makes it clear that she chose to write a history of her family rather than compiling a genealogy. She has placed her ancestors in historic context and documented their lives and migration patterns. In so doing, she has created a superior and highly academic work of great depth and historic scope. Carefully researched, written, and documented, it is interspersed with illustrations, maps, and photographs.

The 1864 diary of Frances Woolfolk Wallace entitled "A Trip to Dixie," which appears toward the end of the book, is interesting to read and adds texture to the history.

Historians will find this book exceptional, but genealogists should understand that it is not a genealogy. A separate 120 page bound supplement is available for an additional \$10 (not reviewed). This genealogy includes 2,600 Woolfolds and their spouses, from the late 1600s to the present.

This is a treasure that Woolfolds for generations to come will appreciate and cherish.

## QUERIES

**BATTON/SMITH/CAPPS:** Seeking info on the following families. Fredrick (Fed) BATTON - b ca 1850 - d ca 1892-99. MO & TN. Married 1874 to Mary Eliz. (Betts) - b 1855 - d 1934 TN. Cynthia B. CAPPS - b 1879 - d 1936. Humphreys Co., TN. Married William H. BATTON, 1882-1963. T. Gentry/tenneygt@netscape.net/3938 Bucknall Rd./Campbell CA 95008.

**ABERNATHY:** Seeking proper identity of my 3 GGF, David ABERNATHY, b. 1790, Lincoln Co NC, shown on 1818 Maury Co TN tax list as David Jr. in HH of David ABERNATHY and Christine FORNEY, along with sons, Ephraim and Milton P. This David Jr may actually be a cousin, son of Joseph ABERNATHY. This David next seen in 1820 Giles Co TN census, next to a Joseph ABERNATHY. They are both in 26-45 age group. This David moved to AL with other Methodist families from Maury & Giles Cos., ( ie: ARMSTRONG, MITCHELL, MOORE, WEST) and all are shown in 1830 & 1840 Shelby Co AL census. David last seen in 1850 Macon Co AL census with wife Jane, 60, b. SC, son Coleman, 24, b TN, near HH of my 2 GGF, Rev Joseph Thomas ABERNATHY 28, b. TN who was father of Rev. David Nathaniel ABERNATHY, & my GGF Joseph Robert Alexander ABERNATHY. Any info is appreciated. Otis Fuller/525 Oakdale Ave/Corte Madera CA 94925-1525/Ph-Fax 415-924-3283

## BYLAWS OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

The bylaws are published in this issue at the request of the Board of Directors.  
The only change in the bylaws since they were last published in November 2002  
appears as **Article V, Section 7**. The added section is shown in italics.

### ARTICLE I.

#### **Name.**

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

### ARTICLE II.

#### **Objectives.**

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

### ARTICLE III.

#### **Membership and Dues.**

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

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

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

### ARTICLE IV.

#### **Officers.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE V.**

### **Board of Directors.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. *The Board of Directors shall appoint one Director to serve on the Board of Directors whose responsibility is to serve as Webmaster of the Society internet site. This Director is a voting member of the Board and serves at the pleasure of the Board.*

## **ARTICLE VI.**

### **Membership Meetings.**

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE VII.**

### **Committees.**

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

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

## **ARTICLE VIII.**

### **Parliamentary Authority.**

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

## **ARTICLE IX.**

### **Amendment of Bylaws.**

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

## **ARTICLE X.**

### **Dissolution of the Society.**

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

## **ARTICLE XI.**

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

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