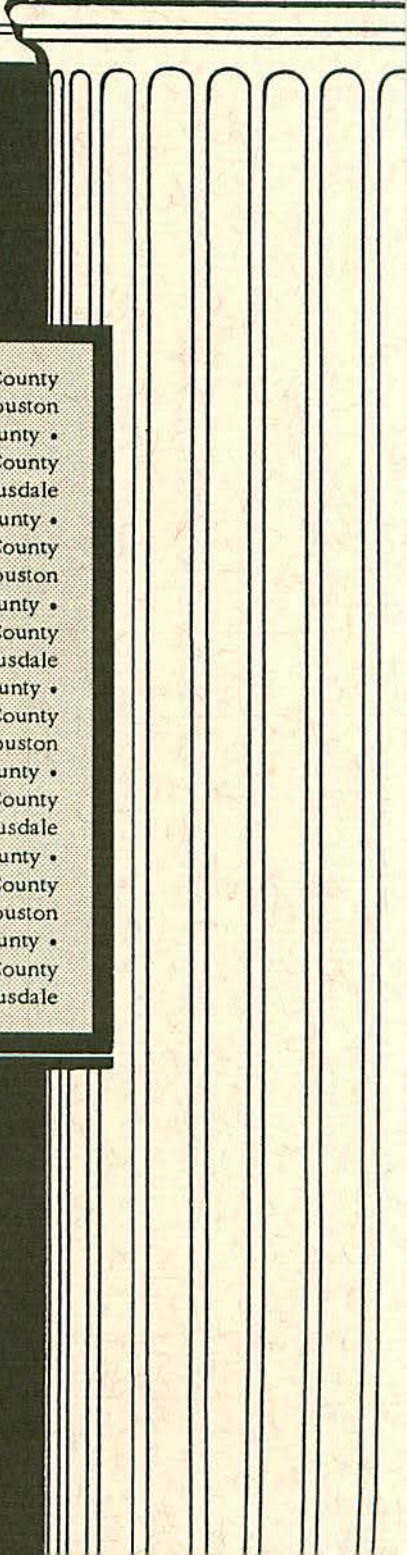


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changes: www.mtgs.org

Sat., May 19, 2007

MTGS 20th Anniversary Banquet

Brentwood Country Club

6:00 p.m.

See the insert in the center of this Journal
for details.

Fri., June 15, 2007

Preservation of Historic Documents

Knowles Senior Center

Time and date TBA.

Amber Barfield, Document Conservator at the
State Library & Archives will provide hands-on
instruction in cleaning, deacidifying and
encapsulating old documents. Registration & \$10
fee required.

Sat., June 23, 2007

Researching Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors

Brentwood Public Library

9:00 – 4:00

Mr. Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor of the
Ulster Historical Foundation will present this all-
day workshop for MTGS members and guests.
There is a fee of \$25 including lunch.

Sat., July 21, 2007

Basic Genealogy Skills Workshop

Tennessee State Library and Archives

9:00 – 3:00

Presenter: Chuck Sherrill of the Brentwood
Library. Hone your research skills with this
hands-on workshop using the resources of the
State Library & Archives. Registration and fee
required.

Sat., July 28, 2007

Non-populations Schedules of the U.S. Federal Census

Knowles Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

Martha Gerdeman, local history librarian at the
Dickson Public Library and past MTGS president
will discuss Federal statistics collected since 1810
about people engaged in manufacturing and
agriculture, slaves, Native Americans and social
statistics. Open meeting.

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From the President . . .

Dear Genealogical Community members,

It has been both an honor and privilege to serve as your president this past year. I want to thank each and every one who has given so unselfishly of their time and energy to make all of the new ideas and projects a success.

As MTGS enters our 20th year, we have ventured into new avenues to broaden our scope and better serve our member counties. Our means of communication has changed to a bi-monthly newsletter, the *MTGS MESSENGER*, which is emailed to all members and snail-mailed to those without email; our website has expanded with the addition of the Family Surname Indices to Journal; and our *MTGS JOURNAL*, continues to reach higher goals. These are all "Pulitzer Prize candidates!"

The venue has changed to the Knowles Senior Citizen Center at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds for more space and accessibility from out-lying counties since it is close to I-65.

Other new projects launched this year include the Bible Project, a Computer Interest Group with workshops, and special sessions on Native American, Cherokee and African-American research. Plans are laid for workshops on Document Preservation and Restoration and Beginning Genealogy.

Our November 2006 seminar with Dr. John P. Colletta on *Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors* proved to be a sell-out success and your suggested programs/workshops from that seminar are being and will be offered.

It is my goal to offer our 419 members new and innovative learning tools with which to better use their research skills.

MTGS will celebrate our birthday with a 20th Anniversary and Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 19th, at the Brentwood County Club which is the historic McGavock home "Midway" built in 1847 - a most fitting setting for our genealogical and historical group. Walter Durham, Tennessee State Historian, will be our speaker and judge of the best article in last year's *Journal* with a cash prize to be awarded. The new Distinguished Service Award will also be presented. Don't miss this - our first banquet and very special 20th birthday party!

"Ginnyologically,"

Virginia Gooch Watson,

President, Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society

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

Part VII
Concluded

Contributed by Sarah Armistead



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

February 16, 1819

DIED – on Sunday the 7th inst. at Clarksville, Tennessee, MR. ROBERT ELDER, after a long illness. His complaint was a pulmonary consumption. He was cut off in the very blossom of his youth, after having lived long enough to display the most unequivocal proofs that his future life would have been entire and useful – after the amiableness of his character, and the sweetness of his disposition had attached many friends to him by many strong ties, all those ties are sundered – all those prospects are blasted by the ruthless destroyer. He lived highly respected; he died deeply lamented.

During his long sickness there was a remarkable exhibition of manly fortitude and firmness. That his disease would terminate fatally was known to him for many weeks before his decease; but death in its approach to him was disarmed of all its terrors; for him it had no sting; the sting was extracted, the terrors were dissipated by the all powerful influence of religion, that which is alone of any efficacy in the dark hour of death. "On this side, and that, men see their friends Drop off, like leaves in autumn, yet launch out. Into fantastic schemes which the long lives In the word's vale and under generate days Could scarce have leisure for; fools we are."

April 25, 1820

DIED – On the 13th inst. at his residence in this county, COLONEL WILLIAM DONELSON, one of the earliest settlers of this county. He was universally esteemed as an honest man and a good citizen.

COLONEL DONELSON has left a large family and numerous relations and friends to deplore his loss.

May 11, 1819

DIED – Suddenly in this place on Sunday morning last, MR. ARTHUR WHITE.

October 24, 1820

DIED on the 15th inst, near Blountsville, on his way to Abingdon Presbytery, the REVEREND JOHN WHITFIELD DOAK, D. D. and M. D., President of Washington College and Pastor of Salem and Leesburg Churches. He was an excellent physician, a sincere Christian, a useful member of, and an ornament to society.

October 24, 1820

DIED on Tuesday 26th ult., at Charette village, Missouri, in the ninetieth year of his age, the celebrated COLONEL DANIEL BOON, Discoverer and first settler of the State of Kentucky. His death was communicated to the General Assembly on Thursday, 18th inst.

by Mr. Emmons, Senator from St. Charles county, and both branches of the Legislature, through respect to his memory adjourned for the day, and passed a





resolution to wear crape on the left arm for twenty days.

November 21, 1820

Departed this life on the 6th inst., COL. FRANCIS A. RAMSAY, President of the branch of the Bank of the State of Tennessee at Knoxville.

November 21, 1820

On the 14th October last, in St. Louis, Missouri, after a painful and lingering illness, in the 43rd year of his age, the REV. FELIX DE ANDRES, Vicar General of Louisiana and Superior of the congregation of the Mission.

November 21, 1820

On the 9th September last, in New Orleans, MR. DAYTON REED, son of CAPTAIN JACOB REED.

November 21, 1820

On the 25th September, CAPTAIN JACOB REED, of the town of St. Louis, of the yellow fever, after 2 days illness.

November 21, 1820

In St. Louis, on Wednesday the first October, JOHN W. THOMPSON, ESQ.

October 31, 1820

Exempted from disease in our City, we have still to lament the loss of our friends by its malignity abroad. Amongst others the last mail brought the afflicting intelligence that MRS. CHARLOTTE WILKINS had fallen a victim to yellow fever at the Bay of St. Louis, whither she had for some time resided with a part of the family for the benefit of health. Situated on the Sea Board, and long celebrated for the salubrity of climate, this place had become the chosen retreat for many not only from Orleans but this City during the summer months.

It were perhaps as vain as would be useless, amidst the fluctuating opinions at present entertained of the

Yellow Fever to inquire how a place always until now thought secure from this pestilence, has suddenly been so fatally visited with this scourge. Mysterious are the ways of Heaven of a truth. "In the midst of life, we are in death."

In the bloom of life, loving and beloved by her family and friends has this most amiable woman descended to the tomb. The tender offspring of her care and solicitude left 'tis true to the protection of a worthy and affectionate father. But to the infant mind, who can perform the tender part, or adequately fill the place of a mother. "Heaven tempers the wind to the shorn lamb;" may its choicest blessings be the portion of her hapless infants. Hers was a life of usefulness, of innocence and virtue. To her numerous friends and relations this consideration must speak peace and comfort since such a life in this world must create the well-founded hope of never ending happiness in that beyond the grave. To the best assured, "Tis a serious thing to die:" that this must be some day be the lot of all, the time when how uncertain. To think seriously on a subject of such high importance, would be to think wisely; for do as we will, or act as we may, that hour must arrive, which will bring the full conviction "that the folly of a life spent without attention to religion, can only be equaled by the useless vanity of its pursuits. Natchez Paper



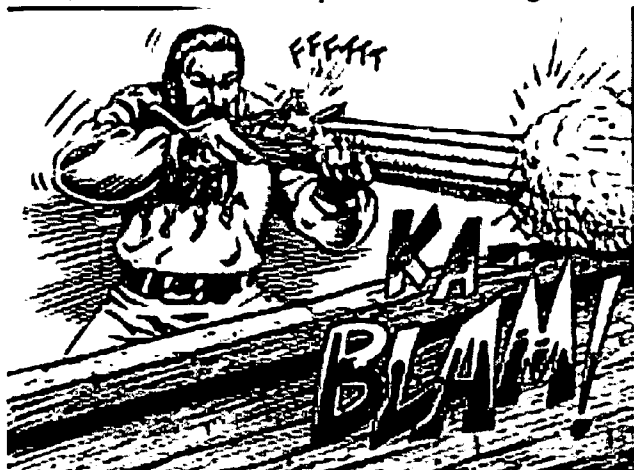
January 23, 1821

OBITUARY _ The existence of man is but the shadow of a moment We are called upon today to record the death of ISAAC N. HENRY, ESQ., one of the Editors of the Saint Louis Enquirer, in the twenty-fourth year of his age. Without a moments warning, he was seized with a chilling illness which hurried him to his grave ... torn from the arms of the beloved and loving wife, from affectionate relations and sympathizing friends.

The deceased was a native of Tennessee, and emigrated to this state about three years since and settled in St. Louis. In this short space, he had laid the foundation of present ease and future opulence and formed a matrimonial connection which three months had not suffered to endure before he is translated to other climes. He was a man of warm and generous feelings, entertaining a high sense of personal character. His remains were interred on Tuesday last with Masonic honors, preceded by an appropriate prayer from the Rev. Mr. Ward.

January 23, 1821

DIED – on Saturday morning the 23rd of December, GENERAL ADAMSON TANNEHILL in the seventy-first year of his age. GENERAL TANNEHILL was amongst the earliest volunteers in the cause of his country, at the breaking out of the war that resulted in the establishment of American Independence. He marched from Maryland, of which he was a native, in the month of June 1776, as orderly sergeant in a Rifle Company commanded by Captain Price; in the month of September following, he was



[]? He received the commission of first Lieutenant. He was at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton, and in the []? of Princeton, when the enemy was forced to abandon that village; the remainder of that campaign, he spent on the enemy's lines, with a special command from GENERAL WASHINGTON. In the year 1777 at the particular request of GENERAL DANIEL MORGAN, he joined the celebrated partisan[?] rifle Corps[?] of that officer, and acted as his adjutant on the day on which Burgoyne surrendered to him at Saratoga; after this he marched to Frederick town, with a detachment of prisoners, taken on that occasion. He was then

ordered to Fort Pitt with the remains of Rawling's Regiment, which he commanded until the end of the year 1780, when the second reform of the American army taking place, he was among the number of those officers who were left out. At the close of the war he received the Brevet o Lieutenant Colonel. From that period until his death, General Tannehill has resided in Pittsburg; for two sessions he represented Allegheny and Butler counties in Congress, and on several occasions he had filled some of the most respectable offices. His remains were accompanied to the grave by a large concur of his fellow citizens, and were interred with military funeral honors, by two of the Volunteer Corps of this place.

January 23, 1821

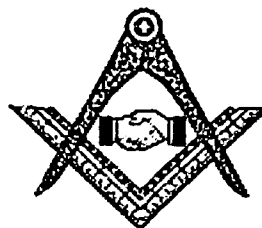
DIED at his residence in Henry County, Kentucky, on Sunday, the 31st December last, MAJOR JOHN RUSSELL aged 65 years. He formerly resided in Hanover county, Virginia whence he emigrated to Kentucky. He was an officer in the Revolutionary War and served his country honorably for many years; but like most of the patriots of that day never received even the pittance of pay which his country promised. By his industry and good management, however, he has lived independently and much respected by all who knew him. He died in the full conviction of the truth of the Christian religion and with a firm reliance for a salvation on the merits of a redeemer. A wife and numerous children lament his loss.

February 21, 1821

Died in this place on Tuesday evening, February 6, universally esteemed DOCTOR JAMES PRIESTLEY, President of Cumberland College.

July 18, 1821

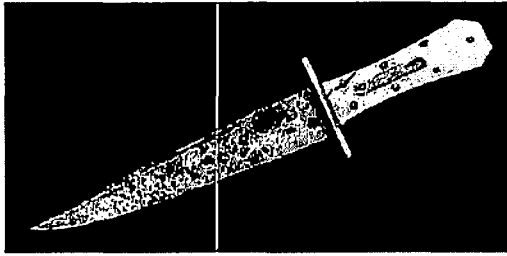
From the Nashville Gazette of Saturday, July 14



DIED – at his residence in this county, on the night of Thursday last, MAJOR CHRISTOPHER STUMP. His remains were interred with Masonic solemnities on the evening of yesterday.

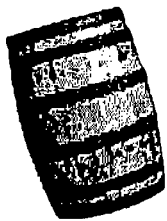
When a man, filling a large space in society, departs from this transitory life, the idea that the course of

nature has led him to the grave, leaves on the minds of his survivors, reflections of melancholy, mingled with submission. But, when his death is produced by violence – when cut off from life, from the enjoyment of family –today in health – tomorrow mourned by wife and children – all reflections on his death, are mixed with horror at the cause of it. The death of MAJOR STUMP was produced by stabs received from a young man by the name of GEORGE CONELINS, on the fourth inst.



August 1821

DREADFUL ACCIDENT – A most melancholy accident took place at the house of JOHN PATTERSON, ESQ., of this county, on the 29th ult., which, from prudential motives, we forebore publishing at the time, and although now at liberty to do so, the recital of the heartrending scene is painful in the extreme.



A little after dark, MRS. PATTERSON sent two of her little sons up stairs to draw some spirits out of a barrel. While the oldest was employed in tilting the barrel, the youngest out of curiosity, applied the candle to the spirit to see if it would blaze. It was instantly communicated to the spirits within, and exploded with tremendous noise, setting fire the children's clothes and to the roof of the house, which was soon consumed with almost every article of furniture in it. The children, as soon as possible, were taken down and conveyed to the yard, but they were so shockingly burnt that they survived but a few hours, although the power of utterance was left them to relate the cause which led to the catastrophe. Who can paint such a scene! And to heighten its poignancy, MR. PATTERSON had but a few days left home on a tour for the recovery of his health, and the state of Mrs. P.'s health []? calculated to

sustain such a shock! To the parents of these hapless and innocent victims, we tender our sincerest sympathies. It is an hour of dreadful trial; but "God tempers the wind to the shorn Lamb."

August 8, 1821

DIED – This morning WILLIAMSON ADAMS of this town. He has left an amiable wife and numerous relations to mourn his untimely exit. He had his virtues and they will be remembered. He had his faults, but it is presumed they will be consigned to oblivion now that the cold earth claims his remains. Those who exercise not charity and forgiveness cannot expect to receive forgiveness themselves.

August 8, 1821

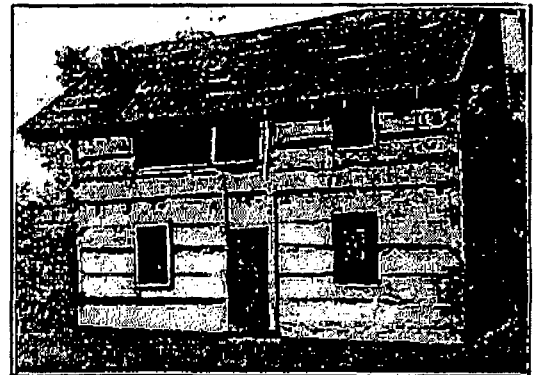
DIED - In this county, on Thursday the 2nd inst., CAPTAIN B. BONDURANT.

August 8, 1821

DIED - At the residence of ELI TALBOT in this county, on Saturday last, MR. THOMAS SHANNON.

August 8, 1821

DIED – At TALBOT'S hotel in this place, on Sunday morning last, MR. RICHARD GREEN, a citizen of



FIRST HOUSE, ERECTED ON THE SITE OF KNOXVILLE
Built by Col. James White

Jefferson, Ind.

August 29, 1821

Died at Knoxville, GENERAL JAMES WHITE, in the 73rd year of his age. He was an early settler – was a brave soldier, good citizen, pious Christian and most useful member of society. He has left a numerous and respectable connection to mourn their loss.

Middle Tennessee Supreme Court Records

Third Series

by *Gale Williams Bamman, CG*
and *Joan W. Pruett*



Supreme Court Records, Box 78,
Middle Tennessee, 1845

William B. Porch
vs
Thomas DeMoss et al

Original Bill heard in Williamson
County Chancery Court

Bill of Complaint filed 11th
February 1843 ... Your Orator
William B. Porch, a citizen of
Davidson County, sheweth he is
the owner of a negro woman Julia
and small child which as yet has
no name. He purchased these
negroes from one B. C. Robertson,
a citizen of Dickson County, for
the sum of seven hundred dollars
... These negroes were purchased
in January 1842 and have been
hired by orator to his brother, John
C. Porch ever since that time ...

About the 8th day of this month,
one Avis Brown a deputy sheriff of
Davidson County holding an
Execution in favor of Thomas
Demoss against John C. Porch ...
caused the same to be levied on the
negro woman and child aforesaid
and took the same into his
possession and has advertised the
negroes for sale on the 19th day of
this month under the execution
aforesaid and will sell the negroes
of your orator as the property of

his brother unless restrained from
so doing ...

On 30th March 1843 the following
answer was filed, to wit, The
answer of Avis Brown and
Thomas Demoss to the Bill of
Complaint of William B. Porch ...
The defendants said Thomas
Demoss recovered judgment
against John C. Porch for about
three hundred dollars in Dickson
County and caused execution to
issue thereon and put in the
possession of Avis Brown a
Deputy Sheriff of Davidson
County who by direction of the
said Thomas Demoss levied the
execution upon a negro woman
named Julia and her child named
Maria as property of John C. Porch
... The defendants state that John
C. Porch was in January 1842 the
owner of a negro boy named Carlo
...

Deposition of B. C. Robertson
taken by N. J. Binkley, Esqr. in
Dickson County. Question: Did
you or not swap negroes with John
C. Porch? Answer: I swapped a
girl called July & child to Mr.
Porch for Carlo and gave one
hundred fifty dollars to boot....

Supreme Court Records, Box 78,
Middle Tennessee; 1845

James Stockard heirs
vs
**Alexander L. Pickard and
Robert Craig**

Original bill heard in Maury
County Chancery Court

Bill of Complaint September Term
1845 ... Orators and oratrixes
Susannah Stockard widow of the
late James Stockard deceased
Euphanes Stockard widow of
James R. Stockard deceased and
his infant child Martha Jane who
sues by her next friend the said
Euphanes, Mary T. Matthews,
formerly Mary T. Stockard and
widow of Silas A. Stockard who
was one of the heirs of the said
James S. Stockard and her present
husband Thomas Matthews and
Josephene James, Silas and
Anne[?] Stockard infant children
of the said Silas deceased, who sue
by their next friend Joel B.
Stockard William Stockard, Joel B.
Stockard Samuel J. Stockard,
Asenith[?] Stockard, Susan
Stockard and John Stockard, the
three last of whom are now infants
and sue by their next friend the
said Joel B. Stockard all of whom
(except the said Mary T.
Matthews, Thomas Matthews, and

the children of the said Mary T. who are citizens of Lawrence County) are citizens of Maury County, represent ... that the father the said James Stockard departed this life intestate in Maury County in 1829 leaving your orator & oratrixes his heirs at law possessed of considerable personal & real property. Abram Looney administered on his estate. Among a number of other tracts of land of which the said James died possessed was two parts of an 83 acre tract making 33 acres (the metes & bounds of which will be found by reference to a copy of the deed from A. Looney & Son to A. L. Pickard herewith filed under Exhibit A and made a part of this bill) which said Abraham Looney & son David Looney have sold to A. L. Pickard. Your orator Joel B. Stockard has examined the records of the County Court & Circuit Court, but can find no record of condemnation of said tract of land ordering the same to be sold. If any such record can be found they charge that such order of condemnation of sale & deed made in pursuance thereof was irregular, illegal & void. That any judgment in favor of A. Looney & son against the said A. Looney as administrator would be void, the plaintiff & defendant being the same person, such could not be maintained ...that he [Abram Looney] managed it as to get the legal title by deed or another of every tract of land belonging to the estate unto himself and has since sold the whole of them (being 5 or 6 in number) except about 250 acres of the home place. Instead of paying off the debts of the estate as he should have done, the said Looney so negligently carelessly and fraudulently managed the business of said estate, as to permit

constables to have judgments against him levying the same upon the lands, have the same sold under illegal orders of sale & buy them in himself & sell them out on speculation & make thereby large speculation & private gain to himself. Your orators & oratrixes (except the said Susan widow aforesaid who was entitled to dower in said land) were all infants of very tender years at the death of the said father & all continued infants until 3 years next before the filing of this Bill etc. They knew nothing of the manner in which said Looney was using & abusing his trust, until a short time ago when they found to their astonishment that Looney claimed all their land had stripped them of every foot & had sold most of it. Said Pickard has sold said tract of land to Robert Craig who is now in possession of the said 33 acres of land & has had for a number of years ...

In consideration of the premises your orators pray that said Abraham Looney, David Looney, A. L. Pickard & Robert Craig all of whom are citizens of Maury County may be made defendants to this Bill ...

Exhibit A

This Indenture made this 29th of December 1831 [1831 written over 1829] between A. Looney & son of the one part and A. L. Pickard of the other part, all of the County of Maury ... for one hundred & forty four dollars to them paid by the said A. L. Pickard, the aforesaid A. Looney & son ... sold two parcels or small tracts of land ... in Maury County, one on the waters of Little Bigby being two parts of a tract of land granted to William Pillow ... 83 acres more

or less. Fifty acres of the above described land deeded to the said A. L. Pickard by deed of conveyance by James Stockard under date of January 20th 1829, leaving two parcels of the above 83 acres part on East & both amounting to 33 acres, which said two lots, or parcels of land was sold as the property of said James Stockard under Execution by the Sheriff of Maury County and under virtue of an order of the County Court of said county founded on a levy under an Execution from a magistrate legally made & to satisfy a judgment or judgments obtained by the above named Abraham Looney & David Looney. The sale was some time in the year 1830. The said Abraham Looney & David Looney was the highest bidders & became the purchasers ...

Personally appeared in open court before me William E. Erwin Clerk of the County court of Maury County, the within named Abraham Looney & David Looney the bargainors ... Witness my hand at office this 14th day of March 1836. [signed] Wm. E. Erwin, Clk.

I Robert J. Gullett, Register for said county do certify that the foregoing is a true copy as found of record in my office in Book T, page 346. Given under my hand at office this 20th March 1839. [signed] R. J. Gullett, R.M.C. ■

Tennesseans at West Point, 1837-1838



The United States Military Academy at West Point has been educating leaders for the army since 1802. Each member of the Senate could recommend two young men from his district to be appointed to the military academy. The roster of Tennesseans at West Point includes an assortment of names, some familiar as leaders in the state and nation, and others lost to obscurity. This information about Tennessee appointees is taken from National Archives microfilm publication M2037, Register of Cadet Applicants, 1819-1867.¹

Name	Date Admitted	Congressional Representative	Residence	Graduating Class
Anderson, A.M.	Feb. 1838	Shields	District	Blank
	Notes: Recommended by E.J. Shields, W.K. Davis and others; age 18			
Bevans, Thos. L.	Mar. 1838	Stone	McMinn	1842
	Notes: Recommended by Hon. W. Stone. Accepted Mar. 9, 1838; Resigned Jan. 14, 1839			
Boyd, Joseph B., Jr.	1835	Polk	Bedford	1839
	Notes: Blank			
Brazelton, James	1837	Carter	Jefferson	1841
	Notes: Dismissed May 1839, Secretary Military Academy, Order No. 12			
Bucknell, Geo. D.	Dec. 1837	J.L. Williams	3 rd Dist.	Blank
	Notes: Recommended by Hon. J.L. Williams; age 17			
Burrow, N.B.	Jan. 1838	Crockett	12 th Dist.	Blank
	Notes: Recommended by J.W. Crockett, Dr. Lindsley and others			
Burton, Francis	Feb. 1838	Maury	Rutherford	Blank
	Notes: Recommended by A.P. Maury. Accepted Feb. 15, 1838; age 16; Declined			
Cannon, Joseph F.	Feb. 1838	Maury	District	Blank
	Notes: Recommended by A.P. Maury, W. Leadbetter & others; age 18			
Cooper, Ed	Jan. 1838	Polk	District	Blank
	Notes: Recommended by Hon. J.K. Polk			
Couts, C.J.	May 1837	Cheatham	Robinson	Blank
			[sic]	
	Notes: Recommended by J.K. Polk, F. Grundy, H.L. Turney, A. McClellan. Accepted 1838; age 16			
Elliott, Washington	1837	Maury	Williamson	1841
	Notes: Failed to report			
Goneke[?], John D.	June 1835	Mr. Polk	Maury Co.	June 1840
	Notes: Resigned June 1838			
Hale, Willie P.	Jan. 1838	Crockett	12 th Dist	Blank
	Notes: Rec. by J.W. Crockett, W.B. Williams & others; age 18			

¹ These entries appear on roll 1 of M2037 and are taken from volume 9 (1837-1838) frames 709-710, and volume 10 (1838-1839) frame 806.

Name	Date Admitted	Congressional Representative	Residence	Graduating Class
Hayes, Wm.	1836 Notes: Transferred to 'at large'	Bell	Davidson	1840
Haynes, M.A.	1834 Notes: Blank	Shields	Giles	1838
Hays, Richard J.	1838 Notes: Recommended by Gen. A. Jackson; Accepted Mar. 1838; age 16; deficient at June 1839 examination; resigned July 15, 1839	Crockett	Madison	1842
Hillyard, Joseph	1837 Notes: Failed to report	Cheatham	Montgomery	1841
Jennings, R.S.	June 1833 Notes: Blank	Crockett	Carroll	1838
Johnson, E.	Feb. 1838 Notes: Verbal request of Gen. Carter	Crockett	Madison	Blank
Littlefield, Ed. B.	1836 Notes: Transferred to 'at large'	Bell	Davidson	1840
Love, Chas J.	1837 Notes: Declined the appointment	Bell	Davidson	1841
Love, Jno.	May 1837 Notes: Recommended by S.W. Campbell, A. Balch. Accepted July 14, 1837; age 17	Bell	Davidson	1841
Mason, Joseph G.	1838 Notes: Accepted Mar. 1838. Deficient at June 1839 examination. Resigned July 15, 1839	Shields	Giles	1842
McCown, Jno. P.	1835 Notes: Blank	J.L. Williams	Sevier	June 1840
Metcalf, James	1836 Notes: Resigned Dec. 13, 1837	Stone	McMinn	1841
Morgan, Wilie A.	Jan. 1838 Notes: Recommended by J.W. Crockett, Williams and others. Resigned Oct. 1838	Crockett	12 th Dist.	1842
Norfleet, Thos. J.	1834 Notes: Resigned Jan. 10, 1838	Cheatham	Montgomery	1839
Parrish, Joseph M.	1836 Notes: Discharged July 1837	Campbell	Sumner	1841
Peck, Wm. R.	May 1837 Notes: Recommended by Hon. W.B. Carter; age 18	Carter	Carter	Blank
Powell, Oliver H.P.	1837 Notes: Resigned Jan. 1838; reassigned Feb. 10, 1838; Recommended by Hon. H.S. Bunch	McClellan	Hawkins	1841
Robertson, Wm.	1835 Notes: Blank	C.H. Williams	Hardeman	1840
Scales, S.D.	Nov. 1837 Notes: Age 20	C.H. Williams	Shelby	Blank
Smiley, Robert G.	Apr. 1837 Notes: Recommended by Rev. J. Gwynn; age 16	Bell	Davidson	Blank

Name	Date Admitted	Congressional Representative	Residence	Graduating Class
Stewart, [blank]	Blank Notes: Blank	Carter	Washington	Blank
Stewart, A.P.	Mar. 1838 Notes: Recommended by Hon. H.L. Turney. Accepted Mar 8, 1838	Turney	District	Blank
Turnly [Turney?], P.T.	Jan. 1838 Notes: Recommended by W.R. Carter; age 16	Carter	Jefferson	Blank
Vaulx, Charles	Nov. 1837 Notes: Recommended by Gen. Jackson, Hon. Jno. Bell; age 17	Bell	Davidson	Blank
Wyatt, Thomas W.	Mar. 1837 Notes: Recommended by C. Johnson, Dr. Lindsley; age 18	J. Williams	Knox	Blank

Tribute to Brother John R. Turner, 1879

Second Presbyterian Sabbath School, Nashville²

Submitted by Linda Barnickel

Entry for Sunday morning, December 21, 1879

"Death has again invaded our midst, and taken from among us a bright one, our dearly-beloved brother John R. Turner, who departed this life on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1879 in the 32nd year of his age.

"Brother Turner was a man of most estimable qualities of head and heart; a Christian man of great purity of character, a zealous, active Christian at all seasons ready and active in labor in his quiet modest way for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His daily walk was above reproach.

"Well can we say of him; "He was faithful in business, fervent in spirit, and ever ready to serve the Lord." He died with his armour on, and his lamp was trimmed and burning.

"So may our light shine before men that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father in Heaven.

"Him that overcometh, A crown of Life shall wear;
He with the King of Glory, Shall reign forever there."

"He was in the vigor of manhood and had been married but a few short years; but death cut him down and took him from the presence of his young and lovely wife and children.

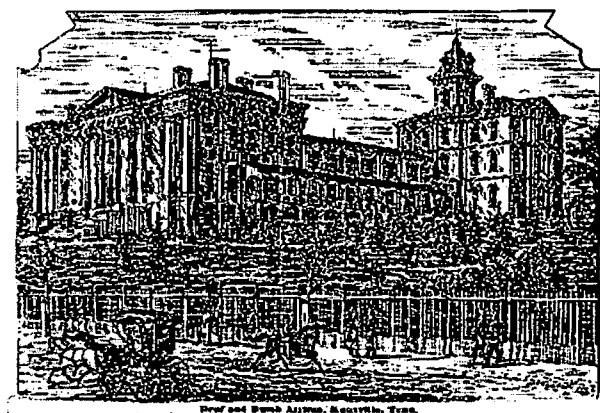
"Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with his family and all his other relations in the sad bereavement they have experienced. His fellow teachers, scholars and friends, too, for he had many, share an affectionate regard for one who was so universally beloved. We commend them, one and all, to his Savior, and our Savior, on whom he so implicitly relied for strength and guidance. We felt that he was ready at his Master's call.

"Resolved, That a copy of this paper be spread upon our minutes, and one be sent to his bereaved family."

[Signed by the Committee] Horace C. Smith James Geddes N. T. Freeman

¹Second Presbyterian Church Sabbath School Minute Book. 1863-1880. Special Collections Division (Nashville Room), Nashville Public Library.

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



Davidson County Asylum (continued)

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

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

name of the afflicted person; county and district where enumerated; county of residence; and location in the population schedule.

Certain questions were repeated on all seven schedules:

name of the afflicted person; county and district where enumerated; county of residence; and location in the population schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inhabitants in Prisons: place of imprisonment; whether awaiting trial, serving a term, or serving out a fine; if awaiting execution, or transfer to higher prison, or if held as a witness; if imprisoned for debt, or for insanity; date incarcerated; alleged offense; fine; number

of days in jail or workhouse, or years in penitentiary; whether at hard labor, and if so, whether contracted out. Enumerators were also to ask these questions of wardens or keepers of any prison, "station-house, or lock-up in their respective districts."

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

For a more-detailed discussion of the DDD Schedules and this abstracting project, please see Part I, in the Summer 2005 issue of this journal (Volume XIX, no. 1), pp. 32-40. The additional data in these abstracts comes from the population schedules and does not appear on the DDD Schedules themselves. The interpretation of the records may contain deciphering errors. The reader is encouraged to view the originals on microfilm. If any mistakes are noted, please contact the compiler with that information.

Davidson County Asylum (continued)

Browder, Joseph: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13 January 1879.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; inmate, asylum, 18 months. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.31]

Pop.Sch.: age 23, single, [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Ireland.

Ryman, John: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13, January 1878.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 3 years, 4 mos.; age at first attack, 23; confined at night; inmate, asylum 3 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.32]

Pop.Sch.: age 25, single [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Phiffer, William: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 12, January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 5 years; age at first attack, 43; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 3 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.33]

Pop.Sch.: Phiffe, William, age 48, single, [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Germany.

Rosson, William: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 20 May 1878.

Also: Idiots Schedule; not self-supporting; afflicted at birth; small head. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.34]

Pop.Sch.: age 10, idiotic; born Tenn.

David, Patrick: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 27 months; age at first attack, 40; confined; restrained with strait jacket; inmate, asylum, 27 months. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.35]

Pop.Sch.: age 52, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Ireland.

Bowling, Archer F.: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 20 Oct 1879.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; mania; duration of present attack, 16 months; age at first attack, 22; confined; restrained with hand cuffs and chain; inmate, asylum; 16 months. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.36]

Pop.Sch.: Bowling, Archie F., age 25, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Phillips, Henry: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13 January 1880.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 4 years; age at first attack, 45; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 4 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.37]

Pop.Sch.: age 40, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Germany.

Danton, Thomas: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 25 March 1879.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 6 mos.; age at first attack, 20; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 6 mos. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.38]

Pop.Sch.: age 25, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Carter, G. W.: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; resident, Charleston, South Carolina; admitted 2 April 1880.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; mania; duration of present attack, 40 days; 1 attack; age at first attack, 24; confined; restrained with hand cuffs and chain. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.39]

Pop.Sch.: age 30, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born South Carolina.

Chrisman, Jesse: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; resident, Winchester, Franklin Co., Virginia; admitted 2 April 1880.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; mania; duration of present attack, 45 days; 1 attack; age at first attack, 40; confined; restrained with hand cuffs and chain; inmate, asylum, 45 days. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.40]

Pop.Sch.: age 35, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born South Carolina.

Ware, David: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 10 January 1880.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 5 mos.; 1 attack; age at first attack, 72; inmate, asylum, 5 mos. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.41]

Pop.Sch.: age 72, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Delaware.

Crouch, Jane: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 4 years; age at first attack, 44; inmate, asylum, 4 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.42]

Pop.Sch.: Couch, Jane, age 52, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Smith, Mary: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 4 years; age at first attack, 56; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 4 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.43]

Pop.Sch.: age 57, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Waltman, Carrie: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 2 May 1877. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.44]

Pop.Sch.: Waitman, Carrie, age 40, single; [in health column: "well"]; born Germany.

Wilkin, Nancy: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 4 years; age at first attack, 53; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 4 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.45]

Pop.Sch.: age 53, single, [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Kirkpatrick, Nancy: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 18 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; imbecile; duration of present attack, 5 years; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 5 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.46]

Pop.Sch.: Kurkpatrick, Nancy, age 21, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Hagar, Susan: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 1 March 1877.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 3 years; age at first attack, 53; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 3 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.47]

Pop.Sch.: age 50, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark insane column; born Germany.

Tindall, Carrie: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 1 March 1879.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; duration of present attack, 1 year; age at first attack, 45; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 1 year. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.48]

Pop.Sch.: age 45, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Galligher, Bridget: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 13, June 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 5 years; age at first attack, 40; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 5 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.49]

Pop.Sch.: age 40, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Ireland.

Robinson, E. D. F: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 10 May 1879.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; mania; duration of present attack, 13 mos.; age at first attack, 39; confined, restrained with strait jacket; inmate, asylum, 13 mos. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.13,ln.50]

Pop.Sch.: age 40, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Kentucky.

Stull, Eliza: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; admitted 4 May 1877.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 3 years; age at first attack, 53; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 3 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.1]

Pop.Sch.: age 58, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Virginia.

Beard, Elizabeth: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; supported at county cost; admitted 20 February 1878.

Also: Insane Schedule; paresis; duration of present attack, 15 mos.; age at first attack, 40; confined at night; inmate, asylum 15 mos.[s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.2]

Pop.Sch.: age 40, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Tenn.

Sanders, E. C.: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; supported at county cost; admitted 13 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; dementia; duration of present attack, 4 years; age at first attack, 63; confined at night; inmate, State Asylum, 23 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.3]

Pop.Sch.: age 50, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Mississippi.

Martin, Carrie: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; supported at county cost; admitted 13 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; not self-supporting; dementia; duration of present attack, 6 years; age at first attack, 44; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 6 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.4]

Pop.Sch.: age 50, single; [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born North Carolina.

Williamson, Jane: Pauper and Indigent Schedule; enumerated Davidson Co. Asylum for the Poor, 18th C.D.; supported at county cost; admitted 13 January 1876.

Also: Insane Schedule; dementia; duration of present attack, 6 years; age at first attack, 53; confined at night; inmate, asylum, 6 years. [s.d.3,e.d.77; see Pop.Sch.p.14,ln.5]

Pop.Sch.: age 55, single, [in health column: "well"]; tick mark in insane column; born Ireland. ■

To Be Continued

Franklin County Civil War Claims

Allowed for Payment by the Southern Claims Commission

Part IV of a Series

Following the Civil War, many residents of Middle Tennessee attempted to get 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 Franklin County residents who were deemed loyal Unionists and allowed payment by the Commissioners for Southern Claims.

Johnston, Josephine

Age 37; filed in 1873; file consists of 32 pp.; claimed \$1,275 for corn and three fine horses.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"Mrs. Johnston's loyalty is fully proved. Her husband, Allan Johnston, was imprisoned by the rebels and finally in '63 was shot and killed by them, as she says, and others testify, on account of his loyalty to the Union. In '63 she went to Indiana and staid till the close of the war. Several witnesses attest to her loyalty. The field of corn, estimated at from 50 to 75 acres, was on claimant's land. A portion of Gen. Rosecrans' army camped near it in '63 and began to take it while yet unripe in roasting ears. Much was taken by the soldiers for roasting. Some was taken for forage for horses and mules, a portion was left and eaten by stock that got in after the Army left, the fences being down. Much the largest part of the field was destroyed or taken unlawfully and not for army use. We allow ... \$250. One of the horses was taken by a soldier who promised to return it and did not. Not allowable, taken for private use. The other two horses taken for Genl. Rosecrans' army use, rather poor horses. We allow \$450 in all."

Notes:

Mrs. Johnston lived six miles west of Winchester. As soon as the Union army got possession of this part of the country she went to Fort Branch and vicinity in Gibson Co., Indiana, where she tried to farm until Mar. 1865, when she returned to her farm. In Mar. 1869 she removed to Winchester. Her stepson and a young farm hand joined the Confederate Army and she gave them clothing and blankets. She also had a brother in the Confederate Army. Her husband was arrested in 1861 and imprisoned for several months in Chattanooga; she got two two-hour passes to see him. He was killed in Mar. 1863 in their yard on account of his loyalty. He left three children: Francis Allen (oldest), Ella (now 12) and the youngest, who died after the father. Her stepson Lawson W. Johnston lives in Florence Heights., New Jersey. Their farm contained 670 acres.

Witnesses

- John H. Gillespie, 60, farmer, of Winchester. Lived about 300 yards from claimant during the war and saw the property taken.
- William Simmons, 33, of Winchester, a manufacturer. Met Allan Johnston 20 years ago

and knew Mrs. Johnston before her marriage to him.

- Randle Johnston (colored), about 65, gardener and laborer. Had known Allan "a good number of years" and Josephine ever since she married him about 15 years ago. He was their servant until Allan's death, when he went with his wife to Allan's mother's to live until emancipation. Allan was a "good master and gave me many privileges." In the spring of 1863 Allan "was marking off a place for me to make a plant bed in the garden when some rebel soldiers called the Georgia Cavalry came and called to him to come to the gate, where they were setting on their horses. He went to the gate and they accused Allen Johnston of hiding out his son who had been conscripted but would not go into the army. The son had been plowing but had got sight of them first and had left. I saw him leave but did not tell his father... Allen Johnston told them the truth, that his son was there a while before but he did not know where he was gone. They shot him, several of them shot at him, but he got into the house and when I got there he was lying on the bed." He died the next night. The rebels came soon after at night and carried off Josephine's stepson, but he died soon after they took him away. Soon afterward Josephine went north with her father and brother, leaving witness to take care of the crops. Soon afterward the army came and camped nearby at Calloway's and began to take the corn.

Kinningham, William M. (estate)

Louisa Jane Kinningham, administratrix.

Filed in 1873, file consists of 52 pp.; Claimed \$1,685 for lumber, fence rails, hay, tools, corn, steam sawmill & shelter house, hogs, sheep, cows, pumping water.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"Claimant is the widow and administratrix of Wm. M. Kinningham. She swears to the loyalty of the deceased, as to her own loyalty also, and that her children and heirs were all minors during the war, the oldest being but 26 now. The witnesses testify that the deceased was a noted loyal man, and so outspoken that he excited the malignant enmity of the secesh [secessionists]. That from the time the Union army took possession of the

railroad he was in the employ of the government as keeper of the Water Station. It is also in evidence that he was assailed by Rebel soldiers and disabled and crippled for life, and that some of them followed him to his home intending to kill him, but he had made his escape at the suggestion of claimant before their arrival. He voted for separation under the advice of Union friends who thought his life was in danger, and it seems clear that it was only in view of apprehension of great peril to his life that he was reduced to vote thus. She files oath of allegiance, pass for husband and son. The supplies were taken by different commands in 1862 and 1863, and no receipts were given and no pay received. We allow the sum of \$1,152."

Special Commissioner Ramsey wrote "If Wm. Kinningham was not loyal then none were loyal in Franklin County. From his loss the family have suffered much but have toiled on amid scorn and contempt and have lived to see a better day dawning. The loss of the ... steam mill caused the family to lose the land he was trying to pay for when he died. Rebel fanaticism had rendered him a cripple for life but he toiled on till his death and the family are in his footsteps. If there is any case in Franklin County deserves a favorable consideration, it is this."

Notes:

Louisa was 49 in 1873. During the war she and her husband lived on two one-acre lots in Decherd with one house on the tract. His occupation was attending to the water station at Decherd. Her husband was struck with a four-pound weight while in a store at Decherd, by a Rebel angry at his Union sentiments. His hip was knocked out of joint, making him a cripple, and he was kicked on his way home by soldiers who had been ordered to shoot him down if he resented it. He managed to get home and Louisa got him to leave at once for this father's. He had been gone only 10 minutes when six soldiers came "swearing that they would have his heart's blood." He never recovered and "had to go the rest of his life half-bent" and on crutches. He died in July 1868. William had three brothers in the Confederate Army. When he voted for secession he said the "end of the matter would be repentance and destruction." He died leaving her with four girls and five boys now aged from 26 to 5 years. He had little property.

Witnesses:

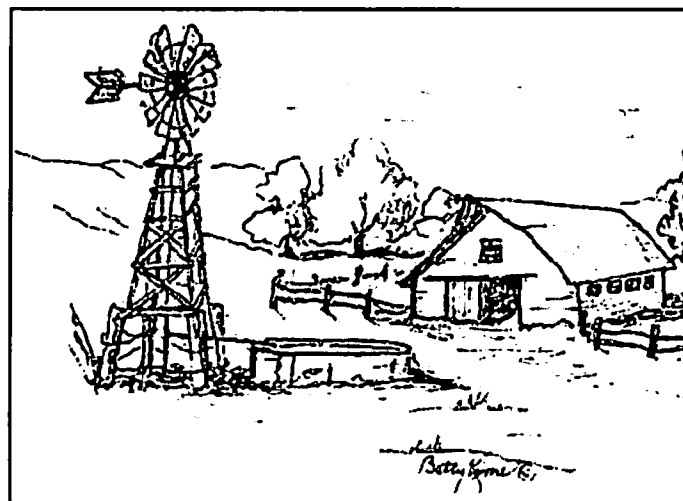
- J.W. Brown, 46, lawyer, of Decherd. Witness came to Decherd in 1862 as Provost Marshal on Gen. Thomas' staff. William gave regular info to the army about topography, roads, water and supplies. He was a leader in the Republican party.
- James M. Darwin, 46, farmer, has known William and family all his life. William was his confidential Union friend and they conversed almost daily.
- Elias L. Best, 62, farmer.
- William J. Kinningham, 24, son of claimant. Worked with his father in the sawmill. "Father used his mill as power to pump water for the army. He had both water- and steam-powered mills. The army took the steam mill to Bridgeport to cut timber for bridges and steamboats. Matilda Moore (colored) and J.M. Darwin were present with our family when some of the property was taken."

Kinningham, Ira

Age 77; filed in 1873; file consists of 43 pp.; claimed \$1,865 for corn, wheat, sheep, hogs and rails.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"Claimant swears to loyal sympathies and that he found two escaped Union prisoners in the woods and piloted them to the Union army. He is over 80 years of age and is a pensioner of the War of 1812. Two or three of his neighborhood testify to his loyal conversation, reputation and associations. He used to visit Gen. Thomas when camped in his vicinity. His sons were with the Confederate Army. This claim with the exception of the rails was filed before the Gen. Claims Commission of Tenn. in 1868 and audited. [Most] ... of the corn charged was taken from a poor field before it had fairly eared and can only be regarded as green corn fodder. The wheat was taken in the shock... There is no evidence that sheep were taken ... [or of] half the value of hogs charged ... [or of] the number of rails taken. There were a good many wagon loads but how many don't appear nor is there any data upon which we can estimate them. The fence was very old, and doubtless very poor in consequence of its age, and we will therefore make a reasonable deduction from the charge. We allow \$600."



Special Commissioner Ramsey wrote "This is the case of a very respectable old man, who was undoubtedly loyal to the U.S. though surrounded with the fiercest of rebels. The old man seems perfectly honest but his memory is poor. He was surrounded with circumstances that made it difficult for his testimony to be very definite. I thought some of his quantities and figures high. The old man has had a hard time of it since the war. His witnesses are respectable men."

Special Examiner Avery visited the farm in 1877 and found it "what is called in this section 'spotted,' with more poor spots than good." One of claimant's sons was killed, supposed because of his own loyal conduct.

Notes:

He resided about one mile from Decherd on 160 acres. Was at one time arrested by the Federals among a group of his neighbors but was soon released. Says he found two Rebel deserters in the woods and took them home and then to the Federal camp. His sons John R., Wallace E. and Andrew J. were in the Confederate Army. John was then 33 and his own man and joined against his father's entreaties. Wallace was 22 and joined to keep from being conscripted. A.J. was conscripted. Wallace and A.J. came home in fall 1863, took the oath, and stayed.

Witnesses:

- James M. Darwin, 46, farmer and surveyor, has known claimant nearly all his life, lived less than a mile from him during the war. In 1863 claimant had only a hired colored boy and a

little grandson just old enough to work on the farm. His wife has died since the war.

- Farleigh B. Wade, 73, of Decherd. Has known the claimant since 1826. Both men are 1812 pensioners.
- John B. March, 45, farmer. Lived about ½ mile from claimant during the war, saw property taken. Went with claimant to see Gen. Thomas because claimant was trusted and had privileges in the camp that few citizens could get.
- Orange Baker (colored) 23, farmer. Was the slave of Joseph Baker and was hired out to claimant in 1863. Andrew J. Kinningham helped break up the ground before he was forced into the rebel army.

Knight, Matilda (estate)

Benjamin F. Knight, administrator

File consists of 43 pp.; claimed \$1,930 for oxen, cattle, sheep, wheat, bacon, lard, molasses, horses, mule, wagon & harness, hogs.

Commissioners' Remarks:

"Wm. B. Knight died in 1865. He was a farmer and lived on his farm of 227 acres in Franklin Co. 'til his death. He owned the property for which claim is made when it was taken in 1862 and '63. He deeded his property to his wife for life, before he died, and after his death it was to go to an idiot son. The widow filed this claim, but she died in Oct. '73. It is now prosecuted on behalf of the idiot son. The proof of the loyalty of Wm. B. Knight and wife comes wholly from three witnesses, two of whom are his neighbors and testify like credible men. They say he was opposed to separation and in language always spoke in favor of the Union and against secession, was reputed in the community as a Union man. He was in feeble health, went out but little. He was on cordial terms with Union officers... We find him loyal. His wife is also said to have been loyal. The idiot son to whom the claim was willed has always been idiotic. No satisfactory proof of the taking of a yoke of oxen... The estimate of the bacon is indefinite... The Confederates passed by a short time before the federals. They took a mule. The horses were hid in the woods. No one saw them taken. A colored man & woman say that a Yankee Colonel talked to W.B. Knight about removing them; and the son and daughter say they saw some of the horses afterwards ridden by soldiers; and the daughter says the horses were there (hid in the

woods) after the Confederates passed, but does not say she saw them there or tell how she knows. The taking for Army use is not satisfactorily shown. The evidence as to the taking of the hogs is very indefinite... We allow \$483."

Witnesses:

- Benjamin F. Knight, 32, farmer, son of Matilda and brother of William Joseph Knight who is about 30 and has always been an idiot. Says he was forced into the Rebel army and as soon as the federals were in possession of this country he deserted and came home and took the oath. From July 1863 to the end of the war was employed by the United States. Their farm was two miles from Decherd. Wm. B. Stokes' cavalry took two horses, one of the soldiers was an acquaintance of witness, but would not give the horse up.
- Milton Montgomery, 62, farmer. Had known Wm. B. Knight for more than 30 years. The neighbors understand that Wm. B.'s children want the deed to their idiot brother carried out and do not contest it. Montgomery's brother's son was in the U.S. Army and he went to the camps with him.
- Elias L. Best, 63, farmer and stock raiser, knew Wm. B. for years before the war
- Isaac Laster (colored), 56, belonged to Wm. B. for about 10 years before emancipation. The soldiers took about 30 gallons of sorghum molasses, "they just kept coming and taking until they got it all." William J. is so helpless that he cannot walk.
- Mary Laster (colored), 47, belonged to Wm. B. from her childhood until she moved to Decherd to be with her husband in 1864. Soldiers carried the lard out of the lard stand in pans and buckets – nearly 200 pounds of it. Their land lay between two roads and the soldiers were camped a mile away on both sides.
- Mary A. Sublett, 41, daughter of Wm. B., lived with him through the war.
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To Be Continued

History of the Concord Baptist Church, 1797 - 1865

By T. Vance Little



The last location of Concord Baptist Church before it merged with Grandview. This building, near the corner of Concord Road and Nolensville Pike, is still used as a church.

The Concord Baptist Church has had a long and sometimes turbulent history. It was an outreach of the Mill Creek Baptist Church, which was founded in 1797 by a group of Baptists who came to Middle Tennessee from Amherst County, Virginia. The leader of the group was James Menees. He located in the area south of Nashville on Mill Creek. He had grown up as a Scots-Irish Presbyterian, but had converted to the Baptist faith. He and his followers founded the Mill Creek Baptist Church. It was located on Mill Creek near what is now Glenrose Avenue in South Nashville.

James Whitsitt also came to the Cumberland Country from Amherst County, Virginia. He was a nephew of James Menees and was married to Menees' daughter Ellen, who was his first cousin. Whitsitt became active in the Mill Creek Church and was converted in 1789. He became a leader in the church. He was ordained to the ministry in 1797 and was appointed pastor to the church. He remained in that position for over 40 years and became one of the most influential Baptist clergymen in Tennessee.

The minutes of the Mill Creek Baptist Church from April, 1797 to April, 1811 have been transcribed by the Friends of Mill Creek Baptist Church Grave Yard.¹ This record gives the date of the founding of the Mill Creek Baptist Church as Saturday April 15th, 1797. It was formed at a meeting at the home of James Menees. A committee composed of Nathan Arnet [sic], John Coughran [sic], and David Erwin was appointed to meet monthly to handle the business of the church. Richard Drewry was appointed clerk.

The original male members of the church included James Whitsett, James Meneese [sic], Daniel Hill, Moses Brown, Richard Drewry, James Saunders, John Cochran [sic], James Hill, Thomas Wilcox, Lewis Stephens, Isaac Meneese [sic] and Wyatt Bishop. Female members were Elizabeth Menees [sic], Margaret [blank], Elizabeth Ham, Jane Whitsett [sic], Rachel Walker, Mary Williamson, Minna Adams, Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth Sanders [sic], Susanna Hardaman [sic], and Leah Perkins.

The Mill Creek Baptist Church was built near the protection of Fort Nashboro because of the frequency of Indian raids. As time went on and Indian raids subsided, settlers were emboldened to follow Mill Creek into outlying areas. In 1804, the Mill Creek Church *dismissed* several members to *constitute* a new church at Liberty. The community of Liberty was located on Concord Road in East Brentwood. A church was built there in the early 1800s. It was known as the Liberty Meeting House. It later became exclusively a Methodist Church, but it was the custom for several denominations to meet in the same church building in those days.²

The Minutes of the Mill Creek Baptist Church indicate that the following members were dismissed to form the new congregation at Liberty: John Coughran [sic], William Anthony, Azeriah Jones, Noah Hunt, Henry Wisener, William

¹ Grandview Baptist Church, Nolensville Road, Nashville, TN, 37211-2296. Microfilm copies may be seen at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

² The Liberty Methodist Church is still in existence on Liberty Church Road just off Concord Road. It is located across the road from its original site.

Morton, John Lovell, Nelly Coughran [sic], Mary Pearce, Salley Compton, Peggy Jones, Peggy Hunt, Salley Anthony, W. Anthony, Allen Morton, Mary Winstead, B. Ann Hunt, Bro. Simmons, Thena Waters and "*Sister Anthony's Negro Woman*." They became the charter members of the Concord Baptist Church. Those names were entered into the church minutes *on the first Lord's Day in August, 1804*.

Within two years the Concord congregation left the shared building at Liberty and acquired property on the bank of Mill Creek where they built their own church, perhaps to be nearer water for baptism by immersion. The original site of the church was near what is at this writing Concord Forest Subdivision in Brentwood, Tennessee. The one acre of property on which the church was built was deeded to the *commissioners* of the church, Samuel Morton, Jr., William H. Nance, and William Anthony, on the 24th of May, 1816. The deed recited that the church was already standing on the property. It also said that the property was located on the north boundary of the land of Thomas Gooch.³

James Whitsitt had the congregational care of four Baptist Congregations, the Mill Creek Baptist Church, the Concord Baptist Church, the Rock Spring Baptist Church, and Providence Baptist Church in Rutherford County. He continued his pastorate until 1846.

The Concord Baptist Church prospered on its original site. Few records of its minutes and its church roll survive. During its early years the Concord Church was a member of an association of Baptist churches in the region. They met periodically, with each congregation sending two delegates called *messengers*. The messengers were usually the two most prominent members of the church. The following men were messengers from Concord for the years indicated with the number of members in the church also given:

- 1813 - William H. Nance and William Anthony - 58 members
- 1819 and 1820 - William H. Nance and Nathan Stancil - 58 and 48 members
- 1827 and 1828 - John Morton and William H. Nance - 44 members
- 1830 - John Morton and William H. Nance - 44 members
- 1832 - Sam Martin and William H. Nance - 41 members
- 1833 - James C. Nance and William H. Nance - 52 members
- 1834 - James C. Nance and Samuel G. Martin - 52 members

A rift developed in the Concord Baptist Church that was precipitated by a general difference in theology that developed early in frontier religions in America. On one side of the theological debate were the Calvinists, and on the other side were the Arminians. An oversimplification of the difference in theology is that the Calvinists, who were primarily Presbyterians, believed in *predestination* and that only the *elect* were destined to be saved. The Methodists, on the other hand, followed the teachings of Dutch theologian, Jacobus Arminius who advocated *free grace*. Evidence of the strict Calvinistic beliefs of the early Concord Church are enunciated in the 1816 deed of John Buchanan by which the commissioners of the church took title to the lot on which the church was built. It said: *Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the good will and affection which I bear unto the said church of the following faith and order, viz, Election by Grace, effectual calling, and final perseverance of the Saints, and their then Successors* [sic].

The Primitive Baptists were Calvinistic, and the Missionary Baptist were Arminian. A group of Baptist Churches called the Concord Association split over the difference in 1836. Before this split occurred, in 1835, Elder James Whitsitt submitted his resignation as pastor of the Concord Church. He apparently had grown weary of the wrangling between the two groups. At that the time differences seemed to have boiled down to those who wanted to send missionaries to *destitute places* (churches without a regular pastor) and those who did not. Those in favor of missionary work became Missionary Baptists, and the other group became known as Primitive Baptists. Elder James Whitsitt strongly supported

³Thomas Gooch, who was married to Mary Elizabeth Anthony, a sister of William Anthony, bought 371 acres in 1804 from William Caldwell for \$371, or one dollar per acre.

the Missionary Baptists.

A vote was taken to decide whether or not to accept the resignation of the Elder Whitsitt. A majority sided with the Missionary Baptist group and voted not to accept his resignation. The dissidents were led by William H. Nance and Josiah Nance. The two were voted out of fellowship with the church. Josiah was excluded for *long and continued ill natured contention*. William H. Nance was excluded for *breach of trust and contempt of church authority*. The dissidents claimed that the church belonged to them. They also claimed the record book, which they took. Their taking the record book is the reason that the minutes of the first 30 years of church proceedings of the Concord Church are missing.

The matter of which group owned the church was not settled for another 10 years. In the meanwhile both groups may have shared the same building since they only met once a month. The minutes reflect that the Missionary group met in homes of members or in *Kidd's tent*.

The minutes of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church officially began September 11, 1835. In 1836, the members of Concord Baptist Church were:

John Morton	Robert Wisener	Jane Paskett	Jane Wisener
Susan Cochran	Sam to S.G. Morton	Judith Morton	Juicy [sic] Morton
Samuel Morton	Jim belonging to S. Morton	Sarah. H. Morton	Nancy Concon [sic]
Elizabeth Sounders [sic]	Laban belonging to E. Stancil	Phebe Russell	Sister Moppin [sic]
Solomon Morton	Sharper belonging to Battle	Liza Russell	Sister Ray
Samuel McMurray	Sam belonging to S. Green	Elizabeth Stancil	Mary Ham
John Russell, Sr.	Tony belonging to S. Green	Elizabeth Burge	
James Foster	Mary Pey[Peay]	Mary Winstead	

Solomon G. Morton was ordained Deacon on July 9, 1836. The church minutes reflect a steady stream of new members, both black and white. They were baptized in Mill Creek. The congregation met in the homes of Samuel McMurray, Elizabeth Stancil, and S.G. Morton. On December 17, 1838, they met at a school house *near S. G. Morton's*. They were even a bit ecumenical. They allowed their *Methodist brethren* to preach occasionally⁴.

In 1844, the Missionary Group decided to throw in the towel and relinquish the church building to the dissident Primitive Baptist Group. Evidence of the change in thinking is contained in the 1844 resolution to build a new church, which read: *It was decided to reject the "Old Confession of Faith" even though they would not give up the old meeting house and the land upon which it stood because the ground was indissolubly [sic] connected with the old "Confession of Faith" as the fundamental faith upon which the church was first constituted.*"

The congregation voted to build a brick building that would measure 60 feet by 40 feet. A committee composed of Lafayette Ezell, John McMurray, Wyatt Mitchell, S. G. Morton, and William A. Whitsitt was appointed to select a suitable site for the new church. The site chosen was on the other side of Mill Creek. The land on which the church was built was donated by Dr. Lafayette Ezell *just below the old campground*. The deed was to Wyatt Mitchell and Solomon G. Morton, deacons of the *Missionary Baptist Church at Concord*. The deed contained a reversionary clause that said the land would revert back to the Ezell family if the church should be unoccupied for a period of three years. Construction was completed in December, 1844. That building was home to the Concord Baptist Church until 2004.

With its determination to build a new building and to separate from the old line Primitive Baptists, the Concord Church adopted a new Constitution in 1844. It placed itself clearly in the Missionary or Separatist Baptist camp. The new

⁴Records indicate that Martin Clark, a popular man in the community, lived nearby. Among other things he was a licensed Methodist preacher. He preached at the Concord Church occasionally.

constitution declared that *the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel*.

William A. Whitsitt, grandson of Elder James Whitsitt, one of the founders of the church, became the deacon and clerk of the Concord Church in 1842. He was ordained as minister of the church in 1844. William A. Whitsitt vacated the dual position of deacon and clerk when he assumed the position of pastor. He was replaced in the positions of deacon and clerk by Wyatt Mitchell, deacon, and John McMurray, clerk. William A. Whitsitt served as pastor of the Concord Church for 20 years. His father had served in that capacity 40 years.

Camp meetings were an important part of religious life, and social life, too, although the members of the church probably would not have admitted it. They were held in the fall of the year, after the crops had been *laid by*. The wagons would roll into the campground for a week of preaching, praying, and exhorting. The climax of the week was baptizing day when the people who had embraced salvation were immersed in Mill Creek. The minutes of the church usually specified that they were baptized, *and not sprinkled*, so as to differentiate themselves from the Methodist neighbors. A typical camp meeting that was held in 1845 was described as follows:

Campers moved in on Friday. Camper names (were) S. G. Morton, N. McFadin, Wm A. Whitsitt, Wm H. Hagins, Esqu. M. Green, and Sister Stancil. Brethern S. G. Morton, Wyatt Mitchell, Wm A. Whitsitt and J. McMurray was [sic] appointed as a committee to superintend the arrangements and to regulate the religious exercises of the Camp meeting. Ministering Brethren present (were) January, Meacham, Graves, Shearles, Benson, Timbell, Barndel (and) Henderson. The weather was inclemant [sic] on Monday particularly in the evening notwithstanding we had an interesting meeting. At the close of the meeting Brother Meacham baptized seven apparently happy persons and some five or six others joined the church with anticipation of being baptized next meeting. Names of those immersed were Nancy J. Whitsitt, Nancy Hampton⁵, Lucinda Marbry, Abergail Gye [sic], Manerva Moor, Malinda Sanders, and Rebecca a colored woman belonging to G. W. Kidd.

John R. M. Booker was appointed sexton. His duties were described as: *"To keep the house in neat order, to open and close the doors & windows in the proper time. When ever there is a meeting at the church, when we have night meetings, he is to keep the house well lighted up for which purpose he is to furnish his own candles and oil."* In 1845, a new sexton was appointed. He was to be paid \$13.00 semi-annually. Added duties included bringing his own wood to build fires. He also was to bring a bucket of water in case the fire got out of hand. In 1849, it was voted to close the fire place and to sell the firedogs. Apparently a stove, probably pot-bellied, was added at that time.

In 1845, the deacons voted to buy *the necessary implements of communion*, for their communion service. Communion was held quarterly at the Concord Church. The Baptists believed in *close communion*, only members in good standing being invited to partake. It was also voted to purchase a new minute book since *the old one was full*. William A. Whitsitt and John McMurray were directed to *transcribe the contents of the old book into the new one*. Having a sense of history, the church directed that the following statement be included in the church history: *The founder and first pastor of this Church was Elder James Whitsitt. He held that office forty years*. For the new church building they acquired a new Bible and hymn book as well as a pitcher and glass *for the convenience of the ministers*. Brother Everett Owen bought these items and donated them to the church.

The Baptists generally exercised greater control over their members and demanded a stricter standard of conduct than did other denominations. Like the Quakers, they felt that it was appropriate for the church to maintain peace and tranquility in the community without depending on the civil government to do so. Regular business sessions were conducted. Members of the congregation who had strayed from the straight and narrow were summoned to appear before the session and to answer for their transgressions. Those who failed to repent were summarily dismissed from church

⁵Nancy Hampton was Nancy Kidd, the daughter of Frances Gooch and James Kidd. She married David Henry Hampton. She was the great grandmother of this writer.

membership and communion. The records of Concord Baptist Church are replete with such instances.

In 1837, James Foster was dismissed from the church for unnamed infractions of church rules. In 1843, Brother Woods was *excluded for the sin of drunkenness*. In the same year, *Brother Ham* was excluded for slandering *Brother Russell*. In 1845, Brother W. Heart was chided because he *had got into the habit of swearing*. Brother John Montgomery was hailed into church because he had been drunk. He said that he was sorry and was forgiven. The church was informed that there was a report in circulation injurious to the Christian character of Sister Ray. It was reported that she had been *fishing on the Sabbath*. Two men were appointed to see her and request that she attend the next meeting.

Domestic matters also came under the scrutiny of the Concord congregation. In 1844, a committee was appointed *to labor with Brother Thomas Russell and wife over a matter of family strife*. Sister Amanda Christman was excluded for leaving her husband and taking up with another man.

The church, however, was not unforgiving. In 1843, the church minutes reported that *Brother Wyatt Mitchell formerly a Baptist who has backslidden [sic] was received on condition that he is restored by the church that excluded him*.

Dancing was a big no-no at the Concord Baptist Church. In 1852, Elizabeth Owen admitted that she had danced several times. She repented and said that she would dance no more if the congregation would forgive her. Another member, Mary J. Morton, admitted that she had *dishonored the cause of religion, herself and her father and mother by permitting herself to visit the ball room and by dancing*.

Other members were not so repenting as Elizabeth Owen and Mary J. Morton. There was Miss Susan Oliver who was excluded for *dancing and not being willing to make suitable acknowledgments*. Sister Martha Ray admitted to dancing and instructed the church to take her name off the church roll, apparently intending to continue dancing. Male members were also disciplined for dancing. It was reported that James Blackman had been dancing. Elder Whitsitt was appointed to talk to him and report back to the church. The good Elder looked high and low for Blackman and finally learned that he had moved to Franklin. Having grown weary of discipline, James Blackman had his name stricken from church rolls.

The church was not without benevolence. It voted \$1.25 to buy Sister Harrison a pair of shoes.

In the early days of the Baptist Church, ministers served without compensation. For the most part they were uneducated *preacher farmers* with no special training for the ministry. James Whitsitt was such a preacher. Even though he was a prosperous farmer he refused to preach without compensation, no doubt to support the movement toward compensating preachers. His grandson William A. Whitsitt was also a prosperous farmer, but he had other interests. Both he and his wife were teachers. They had a school, possibly in the Concord Church building. Early Baptist Church sermons usually lasted about two hours. Preachers spoke extemporaneously. Reading a sermon was never done. The congregation would have been grossly insulted.

The Concord Baptist Church had black members from the beginning. There were several black members of the Mill Creek Baptist Church before the Concord Church was organized. The same was true for the Concord Church up until the end of the Civil War. It is interesting to note that many of the black members belonged to masters who were members of other religious denominations. Such non-Baptist slave owners encouraged their slaves to attend the Baptist church because of the discipline enforced by that church. At the Concord Church in 1843, Sam, *a coloured brother belonging to the estate of Esquire Green has been getting drunk*. He was requested to attend the next session meeting *to answer to the church for his misconduct*.

The Concord Church building was used for other purposes in the community. The local debating society asked for and was granted the use of the building for their meetings. Likewise for the local temperance society. Since both Elder William A. Whitsitt and his wife Malinda were teachers, it is assumed that they held classes at the Concord Church. The idea of establishing an academy was brought up, but it seems never to have materialized. They turned down the idea of

having a *temperance hall*. Blacks in the community asked for permission to hold their funerals there. They were granted permission to do so as long as a white member of the church was there.

Instrumental music was never used in the early churches. At Concord the minutes reflect that the congregation sang and prayed in the absence of the preacher. In the 1840's, they voted to buy a hymnal. In the early days when there were no hymnals, the song leader would *line out* the songs. He would say the line, and the congregation would respond by singing the lines. Later they voted to buy a *dozen hymnals*.

Early Baptist churches had no Sunday Schools. By the 1840's there was an interest among Missionary Baptist churches to establish Sunday Schools. Not surprisingly the Primitive Baptists were opposed to the idea. In 1857, the Concord Baptist Church voted unanimously to join the Sunday School movement. Later, one Sunday there was no preaching because of a *Sunday School celebration*.

In 1855, the black members of Concord Church requested permission to hold separate meeting. They were allowed to do so for a while. As an alternative a section of the church *from the last two uprights to the dores [sic]* was set aside for black members. One the eve of the outbreak of the Civil War, black members were excluded from using the meeting house altogether.

When the Civil War broke out John W. Guthrie was serving as clerk of the Concord Baptist Church. In 1861, the minutes of the church reflected that a new clerk should be appointed because it was anticipated that Brother Guthrie would be absent for some time. He had joined Company B, of the 20th Tennessee Regiment, which was raised in the Nolensville area. He had gone off to war. He never returned to resume his duties as clerk. He was killed in battle at Jonesboro, Georgia in 1865.

The Civil War had a drastic effect on the Concord Baptist Church and the surrounding area. There were skirmishes on and near the church grounds. Union troops were camped there for several months and no doubt used the church for their headquarters. The clerk made the following entry in 1865, it being the first entry since 1861: "*We have had a long and dreary time in our church. Anarchy, confusion, civil war, bloodshed, robbery, and murder have demoralized and desolated our land. The love of many has waxed cold and iniquity has abounded. Our conference meetings were discontinued and the church had no pastor or addition. However, Elder William A. Whitsitt, the former pastor preached occasionally, yet unsustained and unencouraged by his brethren.*"

In 1997, the Concord Baptist Church joined forces with the Grandview Baptist Church, which was located on the Nolensville Road in South Nashville. Concord was founded in 1804, and Grandview 104 years later in 1908. The church is at this writing known as the Concord-Grandview Baptist Church. It was a fitting union – or reunion, we might say. It is ironic that both congregations grew out of the Mill Creek Baptist Church. What is even more ironic is that when the old Mill Creek Baptist Church disbanded, it was dismantled and the materials were used to build the Grandview Church. Both churches were looking for a new location when they found each other. Many members of the Grandview congregation had moved to the suburbs. They jointly bought an 8.5 acre site and in 2003 built a joint sanctuary on the corner of Pettus and Nolensville Roads in Davidson County.

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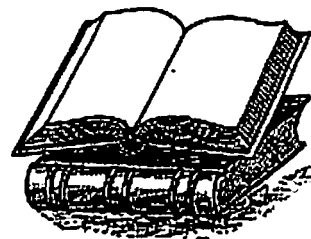
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Hamilton Bible Record - Maury County

Contributed by Juanita Patton



This wonderful old Bible traces the Hamilton family and descendants from Ireland to South Carolina before the Revolutionary War, and later into Tennessee and Alabama. Hance Hamilton, born 1774, settled in Maury County in Middle Tennessee. The Bible appears along with other records of this family in the Hamilton-Williams Family Papers, Microfilmed Manuscript #1303 at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, in Box 1, Folder 5.

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Samuel & Lillie Hamilton left Ireland & Landed at Charleston, SC May 25th 1767

<i>Samuel Hamilton father of Hance Hamilton</i>	<i>Born May 24, 1732</i>	
<i>Lille Hamilton mother of Hance Hamilton</i>	<i>Nov 19, 1734</i>	
<i>Hance Hamilton</i>	<i>Aug 12, 1774</i>	
<i>Nancy Bell</i>	<i>July 7, 1779</i>	<i>Died Feby 14th 1862</i>
<i>Agnes Hamilton</i>	<i>May __, 1759</i>	
<i>Lilly Hamilton</i>	<i>Mar __, 1770</i>	
<i>Isabella Hamilton</i>	<i>Apl 20, 1772</i>	
<i>Sam'l Hamilton (Son of James killed at Bat. Hanging Rock, SC, Revolutioner)</i>		
<i>Hance Hamilton Son of James</i>	<i>Aug 12, 1774</i>	
<i>May Hamilton Son of James</i>	<i>Jun 16, 1777</i>	

Hance Hamilton & Nancy Bell were married in Chester District, South Carolina, July 31, 1798

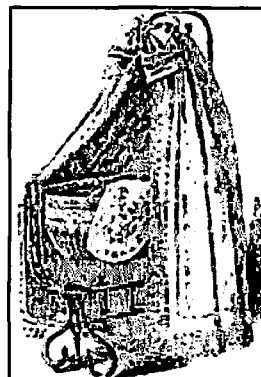
Children of H & N Hamilton

<i>David Hamilton</i>	<i>Aug 3, 1799</i>	
<i>Samuel Hamilton</i>	<i>Mar 20, 1801</i>	<i>Died July 27, 1869</i>
<i>Elizabeth Hamilton</i>	<i>Mar 30, 1803</i>	
<i>Lilley Hamilton</i>	<i>Jan'y 28, 1805</i>	
<i>Jno. Bell Hamilton</i>	<i>Oct'r 29, 1807</i>	
<i>Polly Ann Hamilton</i>	<i>Sept 11, 1809</i>	
<i>James Hamilton</i>	<i>Jun 5, 1811</i>	
<i>Alexander Campbell Hamilton</i>	<i>Mar 16, 1813</i>	<i>Died Mar 17th, 1877</i>
<i>Sally Hamilton</i>	<i>Sept 9, 1816</i>	
<i>Frances Wiley Hamilton</i>	<i>Aug 2_, 1817</i>	
<i>Louisa Manoma Hamilton</i>	<i>Aug 16, 1823))</i>	<i>twins</i>
<i>Martha Jane Hamilton</i>	<i>Aug 16, 1823))</i>	

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Thos. Hamilton Williams and Annie C. White were married Feby 5th, 1867

	[Birth]	[Death]
<i>Thos. Hamilton Williams</i>	<i>Aug 8, 1843</i>	<i>Apr 1, 1922</i>
<i>Annie Caroline White</i>	<i>___ 3, 1846</i>	<i>Dec 29, 1910</i>
<i>Maggie Elizabeth Williams</i>	<i>Dec 13, 1867</i>	<i>Oct 30, 1942</i>
<i>George White Williams</i>	<i>Feby 11, 1870</i>	<i>July 27, 1879</i>
<i>Irene Hamilton Williams</i>	<i>Oct 1, 1874</i>	<i>Apr 28, 1953</i>
<i>Unnamed infant boy</i>	<i>Aug 16, 1872</i>	<i>Aug 19, 1872</i>
<i>Unnamed infant daughter</i>	<i>July 1, 1873</i>	<i>July 1, 1873</i>
<i>Annie Caroline Williams</i>	<i>Dec 31, 1877</i>	<i>Jan 6, 1957</i>
<i>Frank Wharton Williams</i>	<i>Aug 6, 1879</i>	<i>Feb 17, 1928</i>
<i>Thomas Percy Williams</i>	<i>Sept 18, 1882</i>	<i>July 25, 1883</i>



Frank Wharton Williams & Alleen Fry were married Dec 28, 1904 in Collierville, TN

<i>Emily Irene Williams</i>	<i>Born: Sept 29, 1905</i>
<i>Alleen Carolyn Williams</i>	<i>Aug 26, 1907</i>
<i>Frances Talbot Williams</i>	<i>Aug 1, 1914</i>
<i>Frank Wharton Williams, Jr.</i>	<i>Mar 23, 1918</i>

[Note in bottom margin]

Alleen Fry, wife of Frank Wharton Williams, was born Aug. 23, 1879 in Matagorda, Texas; died Mar. 28, 1960 in Anniston, Alabama

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Jno. Bell Hamilton and Sarah Ann Alderson married Apr 16, 1829

Jno. Bell Hamilton, b. Oct. 29, 1807; d. March 14, 1887 (at 2:00 a.m.)
Sarah Ann Alderson, b. Sep. 28, 1809; d. May 4th 1874 (5 min. to 4 p.m.)
Benjamin David Hamilton, b. Apl 7, 1830; d. Nov. 8, 1838 (10 a.m)
Isora Chillonner Hamilton, b, July 25th 1832; d. May 16, 1853 (4:00 p.m.)

Unnamed infant son of W.B. Wilson & Isora C. Wilson born May 16th, 1853, died May the 17th 1853. Lived 13 hours having survived his mother but 12 hours. He sleeps in her bosom.

Wm. Bradshaw Wilson married Isora Chillonner Hamilton daughter of J.B. & S.A. Hamilton, 1851
Charles Stewart born July 27, 1864

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Emily Irene Williams and Howard Williams Cater married July 8, 1930 in Huntsville, Alabama

Children of Emily & William Cater

Howard Williams Cater, Jr. b. July 27, 1935 in Anniston, Alabama

Emily Irene Cater b. Feb. 20, 1938 in Anniston, Alabama

Alleen Williams Cater b. April 21, 1945 in Anniston, Alabama

Emily Irene Cater & Wm. Gordon Thomas married Oct. 3, 1959 in Anniston, Alabama

Children of Emily and William G. Thomas

William Gordon Thomas, Jr. b. July 15, 1960, Montgomery, Alabama

Emily Irene Thomas b. Aug. 6, 1961

Lilly Pelzer Thomas b. Aug. 2, 1970

Howard Williams Cater, Jr. m. Anne Kirke White Apr 16, 1966 in Birmingham, Alabama

Children of Howard W. & Anne K. White Cater

Mae McIntosh Cater b. Nov. 14, 1967 in Birmingham

Frank Shelley White Cater, b. Feb. 23, 1970 in Birmingham

Caroline Williams Cater, b. Nov. 29, 1972 in Birmingham

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Howard Williams Cater died Nov. 24, 1978, Anniston, Alabama

Thomas Renfro and John Walker Charged as Confederate Guerillas

Major Billings

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Sir, You have 2 men in the guard house that claims to belong to the Regular Servis.

Benjamin Coffey, a member of my Company sais that Thomas Renfro is a member of the so called Capt. Nelsons company of Gurilar.

And Green Denson and Jackson Cox sais that John Walker is Third Liut in James Baxters Gurillar company.

The above named witnesses may be found at Dechard, Tenn.

[signed] J.T. Sparks¹

¹ Item number 3215 found in National Archives Record Group 416, Union Provost Marshal Files Relating to Two or More Citizens. Found at the Tennessee State Library & Archives as Microfilmed Manuscript #1607. It seems likely that the writer is Sgt. James T. Sparks of the 10th Tenn. Cavalry (Union). That unit was in charge of guarding the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad south of Nashville from the summer of 1863 through the end of 1864.



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

Part 4 of a Series

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

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

These records have been microfilmed and can be viewed at the Tennessee State Library & Archives, or the microfilm can be borrowed on interlibrary loan. Additionally, the archives staff can provide copies by mail for a fee (see www.state.tn.us/tsla for details). Refer to Record Group 261, Pardons & Paroles, and the box number given in the index.

Name	Pardon or Parole	Prisoner Number	County of Trial	Year Rec'd at Prison	Year of Pardon / Parole	Notes
Halfacre, Sherman	Parole	8990	Jackson	1916	1917	Box 13; Felonious Assault; Parole # 906
Hall, Charley	Parole	9156	Morgan	1915	1917	Box 13; Voluntary manslaughter; Parole # 959
Hall, Charlie	Pardon	7741	Tipton	1914	1923	Box 13; Attempted Rape
Hall, Chas.	Parole	9226	Shelby	1917	1922	Box 13; Murder 2, reduced to Voluntary manslaughter
Hall, Early B.	Parole	11016	Rutherford	1921	1923	Box 13; Voluntary Manslaughter; petitions
Hall, Frank	Parole	10197	McNairy	1919	1922	Box 13; Housebreaking

Hall, Lee	Parole	6154	Davidson	1911	1919	Box 13; Burglary & 2 Petit Larceny
Hall, Leon	Parole	8736	Shelby	1916	1918	Box 13; Voluntary manslaughter; served out time
Hall, Sherman	Parole	8192	Madison	1915	1921	Box 13; Car breaking & Larceny
Hall, William	Parole	12191	Shelby	1922	1923	Box 13; Larceny & received stolen goods
Halliburton, Odell	Parole	12126	Lauderdale	1922	1923	Box 13; Petit Larceny
Hamelett, Arthur	Pardon	11566	Marshall	1921	1922	Box 13; petition
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Hamilton, Charles	Pardon		Davidson		1922	Box 13
Hamilton, James W.	Parole	10449	Hamilton	1923	1923	Box 13; Grand Larceny
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Hamilton, William	Pardon	11716	Montgomery	1922	1923	Box 13; Grand Larceny
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Hancock, W.R.			Putnam	1922		Box 13; petitions
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Harden, Beau & Pete			Coffee	1921		Box 13; petition
Hardin, John	Parole	10420	Hardin	1919	1921	Box 13; Petit Larceny
Hardin, Mack		6827	Madison	1913	1920	Box 13; Felonious Assault; Housebreaking & Larceny
Harding, Fred	Parole	10501	Davidson	1920	1923	Box 13; Housebreaking & Larceny
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Harmon, Kate	Parole	8896	Shelby	1916	1918	Box 13; Voluntary Manslaughter
Harper, Nathan	Parole	7615	Shelby	1918	1922	Box 13; Murder 2
Harper, Robert		8535	Hamilton	1915	1922	Box 13; Murder 1; protest letter; 2 files
Harper, Sam	Parole	9411	Shelby	1917	1923	Box 13; Voluntary Manslaughter; Housebreaking
Harper, Will	Parole	8792	Davidson	1916	1918	Box 13; Voluntary manslaughter; ; Parole # 1404
Harrell, John	Parole	11383	Hamilton	1921	1921	Box 13; Assault to commit Voluntary manslaughter
Harris, Alex		9146	Shelby	1917		Box 13; Housebreaking & Larceny; d. 1919
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Harris, Austin	Parole	9946	Davidson	1918		Box 13; d. 1922; breach of trust
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Harris, Bill	Pardon	11232	Bledsoe	1921	1922	Box 13; Grand larceny
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Harris, Ed	Parole	7140	Shelby	1913	1921	Box 13; Felonious Assault
Harris, F.L.	Parole	9973	Shelby	1918	1919	Box 13; Larceny
Harris, Foley	Parole	10391	Shelby	1919	1922	Box 13; Housebreaking & Larceny
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Harris, Frank	Parole	10515	Davidson	1920	1923	Box 13; Petit Larceny
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Harris, Henry			Roane	1923		Box 13; Violated Bone Dry Law; letters; protests
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Harris, O.P.			Shelby			Box 13; Larceny
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Introduction to the Index

We believe that every genealogical work requires a complete index, and to that end provide an every-name index in the fourth and final issue of each volume of the Journal. This index includes names, places and subjects. Pagination of Volume XX began with page 1 in the Summer 2006 issue and continued through this issue. The following notes prepared during the indexing process will be helpful to the reader.

- Individuals identified in the text as "slaves" are indexed under that heading.
- Names beginning with M', Mc, and Mac appear as if all started with Mac.
- If the maiden name of a female is known, she is listed under both her married and maiden names.
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