

LOOKING BACK, II IN MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE



PROBABLY EARLY 1900
MAY BE IN THE ANDERSON FAMILY IN SELMER

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**We are assembled here today,
The tribute of our love to pay
To those who are remembered last;
The uncrowned heroes of the past,
Whose deed will shine with brighter glow,
While generations come and go.**

From McNairy Pioneers by Jennie S Perkins 1904

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Looking Back is a random collection of McNairy County History. This is not an English essay so please expect misspelled words, typo's and other errors. An index was made to help but it also may contain errors and omissions.

March 1, 2015: When I was diagnosed with a meningioma in December, I decided to put all my work on the McNairy County website, in hopes it would help someone else. Some of my work, such as this one, has not been proofed, so please overlook any errors. It is not indexed. Rather, it was indexed, but different programs and printers changed the page layout and the original index is not correct. Since time was my biggest obstacle, I did not go back and index. Please use your 'Find' key to search this document. Some of my work will overlap and be included in more than one document, but I thought it better to share than to be precise. My work as been important to me and important for it to be preserved. I love McNairy County History and I love those who love it with me.

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NAMES IN GENEALOGY

When I first started genealogy, names bogged my mind. Every Wardlow family from here to the beginning of time had a John in it. James Wardlow had three sons and every one of them had a son named John, usually about the same age. It was devastating to try to figure out which one was mine. This naming pattern was used by our early European immigrants and it went something like this:

1st son after the father's father	1st daughter after the mother's mother
2nd son after the mother's father	2nd daughter after the father's mother
3rd son after the father	3rd daughter after the mother
4th son after father's eldest brother	4th daughter - mother's eldest sister
5th son after mother's eldest brother	5th daughter - father's eldest sister

This could go on forever. There were other brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and grandparents. It was very rare to name a child other than ancestral names.

Sometimes the mother's maiden name was the first name of child, especially Quaker names. I found a Thompson had married a Thompson and a child was named Thompson Thompson. One of my ancestors was named Martin Martin.

Many times the second name was the mother's maiden name. My Mary Pleasants Bolding began having children about 1791 and all had the middle name of Pleasants.

The Quakers liked to use desirable character traits such as Charity, Patience, Prudence and Temperance. In the 1800's we notice a movement to name children, especially girls, after states. Tennessee was a very popular name during this time.

Down through the years this tradition was lost. How I wish that I had used family names, at least for my children's middle name.

Well, I did have a cat name after my grandmother. We had four little kittens we named Any, Minny, Minny and Mo. We gave them all away but Minny, who soon came to be known as Minnie Mae Donia. It was a crude awakening when about six months later we found she was a boy.

REMINISCENCES OF OLD PURDY

If Bill Sweat and Lawson Lockman could wake up and see the old Purdy bone-yard today, being desecrated by raising corn and cotton on it, they would be amazed and astonished to see the destiny of this once famous horse swapping ground. Immense crowds used to come from all over the county and adjoining counties, to this noted bone-yard, which was just south of the public square. Back in the days when saloons were in Purdy, the crowd would become quite hilarious along towards night and break up with a few fist fights and sometimes a right serious cutting scrape.

Among the first beginning of the temperance movement in Tenn, was an organization called the Murphys. I remember they held Murphy meetings in the old Presbyterian Church at

Purdy. Each member would pledge himself to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and wear a blue ribbon. Later the four mile law was enacted, 1887, I think, and no whiskey could be sold within four miles of a school or church. The method used to put saloons out was to surrender the charter of the town.

I remember my father and J.R. Adams, John M. Harris and others were instrumental in putting in putting saloons out of Purdy. There still remained two places in the county that were not within 4 miles of a church or school house, Hendrix's saloon, 5 miles north of Purdy and John Hickey Swain's saloon, in the northeast part of the county. These places were for a time the Mecca for all the drunkards in McNairy county and the scenes of many shootings and cutting scrapes and murders.

The first newspaper I remember being published in Purdy was the McNairy County Sun, published by Dr. Daniel Barry, in the old Kin Dodd house, north of the bone-yard.

It was a three column folio, a very small sheet. I think this was published in the year 1877. It was said the office had but one lower case "J." A hobo printer went to a nearby saloon to get a drink and left it on the counter.

A copy of this paper remained in the John Ingram Bivouac rooms in the Jackson Free Library for several years, but has now disappeared. This paper was printed on an army press. The following year Col J. W. Purviance established the McNairy County Independent, (1878) which was printed on a Washington hand press. Later this paper was leased by the late Prof. M. R. Abernathy. During his incumbency it went through a fire. The type was dumped into nail kegs and boxes, and Will and Terry Abernathy, Frank Barry, Sterling Barry and myself set up this "pi" and received as compensation, fifty cents per day. Dr. Barry about this time established the Democrat, a three column eight page paper, which was published in the old Dr. Duke office, on the north side of public square. Prof. Abernathy later published the Symposium, the last paper published in Purdy. Hobo printers were more plentiful in those days before the linotype machine made its advent, than they are now. One name, John Allen, took up his abode in Purdy and remained several years and kept up his Saturday night drunks as long as he remained. The late I.W. Nash was a piratical printer and published a paper in Purdy, I think prior to any of the above mentioned publications.

Among the old-time school teachers of Purdy, one old lady teacher, Mrs. Dora Miller, will remain in my memory as one who could learn you the multiplication table. You had to learn it. There was no way out of it. She had the whole school to recite it the first thing every day in concert until it was drilled into us. The blue back speller was used as a text book in those days. She let the one who stood head, wear a blue ribbon. I had the honor of wearing this blue ribbon a long time. I thought I had it for keeps. But I had another think coming. Dora McCann, who afterwards married the late Quinn Ingram, stood second. "Tennis" was given out. I substituted an e for the i and lost my blue ribbon for the remainder of the term.

Among the old time candidates in McNairy County, the most out-standing was the late W.D. Jopling, known as "Red Fox." It was said he knew every voter in the county personally and was sheriff of the county many years. I remember one race the old "Red Fox" was about to get beat. He had about given up the battle. Nearly all the returns were in. Lewis Jopling, the faithful old darky, had not given up. He encouraged "Red Fox" by saying "Mass Bill, don't give up yet, there is one more 'prestinct' to hear from." It turned out "Red Fox" was elected by a small majority. My father and I made a five gallon keg of cider about three days before. "Red Fox"

ordered it brought down town. It was set up on the south courthouse steps and the crowd drank to their heart's content. W. E. McBee, Jackson, Tenn. (Taken from an old Independent Appeal)

Bill Simpson's Legal Experience
INTERESTING HISTORY - OF MCNAIRY COUNTY
A story of early days, Snake, now McNairy County,
Taken from the Bolivar Bulletin Jan 19th, 1867:

Many years ago the legislature of Tennessee passed an act to organize the county of McNairy: alias Snake. At that time the county embraced in the limits of Snake was occupied by a steady sea of backwoods-men, totally unaccustomed with courts, jails, etc. The county assembled at the appointed site for the purpose of cutting logs, making boards, etc to build a courthouse and jail.

The only theme of conversation, when the men were assembled was the court, etc. None of them had ever seen a court in session, as yet developed. Each one would give what his idea was of a court, etc. None, however, were entirely satisfactory until Bill Simpson was called on to give his idea, he said he knew all about court - he had a lawsuit in North Carolina.

One of his neighbor's hogs kept coming when he fed his - until he got fat. (Note: There was no fence laws in those days - most people just let them animals roam.) One morning he got so mad he shot the hog. He thought it wouldn't do to throw it away so he cleaned and salted it. Shortly afterwards his neighbor and a man came to his house, examined the smoke house, took him to town and put him in a little office.

About three months after that the man took him up to a large room. A large man sat upon a high desk. About a dozen fine dressed men sat in a place that was paled around. The man put him in a pen just behind them.

He then called twelve men, they took seats in a box in front of the fine dressed man. The man who was writing gave the twelve men a book and something about Bill Simpson and State.

Then one of the fine men read something about Bill Simpson and the hog, and he and another one of the fine dressed men had the biggest quarrel you ever heard.

"I thought they would fight every minute, but they didn't."

It was Bill Simpson and the hog. The hog and Bill Simpson and some times Mr. Simpson, but seldom. After they quit quarreling, the big man talked awhile to the twelve men and they went out and stayed a short time, came back and said something to the man at the desk.

Simpson said, "The man on the bench said something to the man who put me in the office and he took me out and tied me to a persimmon tree and commenced fighting me with a cowhide and it made me so d--- mad that I shook all the persimmons off the tree.") Copied from the Independent Appeal March 3, 1944 issue)

**HOMESICK FOR SELMER
IN 1930
BY BERNICE BROOKS GOOCH**

When I was about nine years old we had to go to Arizona to live, due to my brother's health. It was a long hard trip, by train, for my Mother and three small children. My sister was three years old and my brother was six.

At first it was exiting and quite different, seeing new places and meeting new people, but soon I became tired and very homesick. I dreamed night and day of Selmer and the people that lived there.

Every night, for two long years, I would lie in bed and think about my Daddy, family and friends I had left behind in Selmer.

I would start at one end of the street and name all the houses and who lived in them. In my mind I could see them as vividly and clear as if I had just left them yesterday.

Beginning at the lower end of Pharr Ave, up the right side was the John Wright Gooch house where Aunt Fannie Gooch lived and tried to keep all the kids from skating in front of their house. Sometimes she would throw pitchers of water on us and when I dreamed of home, she was always the first one in my dream and I wanted to go see her first.

Next to Aunt Fannie's house, was the Joe Alexander house and the next house I can't remember who lived there.

The next house was the Stanford Gooch house, then Gray, on to Hester, Hamilton and Province. I can't remember the next house, then a Hamilton boy, Forrest Hendrix, then Earl and John Hendrix who owned the Hendrix Soda Fountain on Main Street. The next house across 5th Street was the Professor Cox house, then Oma Moore on to Clara Robinson.

There was a few vacant lots before you got to Henry Carmen's house.

Coming back down Pharr on the other side was Whitehurst, Jopling, Green, Parker Woods, John Swaim, Georgia Anderson and McCorkle.

The next house was the Brooks house, which was always foremost in my dreams. My house. It was where we left Daddy. I longed to see his face, play in the front yard and sleep in my own bed.

Next door to us was the John Warren house. On the corner of Pharr & Third was Mama Jo and Dave Robinson's boarding house. She had a row of tourist cabins. I would spend the night sometimes with Nola Kay Robinson and Mama Jo would let us sleep in one of the cabins.

The house across from the boarding house belonged to Bill Browder, who owned Browder's Drug Store. In between Browder's house and the next street was where the old supplies for R.B. Gooch Funeral Home were stored. On the corner was the Estes house and then the Basinger house faced the railroad.

Starting at the railroad and coming up Court Avenue or Main Street as it was called at that time, was the business section of town. First was the depot, next was Selmer Service Station, City Cafe, Pat Baker's store, George and Martha McCullar Millinery, I.H. Brooks General Mdse(my father's store). Down Mdse, Jopling and Whittington, Anderson's cafe, Flake Humphery's grocery, Beulah Lock Millinery, Tedford Cafe, the old First National Bank, Hodges

General Mdse, the Ten Cent Store and Weatherford's Hardware.

That was on the left side of Main Street. Now we will start on the other side going back toward the railroad. Of course, the Courthouse was in the middle of the street.

The first building was the old Movie Theatre owned by Irma and J. House Moore. They showed the Silent Pictures and Mrs. Irma played the piano during the 'picture show.' We read the script from the screen. I always wondered if Mrs. Irma could play the piano that long, until I realized it was a self player. Pat's Cafe now occupies that lot. I

believe the next building was J.M. Smith Mdse, Robinson Mdse and the Selmer Bank and Trust. Across the alley was the John Gooch General Mdse, then the City Drug store and Soda Fountain, owned by Ralph Huggins and Earl Hendrix. Now we come to the Matthew Bigger General Mdse and Browder Brother's Drug Store. On the corner of Third and Main was a Meat Market, Hamilton's Cleaners and Barber Shop was next. Next was the Ford garage, which may have been Bolton Ford at that time. Then we had the Gooch Hotel. I can still see Mrs. Lizzie Ammons sitting out front on that brick walk in her rocking chair.

On beyond the courthouse, on Main Street, were several homes on each side of the street. Some I recall were Shy Browder, the Abernathy house where Mary Bess still lives today. On the corner of Fifth and Main was the Presbyterian Church which is now the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Then Edgar Prather's house, Houston, Abernathy and the Dan Gooch house.

The corner of Sixth and Court was the Methodist church. Next was the Slater Robinson house, the Baptist Church. The Gibson family lived in the house on the other side of the church. Then the black church called Roach's Chapel. Next was the Andrew Gooch home.

Coming back down Main Street, I can't remember what was on the corner of 8th and Main. What I do remember is the Hamilton house, then Arthur Olive and my first grade teacher Mrs. Annie Rea. Across 7th Street was Orphis Abernathy, Dr Wallace, Maude Henneberry, Charlie Dunaway, J. M. Smith, Grady and Cora Abernathy and Jim Warren. Across 5th Street was Fred and Lily Emmons, Minnie and Arlie Prather and the Barksdales.

Cypress Avenue, on the west side of Main Street, is not as clear to me since I lived on the other side "of town" and did not visit on those streets as often. As I remember from the railroad, coming up on the right side was Chambers Cotton Gin, M. E. Smith home, Old Dr Smith home, then Moore, Brown and Scott. Across 4th Street was the old Bell house and on 6th Street was the Baker house. The only other homes on that side of the street was Pat Baker and Whitaker.

Coming down Cypress from 7th, toward the railroad, was the Gillespie home and on the corner of 6th was the house where Bill Browder later lived. Next was Floyd, then W. W. Thompson and Ralph and Lily Huggins, Bulah Locke, Millard Lee, and Alexander. W. K. Abernathy and Mrs. Lutie lived in a house that had been moved from Purdy about 1891, where Shackelford Funeral Home is now located. Then Louis Adams, Betty Smith and her sister Zulu Locke. Next the Oil Company.

On some of the side streets, I can recall on 5th street the Troy Tedford place, Troy Brooks and Buford Hendrix, Roy Estes, Samuel Henry Perkins. On the corner of 8th and Pharr extended was C. L. Haynes and Wilkerson.

The Christian Church was on the corner of Third and Warren. P.H. Thrasher gave the land for the Christian Church in Selmer as he did for the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian. The school that served all of Selmer was on Fifth Street on the hill, where it remained until the newer schools were built about 1960's.

The trading yard, where the men gathered to trade horses, livestock and other items was located to the west of Main Street near the railroad. On Houston Ave was a little cafe and Carmen's Blacksmith shop.

South of the railroad was considered 'country.' A service station and several houses were beginning to line Poplar Ave

Some houses have been torn down and replaced with new ones and vacant lots now have beautiful houses on them.

I have lived in Selmer most of my life, but it has never looked as good as it did the day in May 1930, Daddy pulled into the driveway in our 1930 Chevrolet car. I stepped out of the car and looked up and down Pharr Avenue- I had come home!

MCNAIRY COUNTY, TN CHANCERY COURT
BUELAH KING VS A J KING
PETITION FOR DIVORCE 1884, COURT DOCKET 600
DIVORCE GRANTED OCTOBER 18, 1884

Beulah King and A J King married Feb 9, 1882 and lived together until about Dec 20, 1882 and he abandoned her and her child only a few weeks old that died before she applied for divorce which was filed Sept 20, 1884.

H C Carter and J C Millsaps testified in her defense, stating that he left and she and the baby went home to her mother. Mr. Carter stated "he plays the fiddle, hunts squirrels and goes to see other women is about all that I ever see or hear of him doing."

The court case plainly says A J King, but the Marriage Records documents by R Harold Cox say R L King and B B Millsaps married Feb 9, 1882, H Derryberry bondman and John W Walker, JP. Recorded book I pg 62.

McNairy County about 1870.... Bill Jopling was sheriff, Carroll Moore jailer. Merchants in Purdy: Alfred Moore, Jack Duke, Bell & Wisdom, Adam Hall, Stribling Bros, and Nelson Riggs. Dr Kendal, Dr Harris and Dr Barry were doctors. Cy Jeanes, Jack Ray, Dickey Browder, Sam Brooks, Dunkin Baker, Jake Wagoner, Dave Redding and Bogan Ray were farmers of the Oxford Creek area.

To the Honorable Judge,
 R.B. Baptist
 Judge of the 16th Judicial Court
 Jackson, Tennessee

We the undersigned business and professional men of the town of Adamsville, beg of the Honorable Judge, to remit the fine of (name withheld)---- of Adamsville, Tenn. --- was indicted by the grand jury in the May court of 1938 and was fined by your Honor the sum of \$100.00 and cost. Mr. --- has paid the cost in this case and we beg of your Honor, to dismiss the fine in this case for the reasons, that this is the first offense of Mr. ---, of violating the Liquor Law, that he has three children, a wife and an afflicted brother whom is past forty years to support, he also with his brother has the upkeep of a widowed mother who is past 80 years of age, and if his Honor will dismiss the fine in this case it will be greatly appreciated by the following:

J.M.PHILLIPS	FARMER	S. ABERNATHY	TANNING
M. D. DURBIN	WATCH MAKER	R.C.HARRIS	FARMER
FRED DURBIN	CAFE MANAGER	O.B. CHURCHWELL	FARMER
J. I. SEWELL	MERCHANT	C.N. SIBLEY	BARBER
L. I. TIDWELL	BARBER	HAROLD SEATON	STOCK DEALER
-- VINSON	DRUGGIST	G.A. MILLER	FARMER
GLENN HARRELL	MGR ELECTRIC UTIL	M.A.SURRATT	MERCHANT RETIRED
CLYDE BREWER	MERCHANDISE	PAGE SMITH	ELECTRICIAN
W.M. WILKINS	CAFE	AUBREY SURRATT	PAINTER
I/J?W.SHELTON	SALESMAN	ELSTON VARNELL	ELECTRON
J.E. LEDBETTER	M.D.	JAMES T. VAUGHN	FARMER
G.E. SIL----	MECHANIC	CLAUD MALONE	FARMER
L.D. KEMP	MECHANIC	DEAN MALONE	FARMER
JOHN L DROKE	BLK SMITH	EVERETT WICKER	MECHANIC
H. L. BROWN	SUPT PEM CORP	J.W. CLAYTON	MECHANIC
E. G. TIDWELL	MERCHANT	H.M. MCKENZIE	ELECTRICIAN
R. H. MILLS	CARPENTER	H. F. TIDWELL	FARMER
JOHN W COFFMAN	SERV STA	JOHN E. MALONE	POSTMASTER
O.L. ----	BKKEEPER DODDS	LYLE P VARNELL	ASST POSTMASTER
W.F.VAUGHN	INTERIOR DEC	J. A. ENGLISH	MERCHANDISE
J.D. ABERNATHY	POOL ROOM OPER	C.L. LITTLEFIELD	CARPENTER
T.- WICKER	STATION OPER	CLYDE BREWER	FARMER
ROBERT SMITH	BANKING	S. MCLEIN	BLACKSMITH
GLEN ABERNATHY	MEDICAL DR	M.O. LITTLEFIELD	MERCHANT
J.D. DODDS	IMPLEMENT DEALER	BURL SMITH	SCHOOL TEACHER
J.R. CLAY	SERVICE STATION	JNO A SHELTON	ATTORNEY
JOHN L LITTLEFIELD	MERCHANT	G. A. SHELTON	TRAVELING SALESMAN
W.C.VARNELL	??	HARRY SHELTON	COUNTY HIGHWAY
TOM STYERS	MERCHANT	HAROLD SHELTON	SIBLEY CHEV
C.H.DUREN	SALESMAN	-- MAJORS	SIBLEY CHEV
J.A.WALKER	MERCHANT	J. H. CURRY	M. D.
W.E.FOOTE	DODDS & CO	C.Y. HAMM	BANKER
RUSSELL W SANDERS	MEEK HOTEL	J. T. ROSS	F & M BANK
W.H. VINSON	FARMER	TROY HAIR	BANK OF ADSVLE
W.L.HOLLINGSWORTH	FARMER	J. J. TIDWELL	FARMER, GINNER
F.O.KEMP	MECHANIC	L.I.CAGLE	ARMSTRONG ----
CARROLL GANN	ELECTRIC UTILITY	O.G. SMITH	FARMER
W.C.BREWER	FARMER	NEAL O'NEAL	LATTA MTR
C.C.PERKINS	FARMER	P.W.WILLES ?	FARMER

EARLY REMEDIES

Peach tree tea for the itch
Cherry bark cough syrup for colds
Swamp root tea for kidney trouble
Hot chicken blood for shingles
Ear wax for fever blister
Bessie Bug blood for ear ache
Baking soda for poison oak
Snuff for wasp sting
Blackberry juice for upset stomach
Whiskey & peppermint candy for colds
Coal oil- sticking a nail in your foot

The word newspaper is not derived from the word news as most of us would like to think, but it is taken from the four corner of the world:.

North
East
West
South

MEMORIES

God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December. (Barrie)

MCNAIRY COUNTY, TN COUNTY COURT A. N. KIRKMAN SETTLEMENTS 1915, DOCKET 491

A N Kirkman died in testate in McNairy County Nov 22, 1915 and left an estate of approximately \$1,500.00. Albert Gillespie appointed administrator and J W Purviance, J L Hendrix and B L Browder signed his bond.

Estate listed: cash in First National Bank, Selmer, Tenn 95.70. Notes on W E Kirkman \$500.00, Zenia Sanders \$17.50, J. T Robinson balance \$460.00, L Y Woods \$11.00, S E Woods balance \$103.17, John Vires balance \$68.20, J S Weeks \$33.00, W R Weeks \$11.25, Wm Lea balance \$100.00, F M Kirkman \$20.00. Total \$1,419.82

After interest and notes collected and expenses paid the following heirs were paid: Mrs. Callie Maxedon, Mrs. Florence Smith, W E Kirkman, F M Kirkman, J A Kirkman each received 1/6 share of \$270.56. Ira Jones, Marvin Lee Jones, Mattie McCullar, Pearlie Hines received their mother, Nanie Kirkman's share of 67.61 each.

RAH RAH RAH FOR RAMER GIRLS

The prospect for a splendid girls basketball team at Ramer seems to be very encouraging. The team has ordered new bloomers and are hoping to look their best at the first game. Although some of last year's best players have left us, the team is doing excellent work. We are very proud of our sky-scraping center and our one hundred forty pound guard. The work of the second team is greatly appreciated - several may be interchanged with first team. New yells and songs have been learned by the school.

Rose Raper is captain, Sadie Kirk assistant and Sadie Hamm business manager. The line-up is as follows: Forwards: Rachel McCullar, Opal Smith, Hazel Stanfield. Centers: Beatrice Wardlow, Sadie Kirk. Guards: Adelaide Fulton, Rose Raper.

Subs: Irene Teague, Sadie Hamm - Coach: Miss Lorena Martin

We are hoping to have the same co-operation of school and community that we have had in the past. (Source: PURPLE & GOLD, Ramer School newspaper, Oct 1927.)

McNairy County Sheriffs

Henry S. Wilson	1824-28
Laney B. Moore	1828-32
Wiley B. Terry	1832-36
James Boyd	1836-38
James Warren	1838-44
N. C. Riggs	1844-50
Andrew McKee	1850-56
W. D. Jopling	1856-62
War - no offices	1862-65
Samuel Lewis	1865-68
killed in a riot, James H. Mitchell finished his term	
James L. W. Boatman	1868-70
W. D. Jopling	1870-76
J. Randolph Stovall	1876-82
W. D. Jopling	1882-86
W. M. Brown	1886-90
W. J. Olive	1890-92
W. M. Brown	1892-96
W. D. Jopling	1896-98
R. M. Carroll	1898-1904
J. C. Leonard	1904-08
J. H. Gray	1912-18
J. R. Dillon	1918-24
Jim Dunaway	1924-28
J. B. Graham	1928-34
T. Newt Wright	1934-40
Hugh Kirkpatrick	1940-44
T. Newt Wright (resigned)	1944-45
Joe Freeman	1945-48
Hugh Kirkpatrick	1948-54
Billy Joe Kerby	1954-56
Clifford Coleman	1956-62
James Dickey (died in office)	1963-64
Ward Moore finished term	
Buford Pusser	1964-70
Clifford Coleman	1970-74
James O. Gray	1974-82
Robert K. Lee	1982-94
Paul Ervin	1994-2002
Tommy Riley	2002 -2006
Rickey Roten	2006-

DOCTORS IN MCNAIRY COUNTY, FROM THE 1850 CENSUS

Compiled by Ed Harrell

Dist	Name	Age /Birth
12th	James Anderson	23 TN
11th	Moses Barns	57 NC
1st	John W. Carter	51 TN
Purdy	C.C. Crump	32 TN
2nd	F T Degaffinmire	24 VA
4th	James Graham	37 TN
Purdy	William C. Kindel	37 TN
6th	Peter Lear (Dentist)	33 PA
2nd	Jesse McKinney	33 NC
Purdy	Wm D. McKinney	30 TN
4th	Wilson McKissick	55 NC
12th	William Morris	47 TN
3rd	S.R. Richardson	29 TN
5th	H.T.B. Spear	37 GA
9th	Lazonak Smith	27 NC
2nd	Wm Stovall	29 TN
5th	Ephriam Thompson	30 TN

Doctors/Physicians - Listed in the 1880 Census

Complied by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

Wm. W. Atkins	6	27	Robert E. Miller	8	27
J. F. Bagwell	17	24	J. M. Mitchell	9	46
Asa Bell	7	37	J. W. Perkins	4	47
Job Bell	7	54	J. J. Prince	15	27
Daniel Berry	7	49	F. J. Ramer	5	21
G. H. Butler	15	48	W. R. Ramer	5	41
Jas D. Butler	7	23	Robert S. Reaves	5	26
Jas E. Duke	7	53	J. L. Sanders	15	28
J. S. Freeling (says female)	15	30	W. M. Sanders	15	32
A. H. Gorden	5	29	J. F. Sherrell	4	56
J. B. Hardeman	12	43	W. W. Stovall	7	60
R. J. Jennings (dentist)	17	52	Jessy F. P. Tucker	5	33
T. F. Jones	15	33	J. Harvey Bizer	9	31
J. W. Kent	12	24	R. B. West	4	23
James McConnell	9	20			

**LETTER FROM BILL DUGAN
SELMER, TENN, SUNDAY DEC 14, 1924**

Yesterday was a big day for Selmer. Roscoe Turner was advertised to fly over the city at 2 pm and was on time. Both Turner and his friends performed their stunts well. Thousands of old women stood and look straight up until the sun burned their tough old necks. Men run back a half a mile and pulled off their hats to see the man walk out on the wings and skin cats. Automobiles were run over like truck wagons. Children were knocked down. People were here from the four wings of the earth. Some came in cars, some horse back, some mule back, some a foot. Men here that had not washed their faces or combed their heads in seven years and old women that had not spit snuff out of their mouth in ten years. McNairy County is one great county. It is the home of many Corinthians. Namely, C.S. Graham, Sol Weeks, Rufe Smith, Guy Chambers, Mayor and Henry Sharp, P.J. Huggins, old John Redding and Sam Perkins. Thank the Lord, Filmore Baxter was born just over the Mississippi line. But Baxter is a good old soul and a blessing to any town for his feet are so big he tramps all the insects to death in the springs. (Weekly Corinthian, XXIX # 50, Dec 18, 1924.

**MCNAIRY COUNTY COURT 1907
J H FERGUSON VS GEORGE TAYLOR (OUR CASE NO 177)
PETITION FOR ROAD**

The petition of J H Ferguson and numerous others, having been presented to D F Steadman, Road Commissioner of the First District, asking for the opening of the road hereinafter described to be held on Feb 9, 1907.

Description: Beginning at the end of the lane at George Taylor's residence on the east and terminating at the road at Dock Ferguson, about 3/4 mile in length, and to be located in such a way as to run just inside the field of George Taylor to avoid the creek by getting away from the old road be in which the creek runs when a little flush. Where said road crosses Moss Creek, no bridge is needed or will be asked.

Road granted and George given \$10.00 for the damage to his field.

LETTER FOR CIVIL WAR PENSION

FOR THREE YEARS I WAS IN THE SERVICE OF THE CONFEDERACY, I ENTERED THE ARMY AT THE AGE OF FOURTEEN AND A HALF.
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Bethel Springs, Tenn , Dec 2, 1916
To Gen John P. Hickman
Sec Board o Pension Examiners, Nashville

Dear Sir:

On Sept 25, 1916, I wrote you in regard to being reinstated, or restored, to the pension roll of the state. You wrote me that my old application would do but to be reinstated I would have

to file an affidavit stating when I left the state and when I returned and ask to be restored to the roll.

Now all of this I did and your special examiner, Mr. Moses, instead of bread, handed me a stone. He says that under the law I will have to be an actual resident of the state three years before I can be restored to the roll. I will say that outside of nearly seven years I was in the state of Texas, I have been an actual resident of the State of Tenn over sixty nine years, with the exception of the three years I was in the service of the Confederacy.

I entered the army at the age of fourteen and a half years, under Col Jeff Forrest. My Capt was J. B. Michie who was killed at Harrisburg. I was transferred to the Nineteenth Tenn, Col John Newsom. My Capt was Harris Simmons, Co E, as you will find by referring to the rolls at Washington. The Nineteenth Tenn was merged or consolidated with the Twenty First Tenn. Col. A. W. Wilson, commanding, with whom I served until the surrender in May 1865.

I assisted Lieut. T. M. Bell in filling out the paroles, furnished us by Gen Cariby (?). I also surrendered the arms of our company. I was in the Battle of Okolona, Harrisburg, Brice's Cross Roads on Tishomingo Creek, Fort Pillow, Memphis, Athens, Sulphur, Union City, Pulaski and others.

I will say that in going to Texas it was not our intention whatever of making Texas my hone. I went to Saratogo, Tex and was clerk in the Post Office there for over a year. The office changed hands and I was out of a job and have been out since then. I have a sister living in Saratoga, Tex and I stayed with her while in Tex. I do not own one dollars worth of property in the world. I once owned a farm of 342 acres of land in this McNairy County, I lost my home through no want of consideration on my part but rather the result of circumstances beyond my control. The fact is disease and death entered my home and took from me, first my oldest son. Then after a lingering illness, my wife died. My mother had previously been stricken with paralysis and was for two years --- helpless and would allow no one to wait on her but myself I am now as I have been for several years, entirely dependent on friends and relatives. In regard to my character, would refer you to Judge James B. Jopling of Memphis, J. R. Stovall, President of the Bethel Springs Bank who was a member of the same company which I first belonged. John R. Adams, President of the McNairy County Bank who was a Lieut in Capt Michie's Company. Judge A. W. Stovall of Jackson, Tenn, will say that I do not use liquor in any form. Now my dear sir, if after careful consideration of my case you are satisfied that I am worthy of a pension, help me to secure it and by so doing. Very much oblige, respectfully T. J. Walker. I have never applied elsewhere for a pension. (Courtesy of Milbourne Walker, Selmer, Tn)

MCNAIRY COUNTY, TN CHANCERY COURT 1885
WILLIAM FERGUSON, ETAL VS L. C. ROTEN, ETAL DOCKET 621
LAND DISPUTE, FILED IN THE CHANCERY COURT AT FALCON, TENNESSEE
THIS CASE HAS THE SAME INFORMATION AS CHANCERY CASE 629

A J Ferguson died in testate 186- leaving Mary A Ferguson, his widow and children: James H, Nancy Jane, Frederick S, Mary Ann, Eliza, Victoria, Ephraim, Louisa and William. Mary Ann was appointed executor of the estate. He died before Nov 1865 because a petition had been filed for dower and sale of the land by Mary Ann Ferguson before that date. At the

December 1865 term of court, it was ordered that the land be sold to highest bidder January 13, 1866 and Mary A Ferguson bought the land in question for \$30.00.

Misc information discovered: Mary A Ferguson drew a \$8.00 a month pension for herself and each minor child. Starting at least in 1872. She did not receive money on a child after they reached age 16. The youngest child was 16 on Dec 20, 1874. Victoria name was: Comfort Victoria Ferguson. Victoria could write.

My Generations
Coke, Autin and allied families

First Generation

1. Jack McWilliam Coke, Rev born 8 Jan 1920, McNairy County, Tn. Baptized July 1932 by Chewalla Baptist Church at Butler's Pool in McNairy County, Tn

Second Generation

2. Rufus Neal Coke born 12 July, 1884 in Gift, Alcorn Co Ms, died 26 Jan 1962 in Memphis, Shelby Co, Tn, buried in Indian Creek Cem in Chewalla, McNairy 3. Mary Melissa Austin (Auston) born 25 Aug 1884 in McNairy Co, Tn, died 5 July, 1935, buried at Indian Creek Cemetery, Chewalla, Tn.

Third Generation

4. Richard Franklin Coke born 15 Sept 1858, died 4 Mar, 1914 in Gift, Alcorn Co, Mississippi, buried Lebanon Cemetery, Gift, Mississippi
5. Fidelia Stephenson was born 9 Jan 1863, died 26 Apr 1885 in Gift, Alcorn Co Mississippi, buried Lebanon Cemetery, Gift, Mississippi
6. Louis Caste Austin (Auston) was born abt 1849 in Rome, Georgia, died abt 1885 in Chewalla, McNairy Co, Tennessee. Buried Indian Creek, Chewalla.
7. Sarah "Sallie" E. Mask (Mass) died abt April 1892 in Chewalla, McNairy County, Tennessee. Buried Oak Grove Cemetery.

Fourth Generation

8. William J. Coke (Cocke) was born on 10 May 1833, died 8 Feb 1908 in Alcorn Co Mississippi, buried at Lebanon Cemetery, Gift, Mississippi
9. Naomi Brooks (Brucks) was born 22 Oct 1837, died 31 Aug 1907 in Gift, Alcorn Co, Mississippi, buried at Lebanon Cemetery, Gift, Mississippi
10. Obadiah N. J. Stephenson was born abt 1838
11. Eliza Jane Morrison (Morrison) George was born 3 Apr 1836, died 28 Oct 1919 in Alcorn County, Mississippi
12. John Culpepper Austin (Auston) was born about 1813, died abt 1879 in McNairy County, Tennessee (in Estate Inv. Bk E page 387 Jan 5, 1880)
13. Mary Ann Gurley was born about 1810 in NC. Pretty sure she died in McNairy County, Can't find grave, can't prove.
14. George W. Mask (Mass)
15. Nancy Pluckett (Plunket)

Fifth Generation

16. Spillsby (Spillsbury) Coke (Cocke) was born abt 1803 in Tennessee. Lived at one time at Waverly, Humphreys Co, Tn. Died in Ark 17
17. Lemira (Mira, Myra) Bard was born about 1808 in South Carolina
18. Thompson Brooks (Brucks) was born about 1808 in Alabama ?
19. Rachel Blackwood was born about 1813 in Alabama
20. William M. Stephenson born 29 Nov 1794, died 18 Sept 1885, Alcorn, Co, Ms buried Farmington Cemetery, Alcorn co, Ms (am not sure this being mine)
21. Ruth born 1 Aug 1806, died 19 May 1847, buried Farmington Cemetery, Ms
22. Neal (Neil) Morrison (Sen) was born 5 Mar 1809, died 14 Nov 1803, Alcorn Co, Mississippi (Shot) Buried Antioch Cemetery, Alcorn Co. Mississippi
23. Sarah Rushing (Rushen) was born 6 Feb 1816, died 17 Mar 1890, Alcorn Mississippi. buried Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Alcorn, Ms
24. John Austin (Auston) was born in Georgia
25. -----Bray

Sixth Generation

26. Richard Coke (Cocke) was born about 1733 , lived in Waverly, Tenn
27. Elizabeth Tribble was born abt 1738
28. Joseph Morrison was born 30 Nov 1759 Martinsburg, Frederick, VA, died 23 Aug 1835 in Raccoon, Marion, Il, buried Mr. Moriah Cemetery
29. Elizabeth ----- died 11 Aug 1844, Raccoon, Marion, Il buried Mt. Moriah
30. William Rushing born abt 1780 NC, died 15 July 1853 in Ms, buried Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Alcorn Co, Miss
31. Jane Nicholls born abt 1785 NC, died 29 Feb 1860, Alcorn Co, Ms, buried Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Alcorn, Ms

Courtesy of: Barbara Coke Laffoon,

Oldest Citizen Dead.....Mrs. Ann Wesson, age 90 yrs, the oldest person in the county died last Fri at the home of her daughter Mrs. Tidwell near Adamsville. Buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Widow of Turner Wesson who died 23 yrs ago while living near Chewalla. For 85 yrs a member of the Methodist Church and a noble Christian woman. Independent Nov 5, 1920

"THE RATS AROUND MY PLACE WERE WISE," SAYS JOHN TUTHILL

"Tried everything to kill them. Mixed poison with meal, meat, cheese, etc. Wouldn't touch it. Tried RAT-SNAP. Inside of ten days got rid of all rats." You don't have to mix RAT-SNAP with food. Saves fussing, bother. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP, lay it where rats scamper. You will see no more. Three sizes, 35¢, 65¢, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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J. R. Gooch, Selmer
Adamsville Drug Store
Sanders Drug Store Stantonville
W. P. Hurley, Tulu

Dr. Jno J. Abernathy, Acton
J. O. Ingram, Chambers Store
A.. B. Hamm & Co, Ramer
Houston Bros. & Hamm, Guys
Dee Russom & Sons, Roebuck

(McNairy County Independent, Sept 30, 1930)

SAUNDERS

Lemuel Saunders, named after his paternal grandfather, was born June 9, 1798 in Lincoln Co, NC and died with typhoid fever November 26, 1849. He was the son of Edward And Elizabeth Goodson Saunders.

He married Millia Duncan, daughter of John Duncan, on Sept 1, 1820 in Lincoln Co, NC. An early settler to McNairy County, they moved to the second district about 1825 where they bought 50 acres on the waters of Little Hatchie, near Camden, for \$600 in 1834. The land included the "puddin orchard" which was possibly a plum thicket. John Duncan moved to Hardeman County about the same time.

It was after they came to McNairy County the "U" was dropped from their name and became Sanders.

Lemuel and Millia Saunders children were:

1. Drewry Dobbin b. ca 1821, Lincoln Co. NC, died McNairy County.
2. Mary "Polly" b. ca 1821, died Sept 10, 1878, McNairy Co, married George Reaves
3. William b. ca 1826, married Nancy?
4. Joseph H. b. Aug 27, 1827, McNairy Co. died July 30, 1892, McNairy Co.
5. Sarah E. b. Feb 24, 1832, McNairy Co. died June 8, 1898 Jasper Co. Mo.
married (1) Guthrie (2) Jezekich Ingle
6. Alfred M. b. ca 1835, McNairy Co.
7. Lemuel b. ca 1837 McNairy Co.
8. Nancy J. b. Feb 14, 1840, McNairy Co, d. Mar 20, 1927, m. William Levi Sanders
9. Francis R. b. ca 1842 McNairy Co.
10. Pinkney Taylor b. Sept 1847, McNairy County.

Pinkney Sanders also lived in the 2nd district in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant and Camden. He married Margaret McIntyre Nov 14, 1867. Margaret was the daughter of Lawson McIntyre and Sarah Horn. Children of Pinkney and Margaret:

1. Nancy Isbell Sanders b. Sept 6, 1868. Called Nannie
 2. Joseph Nelson Sanders b. ca 1871 d. 1933
 3. Margaret Sanders b. ca 1876 d. June 1958 m. John Mayfield
 4. Mollie Millie Sanders b. ca 1880
 5. Hannah Sanders b. Feb 1883 m. Jobe Teague, son Of John Thomas & Nancy Jane Johnson Teague. Hannah was called "Doll" because she was such a beautiful baby.
 6. Maud Theo Sanders b. Dec 1886 d. ca 1938
 7. Benjamin Sanders b. Jan 1889
- Courtesy of Bill Browder

Everybody wants to live a long time...
But no one wants to get old!

NAMES OF PEOPLE LIVING IN AND AROUND PURDY

The following is a list of citizen of Purdy in 1859-60, prepared by the late Col John H Duke:

MISS D ADAMS	JNO C COVEY
HATTER ADAMS & FAMILY	ALPHONSO CROSS
JNO R. ADAMS	DICK CROSS
MRS SARAH ADAMS	JNO R CROSS
J K ANDREWS	MACLIN CROSS
ELIZABETH BALDRIDGE	DR CHAS CRUMP
J P BALDRIDGE	DICK CRUMP
BILL BARRY	MARK CRUMP
DR DAN BARRY	MARTHA DELLA CRUMP
MRS ELIZA BARRY	MRS ELIZABETH CRUMP
MISS DANNIE BARRY	GREEN CROWDER
FRANK BARRY	JNO B CULLEN
HENRY BARRY	E T DODD
MRS UDERO BARRY	JOHN W DODD
ANDY BEARD	MONROE DODD
FIELDING BEARD	MISS SALLIE DODD
JNO BEARD	THOMAS J DOWLING
MRS JOHN BEARD	JNO H DUKE
DR ASA BELL	MRS SUE DUKE
BILLY BELL	WILLIAM FORT
BOB BELL	DAVE GILCHRIST
FRANK BELL	GARDNER GILL
DR JOB BELL	DR WEBB GILL
MRS JOB BELL	MRS LEAN GILLESPIE
JNO BELL	GREEN GULLETT
MRS JNO BELL	MARGANY GULLETT
OPHELIA BELL	PETER GULLETT
GEO W BRADEN	MRS GULLETT
MRS SALLIE BRADEN	A R HALL
MISS SALLIE BRADEN	MRS POCA HALL
MIT BRADEN	THOMAS HALL
P H BRADEN	MISS R D HALPIN
MISS PUSS BRADEN	H P HANDY
THOMAS BRADEN	OPELIA HANDY
W H BRADEN	DR B R HARRIS
J J BRADLEY	MRS ELLEN HARRIS
BOB CATES	JNO W M HARRIS
MRS HETTIE CATES	MAY HARRIS
LUKE CATES	WILL HARRIS
PLEA CATES	BEN HARWELL
ELIZABETH CHANEY	CATH HARWELL
MRS MARY CHANEY	INDIANA HARWELL
REBECCA CHANEY	JOSIE HARWELL
SAM CHANEY	R S HARWELL

TENNESSEE HARWELL
HOLLOWAY HOLEMAN
MARK HOLEMAN
SHE HOLEMAN
ARCH HOUSTON
DAVE HUDDLESTON
MRS DAVE HUDDLESTON
ELIZA HUDDLESTON
L F HUDDLESTON
MRS MARY HUDDLESTON
FIELDING HURST
CHAP HURST
MRS MAG HURST
MISS NELLIE HURST
PROF A M JOHNSON
H T JOHNSON
MISS JANE JOHNSON
JESSIE JOHNSON
MRS JESSIE JOHNSON
JNO JOHNSON
M H JOHNSON
MISS MARY JOHNSON
MRS MILTON JOHNSON
MISS SAC JOHNSON
MRS VIRGINIA JOHNSON
WILL JOHNSON
JULIUS A JONES
ANDY JOPLING
HARRIET JOPLING
MRS JULIA JOPLING
W D JOPLING
MISS JENNIE KERNODLE
MARY KERNODLE
SIMPSON KERNODLE
MRS SIMPSON KERNODLE
THOMAS B KERNODLE
YOUNG KERNDOLE
A J KINCAID
BILLY KINCAID
CLAY KINCAID
MRS MARIA KINCAID
NIP KINCAID
REED KINCAID
TOM KINCAID
BUD KINDEL
OLD AUNT COM KINDEL
MISS JULIA KINDEL
MRS MARTHA KINDEL

MISS MAUDE KINDEL
TOM KINDEL
MISS UDORA KINDEL
CHAS LEWTER
CHAS LEWTER, JR
MRS CHAS LEWTER
MRS CHAS LEWTER
JNO LEWTER
SAMUEL LEWIS
MRS SAMUEL LEWIS
NATHAN MCAGEE
MISS COOK MCCANN
JOE MCCANN
MISS PUSS MCCANN
BEN MCINTIRE
ANDY MCKEE
MRS AMERICA MCKINNIE
JAMES F MCKINNIE
JANE MCKINNIE
JOHN MCKINNIE
MISS MAT MCKINNIE
ROBERT E MCKINNIE
DR WM MCKINNIE & FAMILY
GEO MEEKS
MISS MARY MEEKS
HENRY MELUGIN
LIZA MELUGIN
THOMAS MELUGIN
HENRY MILLER
ALFRED MOORE
B P MOORE
FOSS MOORE
GEO MOORE
MRS LOUISE MOORE
MOLLIE MOORE
OLLIE MOORE
SAM MOORE
MINERVA MOORE
WALTER MOORE
ISSAC NASH
MRS SALLIE NASH
H W PINKSTON
MRS JANE PINKSTON
JIM PINKSTON
BLISS POOL
MISS MOLLIE POOL
R W POOL
MISS BETTIE PRICE

BRYON PRICE
MAC PRICE
NAPOLEON PRICE
MRS SARAH PRICE
WILLIAM A PRICE
M L RIDDLE
MISS MARY ANN RIDDLE
BASCOM RIGGS
MARCUS RIGGS
N C RIGGS
MRS N C RIGGS
GEORGE RULEMAN
FANNIE RULEMAN
MOLLIE RULEMAN
MRS NANCY RULEMAN
NET RULEMAN
AUNT TERRY RULEMAN
TOM RULEMAN
WILLIAM RULEMAN
WILLIAM RULEMAN, JR
REV A A SANDERS
MISS BECCA SANDERS
ED SANDERS
MRS IBBY SANDERS
SARG SANDERS
TODD SANDERS
C F SAWYERS
REESE SAWYERS
CALVIN SHULL
MISS FLORA SHULL
JERRY SHULL
MRS MARY B SHULL
WILL SHULL
A W STOVALL
ALCY STOVALL
CHARITY STOVALL
DAVE STOVALL
DILLIE STOVALL
ELIZABETH STOVALL
FOREST STOVALL
JNO M STOVALL
MARY STOVALL
MRS NANCY E STOVALL
MISSOURI STOVALL
O M STOVALL
O J STOVALL
BOB STRIBLING
MRS FAY STRIBLING

MRS MARY STRIBLING
SHELT STRIBLING
ELSIE STRATTION
NIP STREET
JNO W STUMPH
BOOKER SWAN
MRS MARTHA SWAN
ANDY THOMPSON
CHRISTINA THOMPSON
BILL THOMPSON
MRS BOB THOMPSON
R M THOMPSON
E R TURNER
MRS MARTHA TURNER
R B TURNER
WILLIAM F TURNER
LAFAYETTE VEAL
BEN WALKER
JOSEPH WALKER
MRS JOSEPH WALKER
JEFF WALKER
ED WALSH
JENNIE WALSH
MRS DELITHA WALSH
MISS NISHA WALSH
W K WALSH
HUGH WARREN
COL JAMES WARREN
MRS JAMES WARREN
JNO T WARREN
STANDORD L WARREN
JNO WHITTAKER
MISS BETTY WILKINSON
CUB WILKINSON
GEO WILKINSON
JACK WILKINSON
CRUMP WILSON
LAVENIA WILSON
COL R D WILSON
MRS R D WILSON
BEN WISDOM
HETTIE WISDOM
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BILL TUGE WISDOM
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 MARIAH WISDOM
 W S WISDOM
 CATH WISDOM
 LORAIN WISDOM
 MR WOODARD
 PUSS WOODARD
 MRS WORTHINGTON
 MACK WORTHINGTON
 SAMUEL WORTHINGTON
 MRS ELIZABETH WRIGHT
 JNO V WRIGHT
 MAJ BEN WRIGHT
 MARCUS J WRIGHT
 MRS MARTHA WRIGHT

From the McNairy County Independent
 Dated November 24, 1938
 Put in alphabetical order by the
 Editor for convenience in reading.

Senior Class
 Ramer High School 1927-28
 Treadwell Davis, President
 Emmett Taylor, V P;
 Blanche Jaggars, Sec/Treas;
 Colors - white/green;
 Motto - "We build to rise."
 Advisor, Miss Grace Wood. Class Roll:
 Lee Jaggars, Sadie Kirk, Lessie Ingle, Treadwell
 Davis, Johnson Gooch, Maurice Chandler, Lessie
 Shelton, Sadie Hamm, Blanch Jaggars, Icy Ingle,
 Arnold T Prather, Emmitt Taylor, Rose Raper

We are proud of our Senior class as it is the largest
 senior class Ramer has ever had, and we think it is the
 best one.

Purple and Gold Vol V No dated October 1927

TENNESSEE FACTS

Tennessee Capitols:

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. Knoxville | 1796-1812 | 4. Knoxville | 1817 |
| 2. Kingston | 1 day in 1807 | 5. Murfreesboro | 1818-1826 |
| 3. Nashville | 1812-1817 | 6. Nashville | 1826 |

More civil war battles were fought in Tennessee than any other state except Virginia:

Feb 1862 - Forts Henry and Donalson	Dec 1862 - Stone River
Mar 1862 - Shiloh	Nov 1864 - Franklin
Nov 1862 - Chattanooga	Dec 1864 - Nashville

The name Tennessee was first used by Henry Timberlake who visited the Cherokee Tribe in 1761. Tannassie was the name of the chief village of the Cherokees.

JACOB WOLFE

My 4th great grandfather Jacob Wolfe was born about 1775 in NC according to census records. His wife is still unknown at this time. By 1832 Jacob had moved to Hamburg, Tn in Hardin Co. and evidence of his 7 children are on the 1840 census of Hardin Co. His will of 1848 listed his children: John, Peter, G W, Jonathan, Jacob J, Jincy and William.

His second child was Peter Wolfe of whom I am descended from. Peter was born about 1798 in NC and died about 1845 in Hardin Co, Tn. His wife was named Elizabeth. Their children were Nicholas H, Charles M, Jacob P, George W (killed in the civil war) and Richard.

Charles M was born 1825 in Tn and died 16 June 1891. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Kirkman's Cemetery near Selmer, Tn. Charles married Savory Julian about 1851. She was the daughter of Urban and Nancy Herron Julian.

Charles and Savory lived in the 6th district of McNairy Co from the 1850s till they died. They had eight children: John H, Nicholas H, George W, William P, Elizabeth, Savoy (Sadie), Erwin and Nancy.

Nicholas H was born 1 Feb 1855 and died 11 Sept 1944. He married Callie Hammonds, (born 8 July 1862 and died 4 May 1943) in 1878. Both are buried at Bethesda Cemetery near Selmer. They had 7 children: Charles, Willie, John T, Mozell, Bessie, Lillian Earl, Ollie and Nickolas Jr.

Charles Willie was born 16 July 1880 and died 9 May 1963 in the nursing home at Savannah, Tn. On 9 Dec 1903 he married Hester Phillips (born 1888, died 2 Mar 1924.) Both are buried in Mt Zion Cemetery between Selmer and Stantonville. She was the daughter of Frank and Leona Allison Phillips.

Charles Willie and Hester had 8 children: Ollie Mae, Nicholas H, Mary L, Debs, Lillian Elar, Burle and twins born dead.

Mary was born 16 Jan 1910 and is now living with me (the author.) She was married on Sept 1930 to Oscar Whitaker (born 8 July 1908, died 28 July 1983.) He was the son of Marshall and Alice Wardlow. Oscar and Mary had 3 children: James, Larry and Patsy. Mary had a son Carthel Hockaday by a first marriage.

I was born 2 Apr 1942 east of Selmer on what is now Connie Smith Rd. I married Charles Jones (son of Elihu and Lillian Michie Jones.) We have three children: Doug, David and Tommy, which are all married and we now live on old Stantonville Rd in Selmer.

Courtesy of Pat Jones

JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES ELECTED AUGUST 2, 1906

	<u>Justice</u>	<u>Justice</u>	<u>Constable</u>
<u>First District</u>	F. M. Clayton	F. J. Taylor	D. B. Richardson
<u>Second District</u>	Lee Lock	J. E. Dunaway	J. A. Moore
<u>Third District</u>	T. H. Sipes	John Kerby	Dave Sipes
<u>Fourth District</u>	J. S. Ramer	J. T. Williams	Horry Hill
<u>Fifth District</u>	W. F. Horn	J. W. Williams	Julius Huggins
<u>Sixth District city</u>	J. H. Steadman	H. C. Gooch	W. A. Grant

<u>Sixth District rural</u>	J. H. Ferguson	P. A. Neatherly	Julius King
<u>Seventh District</u>	W. F. Beard	J. M. Inman	Job Murry
<u>Eighth District</u>	J. S. Lain	J. B. Barham	Tilman Henry
<u>Ninth District</u>	G. B. Tucker	J. N. Burks	Joe Cohn
<u>Tenth District</u>	J. P. Sipes	Guy Perkins	J. B. Dickey
<u>Eleventh District</u>	W. M. Davis	M. D. Davis	R. L. Carter
<u>Twelfth District</u>	H. J. Matlock	A. L. Orr	B. F. Rogers
<u>Thirteenth District</u>	E. H. T. Garrett	J. L. Hockaday	Jim Browder
<u>Fourteenth District</u>	A. R. Houston	T. J. Hurley	A. R. Hooker
<u>Fifteenth District</u>	J. H. Farris	L. E. Farris	G. W. Brasfield
<u>Sixteenth District</u>	W. F. Maness	J. A. Wilkins	J. R. Jackson
<u>Seventeenth District</u>	Ed Cobb	F. J. Floyd	C. A. Walker
<u>Eighteenth District</u>	J. T. Ramer	T. B. Wilmeth	J. M. Barnes
<u>Nineteenth District</u>	C. C. Plunk	H. D. Maxedon	Bill Plunk

Stantonville

Santonville is a small community located in McNairy county on what is now Tennessee Highway 142, about twelve miles east of Selmer. It is about five miles west of the famous Civil War Battlefield, now known as Shiloh National Park, which is located on the Tennessee River.

Stantonville was named for Edwin Stanton, who was Secretary of War under President Lincoln. Benjamin Stanton, a nephew of Edwin, came this way as a scout for a wagon train on its way from North Carolina to Missouri. He fought for the Union during the Civil War and returned to England where he finished his education before coming back to the States. On this trip he met and married Martha White. They decided to homestead here, and he tried to start an iron factory, which was his family business in England. This effort failed. Their first child was born and died here. Benjamin soon moved to Pocahontas where he raised a family.

Some of the early settlers were Green Lee Hendrix, a retired Confederate soldier who dealt in real estate; Bob and Ephraim Michie, farmers; and John Henderson Meeks and Nathaniel A. Erwin, landowners and farmers. The Meeks home was built in 1851, three miles south of Stantonville on what is now known as the Dee Erwin farm. This lovely home burned in 1946. Jeff Hurley opened a store in the early 1800's. Others were soon opened: Will Elam, John Hoover, John and Oscar Wyatt, A. B. Dancer, John Moffett, Loyd Carroll, John Cobb, Joe Pat Harkins and Robert Lee Houston. Joe Fulbright ran a hamburger joint and Will and Stella Quinn a café.

On May 9, 1848, the first post office established in a small building on the hill across the branch northwest of town. It was on what is now the Stantonville-Gilchrist Road near where Lionell Raines lives. Thomas Beck was postmaster. People would go to the post office and pick up their mail, which was brought from Selmer once a week. Thomas M Pahmen served after Beck. This post office was discontinued for awhile and was established again in July 1874 with Mollie McConnell as postmaster. She served until January 24, 1890. Following is a list of others: Samuel C. Carroll, Mattie Flatt, Warner Wyatt, William C. Elam, George A. Hagy, Joseph

Harkins, Cecil R. Hoover, John O. Hoover, Julia Sanders, Zaida I. Fullwood, Bessie Carroll, Janet Greene and Clara A. Mulder the present postmaster.

The post office facilities were located in various stores until 1923 when it was moved to a building which Dr Gerry Sanders had erected as combination doctor's office and post office. This was near the present Methodist Church building. When this land was sold, Dr Sanders had the building moved to the west corner of his property in front of the old Ben Sweat Store building. The first flag was flown over the post office in 1947 on a homemade pole made by Jonah Tilman (now deceased.) The post office was advanced to third class the same year. In 1963 G. W. Carroll built a new store on the highway with a building adjoining it to house the post office. One of the early rural letter carriers was John Gibson, who killed a postal inspector and was sent to prison. Bascom Dancer finished his term and Earl Boatman followed. Substitutes were Gillis Smith, Charlie Raines and Sid Burks, all deceased. W. R. Phillips was rural letter carrier from 1920 to 1963. At present W. R. MacArthur is carrier with R. B. Dickey substitute. The post office now serves 31 post office boxes and one rural route. The population area is approximately 1200 and has 55 revenue units.

A bank was built here in the early 1900's and was called "The People's Bank." In the late 1930's, when money was scarce, this bank merged with the Selmer Bank and Trust. Grover Surratt was cashier at the time. Will Elam bought the bank property and after tearing down the building he used the brick to build a house in which he lived until his death. It is now known as the Ellen Tanner house.

In 1912, the Will Elam store burned and a large brick building was erected; the brick was fired on the site. Mrs. Orah Elam made and sold millinery in a section of this store.

Dr. Gilbert Howell was an early doctor. He owned the land in back of where the Ellen Tanner house now stands. His son, Carl Howell, set up a barber shop in a small building on this property. He used an empty nail key turned upside down as a barber chair and charged ten cents for a haircut. Later he bought a second-hand barber chair. Other early doctors were J. C. McConnell, Henry Sanders and Gerry Sanders. Dr Gerry setup his first practice here and lived with his wife, Julia Williams Sanders, until his death in 1957.

Rob Cooksey, John McClain and Marvin Matlock ran blacksmith shops and grist mills. After Mr. Matlock died, John Cain ran his shop. Alex Boshart ran the telephone exchange and Will Davis owned a cotton gin. Keg Melton was an early lawman and in the early 30's he was replaced by Unkas Barnett, a very colorful character.

The heart of any community is in its school and churches. The first school was in a one-room building located where the Ebb Wyatt house now stands. Later a large building was erected on the lot where the community center is located. As the enrollment grew, the need for a more modern school was seen and in 1927 a brick building with auditorium and classrooms was built there. Soon a school lunch program was initiated and lunches were prepared and served daily. In 1949 a large gym was built adjacent to the school building. Years before, in 1915, the first basketball team was organized here by Millard Smith (better known as Jack Smith) who later became President of Memphis State University. Smith and Custer Taylor were teaching here at the time. The ball players were Ealas McKenzie, Eber Pettigrew, Charlie Pounds, Syd Burks, Bascom Dancer, Loyd Carroll, Kenneth Elam and Eldridge Houston. Other early teachers were J. H. Beck, J. T. Murphy, A. L. Bishop and his wife, Lana Robinson, Coleman Smith, Charlie Hughes, Oma Wyatt, Zaida Fullwood, Burelle Gray and Clydus Cunningham, to name a few.

The first school bus was a covered wagon, driven by Jim Glidewell. Late on, regular buses were used and the early drivers were Earret Burks and T. K. Sanders followed by Judge Surratt, Olus Smith and others. Grades one through ten were taught until 1956 or '57 when enrollment dropped and high students were bused to four-year high schools in Selmer and Adamsville. Finally, in 1966, the school was discontinued and the building began to show signs of neglect. The gym was torn down and finally the main school building also.

The Church of Christ was organized February 15, 1840 and began meeting in a log building about one mile from Stantonville Community and was known as the Old Clear Creek Church. Some of the men who were active in the work of the church at that time were George Kendrick, Daniel Burns, J. W. Pettigrew, George Erwin, D. D. Michie, S. Dancer, Benton Kendrick, T. R. Beck, George Gibson, Thomas Dannel and D. M. McKenzie. D. D. Michie and D. M. McKenzie were appointed elders and J. W. Tanner, George Gibson and Thomas Donnell deacons. T. R. Beck was church clerk. On February 25, 1879, due to the death of D. M. McKenzie, the church appointed T. R. Beck elder and Benton Kendrick church clerk. There are records of two of the early minister - Arch Houston and Robert Michie. A large cemetery is still maintained at this location where a large number of the early members are buried. Among them is Robert Michie.

They continued to meet there until 1910. At that time, with land donated by Will Elam and lumber donated by others, a building erected at the present site on Highway 142 just west of the present post office building. At first it was one large room. Later it was torn down and replaced with a larger room and two classrooms. This, too, was later replaced with an auditorium, complete with baptistery and several classrooms. At this date there is a regular attendance of 80-90 with Dan Eubanks the minister.

The Stantonville Methodist Church was organized as a mission in 1893. They met in a board arbor located about one mile from where the present building now stands at the junctions of Highway 142 and 224 South. Worship was held in this arbor, except in winter, when they met in the school building. Some of the early leaders were J. T. Templeton, E. W. Wyatt, Robert Fullwood, A. C. McKenzie, W. S. Burks, C. A. Melton, W. H. Garrison and L. McDaniel. Tom Maxedon was the first minister. In 1903, land was purchased from C. C. Steele and a building erected; labor and material were donated by the members. This church burned in 1937 and worship was held in the school building while a new church building was constructed. This is the building in use today.

Stantonville was the first rural community to get electricity. It was incorporated in 1967 with a population of 304. In 1959 land was purchased and community cemetery was laid out. In 1976, U. S. Apparel, Inc. moved from the location in the "Old Fort Building" in Shiloh to a new building here.

In 1979 a large community center was built on the old school location. The people in this area farm and raise hogs and cattle. They grow soybeans, milo and corn. Some work in factories and some at other jobs. There are also two beauty shops on the highway.

This article is in part taken from one written by Larry Raines, Mayor of Stantonville. Taken from the book McNairy County and Her People by Lee Jaggars, published in 1987. Permission granted by Mrs. Lee Jaggars.

A. T. SPRINGER DEATH

McNairy County Independent, Jan 25, 1918:

A. T. Springer, the oldest and one of the most prosperous citizens of our community, died at the home of his son, J. W. Springer, January 14th, at the age of 87 years and 3 month. His remains were interred in the Gravel Hill cemetery the 15th, in the presence of a small crowd due to the severe weather. He was born in Giles County, Tennessee and moved to this county when small and has lived in this immediate community ever since. He served 1 year in the Confederate Army and was a Justice of the Peace of this county for a number of years. He joined the CP church at Mt Vernon just after the Civil War, where he was a consistent member till his death. His life and character need no eulogy, as it speaks for itself to those who knew him. He leaves one sister Mrs. Elizabeth Huggins, who is 84 years old, two sons and three daughters and a number of grandchildren to mourn his loss, his wife preceding him about 10 years ago.

J. R. DAVIS'S DAYBOOK - 1857 - IUKA, MISSISSIPPI

This Day Book was kept by John Richard Davis as a charge book for his store in Iuka, Tishomingo county, Mississippi. John R. had a store, with various partners. He went to the Civil War in 1862 and his wife managed the store. There is mentioned of sawmill hands but owner of the sawmill is known. Davis was probably a partner. In 1868, after losing everything in the Civil War, Louisa Davis does laundry and apparently she had a boarding house during part of this time. Louisa came to McNairy county before 1880. John R died in the civil war. Some of the names mentioned in the book are from McNairy County.

Names in Book:

Daniel Peel	A. Smith	Martin Flint
J. W. Joslin	N. M. Johnson	David Mills
Nancy Joslin	A. J. Graham	James Williams
Albert I. Joslin	Jasper Smith	John W. Brim
R. B. Joslin	William Gilbert	James McNeal
Daniel B. Joslin	David McNeal	William McNeal
S. M. Joslin	Ambree Gilbert	Nat Mann
William Joslin	Jack Whortin	John South
John F. Joslin	Carril South	James Dean
Abram Emerson	Hew Gilbert	A. T. Matthews
Samuel Lewis	Samuel Davis	M. D. Moreland
John Sibley	S. M. Davis	J. H. Bently
Elijah Sibley	D. N. Casey	James Bonds
Commodore Rogers	Capt Rice	J. B. F. Brownlow
James M. Douthit	F. S. Dasheals	H. Walker
P. Thomison	T. W. Barnett	Thomas Castleberry
Dock Bently	M. West	D. W. Jones
William Taylor	George Blunt	L. M. Huggains
D. C. Morgan	Pat Smith	G. W. Bealey
Peter Hubbard		

BIBLE RECORDS OF RICHARD RUSHING'S FAMILY

Richard Rushing was born December 3rd A. D. 1797

Anna Rushing was born May 26 A. D. 1807

Sarah Rushing was born March 14 A. D. 1826

Melinda Rushing was born August 18 A. D. 1827

Lucinda Rushing was born Jany 20 A. D. 1829

Siney Rushing was born March 1st A. d. 1830

Jane Rushing was born Feby 1st A. D. 1832

Wm R. Rushing was born Sept 14 A. D. 1833

Mary Rushing was born Jany 16th A D. 1835

Philip Rushing was born Sept 10 A. D. 1837

Jason Rushing was born April 29th A. D. 1839

Agness Rushing was born May 22nd A. D. 1841

Melisse Rushing was born March 10th A. D. 1843

Anna Rushing was born March 16th A. D. 1845

Richard Rushing was born Oct 5th A. D. 1848

This was taken from a photo copy of the Rushing Family Bible sent to me by Milree C. Powell, great grand daughter of Melinda Rushing Farris. Some records indicate a son John R born 1857 which is not included. Not sure if John was a son or grand-son of Richard Rushing.

THOMAS WILLIAM PRICE FAMILY

Thomas William Price & Donie Rushing were married Nov 29th 1892

Thomas W. Price was borned December the 29th 1863

Donie Price, wife of Thomas W. Price was borned Oct 21, 1872

Children

George Herman Price was borned September the 6th, 1893

Phillip Homer Price was borned Feb 22th, 1895

Mamie Bonetha Price was borned October the 25th 1898

Thomas Leo Price was borned July the 29th 1896

Robert Grady Price was borned January the 5th 1900

Mary Bell Price was borned November the 9th 1903

William Clarence Price was borned March 14, 1905

Caldonia Price (Donie) died January 17, 1908, Age: 35 years, 2 months and 27 days old

Thomas William Price died June 1, 1956, Age: 92 years, 5 months and 3 days old

McKinney Texas: Mr. Hermon Price and Miss Stella Oden were married Aug 26 - 1913

Stella Price was borned Mar 29-1894 Courtesy of Linda Burks

When the coffee is hot and the talk is good,
And the feeling is easy and the laughter is light,
And the memories are many but the time is too short
You know you are with a friend.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY AND SCHOOL REVENUE
COLLECTED BY J. R. ADAMS AS COUNTY COURT CLERK OF MCNAIRY COUNTY
FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 1888 TO THE 1ST JANUARY 1889

OCTOBER 1888

Merchants:

E. F. Hendrix		O. J. Stovall
Parrish/T. J. Atkins		J. R. Stovall
J. P. Prince		J. J. Prince
J W Prather/W. E. Tedford/J. W. Simpson		J. P. Epps
W. W. Huggins/Robt Connor		J. A. Parrish

Land Transfers:

J. W. Harris & wife	to	W. A. Burns
E. T. Phillips	to	A. L. Sanders
John Taylor & wife	to	N. Blankenship
D. A. McDougal & Braden	to	J. R. Adams
W.. W. Harris & wife	to	J. W. Harris
T. W. Scott	to	J. P. Walker
D. W. P. Pool	to	R. I Hendrix, Jr.
Alx. Vincent, Etals	to	M. L. Browder
H. A. Warren, Admin.	to	R. D. Anderson
W. S. F. Tatum	to	Jno J. Prince
B. F. Wright	to	J. H. Wright
W. C. & M. J. Wilson	to	Asa Bell
J. W. Barnes & wife	to	J. H. Carothers
B. H. Lock	to	Zip Lock

Marriage Licenses: all \$2.00

Oct 3	C. C. Plunk	to	Lucy Carroll
Oct 10	Scott Little	to	Nancy A. Morris
Oct 11	Hezekiah Brooks	to	Lucinda Walker
Oct 12	R. D. Etheridge	to	Euphia Hendrix
Oct 13	W. S. McCann	to	Josie Sanders
Oct 16	C. E. Gilliam	to	Cora F. George
Oct 20	George E. Sipes	to	Emma Bates
Oct 22	J. S. Evans	to	Josephine Bolyn
Oct 23	S. L. Allen	to	Martha Nash
Oct 27	T. F. Taylor	to	Mattie Roberson
Oct 29	F. N. Wilks	to	Texie A Farris

NOVEMBER 1888

Merchants:

Warren & Littlefield D. J. Franklin W. P. Odom

Land Transfers:

Nov 5	Roberson & Graham	to	James Knight
Nov 5	N. A. Erwin	to	J. W. Proviance
Nov 5	W. Easley	to	Newton Easley
Nov 5	A. L. Moore & wife	to	J. J. Clemons
Nov 5	Joseph C. Wilson	to	James H. Crum
Nov 6	John W. Stumph	to	A. J. Garner
Nov 7	Joseph Adcock, etal	to	W. R. Rushing
Nov 7	J. W. Proviance	to	S. M. Richards
Nov 7	H. A. Warren Admin	to	J. W. Proviance
Nov 7	J. W. Proviance	to	Mozell & Clara Warren
Nov 7	R. N. Rankin & wife	to	J. L. Hubanks
Nov 12	Elizco Ray	to	W. H. Ray etal
Nov 13	W. S. F. Tatum	to	J. W. Proviance
Nov 14	E. M. Tatum	to	W. J. Mullins
Nov 16	Asa Bell & wife	to	W. M. Ruleman
Nov 17	James W. Wilson	to	Lucretia Dick
Nov 19	E. W. English	to	W. H. English
Nov 21	Sam Sharp	to	C. S. Chambers
Nov 24	P. H. Thrasher	to	J. T. Morris
Nov 29	R. B. Turner	to	Jno T. Pigott

Marriage Licenses: November - all \$2.00

Nov 2	L. E. Farris	to	Mattie McKenzie
Nov 4	J. Q. Ingraham	to	Dora McCann
Nov 5	Joe Rickman	to	N. A. Jones
Nov 12	Jno Harris	to	Mattie Strickland
Nov 12	W. H. Ervin	to	C. H. Brasher
Nov 14	J. C. Mullins	to	Delphia Davis
Nov 14	Geo Knight	to	Anna Knight
Nov 20	Sherman Plunk	to	Jamie Harris
Nov 20	L. L. Miller	to	Nancy J. Sipes
Nov 23	W. W. Middleton	to	Mary F ?
Nov 26	J. V. W. Droke	to	Martha A Dancer
Nov 29	W. A. Sanders	to	Annie Richards

DECEMBER 1888

Merchants

G. W. Devault	5.00	A. B. Hamm	25.00
J. H. Braden & J. H. Curry, Jr	5.00	J. R. Hurley & Wes McDaniel	15.00
J. M. Smith	5.00	H. Oneal & Jno E Canaday	7.50
J. B. Hardeman	5.00	T. J. Huggins	5.00
W. F. P. Browder	5.00		

Small Offences:

From H. C. Gooch, J. P State vs Mary Wade	2.00
From H. C. Gooch, J. P State vs J. F. Sanders	2.00

		Land Transfers	Recording Fee (cents)
Dec 3	Ben King & wife	to J. T. Barnhill	10
Dec 3	J. S. Ramer	to A. B. Hamm	55
Dec 3	Z. T. Potts & wife	to J. W. Roberson	35
Dec 3	V. A. Sanders	to J. C. Farris	10
Dec 3	J. A. Mitchell	to J. T. Warren	2 1/2
Dec 3	W. J. Archer & wife	to J. T. McCaskill	45
Dec 3	J. P. Atkins	to Odom Castleberry	22 1/2
Dec 3	Extrs. W. S. Wisdom	to L. H. Roberson	20
Dec 3	A. B. Hamm	to H. Ferguson	10
Dec 3	Calvin Hamm	to Jessie Olive	65
Dec 4	J. D. & D. P Armstrong	to Huggins & Cobb	25
Dec 4	W. E. Cobb	to J. D. & D. P. Armstrong	18
Dec 5	Hannah Rose	to Wm Robinson	04
Dec 8	Jno M Harris & wife	to D. Williams & wife	25
Dec 8	Josiah Jeans	to E. J. Merrell	30
Dec 8	L. H. Sanders & wife	to W. C. Chambers	60
Dec 13	J. R. Adams, trustee	to J. M. Harris	22 1/2
Dec 17	J. M. Harris & wife	to J. A. Suratt	30
Dec 18	L R Littlefield	to A S White	
Dec 20	Wilson, Exals	to Mrs. Lee Rhodes	02
Dec 21	W. C. Wilson & wife	to Mrs. Mary Riggs	1.50
Dec 27	J. P Epps	to O. J. & A. W. Stovall	65
Dec 29	Jno & Danl Webster	to J. C. L. Sewell	02
Dec 29	Jno Webster & wife	to J. C. L. Sewell	05
Dec 29	J. H. Lipford	to Saml Henry	09
Dec 29	J. H. Lipford	to W. B. Plunk	04
Dec 29	J. H. Lipford	to R. A. N. Lipford	20

(How did they paid the 1/2 cents ?)

Marriage Licenses:

Dec 1	T. R. Hewitt	to C. A. Huggins
Dec 3	B. F. Jobe	to F. D. Leslie

Dec 3	D. B. McCaskell	to M. S. Cobb
Dec 5	Oscar Hailey	to Cora Parrish
Dec	Thomas Hamm	to Callie Stewart
Dec 6	W. W. McCullar	to Mollie Murry
Dec 7	J. E. Griffin	to Caldonia Morris
Dec 8	Oscar Powell	to Dona Ramer
Dec10	J. M. Droke	to Mary A. Oldham
Dec12	W. M. Robinson	to Bell McCary
Dec12	M. D. Huggins	to M. A. Elder
Dec13	W. A. McCling ?	to Lela C. Tate
Dec13	A. H. Jopling	to Willie Barrett
Dec8	E. Easley	to Tennessee A. Dixon
Dec15	J. L. Wood	to Eliza Whitaker
Dec	Thos E. Barham	to Lydia Young
Dec	Marion Emmons	to Ellen Carter
Dec	W. D. Sumner	to M. C. Dempsey
Dec21	E. R. Isbell	to Mary B. Wilson
Dec22	Noah Kerby	to Cas. Hair
Dec26	W. T. Mafee ?	to Jennie Miller
Dec	Samuel Floyd	to Emma Jopling
Dec	W. A. Reeder	to Lizzie Blasingame
Dec27	J. W. Harris	to Lena Wallace
Dec29	Charley Johnson	to Sarah Burkhead

Historical Articles by J. C. Taylor - October 1, 1960

For several weeks now, we have been quoting from Marcus J. Wright's history of McNairy County, and we have enough material from this book for several other articles, but this week, we are going to give some information that will be taken from another source.

Our good friend, Johnny O'Neal has shown us a copy of a history that was written by Mary O'Neal Kent. This is a family history that traces the lineage of many of the citizens who have lived in McNairy and Chester counties. Everyone who is a descendant of the early pioneer families that are mentioned in this little book should feel glad that the Kents have taken so much time, trouble and expense to compile the data that it contains.

It will not be our purpose to trace these family histories by copying the family trees, but we will mention the family names of some of the people that are mentioned. These are as follows: O'Neal, Bishop, Shelton, Sewell, Holly, Lindsey, Webb, Patterson, Box, Rogers, Pearson, Messer, Riggs, Canady, Weeks, Jamerson, Spencer, Brewer, Yancey, Lott, Kent, Hardin and some others.

Any persons who are descendants of these pioneer families can trace their lineage by using this book. Additional copies of the book can probably be secured by contacting Merle O'Neal Kent. Mrs. Kent gives some history of our area that we shall quote:

"Since these records date back to the early days in Tennessee, a brief review of the early

history of this state does seem to be in order. In the early days before the coming of the white man a part of what is now Tennessee was occupied by Indian tribes. The most important of these were the Cherokees in the eastern section and the Chickasaws in the southwest.

In 1541, DeSoto, the Spanish explorer, discovered the Mississippi river and he was probably the first white man to visit the area. His discovery took place in the vicinity of Memphis. LaSalle built a fort at this place in 1662. A grant by Charles II of England to the proprietors of North Carolina in 1665 included the territory now occupied by Tennessee. For this reason, Tennessee was for many years a part of North Carolina.

The word, Tennessee, comes from an Indian name whose origin and meaning are unknown. Probably the river and the whole territory through which the river flows were named for the village of the Cherokees, called Tenassie, Tenasie. The name Tennessee was used originally by Henry Timberlake, a young British officer who visited the Cherokee tribe in 1761.

In 1748, a party of Virginians discovered the Cumberland mountains and the Cumberland river, and eight years later, in 1756, the first English settlement was started. This was Fort Loudon, in the northern part of what is now Monroe County, Tennessee.

The arrival of Capt. Wm. Bean at Wautaugo on Boone Creek in 1769 marked the beginning of the first permanent settlement in Tennessee. James Robertson came the following year and another settlement was founded near Rogersville in 1771. Soon afterwards Jacob Brown opened a store on the Nolichucky River.

In 1777, the legislature of North Carolina organized the County of Washington, comprising the whole of what is now Tennessee. Two years later, Jonesboro was laid out and established as the seat of justice of Washington County. In the same year, a settlement was begun on the Cumberland River at or near the present site of Nashville.

A convention was held at Jonesboro in 1784, which resulted in the organization of the state of Franklin. For several years, there was conflict between the new state of Franklin and that of North Carolina and in 1787 the whole region was ceded to the United States. It was then organized as a territory and Congress appointed Wm Blount as territorial governor. The population increased so rapidly that by 1796 the territory was admitted as the 16th state of the Union and John Sevier was the first governor.

After the Revolutionary War treaties were made with the Indians and the area was opened for settlement. Settlers flocked by wagon loads over the mountain trails from all other states, but most were from the Carolinas and from Virginia. Most of them were Scots- Irish or English descent. The first United States census in 1790 showed that most of them settlers in Tennessee were of English stock and since then the make-up of the population has changed little.

And this is where our story begins, for my earliest known ancestry were among those pioneers who came across the mountains into the newly organized state of Tennessee.

The Founding of Wild Goose – by Custer Taylor

The earliest records that we have of our ancestors go back to the very beginning of the little community known today as Enville, Tennessee. According to the best information that we have, a wagon train of settlers crossed the Appalachian Mountains and entered the area in 1826. It must be remembered that Tennessee was a new state at this time and since most of the land was open for homesteading, settlers were pouring over the mountains by the thousands. We

have been told that this particular group came from Sampson County, North Carolina, but we have no documentary proof of this fact.

We do not know just how many families were in this group, but we do know that Frederick Sewell, his brother lived in what is now Enville and the log house that he built has been occupied continuously ever since. The well that he dug furnishes good water until this day. Bryce Findley lived in what is now the Mt. Zion Community. Joseph Findley, a son of Bryce Findley, was a lad of about 16 when they made the trip across the mountains and he enjoyed telling about it in later years.

The land that these settlers found was beautiful, dense, green and with virgin forests. History tells us that the entire state of Tennessee was almost completely covered with these beautiful forests and that one could walk for miles and miles without once leaving the shade of these trees. The earth was several inches deep in good, rich, woodsy topsoil. These forest abounded in all sorts of game which explains why the Indians used it as a hunting ground. What wonderful hunting it must have been.

The first job of the early settlers was to clear the forests in order to get logs with which to build their cabins and to have land which they could farm. The timber that they had would be of untold value to us today but there was no market for it then, and thousands of large, beautiful trees were deadened by girding, later cut down, trimmed and cut into lengths so that they could be rolled into piles and burned.

Mrs. Kent goes on to tell how her grandfather, B. C. O'Neal had a water mill which furnished power for sawing logs into lumber. The lumber was then hauled by oxen to Coffee Landing where it was sent to market by boat. Her other grandfather, Dr. J. U. Kent, had enough lumber sawed at the old watermill to complete the building of his home in Enville.

One of the early settlers in the area was Dick Hardin. He owned and operated a water-mill, also. The mill pond attracted large numbers of wild geese. Because of these geese, the little settlement acquired the name of Wild Goose and wore this name until about 60 years ago.

Readers should remember that Wild Goose or Enville as it is called today was in McNairy County until about 1884 when that part of McNairy County was cut off to help form Chester county.

(J. Custer Taylor was a native of the Adamsville area. Sometimes during 1959 he started to write a weekly article for the Tennessee Valley Appeal, published in Adamsville. The articles for an approximate two year period was compiled and reprinted as HISTORICAL ARTICLES BY J. C. TAYLOR, by Bill Wagoner, McNairy County Historian. (Used by permission.)

HILL FAMILY BIBLE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
CHARLES HENRY HILL AND FRANCES ELIZABETH BURNS
WERE UNITED BY ME IN HOLY MATRIMONY
AT CHARLES AND ELIZABETH BURNS ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1861
IN THE PRESCENSE OF EPHROM AND ELIZA JANE THOMPSON
SIGNED BY JOHN M. HAMM

FAMILY RECORD

CHARLES HENRY HILL	WAS BORN	FEBRUARY 10, 1840
FRANCIS ELIZABETH BURNS	WAS BORN	MARCH 4, 1839
JACKSON HORRY HILL	WAS BORN	NOVEMBER 17, 1862
MILDRED MINNIE HILL	WAS BORN	OCTOBER 29, 1864
MARY ELIZABETH HILL	WAS BORN	APRIL 29, 1867
HENRY LUTHER HILL	WAS BORN	NOVEMBER 6, 1969
HYRAM NEWTON HILL	WAS BORN	SEPTEMBER 14, 1876
SUSAN CALDONA HILL	WAS BORN	APRIL 2, 1879
SUSAN CALDONY HILL WARREN	DEPARTED THIS LIFE	OCTOBER 7, 1898
CHARLES HENRY HILL	DEPARTED THIS LIFE	JULY 24, 1905
FRANCIS E. BURNS HILL	DEPARTED THIS LIFE	FEBRUARY 23, 1922
MILDRED M. HILL SMITH	DEPARTED THIS LIFE	MARCH 7, 1938
MARY E. MCCORMACK	DEPARTED THIS LIFE	SEPT 24, 1940
JACKSON HORRY HILL	DEPARTED THIS LIFE	FEBR 18, 1941
HIRAM NEWTON HILL	DEPARTED THIS LIFE	MAY 3, 1950

Courtesy of Nancy McClain

BIBLE RECORD OF SMITH & WYATT FAMILIES

Joel Smith was born in the year of our Lord 1807 - January 12th
Sussanah Smith was born the year of our Lord 1810 - August 2th - died Aug 18, 1878
Rev Asa Wyatt was born in the year of our Lord 1812 - January the 31
Deliah Wyatt was born in the year of our Lord 1818 - March 26th
Joel Smith was born in the year of our Lord 1847 - March 13 - Died Feb 28, 1931
Syrenthia Ellen Wyatt born in the year of our Lord 1848. born August the 3- Died Feb 19, 1917
W. J. Smith and Syntha Elin Wyatt was maird in the year of our Lord Junry the 30, 1868
Deliah Susannah Smith was born in the year of our Lord 1868 - Desember 12th
William Asa Smith was born in the year of our Lord 1870 - August 28th
Joel Delanie was born in the year of our Lord 1873 - Janry 29
Ella S Smith was born ed the year of our Lord 1874 - October 28th (died August 18, 1878)
Thomas Mickens was born in the year of our Lord 1876 - Desember –
John Burl Wyatt Smith was born in the year of our Lord 1879 - March the 14
Roxie Ann Smith was born in the year of our Lord Janury the 12, 1882
Mary Ester Smith was born in the year of our Lord Janury the 4, 1884

E S Smith died August 18, 1878

The baby was born Feb the 17th 1880 and died on the same day.

William Joel (Jay) Smith and wife Ellen came to Tennessee from Alabama, near Birmingham, in 1870 in an oxen drawn covered wagon. They brought his parents with them. His father was blind. Because of being blind he was swindled out of some money he should have received from a railroad company that built a railroad across his land. William Joel (Jay) Smith and wife Ellen settled in McNairy County near Pleasant Site on the old Stump farm. Later they bought and moved to the McCrow farm. Then later they sold the farm to Jimmy and Deliah Jones who later sold the farm to Jim and Edith (Edie) Gardner. Orville and Lora Pearl Gardner now own it. (Note don't know when this was written but the Gardner's have both died.) The old house has rotted down but a large pecan tree is still standing and still bears pecans. Roxie Smith Littlejohn said, when she was quite small, she remembered her mother planting the seed.

Later my grandfather (Jay Smith) bought a farm between the J. C. Gilbert farm and Rev. John Jones farm near Pleasant Grove Church now known as the Gilbert Farm.

WILLIAM HAMM BIBLE PAGE

(Bible published 1849)

copied by Sybil Hamm Taylor

The Bible is in the possession of Sybil Hamm Taylor, a direct of William Hamm. It is believed that the person who wrote the old William Hamm bible was Calvin or Emilla Hamm.. It was done all about the same time and I believe that it was done right after 1866 and before the deaths of either William or Rachel Hamm.

BIRTHS

Wm. Ham son of Thos Hamm and Anna his wife was Borne October 20th 1799
Rachael Huggins daughter of Phillip and Jane his wife was Borne Sept15th 1798
James Jefferson Hamm son of Wm. and Rachael Hamm his wife was Borne Oct 6th 1818
Elizabeth Ann Hamm daughter of Wm. and Rachael Hamm was Borne Sept 10th 1819
Calvin Hamm son of Wm. and Rachael Hamm was Borne Nov 25th 1820
Phillip Hamm son of Wm. and Rachael Hamm was Borne Jan 24th 1822
Sarah Hamm daughter of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne April 7th 1823
Thomas Hamm son of Wm. & Rachael was Borne April 27th 1824
John Michale Hamm son of Wm. Hamm was Borne June the 14th 1825
Anna Hamm daughter of Wm. & Rachael was Borne Sept 24th 1826
Mary Hamm daughter of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne July 28th 1828
Minerva Hamm daughter of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne July 28th 1829
Wm. Jordan Hamm son of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne April 7th 1831
Jasper Sanders Hamm son of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne May 8th 1832
Carroll Anderson Hamm son of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne May 4th 1834
Rachael Hamm daughter of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne Nov 5th 1835
Joseph Berry Hamm son of Wm.& Rachael Hamm was Borne July the 1st 1837

Ursley Jane Hamm Daughter of Wm. & Rachael Hamm was Borne Octob 5th 1838
Newton Luke Hamm Son of W. & Rachael Hamm was Borne June 24th 1840
Sarah Ann Elizabeth Hamm daughter of Thomas and Marthy J Hamm was Borne
Nov the 24th A D 1851

MARRIAGES

Wm. Hamm and Rachael Huggins was Married December 10th 1817
James J Hamm and Sylvana Smith was Married June the 14 1839
Elizabeth Ann Hamm and Hensley Smith was Married May the 12th 1839
Sarah Hamm and John Smith was Married
Calvin Hamm and Millian Springer was Married
Phillip Hamm and Caroline Farris was Married
Thomas Hamm and Polly Richards was Married
Thomas Hamm and Jane Adkins his 2nd wife was Married
Wm. J. Hamm and Sarah Burnes was married
Anna Hamm and Cisson McCormac was Married
Rachael Hamm & Harbert Frizzell was Married 1857
Ursley Jane Hamm and Albert B. Buchanon was Married December the 29th 1858
Newton L. Hamm and Annetta E. Frizzell was married 1864
Mary Hamm and Joseph Smith was married
Mary Hamm & Beramon Aron was married 1864
Anna McCormac and Thomas B. Goforth was Married January the 30th 1865

DEATHS

John Michael Hamm Departed this life Nov 1825 Aged 5 Months
Sylvana Hamm Departed this life July the 7th 1843
Mary Hamm wife of Thos Hamm Departed this Life August the 11th 1849 and her 3 children
Jasper Sanders Hamm Departed this Life Sept the 18th 1849
Thos Hamm Departed this Life April 17th 1851
Phillip Hamm Departed this life May the 11th 1851
Manerva Hamm Departed this Life July 28th 1851
Carroll Anderson Hamm Departed this life 1852
James Jefferson Hamm Departed this Life December 1861
Wm. J. Hamm Departed this life Jan 1862
Joseph Berry Hamm Departed this life at Camp Morton Indiana in prison about Aug 1864
Sarah Smith departed this life 1863
Joseph Smith Departed this Life April 1863
Cizaro McCormac Departed this Life Oct the 1st 1863
Anna Goforth Departed this life February the 19th 1866 at 6 oc 35 min Pm Aged 39 yrs 5 month
The last entry in this bible was in 1866 and most of it was done in a beautiful script. I assume that the person responsible for these entries died or moved at that time. I have always thought that Calvin Hamm b.1820 or his wife Millian (Milly Ann) Springer is the writer and I know they left Izard Co., Arkansas and returned to McNairy Co., Tenn. about that time.

HUGGINS & HAMM FAMILY BIBLES

It was quite by accident that I found these Bibles. I found them in August 2000, in the home of an 88 year old cousin. They were big books, depth about three inches but the publication date could not be found. They had been stored in a shed and the woodworms had eaten the binding loose and damaged most of the pages. Thankfully, someone had put the Family Sheets in plastic sleeves which gave a little added protection. The pages were very dim and in a few years would have been useless. For years Huggins Cousins had searched for the matriarch of our line and now we can give **Jane Morris** our homage. Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

J. & ELLA HUGGINS FAMILY BIBLE

MARRIAGES

James M. Huggins and Elizabeth Robertson was married Jan 14, 1823
Philip Huggins and Jane Morris was married Dec the 8th, 1791
Joseph Robertson and Margaret Simpson was married July 26th, 1804
P. J. Huggins and Ella English were married Oct 11, 1885
Witness J. N. Hamm and J. W. McCoy

BIRTHS

James M. Huggins was bornd May the 27th AD 1801
Elizabeth Robertson was bornd June 20th AD 1807
Leroy M. Huggins was bornd Nov 27th 1823
Lucinda was bornd Aug 1st 1825
Joseph R. Huggins was bornd May 12th 1827
Roda Huggins was bornd May 7th 1830
J. S. Huggins was bornd Dec 31st 1832
James L. Huggins was bornd Aug 9th 1834
Levi H. Huggins was bornd Feb 2nd 1838
Philip Huggins was bornd Nov 14th 1839
Margaret Huggins was bornd May 20th 1841
Elizabeth Huggins was bornd Oct 16th 1845
Sarah J. Huggins was bornd Oct 26th 1848
Martha A. Huggins was bornd July 7, 1850
P. J. Huggins bornd Feb 14, 1864
Ella English bornd Nov 5, 1868
Edna N. Huggins bornd Aug 10, 1887
Lee Audry Huggins bornd May 24, 1893
Harlie Abbey Huggins borned May 31, 1895
Arthur Huggins bornd Nov 5, 1897
Edgar Judson Huggins bornd Sept 21, 1901
Joe R Huggins was born Mar 13, 1860

DEATHS

Lucinda Huggins departed this life August 15th 1825
Rhoda Huggins departed this life Sept 29th 1831
Levi H Huggins departed this life Feb 19th 1840
Margaret Huggins departed this life Aug 5th 1841
Martha A Huggins departed this life Sept the 7th 1850
Joseph R. Huggins departed this life Aug 30th 1853
Elizabeth Huggins the wife of James M Huggins, Sen -Died May 1st 1882
James M. Huggins died Sept 3rd, 1892
J. S. Huggins departed this life Oct 27th, 1900
Joe R. Huggins died Nov 26th 1927
Thomas B. Huggins died Apr 9, 1928
Lee M. Huggins died Nov 31, 1936
Belle Latta Huggins died Nov 3, 1936
Izora Huggins wife of Lee Huggins died Sep 1, 1931
Martha Hamm wife of J. N. Hamm died Feb 2, 1940
Robert C. Huggins died July 11, 1953
James L. Huggins departed this life Feb 27, 1952

J. N & MARTHA HAMM FAMILY BIBLE

James J Hamm was born Oct 6th 1818
Sylvania Hamm wife of James J. Hamm was born Jan 1st 1824
Mary Ann Hamm daughter of Jas J & Sylvania Hamm was born Nov 27th 1841
George Washington Hamm son of Jas J & Sylvania Hamm was born July 2, 1842
Malinda Hamm wife of Jas J Hamm was born November 29, 1816
Sylvania daughter of James J & Malinda Hamm was born Dec 7th 1845
Nancy Elizabeth daughter of Jas J & Malinda Hamm was born Apr 7th 1847
Hanna Quintina daughter of J. J. & Malinda Hamm was born Apr 17th, 1849
Jasper Newton son of Jas J & Malinda Hamm was born January 4th 1852
James B. Hamm son of Jas J & Malinda Hamm was born June 8th 1856
William D Hamm the son of Jas J & Malinda Hamm was born March 29, 1859
Thomas Jefferson son of Jas & Malinda Hamm was born Nov 8th 1861
Troy R. Farris son of Elsie & Rufus Farris was born July 18, 1909
Ruby Willie Howell daughter of Alma May & Willie Howell born Nov 19, 1913
Mary Emma Howell daughter of Alma May & Willie Howell was born July 20, 1915

MARRIAGES

James J Hamm and Sylvania Smith were married June the 11, 1839
James J Hamm and Malinda Hogan were married February 18th 1845
Rufus Farris and Elsie Earl Hamm was married August 23, 1903
Alma May Hamm daughter of J. N. & Martha Hamm was married to
Willie Howell 1st Sunday in Nov 1941

Zelma Lee Hamm daughter of J. N. & Martha Hamm was married to
Arthur Lane June 1, 1910

Jasper Newton Hamm & Martha Lucenda English was married Mar 14th 1879

Andie Hamm son of J. N. & Martha Hamm was married to
Edna Huggins Dec 10, 1910

CAROLINE BOWERS PRICE REYNOLDS HARDIN

Caroline Runnels is the known mother of Meridith S. Reynolds Huggins. Oct 18, 1875, she gave land to her son, M. S. Huggins, in a deed as Caroline Hardin. It is thought Caroline was a Bowers before she married. She is the daughter or sister of Adam Bowers. The Bowers came from Alabama before 1860. She shows up in McNairy County in 1860, living with a John Huggins age 24, who is thought to be the son of Thomas in Lauderdale Co Ala. and Hardin Co, Tn. Also in the household is a Lucretia, John's young wife.

Caroline purchased 72 and ½ acres of land from James M. Huggins on Aug 28, 1854 (F-558) Witness is James M. Huggins and Adam Bowers. Recorded Nov 1857. It is unknown when and where she ever married a Reynolds. All of her older children went by the name of Price.

She was married first to a Price, probably in Alabama, since her older children were born there. Children: Robert H Price, born 1839, Ala, Mary S. Price born 1843, Ala, Sarah Price born 1846, Ala. McNairy County Marriage records show Robert H. Price married Nancy Pipkins, Nov 22, 1862. Mary S Price married Peter G. Elder March 16, 1862. Mary and Peter have one child and both Mary and the baby died before 1870. Peter remarried and had a large family.

Sarah married William Lee May 16, 1863. Source of information is McNairy County Chancery Court Case 236 William Lee vs Park Smith and Court Case 222 Caroline Reynolds vs R. H. Price, etals.

Case 236 involved debt owed to Dr Smith by Sarah J Price before her marriage to William Lee and by William after their marriage. William and Sarah did not live in McNairy County, but in Mississippi. The lawsuit, was to William Lee only and not to William and Sarah joint, but Dr Smith attached the land that was owned by Sarah before her marriage and William felt this was not proper since her name was not on the lawsuit. The amount of the bill was 13 visit by Sarah E Price and medicine \$26.00, August 1862 and in Jan 1863, 10 visit and medicine \$20.00, and in June 5 visits and medicine for Sarah Lea \$10.00, a total of 56.00 plus interest of 11.24 less payments of 8.00 making a balance of 59.24

The records show that in 1862, time of the original indebtedness by Sarah, she was a minor and living with her mother or her brother Robert Price. A deposition of Caroline Hardin taken on Feb 15, 1871 at L. M. Huggins store states that she, Caroline, is about 51 years old, and she states that Sarah married William Lee, May 16, 1863 when she was 17 years old. The records also call her Caroline Runnels, a widow.

Case 222 concerned the land that Caroline Reynolds purchased when she came to McNairy County. Apparently, her husband had abandoned her or she had left him. She claims she paid for the land with her own means and her husband's creditors have no claim on the land.

Poor Caroline, her children took her land away from her. She was powerless, being a woman

alone in a greedy world.

Clips from this lawsuit:

1. " To the Sheriff of McNairy County, you are hereby commanded to summons R. H. Price, Sarah Lee, William Lee, M. S. Reynolds, L. M. Huggins and Peter Elder to appear before the court at the courthouse at Purdy on the second Monday in April 1870"

2. The Bill of Complainant of Caroline Reynolds filed in the Chancery Court of Purdy against R. H. Price, Sarah Lee & William Lee her husband, and M. S. Reynolds, minor and ----- --can't read ---- guardian and L. M. Huggins, all residents of McNairy County except Sarah and William Lee. Caroline Reynolds, a citizen of McNairy and the State of Tennessee would most respectfully present unto your Honor that on the day of ---- she purchased the following tract of land lying and being the County of McNairy and the State of Tennessee for the price of --- dollars and executed her note for the same, that she fully satisfied all the purchase money to the said McKenzie and had the deed made to her bodily heirs..... that the said tract of land at the time of the purchase was in John Hamm and at the request of Caroline Reynolds, the said Hamm executed a deed to the bodily heirs of Caroline Reynolds. She would further state that the deed was made to her bodily heirs for the reason that her husband had abandoned her and gone to the State of Texas and she wished to secure her lands from the debts of her said husband.....She would further state that her husband abandoned her and removed to the State of Texas and that during his absence she purchased the above described tract of land and paid for it out of her hard earnings. Caroline Reynolds further states some of her said children has claimed the land and refuses to let her have any control of the same, that Peter Elder who intermarried with her daughter Susan(can't read) to convey his undivided in the above tract to one L. M. Huggins and that Robert Price another heir of Caroline Reynolds has also sold his undivided interest to the said Huggins as she is informed. Caroline Reynolds would further charge that the above described tract of land was purchased by herself and the note was executed to her.... and that she paid said purchase money out of her own means and by request and for the purpose above state the deed was made to her bodily heirs. She charges that the said children never paid anything toward said land and have no right to claim the same and that only she is entitled to the land But if she is mistaken in her equity, in that respect, she is certainly entitled to her dower interest in said land as the said has never been set apart to her.

Caroline Reynolds says that R. H. Price, William Lee and wife Sarah Lee, Peter Elder, M. S. Reynolds and L. M. Huggins be made parties, defendants.

4. " The joint and separate answers of Peter Elder and L. M. Huggins: They admit complainant made a contract for the purchase of the tract of land described in said bill. Respondents further answering say that the deed to said land was made to the bodily heirs but they deny that said deed was made to said bodily heirs for the purpose of securing the title and keeping it from the control of her husband or his creditors. They deny that the said husband was setting up any claim whatever to said land or that he had any creditors who were seeking or interfering with same. Respondents insist that if the said allegations was true, that from her own showing that she was an active agent in the fraud and that she is ---- from denying or amending her own act and deed, the same having been done by her own procurement. Respondents deny that complainant was abandoned by her husband, but on the contrary state that she left and abandoned him when they were moving from the State of Alabama to Texas and without any lawful cause refused to go any further with him.

(They also claim she used money from her husband to pay for the land) Respondents admit that Peter Elder sold and conveyed his undivided interest which he acquired by the law of descent in said land to respondent L. M. Huggins, that he (Elder) intermarried with Susan who was the daughter of complainant and that she died leaving one child the issue of said marriage, who afterwards died and by the death of her said child he became owner of the undivided interest in said land. They also admit that said Robert Price sold and conveyed his interest in said land to the said L. M. Huggins.

3. "that Caroline Hardin (purchased said land) while living separate and apart from her first husband and paid for it out of her own means and it further appearing from the pleading in the case that --blank-- Reynolds the husband of complainant abandoned her and removed to the state of Texas and while she was thus left alone she purchased the above described tract of land and paid for the same of her own means and said deed was made to the bodily heirs of complainant for the purpose of securing said land to complainant free from the contract of her said husband. (Caroline asks) that the complainant be invested with a life in interest in the one half said tract of land and the remaining half be vested in M. S. Reynolds fee simple. (Therefore Caroline Reynolds and the Price children got ½ of the land and M. S. Reynolds got the other half.)

In 1870, William and Sarah were in Hardin County, Tn, William age 26, Sarah age 21, Nancy age 4, and Eda age 9 months. May 11, 1870, Caroline married S. P. Hardin.

Compiled by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

PEDDLING TRUCKS MAKING DAILY TRIPS

C. D. Hester, local grocery and market man has put on a truck of the peddling variety which will make daily trips over regular routes to all parts of the county. These trucks carrying groceries and other necessities are a great convenience to the rural population but have just put the county store out of commission. Independent - Feb 1939

ISHAM FORSYTHE

Descendants

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Please note: I have transcribed this only because I had friends working on the Forsythe lines. I am putting this on the McNairy County page simply because I thought it might help someone. What is here is all I have, it is not my line and please do not contact me concerning questions or theories. Thank you

Names mentioned in these files:

Adams, Armstrong, Basham, Bell, Bizzell, Boatman, Cottrell (?), Chambers, Chamness, Curry,

Dancer, Davis, Dunaway, Fisher, Forbes, Forsythe, Garrett, Gibson, Glass, Henderson, Jones, Lakey (?), Lawson, Leath, Leeper, Manley, Matlock, McCoy, Melton, Monroe, Moore, Morris, Nickles, Prince, Sanders, Tate, Vanstory, Wallace, Wren

(Note: please allow for errors in transcribing names.)

This information is drawn from two lawsuits in McNairy County, Tennessee Chancery Court:

#641 George Parry, etals VS James Dunaway, etals 1886

#903 James McNatt, etals VS Can Foresythe, etals 1894

This case shows that James Forsythe departed this life in testate in McNairy County, State of Tennessee some time in the month of April 1884, without issue, leaving surviving heirs only Martha Forsythe, his widow, who since intermarried with complainant George Parry.

(Note: Martha Forsythe Parry died in 1892.)

At the time of the death of said James Forsythe, in testate was the owner of a large personal estate which has been fully administered and left to his widow, Martha Forsythe. (Apparently, his personal wealth, which Martha Forsythe inherited was gleaned by her new husband George Parry.) However, at the time of her death, James Forsythe's siblings and legal heirs, filed the lawsuit to obtain title to the land. The first lawsuit was filed in 1886 and the second filed in 1894, after Martha's death.

At the time of the death of said in testate, he was the owner of the following tracts of land:

1. Lying and being on the south side of Oxford's Creek, in the sixth civil district, McNairy County, Tennessee, containing 231 acres. Land Grant from the State of Tennessee Sept 10, 1847.
2. Lying and being on the south side of Oxford Creek, joining the first tract, containing 6 ½ acres. This land was purchased from Thomas Prather on December 26, 1859 for \$250.50. Deed witnessed by S. T. Brooks and M. K. Forsythe.
3. Lying and being on the south side of Oxford Creek in the sixth and thirteenth civil districts, containing 100 acres. Purchased from Augustus Browder 1876.

To the best of my ability, I have read the two cases and compiled the chart below:

James' siblings were:

1. Sarah Forsythe, married James Melton, died and left:
 - Dicy A., married John Basham.
 - Nancy, married a Curry
 - H. M. Melton
 - M. A. Melton, married Mose Matlock
 - J. M. Melton, in all five children who are all living.
2. Robert Forsythe, now deceased, had one child
 - Solomon, who also died and left one child
 - Florence who married James McNatt.
3. John Forsythe, a brother who died and left one child

Mich, who died and left (1) John Forsythe (2) Can Forsythe

4. Elizabeth, married W. R. Wren and died and left

James H. Wren

Sam Wren

William Wren, died and left children

Elizabeth, married a Chambers

unknown daughter that married a Matlock

Sam Matlock

Saline, _____Lakey ? died and left children

Cynthia, married -----Davis

Charity, married James Vanstory, died and left children

Rachel Thompson

Cynthia Wingo

Sam Vanstory

John Vanstory

5. Hanna Forsythe, married James Boatman, died and left:

(Note: one deposition called her Sarah, but the 1850 & 1860 census says Hannah)

J. L. W. Boatman

Thomas M. Boatman

H. C. Boatman

Mary Boatman, married William Nickles

Malinda, married Ephraim Chamness or T. B. Chamness (has two names)

Millie, married Alfred Forbes

Sarah, married Fletcher Monroe

Elizabeth, married Pink Dunaway, died and left

James E. Dunaway (minor in 1886)

W. P. Dunaway

M. L. Dunaway, married Joseph I. Sanders

M. H. Dunaway, married Wesley Wallace

M. J. Dunaway, married W. R. Manley

John T. Dunaway (minor in 1886)

Andrew J. Dunaway (minor in 1886)

John Boatman who died and left

John H. Boatman

Joseph Boatman

Victoria Henderson

L. F. Boatman, married F. Davis

N. H. Boatman.

6. Mary who married James Lawson, died and left:

John W. Lawson (who is dead but had sold his interest to E. H. Garrett)

J. K. Polk. Lawson

T. M. Lawson

Sarah Lawson, married Isham Browder

Elvia Lawson, married Dick McCoy
 Nancy Lawson, married Walter Cooper
 Rachel Leath,
 Jennie (minor in 1886)
 Luhaney Lawson, (James) Jones, died and left
 Mary J. Jones, married Dick Morris
 Lenia Jones, married Joseph Fisher
 Jefferson Jones
 Sarah, married a Dancer and died and left
 Montie A. Dancer
 Mollie E. Dancer.

7. Isham G. Forsythe died a long time ago. (There were 5 children by his 1st wife)

- (1) James Forsythe, the oldest, died and left:
 - Missouri Forsythe, married James Adams
 - W. S. Forsythe
 - Malinda Forsythe
 - Sarah (Sissie ?) Forsythe
 - Isabella Forsythe, married John Gibson
 - Mary Forsythe, married Thomas P. Moore
 - America Forsythe
 - Nancy J. Forsythe
 - F. H. Forsythe.
- (2) Will Forsythe was the next oldest child. He is dead and left:
 - Misline Forsythe (died 1886 - 1894) married James Nickels
 - William Forsythe (died between 1886-1894)
 - Carroll Forsythe
 - Sissie Forsythe, married Robert Tate
 - Mary Ann Armstrong
 - Ephraim Forsythe.
- (3) J. C. Forsythe. (Lived 5 miles south of James Forsythe)
- (4) Frances Moore, died between 1886-1894
 - Albert Moore, Malissa Glass, Callie or Caroline Cottrell
 - Jennie Leeper, Bluford Moore, Elzetta Moore.
- (5) Parthenia Gibson.
- (6) Ophelia J Morris, married J. D. Morris ?
- (7) Caroline Bizzell, is dead and left (not clear about the Bizzell children)
 - William
 - Jennie (Prince?)
 - John ???
 - James ????
- (8) Victoria Bell, deceased and left the following minor children 1886
 - Jennie, Thankful, Mollie, Pearl, Ruben, & Colie Bell.

Soloman Forsythe was an older brother of said in testate, James Forsythe and is supposed to have died many years ago in the State of Kentucky. If he has any children or grand children now living they are unknown to the complainants.

Thomas Forsythe was an older brother of said in testate, James Forsythe, and is supposed to have died many years ago in the State of Arkansas, and if he has any children or grand children, they are also unknown to complainants.

J. . M. Adams wrote a note on Aug 26, 1889: “Please send me my little mite of money due me.”

May 28, 1894:

Residents of the State of Texas: John Forsythe, A. B. Forbes and Millie Forbes, W. P. Dunaway, Joseph Fisher and Lena Fisher, Jennie Leath, Albert Moore, Melissa Glass, Caroline Moore, Jennie Moore, Bluford Moore, Elzetta Moore, Reuben Bell, J. D. Morris and Felia Morris, James Nickles

Residents of the State of Mississippi: J. H. Boatman, Joseph Boatman, N. H. Boatman, Victoria Henderson, L. F. Davis

Unknown residence: Fletcher Monroe and Sarah Monroe, W. R. Manely and M. J. Manely, Dick Morris and Mary J. Morris, Jeff Jones. Heirs of Misline Nickles who married James Nickles are of unknown names and unknown residences. (NK note: Misline died in Texas, James and the children came back to McNairy County, Tenn before 1900.

Sept 27, 1897: Shares of this lawsuit distributed from a net worth of \$197.05

Florence McNatt	28.15	John H. Boatman	.63
J. M. Melton	5.63	Joseph Boatman	.63
Dacey A. Basham	5.63	L. F. Davis	.63
Nancy Curry	5.63	Victoria Henderson	.63
H. M. Melton	5.63	“Teen” Boatman	.63
M. A. Matlock	5.63	John W. Lawson	3.52
Can Forsythe	14.08	J. K. P. Lawson	3.52
John Forsythe	14.07	T. M. Lawson	3.52
J. L. W. Boatman	3.12	Sarah Browder	3.52
T. M. Boatman	3.12	Elvira McCoy	3.52
H. C. Boatman	3.12	Nancy Cooper	3.52
Mary Nickles	3.12	Rachel Leath heirs	3.52
Malinda Chamness	3.12	Jeff Jones	.88
Millie Forbes	3.12	Lena Fisher	.88
Sarah Monroe	3.12	Mary Morris	.88
M. H. Wallace	.45	Montie Dancer	.88
M. L. Sanders	.45	Mollie Dancer	.88
W. P. Dunaway	.45	J. H. Wren	3.52
J. E. Dunaway	.45	Sam D. Wren	3.52
J. T. Dunaway	.45	Elizabeth Chambers	3.52
A. J. Dunaway	.45	Cynthia Davis	3.52
M. J. Manley	.45	Sam Matlock	3.52

Cynthia Davis	3.52
Sam Matlock	3.52
Salina Lakey	3.52
William Wren heirs	3.52
Sam Vanstory	.88
Rachel Thompson	.88
Cynthia Wingo	.88
— Vanstory	.88
J. C. Forsythe	3.52
Parthenia Gibson	3.52
Ophelia Morris	3.52
Caroline Bizzell heirs	.52
Missouri Adams	.39
W. S. Forsythe	.39
Malinda Forsythe	.39
Sarah Forsythe	.39
Isabella Gibson	.39
Mary Moore	.39
America Forsythe	.39
Nancy J. Forsythe	.39
F. H. Forsythe	.39
Misline Nickels	.59
Wm Forsythe heirs	.59
Carroll Forsythe	.59
Sissie Tate	.59
Mary Armstrong	.59
Ephraim Forsythe	.59
Albert Moore	.59
Malissa Barr (Glass?)	.59
Callie Cattrell	.59
Jennie Leeper	.59
Bluford Moore	.59
Elzetta Moore	.59
Jennie Bell	.59
Thankful Bell	.59
Mollie Bell	.59
Pearl Bell	.59
Reuben Bell	.59
Cole Bell	.59

JESSE & FRANK JAMES

As told by Alice Smith to C L Majors
 Jesse and Frank James stayed with Jack
 Hooker (who lived about 100 yds north of
 the first pool in our pasture, on the ridge)
 and helped him make a crop one summer. It
 was the year they robbed the bank at
 Corinth. No one knew who they were at the
 time. Every day that it rained and they
 couldn't work, they ride into town, usually
 around twelve o'clock. So one day about
 twelve o'clock they robbed the Corinth
 bank. One rode on one of Jack Hooker's
 mules and on pa's (James Edmond
 Mitchell) mules. Pa's mule came home but
 they didn't see Jesse and Frank again.

The Bridge

The way I walk –
 I see my mother walking,
 The feet secure and
 Upon the ground.
 The way I talk –
 I hear my daughter talking,
 And hear my mother's
 Echo in the sound.
 The way she thought –
 I find myself thinking,
 The generations linking,
 In a firm continuum of mind,
 The bridge of immortality
 I'm walking,
 The voice before me
 Echoing behind.

Dorothy Hilliard Moffatt

AARON SPRINGER

Police Court Records of Tishomingo Co. May 1840 Aaron Springer to work on Jacinto and Farmington Rd.

WILL OF AARON SPRINGER

The will of Aaron Thomas Springer, dated Jan 24, 1904, lists wife Polly Ann of Gravel Hill and children: James Patrick, Thomas Miller, John William, Malissa Ann Latta, Margaret Livener Luttrell, Laura Alice Emmons who was living in Texas. The executors were John William Springer and brother-in-law- John Robert Gooch. Witnesses were James Clay Gooch and Wylie Terry Gooch.

The children of Aaron Thomas Springer and Mary Ann McCoy were:

John W. Springer Nov 20, 1851 - Nov 13, 1884

Margaret Springer b 1853

James P Springer Apr 7, 1855- Oct 25, 1911

Malissa L Springer b 1858

Lacuna A Springer b 1861

WHO IS THIS - AARON SPRINGER?

I have found an Aaron Springer, probably of Tishomingo Co, Miss but owning land in Tennessee. I do not know who he is. A lawsuit was filed July 1883 in McNairy County Court to do something with the 160 acres of land in Tennessee which was located "south bound by Miss state line, east by the Jordan land, north by Mansel Kendrick.

I have not linked him to the McNairy County Springer's, but I think he is connected. From the lawsuit, marriage records and McNairy County census I have determined:

1. Aaron died before 1870

2. Children listed:

1. Samuel L.

2. Louisa E. Married Monroe Williamson, Oct 1, 1857, Tishomingo Co, Ms

3. Fannie (Francis) married William Potts Apr 16, 1844, Tishomingo Co
Their known children: John b 1845; Benjamin Franklin b 1847; Sarah A born 1849, James M b 1850; Aaron b 1852; Louiza b 1855; Mandy (may be Malissa) b 1858; Frances b 1860; William b 1863, Eleander b 1866, Tennessee b 1867
The Potts lived in McNairy County in 1860, 1870 and 1880, District 9
They are not buried in McNairy Co.

4. W. Uriah Springer - died ca 1866, m Irena Atkins Oct 16, 1856, Tishomingo Ms
Nothing was found on Marian and Frank Springer, it is thought they are children of Uriah but this may not be true. The way the lawsuit read, they are not children of Aaron. "the heirs of Uriah Springer, his deceased son, as follows: Dave Springer; Mollie Springer who intermarried with L. V. Hays; Marian Springer, Frank Springer; and the heirs of Mary Barnett, his deceased daughter who married Frank Barnett..."

(Possibly, Uriah had a wife before Irena & she is the mother of Marian and Frank. Frank and Marian lived in Arkansas in 1883. After Uriah died, Irena married James O. Barnett May 5, 1867, Tishomingo Co. They had at least one child John P born 1868 In the 1880 McNairy Co census, Martha Atkins, sister in law is living with them.)

5. Mary P (dead before 1883) married W Frank Barnett Dec 15, 1859
Children: Thomas, Samuel, Aaron, Oscar, Markus, Susan, Sofa, the last six are minors in 1883. All the Barnett children are living in Texas in 1883.
6. Sarah Hannah Springer married W. N. Carroll, Oct 15, 1884, Tishomingo Co, Ms

In 1883, Dave Springer, William Potts and wife Fannie, L. V. Hays and wife Mollie were citizens of McNairy County, Tn. Samuel L Springer, Sarah Hannah Springer, Louiza Williamson, were living in Mississippi. Marian and Frank Springer were in Arkansas and the Barnett children in Texas.

Apparently, Aaron had a living wife, named Mary Springer living in Mississippi in 1883. It is unknown if she was the mother of the Springer children.

The lawsuit was Dave Springer, William & Fannie Potts, L. V. and Mollie Hays, Samuel L. Springer, Sarah Hanna Springer and Louiza Williamson VS Mary Springer, Marian Springer, Frank Springer, and the Barnett children.

Compiled by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

HENRY CLAY FARRIS: 1850 - 1899

According to Mildred Evans of Henderson, TX, granddaughter of Henry Clay Farris:

" After the death of Sylvania Hamm Farris, Henry Clay remarried (in a short time) and with five of his six children and his new wife and her four children they moved to Rusk Co, Texas. The oldest son Callie, did not go to Texas. Jane already had four children and he had five. They could not find a house big enough for all the children so Henry Clay's children lived in one house and Jane and her four children lived in the other. As time went by, Henry Clay spent more and more time at the house of his new wife and less with his children.

The children decided they wanted to go back to Tennessee. Somehow arrangement were made with Callie, the eldest son who was 19, and they journeyed back to Tennessee. Alvie was 14, Rufus 10, Minnie 7, Tolbert 5, and Lonnie 2.

Elva Jane stayed in Texas and lived and worked for a Mrs. Blair. She married James Jones and her descendants still live in the area."

Lula Armstrong Presley, told the children lived with first one Farris family and then another until they were grown.

1880 McNairy Co, TN census transcribed by R. Harold Cox: 9th Dist HH 82: Henry Clay Farris, Sylvania 30, Calhoun 11, Alva 6, Elva 4, Allen L 1

It has taken quite a bit of effort and research to find the parents of Henry Clay Farris. He is the son of Commodore and Jane Wardlow. Commodore died young and Jane then married a Samuel Singleton, who was ten years younger than herself. In 1860 McNairy County Census compiled by Harold Cox: Dist 9 HH 1422 :

Samuel Singleton 25, Jane 35, Soloman 12, Henry C 10, Franklin P 8. The census taker failed to show the last name Farris for the children.

We know that Solomon was Jane's son and somehow we overlooked the fact that Henry C. could not be Samuel Singleton's son. In 1870 Henry C. is not in the household but Franklin Farns (Farris).

The estate settlement of Salina Farris Chambers Caffey shows Henry Clay is being the son of Commodore Farris, brother of Salina, called Lina. August 16, 1871, received of L. M. Huggins \$165.45 in full, my interest in Commodore Farris estate. H. C. Farris (couldn't write)

I couldn't understand why Henry Clay had to remarry so soon after Sylvania's death. But Kevin sent me this poem which explains a lot. Sylvania died Jan 10, 1888 and Henry Clay remarried Feb 28, 1888. He had five children under the age of 12.

You will appreciate and better understand Henry Clay's reasoning when you read The Courtship by George Ella Lyon:

The Courtship:

When sickly Jim Wilson's first wife died he tried to carry on,
Keep house and farm his scrubby land and it like to broke him.
All them kids were too old to stay put and too young to carry water.
There was no one to cook, wash, or sew, no one but Sickly Jim,
And him the same body who must milk the cow and plant the scanty hay.
Soon he saw he had to have another wife.
He considered the prospects on the creek, listed them according to his favor:
Widow Jones, Miss Creech, the oldest Phillips girl, and even Mossie Maggern.
The thoughts of Mossie made his belly cold, but next morning he set out.
Widow Jones was stringing beans on her hillside porch. He rode right up to the rail.
"Morning Miz Jones. How are you now?"
"Working steady," was her answer,
"and how about yourself?" Not faring well.
Not faring well at all.
If I'm to farm and raise my kids. I've got to have a helpmeet.
That's why I'm here. It looks to me you might be the one. What do you say?"
She studied him, walked to the edge of the porch.
"I didn't think wives were got the way a man gets pigs or harness.
I thought it usually took a little time and a fellar got off his horse."
You know, Miz Jones, I mean no offense but time's a thing I've run short of.
I've got babies crying at home and so I speak out plain."
"Well give me the day. You come back around suppertime for my answer."
"No ma'am. I need a wife before that." He looked at the paper in his hand.
"You're the first on my list, but if you can't oblige, I'll be off to try Miss Creech."
He settled his hat, turned his horse, and was almost of out of the yard
When she called to him, "I've given it thought. It's clear I'm the wife you need.
Hold till Sunday and I'll marry you." And that's just what she did.

SALINA (LINA) FARRIS CHAMBERS CAFFEY

From McNairy County Court Minutes 1858-1872 transcribed by Douglas Prather: page 511, Jan 7, 1861: R. W. Caffey, Lina Caffey and A. A. Sanders (Guard) petition to divide slaves. Order to divide slaves and report at next court.

1860 McNairy Co, Tn Dist 13 # 399: John Chambers, Jr 35, Tn Farmer, Salina 27, Henry 8. 1860 census, McNairy Co, TN: Salina Chambers 36, Henry C 18, Margaret Farris 75. John Chambers died before 1860, Salina is listed Dist 5 # 724, age 36, Henry C 18, Margaret Farris age 75, born NC.

According to court documents concerning John Chamber's death, Saline married a R W Caffey before Jan 1861.

In 1867, court records show she received 73 acres as dowry of deceased husband John Chambers. Salina died ca April 10, 1875. In 1878, 1/5 interest of H. C. Chambers and mother Lina Caffey was sold by O.L. and Malinda Farris, Mahala and Jesse Elam and Nicy Wardlow. In 1878, Chancery Court of McNairy County a lawsuit was filed by S P Farris etal vs R W Caffey etal - concerning the estate of Henry Clay Chambers son of John and Salina Chambers. (Parts of this lawsuit is listed below). According to the disposition of S P Farris, Henry Clay Chambers was born Nov 8, 1841, was 21 years old, 7 months and 2 days old according to his tombstone. His guardian, after his father's death and during his minority, was Aaron Sanders. "To the Honorable Geo H. Nixon Chancellor presiding at Purdy Tenn for the county of McNairy:

The bill of complaint of Obediah Farris, Nicy Wardlow, Mahala Elam and her husband Jesse C Elam, S P Farris, H C Farris, F P Farris, J R Horn and wife Lucretia L Horn, Wm Forsythe and wife Lina Ann, all residents of McNairy County, Tennessee except, H C Farris and J R Horn and wife who are residents of Hardin County Tenn and Wm Forsythe and wife Lina Ann, who are residents of the State of Mississippi

Against

R W Caffey, Charles Burns, Eddy Cobb, Elisha Palmer and Alex Irwin residents of McNairy County Tenn and the then minor children of Caroline and Gov Jones dec'd, who reside in the State of Arkansas and whose names are unknown.

Complainants respectfully presents to Your Honor that John Chambers departed this life in McNairy County, State of Tennessee, in testate in the year 1856 leaving Lina Chambers his widow and Henry Clay Chambers his infant son and sole heir at law.

The said Henry Clay Chambers also departed this life in testate in said county in May or June 1863 without a wife or issue, leaving the said Lina Chambers, his mother, as his only heir at law. (Note: Not sure this is right - Henry Clay may have died in the war.) the said Lina Chambers, after the death of her first husband John Chambers, intermarried with defendant R W Caffey, and on or about the 10 day of April 1875, she also departed this life in testate, without issue, leaving her brothers and sisters and their issue as her heirs at law - viz:- complainants herein and defendant, the minor children of Caroline and Gov Jones - complainants Obediah Farris, Nicy Wardlow, Mahala Elam being brothers and sisters of said Lina; and complainants S P Farris, H C Farris, F P Farris and Lucretia L Horn being the issue of Commodore Farris dec'd, who was a brother of said Lina; and complainant Lina Ann Forsythe and the minor heirs of Caroline and Gov Jones dec'd, being the issue of Caroline who was a sister of the said Lina Caffey.

Complainants further state that the said John Chambers, possessed real estate lying in McNairy County, which descended to his infant son H C Chambers which also, upon his death descended to his mother, the said Lina. Complainants further state that soon after the late war, some time in 1865 or 1866, defendant R W Caffey was appointed administrator of said H C Chambers dec'd and afterwards, at the November term of the county court of McNairy County, 1866, he resigned the administration and David and John Horn was appointed in his stead as administrators of the said H C Chambers dec'd; and on the 27th day of April 1867, the said David Horn and John Horn administrators filed their bill in Chancery Court at Purdy against the said R W Caffey and wife Lina, (stating) that the personal estate of their in testate, had been exhausted in the payment of debts. That there was yet debts remaining due and unpaid against said estate to the amount of \$3,327.95 and praying for the sale of the lands of said estate, or (pay the debts). And at the Oct 1867 term, said Chancery Court, said lands were to be sold for payment of debts and on the 14th day of December 1867 and on the 27th day of Feb 1868, said lands was sold by the Clerk and Master of said Chancery Court, being 11 small tracts - coming to the aggregate about 2,395 acres of valuable land. All of which land , except the widow's dowry, was sold by said proceedings, purchased by the said R W Caffey and at almost nominal prices, no one bidding for the same but him.

Complainants charge that said sale by the Clerk & Master as aforesaid was void and communicated no title to the purchaser R W Caffey, for the following reasons among others, (only a few are listed) viz:

There was no appearance or answer in said cause by or on behalf of said defendant Lina Caffey to whom said land belonged. And she was not represented by counsel. There was no proof what ever showing the exhaustion of personal assets in payment of bona fide debts or the existence of bona fide debts against said estate. And Complainants charge upon their information and belief that not \$500.00 of valid and bona fide debts existed against said H C Chambers' estate at his death and that his --- was fully sufficient to have paid his just debts. Complainants charge upon the part of said Caffey with the parties claiming demands against estate, to have said lands sold for the satisfaction of false and fictitious claims to enable Caffey to purchase the lands at nominal prices and thereby change the title from his wife to himself.

They charge that said H C Chambers was not extrusively (?) indebted at the time of his death, that he had arrived at lawful age within a short time previously, before his death. That if any liabilities existed against him at all, they should have been paid in full. They charge Caffey false and fictitious and ----- claims against the estate at large and collusion with said administrators, proceed credits in his purchases by means of such false fictitious claims.

Complainants further charge that the said Lina Caffey, did --- possessed also, of a tract of land in McNairy County of from 80 to 100 acres, upon which she with her said husband, resided at the time of her death and upon which Defendant Caffey has since resided and now resides. Said land is a part of the land which was allotted her out of the estate of her first husband, John Chambers.

Complainants charge that said land is the property of the said heirs of Lina Caffey and that they are entitled to have the same sold of partition and that said Caffey is liable to them for the rents of said land for the years 1875 - 1878."

The lands sold (mentioned above) on December 14, 1867 were:

1. 170 acres to R W Caffey for \$229.90, paid \$15.00 and a 12 month note for \$214.90

2. 200 acres to R W Caffey for \$400.00, paid \$15.00 and a 12 month note for \$385.00
3. 205 ½ ac to R W Caffey - \$901.20, paid \$20.00 and a 12 month note for \$883.10

Surety was Jesse Elam and H T Emmons (my note: this property was sold to my other g g grandfather, Charles Burns, Apr 12, 1872 for \$1,000.00 - Salina Farris was a g-great aunt , but they were not related. Nancy Wardlow Kennedy)

The lands sold on Feb 27, 1868 were:

4. 200 acres to R W Caffey for \$370.00, 12 month note, surety Pinkney Wardlow
5. 140 acres to R W Caffey for \$242.00, 12 month note, surety Pinkney Wardlow
6. 140 acres to R W Caffey for \$217.30, 12 month note, surety Pinkney Wardlow
7. 146 acres to R W Caffey for \$197.90, 12 month note, surety Pinkney Wardlow
8. 125 acres to R W Caffey for \$875.00, 12 month note, surety Pinkney Wardlow

(The lawsuit above, charges that R. W. Caffey never paid his notes to the estate.)

List of claims that have been presented against the estate of H C Chambers, dec'd:

L. J. Wiley 2.00, R C Houston 55.00, State vs Circuit Court cost 38.25, Before Justice of Peace cost 13.65, P. H. Braden 44.64, G W Pratt 38.75, L A Canon ? 318.00, James Wardlow 50.00, H. T. Emmons 165.00, John Richards 150.00, C T Swayers 50.19, F. H Sanders 81.63, David North 60.00, Pinkney Wardlow 250.00, J. L. Britton 8.00, Reed Phillips 21.00, Calvin Shull 151.00, Joseph Walker 5.00, A T Emmons 6.00, James Chambers 60.00, M S Crow 40.00, M ----- 30.00, John Kerby 25.50, J L W Boatman 35.00, Wm Lea 75.00, R W Caffey 2 notes 947.00, Lina Caffey 210.00, Bell & Wisdom 45.84 John A Truley for ----- 2 mares 1 mule 502.50. Total 3,478.95 dated July 1866

The case was settled and dismissed March 2, 1880.

Compiled by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

JAMES HAYNES OF CHEWALLA, MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENN

Civil War Pension Application of James Haynes # 14330

Date: 1920

1. State your full name and present post office address

James Haynes, McNairy, Rainer (Ramer) Tennessee

2. State your age now. 82 years old

3. In what state and country were you born?

Georgia, Milton County (no such county, could be Miller)

(Note by Nancy Kennedy, when I read this I did some research and called Alpharetta, Georgia, there was at one time a county by the name of Milton but it didn't last long. The name was changed to Fulton.)

4. Were you a Confederate or Federal soldier?

Confederate soldier

5. Name of your company? Co C; Philip Legion Cavalry

6. What was the occupation of your father? Farmer

7. Give full name of your father, born at, in the county of, state of, lived at. Give also any particulars concerning him, as official position, war services.

Richard Haynes --Born: Oglethorpe, I think, Georgia, lived near Alpharetta, Ga, held some minor office in the county.

8. Maiden name in full of your mother, daughter of, and his wife, who lived at:
Martha Tate, wife of Richard Haynes; James Tate -- Georgia
9. Remarks of ancestry.
My grandfather Haynes emigrated from Scotland, settled in what is known as Oglethorpe County. My grandparents Tate were French I don't know much of them.
10. If you owned land or other property at the opening of the war, state what kind of property you owned, and state the value of your property as near as you can.
I did not own any property.
11. Did your parents own slaves? If so, how many?
Yes they owned some slaves about 10 I think.
12. If your parents owned land, state about how many acres. 300
13. What was the worth of your parents, including land, when the war opened.
I suppose something near 8 or 10 thousand dollars including the negroes.
14. What kind of house did your parents occupy? State whether it was a log house or frame house or built of other material and state the number of rooms it had.
The first house we lived in was a log house. Frame house a while before the war.
15. As a boy and young man, state what kind of work you did.
I did all kind of work on the farm, plowed, hoed, help cut ditches, split rails, help do any kind of work about farm.
16. State clearly the duties of your mother and father.
My father done work on the farm help operate a cotton gin. My mother looked after the house. The spinning, weaving, the garden. The Boss around the house.
17. Did your parents keep any servants, how long?
They owned some negroes, one of them to help cook
18. How was honest toil, as plowing, hauling and other sorts of honest work of this class - regarded in your community? Was such work considered respectable and honorable?
Honest work was considered respectable.
19. Did the white men in your community engage in such work? Yes
20. To what extent were there white men in your community leading lives of idleness and having others do their work for them? Very few
21. Did the men who owned slaves mingle freely with those who did not own slaves, or did slave holders in any way show by their actions that they felt themselves better than respectable, honorable men who did not own slaves?
Poor honest people ...(cannot read)... no distinction made or shown by the slave owners.
22. At the church, schools, public gatherings, did slave holders and non slave holders mingle on a footing of equality? Yes
23. Was there a friendly feeling between slave holders and non slaveholder in your community, or where they antagonistic to each other?
You could not tell a slave owner from a non slave hold by their action.
24. In a political contest, in which one candidate owned slaves and the other did not, did the fact that one candidate owned slaves help him any in winning the contest? No
25. Were the opportunities in your community for a poor young man, honest and industrious, to

- save up enough to buy a small farm or go in business for himself? Yes
26. make something of themselves, encouraged or discouraged by slave holders?
They were encourage and in many instances helped.
27. What kind of school did you attend? Country school.
28. How long did you go to school altogether?
I don't know, several short terms.
29. How far was it to the nearest school? One mile
30. What school was in operation in your neighborhood?
Rural or neighborhood schools
31. Was the school in your community public or private?
Subscription schools.
32. About how many months in the year did it run? 4 - 5 months
33. Did the boys and girls in your community attend school pretty regularly? No
34. Was the teacher of the school you attended a man or woman? Man
35. In what year and month and at what place did you enlist in the service of the Confederacy or of the Federal Government? I was mustered into the Confederate service, 10th day of June 1861 at Camp McDonald near Marietta, Georgia.
36. After enlistment, where was your Company sent first?
To Lynchburg Virginia
37. How long after enlistment before your Company engaged in battle?
I don't remember
38. What was the first battle you engaged in? I was in several skirmishes, the first H----- battle, the second battle was Mananas.
39. State in your own way your experience in the War from this time to its close.
---- we followed the enemy, we did not sleep on feathers, sometimes we had plenty to eat, clothing was rather ----never was in ----- never in prison (the other must be never in hospital)
40. When and where were you discharged? Saulsburg, NC
41. Tell something of your trip home.
I rode my horse home had but little trouble getting home.
42. Give a sketch of your life since the close of the Civil War.
Farming made a little crop of corn gave that to my father left then in Oct stopped in Henry (?) county, Tenn.
43. What kind of work did you take up when you came back home?
Sketch of my life won't add much to history. I came to this country Oct 1865 bought a poor little farm been living on it all the time still here. Member of the Methodist Church. I never held an office never was engaged in any business except farming in small way. I am poor man 82 years old worn out. Raised 8 children 4 boys and 4 girls all left and gone to homes of their own or rather they are following work of their own selection lucrative jobs my boys are all railroad men and the girls all married have homes of their own.
44. Give the names of some of the great men you have known or met in your time.
Wm Puckett, Capt., Eli Hardin 1st Lt, Frank Fr--, Hodge Brook, Ord. Sgt Job Tate, Charles Mi --, Tom Brown, Robt Brooks, Dick Trippe, Wm Tutnell (?) Joe Fowler, Lige Fowler, Wm Fowler.

45. Give the names of all the members of your company you can remember.

J M Dixon, T I Hu----, Wm Graham, (NB: These men all lived in the same town, but I was unable to read it.) Note: the pension was denied

James Haynes' death certificate states he was 88 years , 7 months and 3 days old when he died. He died with malarial fever. W. L. Harben, from Chewalla , was the doctor. George W. Haynes of Sheffield, Alabama gave the information on the death certificate.

After his service in the Civil War James and his brothers returned home. Their mother was dead and the old home house had been burned. The boys moved on, some to Arkansas. James came to McNairy County where his Grandfather Tate lived. It is unknown if he came for just a visit or to stay but fate had a hand in the decision. Down the road, toward Chewalla a couple of miles, lived the Wesson family and they had a pretty young daughter named Josephine. The rest is history.

A couple of years before Daddy died in Sept 1995, He took Phillip, Gary and me riding around in the southern part of McNairy County. He showed us where the old Haynes home and the Wardlow house, where he was born, had been located when he was a child. Great Grandpa Haynes lived between Guys and Chewalla, a little closer to Chewalla, near what used to be Austin school house.

On the Guys Chewalla Rd, at the Olive Hill Church is a road that loops around and comes back in about 2 miles on down the road. This is where James Tate settled about 1840. The Olive Hill Cemetery was started as a Tate family cemetery. James Tate owned a lot of the land between this point and Chewalla.

If you turn off on the Olive Hill Loop Road, going westward, there is a little dead end road turning south. It was at the end of this road that James Haynes lived. There is an occupied house there and Daddy showed us that the Haynes house was out in what is now a pasture. A very pretty place for a house.

James Haynes applied for a Soldier of the Civil War pension in 1914. He states he lived at Chewalla, Tennessee at the time of the application. He was a native of the State of Georgia and was in Company C of the Phillip Legions Cavalry, enlisting in 1861.

He stated he was born in Milton Co, Georgia in the year 1841. (His death certificate says 1839.) Another place in the application he states Dec 23, 1840. This was one of the reasons his pension was denied, because his birth date varied.

He received a slight wound in the hip but was not incapacitated for very long. He was paroled in Saulsbury North Caroline. April 1865.

He did not take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government.

He states at the time he has a wife age 60 and a daughter age 18 and that his way of making a living was 'farming in a small way.' He owned 120 acres of land, valued about \$600. He states he has lived in Tennessee about 48 years. Signed Jan 8, 1914.

A letter from maybe a Mr. Cobb on R. P. Eaves Grocery stationary, Cartersville GA, dated Mar 23, 1914, states "---- of 13th invitation ? of war service of James Haynes war received some days ago. Will say have known Mr. Haynes since May 1861, when he entered the Confederate Service. He belonged to Co C and I to Co B, Phillips Legion, Ga Cavalry. We were together almost daily except when he was absent on leave. He was a good soldier and was with his command at the surrender at Greensboro, NC April 65. He must be mistaken about getting

his pay rate at Saulsbury. Mr. John K. Tripple ? of this place a member of Co C, Phillips Legion says Mr. H surrendered with his..... rest is missing.

A letter dated Mar 13 from the Special Examiner states "I find no record of him (James Haynes) later than Sept 10, 1864, when he is reported, 'absent on detail for a horse.'

J. S. Morris, and Charles Nixon from Cherokee County, Georgia state "they further say he was a good soldier and a man of excellent character." Dated Jan 14, 1914

A letter from James Haynes, date March 9, 1914, Chewalla, Tenn.

To John P Hickman, Board of Pension, Nashville, Tenn

My Dear Sir, I red note----- special examiner for Board of pensions. I don't understand why I was reported away from the command from Oct to close of War. I was in the B---- NC fight, was with the command at Fayetteville NC when we charged Kilpatrick Cavalry about daylight in the morning. I was never away from the command during the four years but on furlough.... scout duty for General Hampton when he was in North Carolina. I refer --- to two members of the Legion, Mr. John Cobb Cartersville Georgia and Mr. Church Anderson, Marietta Georgia. Your truly Jas Haynes

Note dated March 9, 1914, Mr. Frank Moses. My dear sir, I read your notice of rejection. He goes on to repeat all that was written in the above letter.

Apparently James applied for the pension about 1914 and the raise about 1921. In the first application, Dr J. M. King states, " diabetic, bladder problems, eye trouble due to optic nerves. (Other ailments mentioned, couldn't read.0 No other disabilities claimed, only old age. I think he is justly due pension. Signed Jan 19, 1914

Another letter to James Haynes dated Feb 22, 1921 states: "In your application for a pension you swear that you were born in 1841, and in your application for an increase you swear that your were born in December 1840. You have certainly set your age back a year. It makes no difference whether a man was fifty or one hundred he would get the same." This was in regards to the raise he had asked for.

Independent Appeal Feb 18, 1927: - A MIGHTY FINE MAN _ JIM HAYNES

Letter to the Editor from Marietta Ga, Jan 26, 1924

I want to give you a sketch of the history of your county citizen, James Haynes. Mr. Haynes was my friend and comrade during the 60's and a better comrade could not be had nor a better soldier never shouldered a gun to my knowing. he was always ready and willing to obey his superior officers. He never shirked a duty either in battle or behind the lines.

Jim went through the campaigns of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. He was also courier for Hampton and Stuart. Jim was blessed with health as well as bravery, for he was never sick or wounded bad enough to interfere with his duties.

Jim left here during 1865 for your county and has resided there ever since. I know if he has made as good a citizen as he did a soldier, you have profited by having him with you. I understand he has reared four fine girls and four excellent girls and I think this is pretty good for

an ex-Confederate.

Up until Christmas, 1922, I had not seen him since he left for your county, and you may be sure that I was glad to see him and to know that he made a success in life. Fifty seven years is a long time to be parted from as good a friend as Jim Haynes and I had been. Sincerely, John Tate

We are glad to publish the above letter. Mr. Haynes has lived for years in the Chewalla section of this county where he has the confidence of the people. We may say to the writer if he made as good a soldier as he has a citizen, he was some soldier.

McNairy County Independent Appeal, 1921 JIM HAYNES VETERAN VISITS SELMER

Jim Haynes of the 14th district, and member of Phillip's Legion of Georgia Cavalry and one of the leading citizens of the county, spent Monday night in Selmer, as the guest of the editor of the Independent.

He gave us many chapters of unwritten history. No soldier who followed the flag of the Lost Cause can unfold a more interesting narrative. He was under Gen Stewart and knew Gen Lee personally. He was in the awful slaughter of the 2nd Mananas, and saw the forces of McClellan stop the mighty rush of the northward march of Lee at Antietam. He fought in the Wilderness and helped to made the conditions that brought forth from the immortal Grant, the undying declaration, "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer!"

He felt the earth shake when the mines under Petersburg exploded and rushed with his comrades into the "Battle of the Crater. "He was with the command that got within three miles of Washington. He was with Stewart's Division when the entire Confederate forces around Richmond and Petersburg number only 36,000 men surrounded by an Invincible Federal army numbering 280,000 men and reaching in its circuit down into North Carolina.

He was at Gettysburg, the real decisive battle of the Civil War, and heard the shouts of the Confederate soldiers under the dashing Pickett in the charge which made him immortal.

Several days after the battle of Gettysburg, Gen. Dan Sickles, who had lost a leg, was carried into the presence of the great Lincoln at the White House, when the General gave in detail the history of the fight. The President replied that he had assurance of that victory in prayer before the fight began.

Mr. Haynes can give more authentic history of the Civil War in three hours than can be obtained from some of the histories in three weeks.

He is 81 years old, hale and hearty, and we wish him many years more of happiness and usefulness

DR HARRIS T. B. SPEER

The marriage record shows Dr Harris T. B. Speer as being from Marietta, Georgia. The spelling varies: Speer, Speir, Spier, Spear and sometimes with an s at the end. Much of my information was from Van Spear and Martha Speir. (Even today the spellings vary among the descendants of H T B Speer) The children of HTB and Sarah Elizabeth Speer was copied from a family Bible by Vickie Struble, descendant of Frances Louisa Speer Richardson.

Harris Thomas Speer was a physician and their religion was Methodist. He was the son of

John P and Ann G Speir. He married Elizabeth Tate, daughter of James and Maria Tate. They moved here with her parents and sister Mary and T A Pittman. The Tates settled where the Olive Hill community is now and so did the Speirs. (I have recorded the daybook of Dr Speir showing his patients in another book.)

McNairy County Chancery Court Case 1880:

James Haynes etal vs John W Walker, Administrator of the estate of H T B Speir

"Bill of Complainant of James Haynes , a citizen of McNairy County, Tennessee, Zimri S. Haynes, Abi Haynes and Robert Haynes, all residents of the State of Georgia and W T Haynes and Wm Howell and wife Sophia formerly Sophia Haynes, residents of the state of Georgia VS John W Walker, Administrator of H T B Speir , dec'd and Eliza Speir, Ann Speir, John Speir, Charles Speir, Laura Speir, all residents of McNairy County, Tenn, the said Charles and Laura Speir being minor without --- guardian, James Speir, a resident of the State of Texas, Charles Tate and his wife Mollie Tate, formerly Mollie Speir, residents of the state of Arkansas, Wesley Richardson and his wife Fannie, firmly Fannie Speir, residents of the state of Mississippi and George Fields and Elizabeth Fields, formerly Elizabeth Speir, residents of Madison Co, Tn.

Complainants respectfully represent to your Honor that they and Marcus Haynes and Richard Haynes, now deceased, are all the heirs of Martha M Haynes, dec'd, who died in testate about the year 1863. She was a daughter of James Tate, who died in testate in McNairy County in 1865 or 1866."

T A Pittman and H T B Speir was appointed administrations of the said James Tate, Feb 1866. The case goes on to say the estate of James Tate was between \$10,000 and \$20,000 and that Martha M Tate Haynes share of \$2,226.13 had never been fully paid. Tate had railroad stock and the Martha Haynes heirs were accusing H T B Speir of fraud concerning the stock. H T B Speir died in 1878.

The wife of H T B Speir in this document is called Eliza. She was Sarah Elizabeth Tate Speir.

The disposition of John Davis was taken at the office of Dr W R Ramer in Chewalla, McNairy County, Tennessee on July 29, 1881. Apparently there was some question that James Haynes owned Dr Speir and Speir had not settled fully with Haynes on the Tate estate.

Question: Please examine the memorandum or account presented to you and state of you know of any other items therein stated being sold or furnished by Mr. Haynes to Dr Speir in his lifetime - and which ones - state fully as you can remember.

Answer: I know he got the ox but don't know he agreed to give for it. I know he got some corn but don't know how much. He got some pork but I don't know who much. Jim/James Speir(son of Dr Speir) had a child to die and got me to go to James Haynes and get a coffin made. Dr Speir gave me an order to get the goods to bury the child and I have forgotten whether he gave me order to Haynes for the coffin or not, (some in here I could not read). Haynes swapped him a good wagon for an old one. Dr Speir's family told me they got the chairs from Mr. Haynes, don't know what price. I was going to kill a beef and sent word by my little boy to Dr Speir that I would let him have a quarter if he wanted it. He sent word that he had bought a beef from Mr. Haynes but hadn't got it and would like to borrow a quarter until Mr. Haynes killed his. (There was quite a bit of discussion about if James Haynes got credit on his account for the coffin)

Question: State specifically how you know of the delivery of each item.

Answer: I saw the ox in his (Speir's) possession. I saw the Speir boys in Haynes' crib shelling the corn and saw their taking it out but don't know if it was for Dr Speir. I didn't see the pork, but Dr Speir told me he got it from Haynes. I saw him make the doors.

John Davis stated that he was 61 years of age and an attorney at law. He was the attorney for the M & O Railroad and he handled the transaction of the sale of stock that James Tate had owned.

Sarah Elizabeth Spiers was 66 years old at her disposition September 1882. She stated the James Haynes had paid on his doctor bill by: a quarter of beef, a 1,000 lb shoat, made a door and window sash, 6 chairs, swapped wagons, two bushels of corn and a bell.

G. W. Fields and his wife lived at Ramer Station, sometimes called Ramer Switch, at the time of the disposition. He stated the day before Dr Speir died, Spiers came by his house at Ramer to give his wife medicine, and to pay his tax to Bob Hicks. Enos Tate lived ½ mile west of Dr Spiers. Field's wife was a daughter of Dr. Speir.

According to James T. Speir, age 34, Dr Speir, on the day of his death, was not sick, ate his breakfast, directed the boys to go to Ramer after some seed oats he had bought the days before and dropped dead.

In the final decree, April 1886, James Haynes was ordered to pay \$34.70 and his land notes for \$250.00 and the lien against the land would be discharged. (James Haynes was the ancestor of Nancy Wardlow Kennedy on her father's side.)

1878: McNairy County Records Book E
Inventory of Estate of H. T. B. Speir, Oct 7, 1878
List of all accounts:

Mary Blankenship 2.00, Henry Derryberry Est 7.00, W. Blakley 56.55, Isaac Derryberry 3.75, B. F. Darby 1.00, John Elem 5.00, Leroy Fulton 2.00, J. M. Guess 11.30, W Grosson 15.00, C. Siler Grosson C 11.00, James Haynes 103.51, Wash Harris 5.40, M. D. McDonough 30.00, Cable McCullar 44.00, Bud Osborn 10.00, A.M. Osborn 5.50, Andy Borey 4.00, William Phillips 1.00, D. W. Richards 77.95, J. W. Tate Est 9.25, E. M. Tate 25.25, R. I. Walker 1.50, W. W. White 11.00

John W Walker, Administrator of H T B Speir, Oct 1882 account of estate:
Uncollected accounts at that time were - Mary Blankenship 2.00, Henry Derryberry Estate 7.00, Wm Blakely 56.55, John Elam 5.00, Leroy Fulton 2.00, J. M. Guess 66.30, Wm Graham 15.00, C. S. Graham 11.00, James Haynes (litigation) 103.51, Wash Harris 5.40, Willie Harrison 25.00, M. D. McDonough 30.00, Clabe McCullar 30.50, Bud Osborn 10.00, A M Osborn 5.50, Andy Berry 4.00, William Phillips 1.00, D W Richards 77.95, J. W Tate 9.25, E M Tate 25.25, R I Walker 1.50.

The Administrator turns over to the undersigned 4 shares of Mobile & Ohio Railroad Stock for \$100.00 each, in favor of the legates of M. M. Haynes dec'd, found among the papers of H R B Speir. (This is what Haynes had alleged, that Speir did not turn over all the Railroad Stock and I think the Civil War took its toll on the stock and it wasn't worth much by the time they got it.)

Personal property of H T B Speir, sold Apr 20, 1878: John Davis - 1 cow and plow

tools for 16.25, T J Sharp - 1 horse, corn sheller, 2 shoats and 5 pigs for 33.15, Loss Parkenson? 1 colt - 12.25, G W Fields - 1 mare for 41.00, J. W Tate - a buggy for 12.50, Jeff Biggs - 1 wagon, grinding rock for 6.10, John W. Walker books, watch, pistol - 14.10, J T Cook books and instruments for 32.00

In 1874, Sarah E Speir vs James Haynes etal concerning the estate of James Tate
This was a counter suit about the Railroad stock and a land dispute
Compiled by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

HANCEFORD EMMONS AND THE DERRYBERRY CONNECTION

This is only research done by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy - It may contain errors

Hanceford had a hang-up on the name Mary as all his wives were named Mary. In 1850, Hance, age 27, and Mary, age 25, are living in the 9th district, HH 1813 with their daughter Jane age 2. They are living next door to Ariel Hopkins and wife Polly. This makes me wonder if Mary E. is kin to the Hopkins. In 1870 John Emmons, age 16, possibly son of Hance, is living with a Mary Hopkins, age 66. They are next door to John's step-mother Mary Rushing Emmons.

In 1860 Hance T Emmons is listed in the 13th district HH 2202 in McNairy County. With the family is listed Anney Derryberry age 11 and Mary E Derryberry age 5. Next door, with Charles and Elizabeth Blancet is John W. Derryberry, age 13. It is unknown the relationship of the Derryberry children to either family.

February 4, 1861 County Court Minutes: H T Emmons appointed guardian of John Derryberry, Louisa Derryberry and Mary Derryberry, Minor orphans of Henry Derryberry, deceased. W P Hopkins and C Davidson were securities.

It is a known fact that Hanceford and his second wife had two children, named Jane and Jefferson. (see comments on court case.)

Louisa (Anney) Derryberry married David Gibson on Dec 6, 1865, Robert Young, MG. In the 1870 census, her sister is living with them, Mary age 15 and a Jefferson Emmery (?) age 7. This should be Jefferson Emmons. The Gibsons have two boys in 1870, John age 2 and Rufus age 9 months. They are not listed in the 1880 census.

Case #265 filed with the Chancery Court in McNairy County - Mary Emmons vs P W North tells a little of what happened to the family.

This case was filed concerning a debt Hanceford T Emmons owed P W North. Apparently North owed Emmons but Emmons owed North more. The main issue was money owed for the land Emmons purchased in 1862 or 1863 from Henry R. Sharp and borrowed from P W North. After Hanceford's death, North proceeded to sell this land to L. M. Huggins and Leander Huggins, but Mary felt she deserved at least a dower's right. The judgment, on April 10, 1875, as best as I could determine, gave Mary a dower's right, 55 and 3/4 acres, as long as she lived then it reverted back to P W North or his heirs.

This lawsuit gave Hanceford's death at Jan 8, 1870 and lists his children. Apparently, Mary did not list his previous children in the lawsuit and a counter complaint was filed on their behalf.

One petition says Hanceford had six children by first wife, 5 in Texas and 1 in Mississippi, and one or more children by 2nd wife that reside in Mississippi.

Another petition lists the children by name:

" Leander, in Arkansas, Lawson and Louvenia in Texas, all of age. Mary and Thomas under 21 years of age and also lives in the state of Texas. (Did not list John - but I assume he is living since the other petition states 6 children by first wife.)

"By his 2nd wife, he had the following heirs, Jane and Jefferson, minors and live in the State of Mississippi."

Apparently one of the older children carried the three younger children with them to Texas and Jefferson was with his (possibly) step sister Louisa Derryberry Gibson somewhere in Mississippi. I don't know who Jane was with. I haven't found her in 1870.

**MCNAIRY COUNTY COURT 1856
W C MOORE VS NANCY LOCKMAN (OUR CASE NO 287)
PETITION TO SELL LAND**

*note: This was really Chancery Court, but somehow got in the County Court files

Your petitioners W C Moore, Lawson A Lockman, administrators of the estate of Levi Lockman, reported Levi Lockman, Sen departed this life on the – day of May 1855 in testate leaving the following heirs :

Nancy Lockman , widow

L. A. Lockman

Munroe Lockman

James Lockman

Sarah Lockman who intermarried with -----Laughlin

Margaret Lockman a resident of North Carolina (*note in McNairy Co, 1860)

Franklin Lockman, a resident of California

Levi Lockman Jr

John Lockman

Millia Anna Lockman

William Lockman

Nancy Lockman

WM Wallis (apparently widower of ----- Lockman, children, Nancy E Wallis

Leroy Wallis, J F Wallis, J W Wallis, Wm Wallis, Jr

The land Range 1 Section 3, bounded by Laurance, Polk and Swanson, and (couldn't ready) contained 77 acres.

The court decreed the land be sold. On August 30, 1856 at the courthouse in Purdy, McNairy County, Tennessee, the land was sold to the highest bidder which was Nancy Lockman for the sum of 122.50.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TO SELECT A CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE HELD AT

ALL THE VOTING PLACES AUGUST 6. NO POLL TAX IS REQUIRED AND THE WOMEN ARE ALLOW TO VOTE AS WELL AS THE MEN - INDEPENDENT APPEAL AUGUST 7, 1925.

<p>TENNESSEE SENT 115,000 CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND 31,000 UNION SOLDIERS TO THE CIVIL WAR</p>

**MCNAIRY COUNTY, TN. CHANCERY COURT
JOHN M HARRIS VS E. H. FERGUSON, ETAL
1885 COURT DOCKET 629**

Defendants: John F Gilmer, J. H Ferguson, E H Ferguson, F P Ferguson, William Ferguson, Lawson King and wife Nancy J King, John King and wife Louisa King, Henry Boatman and wife Mary A Boatman, Jeff Foster and wife Eliza Foster and Victoria Ferguson.

This case pertains to an indebtedness, lien on land. Complainant states that on the 29th day of September 1879, Mary A. Ferguson executed to him her promissory note for \$65.00 due on the 25th day of December 1879, which is still unpaid at court date. The \$65.00 was the balance of the \$250.00 purchase price of 26 acres lying and being on the waters of Mosses Creek in the first civil district of McNairy County, State of Tennessee. Bounded by J L Boatman, William Wallace, J T Gooch and William Gilmer.

Complainant states that on November 1, 1880, F P Ferguson and E H Ferguson sold this tract of land to John F. Gilmer.

According to this court case, Mary A Ferguson died in testate April 1884 (the McNairy County cemetery Book documented by Albert Brown shows her death date as June 30, 1883.)

Defendants state the 26 acres was Mary A Ferguson dower which she was entitled to out of the lands of A J Ferguson. A J Ferguson departed this life in testate leaving surviving him Mary A Ferguson his widow and James H, Nancy Jane, Frederick S, Mary Ann, Eliza, Victoria, Ephraim, Louisa and William Ferguson, the last eight of whom are minors under the age of 21 years of age, His widow, Mary Ann was appointed administratrix of his estate (which is unusual - it is usually a man.)

R. M. Thompson, McNairy County Court Clerk, declared that the court declared in December 1865 that the lands of A J Ferguson be sold at the courthouse door in the town of Purdy on January 13, 1866 and Mary Ferguson, the high bidder, purchased the land in question for \$35.00. A. J. Ferguson owned approximately 126 acres at the time of his death and Mary A selected 26 acres as her dower.

There are several pages to this court case but the arguments go round and round.(Note: Frederick's middle initial was sometimes listed as F s and sometimes F P.P

MCNAIRY COUNTY, TN COUNTY COURT

**W F MOZIER, ETALS VS JASPER N SIPES, ETALS
1888, ARCHIVES CASE NO**

COMPLAINTS: Henry King, Lawson King, Jessie King, Alexander King, Matthew King, Jas L King, James Ferguson and Laurel Ferguson, Dick Maxedon and wife Mary Maxedon, ---- King, ----- King, Lawson Sipes, W J Sipes, residents of McNairy County, Tennessee and W F Mozier and wife Julia Mozier residents of Henderson County, State of Tennessee.

DEFENDANTS: Jasper N Sipes, ----omer King and wife Louiza King, Daniel King, residents of the State of Texas. George W Plunk and wife Catherine Plunk, residents of the state of Arkansas. The children of G W Sipes and Franklin Sipes, residents of the state of Arkansas. The children of Eli Sipes, whose names, age and residence are unknown. Sissie Sipes whose residence is unknown.

The case was more or less an appeal to sell the land and split the proceeds among the heirs. The court specified the land to be sold on Monday, June 3, 1889.

William Sipes, Sen died in testate in McNairy County, State of Tennessee sometime about the year 1880 or 1881. At the time of death, he owned 198 acres of land in the 8th civil district in McNairy County bounded by R J Hendrix, John S. Ingraham and Isaac Brown. The ad in the paper stated bounded on the north by Plunk, south by Webster, east by Miller, west by Hendrix. This land was grant # 226 made to William Sipes on March 3, 1 1849, range 4, section 5. and in the Finger - Anderson Store area in what is now north McNairy County.

Entitled to his estate are:

1. 1/10 Lawson Sipes
2. 1/10 Jasper N Sipes
3. 1/10 The children of Nancy Sipes King and her husband Henry King
Lawson King, Jessie King, Alexander King, Mathew King,
James L King, Daniel King, ----- King, ----- King,
Louiza King Ferguson and husband James Ferguson, Mary King Maxedon
And husband Dick Maxedon. (Note: the 1870 census lists ten children:
Lassoed, Lura A, Alexander, Daniel, Mathew, Mary R, Leander, Jerusah,
Nancy, John L.)
4. 1/10 the children of John Q Sipes, deceased
William J Sipes and ---- Sipes
5. 1/10 Julia K Sipes Mozier and husband W F Mozier
6. 1/10 Louiza Sipes King and husband Homer King (not sure this is Homer)
7. 1/10 Two children of Eli Sipes, deceased
8. 1/10 Catherine Sipes Plunk and husband George W Plunk
9. 1/10 Children of George W Sipes
10. 1/10 Children of Franklin Sipes

This figure changed , adding the children of Wm Sipes, making it all 1/11. The 1850 census shows William.

MCNAIRY COUNTY, TN, COUNTY COURT

LEE R LOCKMAN VS MARGARET ROBERSON 1897 - ARCHIVES CASE NO

COMPLAINTS: L. R. Lockman, Mark Roberson, Administrations of the estate of D H Roberson

DEFENDANTS: Margaret Roberson, Daisey Roberson, Slater Roberson, Buford Roberson, Myrtle Roberson, Maud Roberson

D H Roberson died in testate in McNairy County, Tennessee on January 3, 1897 and left surviving him his widow, Margaret Roberson and his children , Daisy, Slater, Buford, Myrtle and Maud, all of said children are minors. The administrators state the estate is insolvent. Claims had been filed against the estate for more than \$800.00 and personal property amounted to only \$167.40. Real estate consisted of 4 small tracts of land encumbered by the homestead and dower of the widow Margaret Roberson.

The estate 1/11 interest of the J Foy Roberson estate which consisted of 505 acre old to him by L T Young in the 2nd civil district on March 2, 1866, being the lands of Young's grandfather Laney Moore, deceased; 108 acres, a land grant from the State of Tennessee on August 7, 1849 No 14270 or 2516, bounded at that time by Wm C Johnson, William Morton, William Tucker, and 73 ½ acres which was allowed as dower to the widow of Jas F Roberson.,

R F Beard, county surveyor, surveyed the lands of David H Roberson, deceased on March 23-24, 1898: (1) Known as the Niece Mill tract - 80 acres with the mill house and pond on this tract. Bounded by Dennis Kirth (?), J R Lockman, bank of Rose Creek, L A Lockman (2) The Red Hall tract, bounded by the mouth of Rose Creek where it empties into Little Hatchie, J. R. Lockman, W M Lockman, Wilkins, Little Hatchie Creek, L A Lockman, containing 150 acres.. (3) The J R Lockman tract. Bounded by W M Lockman, Dennis Keith, 30 acres. (The fourth tract was a house and lot in Bethel Springs.

The sale of the property of D H Roberson:

A N Kirkman, 1 cart	1.30	M L Robinson, 1 box irons	.25
Margaret Roberson, plows	2.50	M L Robinson, 1 box irons.	.25
W W Robinson, shovel	.45	E P Hines, shovel	.50
John Mitchell, 1 cow	8.45	E P Hynes, 1 mule	40.00
Margaret Roberson, 1 mare	12.50	Slater Roberson, saddle	.25
George Carmen, yearling	8.00	Lee Lockman, yearling	5.00
L A Lockman, 1 bull	3.50	John Mitchell, 1 cow	8.75
John Mitchell, 1 heifer	5.00	John Mitchell	3.50
George Carmen 1 calf	2.10	D M Carnsey ? 1 post auger	.55
James Hunter 1 log chain	1.00	Margaret Roberson, plow gear	.25
W W Roberson, lemeter scales	1.60	W W Robinson, spirit level	.50
J A Moore, 1 side saddle	1.85	Margaret Roberson, 1 bureau	.25
Margaret Roberson, 1 carpet	1.80	J S Robertson, 1 shovel	.75
Margaret Roberson, bed & fixtures	2.00	Margaret Robertson, grind stone	.20
J W Hatch 1 saddle	1.05	Margaret Robertson, 1 pot rack	.20
W D Isbell, 1 black mare	23.50	Margaret Robertson, saddle pockets	.10
M L Roberson, wheat thresher	17.00	D W Cobb, thresher power	12.00

MCNAIRY COUNTY CHANCERY COURT 1872

**JOHN G GOOCH VS JESSEE GOOCH, ETALS CASE 277
PETITION TO SELL LAND, RATHER THAN DIVIDE IT**

Thomas Gooch died — 1864 and left surviving him the following:

1. J G Gooch, age 63, resident of McNairy County
2. Jesse Gooch, age 61, resident of Mississippi
3. Nichols Gooch, age 59, resident of Arkansas
4. Margaret Gooch, deceased, who intermarried with E Dunaway
(Note - twice, Margaret is mentioned as Margaret Dillon, deceased, it is possible that E (Ezekiel) Dunaway, died first and she married a Dillon. However, I do not find her in the 1850 as a Dillon or a Dunaway. In 1850 Pinkney Dunaway is living with Henderson Ferguson and James is living with J G Gooch. The Marcus J Wright history does not say that she married a Dillon, but it does say she had two sons and a daughter.
 1. P T Dunaway, age 35, resident McNairy County
 2. W P Dunaway, age 33, resident McNairy County
 3. Mary (Polly) Ann Dunaway, deceased, intermarried Henry Ferguson
 1. Mary M Ferguson, who married James Melton
 2. Nancy J Ferguson, deceased, married Wesley Ramer died without issue
 3. James E Ferguson, age 20, resident of McNairy County
 4. Hardeman Ferguson, age 18, resident of McNairy Co.
(Note- one place says Henderson, one says Hardeman)

(Polly Ann Dunaway Ferguson, after the death of Henry Ferguson married Henry Roten and had four children:

 5. Robert Roten, age 16
 6. Francis E Roten, age 12
 7. Rachel Roten, age 10
 8. Mary Ann Roten, age 2
5. Mary (Polly) Gooch, deceased intermarried with W B Terry, dec'd
 1. Amanda Terry married Dr Hodges, resident of Mississippi
 2. Annie Terry, married D M Wisdom, resident of Jackson, Madison, Tenn
 3. Molly Terry, married James Hart, resident of Jackson, Madison, Tenn
 4. Jennie resident of Jackson, Tn
6. William Gooch, deceased left his wife Sarah and 8 children
 1. John Gooch,. Age about 30, resident of McNairy County
 2. Henry Gooch, age 27, residence unknown
 3. James Gooch, age 19, resident of McNairy County
 4. Elizabeth, married John Larue, residence unknown
 5. Margana (Margaret), married Chanery Miller, resident of McNairy County
 6. Caroline Gooch, age 20
 7. Jennie Gooch,
 8. Annie

Thomas Gooch owned three tracts of land, McNairy County, Range, 2 Section 2.

- (1.) 200 acres, this land bounded No 2045, heirs of L Gillentin (2) 147 3/4 acres. Bounded by No

1850 A J Ferguson, (3) 47 acres. All lands were sold at public auction at the McNairy County courthouse at Purdy on July 7, 185 for \$252.00 by John G. Gooch

**MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, COUNTY COURT 1878
ESTATE OF DR WILLIAM C KINDEL CASE #485**

THOSE THAT OWED DR KINDEL (YEARS ARE 1877-1878 a few about 1873)

ADAMS, RICHARD	CLEMMENT, E N	HARDIN, R W
ADAMS, GEORGE,	CLEMMENT, J J	HARDIN, JAMES C
ALDRIDGE, JOHN	COCK, F A	HARDIN, W R
ALEXANDER, JOHN	COCKRAN, C L	HARE, S W
ALEXANDER, U S	COCKRAN, J T	HARE, HAYWOOD
ALLISON, W A	COCKRAN, -	HENDERSON, W C
BAKER, D M	COLE, A G	HENDRIX, W B
BAKER, PETER M	COX, T B	HENDRIX, BROTCHE ?
BALDRIDGE, JOHN	CROW, H M (Maybe Crum)	HENDRIX, HENRY
BARNES, CALVIN	CUDE, R F	HENDRIX, J H
BASINGER, W P	DALLIS, GEORGE	HENDRIX, E L
BAUM, ASA	DAVIS, HENRY	HENDRIX, B K ?
BEARD, J A	DENNIE, ALVIN	HENDRIX, W H
BEARD, R F	DEVAULT, T E	HENDRIX, R I
BEATY, JOHN	DIXON, JAMES W	HENDRIX, LEE
BELL, JOHN	DIXON, ANGIE MISS	HILL, JAMES
BISHOP, JOHN R	EDWARDS, BEN	HILL, D A
BISHOP, S G	ELLIFF, C H	HILL, A G
BISHOP, JOSEPH	ELLIOTT, J L	HILL, JAMES W
BISHOP, J W	ETHERIDGE, ELIAS	HOCKADAY, SAMUL G
BOWLAND, JOHN	FERGUSON, W R	HOCKADAY, W T
BOWLS, GEORGE	FERGUSON, H	HOCKADAY, THOM SUN
BROOKS, ISAAS	FINK, A H	HOLMES, JAMES
BROWDER, J W	FRANKLIN, JOHN	HORNER, THOMAS
BROWDER, GEORGE	FRANKS, JOHN	HORNER, RILEY
BROWDER, AUGUSTUS ?	FRANKS, JEREMIAH	HURST, A J
BROWNING, JOHN	GARNER, BRAUSON	HURTS, JEFF
BROWNING, S T	GARRETT, TAYLOR	HOUSTON, ALBERT
C ----, JACOB	GIBSON, JO M	HYSMITH, BILLY ?
CAFFEY, THOMAS	GILCHRIST, JAMES	INGRAM, SAM
CAROTHERS, JOHN	GILCHRIST, JOHN	INMAN, ALFRED
CARTER, ROBT	GILLAN JIM	INMAN, THOS
CARTER, LEWIS B SEN	GILLTON, J R	JACKSON, PRYOR
CARTER, M N	GILLTON, J W H	JAMMIESON, J G
CHAMNESS, J J (?)	GRAHAM, WM K	JEANS, C M
CLAUNCH, J H	GRANT, JAMES	JOHNSON, MIKE
CLAUNCH, D W	HALE, G W	JOPLING, W D
CLAUNCH, D W	HALEY, LAIDEN	KERBY, WM
CLAUNCH, T M	HARD, WISDOM	KERBY, T H

KERBY, JOHN
KERNODLE, SIMPSON
KINDEL & MCINTYRE
KINDEL & TURNER
KIRBY, POS
LANDRETH, JOHN CO
LARKIN, T N
LEATH, L H
LILLY, JOHN
LIPFORD, J H
LIPFORD, FIELDING
LITERAL, J M
LITERAL, R J
LITERAL, R H
LITERAL, JOSEPH
LITERAL, JO (COLD)
LOCKMAN, W M
LUCUS, W D
LUMPKINS, W M
LUMPKINS, W M
MAJORS, HARRISON
MAXEDON, W H D
MCAFEE, JAMES
MCAFEE, NATHAN
MCCAN, D W
MCCOLLUM, A S
MCINTIRE, J T
MEEK, MRS MARY A
MEEKS, ROBERT
MERRELL, J N
MOORE, B C
MOORE, SAM
MOORE, GEORGE M
MORRIS, THORY ?
MORRIS, DAVID
NASH, J N ?
NEATHERY, ROBERT H
NEEDHAM, MILES
NEWSOM, HARVIE
ONEAL, HARDIN
ONEAL, F M
OWENS, W R
PARKER, MISS MATTIE

PHILLIPS, B A
PITMAN, NED
POOL, R W P
RAIMER, E A
RAY, T D ?
RAY, L D ?
RAY, BOGAN JUN
RAY, BRICE
RIDDLE, J A
ROBERTSON, A MYERS
ROBINS, J M
ROBINSON, T N
ROBISON, J T
ROTEN, MRS MARY
RUSSOM, ISAAC
SANDER, E M
SANDERS, MRS FANNIE
SANDERS, L L
SANDERS, BYRON
SCOTT, ROBERT
SEWAL, O L
SHARP, J S
SHULL, CALVIN
SIMPSON, JAS A
SIMPSON, T J
SIMPSON, T H
SIMPSON, W H
SIMPSON, JULIA
SIMPSON, W H
SIPES, POWEL
SMALLWOOD, BUD
SMALLWOOD, J P
SMALLWOOD, WM
SMALLWOOD, WASH
SMALLWOOD, J P ?
SMITH, H J
SMITH, JAMES
STONE, D
SURRETT, JAK ?
SURRETT, CHARLES
SURRETT, M J
SUTTON, W H
SWAIN, J H

SWAYNE, A P
SWAYNE, J H
TACKER, W S JUN
TACKER W T
THOMAS, W W
TIDWELL, MRS
VEAL, JASK
WADKINS, MRS
WAGGONER, ROBT
WAGGONER, J C
WAGGONER, M —
WAGGONER, WM
WALKER, JO
WALKER, JOSEPH
WESSON, RANDOLPH
WHITE —, RASHEL
WHITINTON, T E ?
WILKERSON, WM
WILKERSON, RICHARD
WILLIAMS, R T
WILLIAMS, JAMES H
WILLIAMS, R J G (may be
deceased)
WILLIAMS, MRS PERRY
WILLIAMS, BOB
WILLIAMS, BETTYSY J
WILLIS, L W
WILSON, WM D
WILSON, W C
WILSON, JACK
WILSON, R D
WISDOM, MRS CELIA
WOLF, JACOB P
WOLFE, C W OR CM
WOODS, L M
WOOLF, C M OR C W
WORSHAM, WM
YARBROUGH, JAMES N
YOUNG, WM
YOUNGER, J E
YOUNGER, BEDFORD

McNairy County Schools in June 30, 1921

	Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls
Brittons	44	41	Purdy	42	44
Carter's (5 th dist)	15	13	Ramer	87	82
Macky	21	19	Refuge		
McNairy	64	36	Rock Springs	16	26
Milledgeville	12	12	Rowsey	16	9
Morley	2	5	Rural Hill	9	11
Morphis	34	28	Rushing	30	23
Morten's	24	26	Salem	25	27
Mt Zion (13 th)	34	46	Selmer	125	93
Mt Zion (12 th)	34	27	Shady Grove	33	33
Mt Vernon			Shiloh	24	15
Mt Vinson	40	48	Stantonville	125	117
Mud Creek	19	15	Sulphur Springs	16	24
Murray's	35	32	Thompson Springs	16	18
New Delight	19	17	Trantham	28	32
New Hope	29	32	Tulu	49	32
New Bethel	28	26	Union Chapel	26	31
Oak Ridge	16	6	West Shiloh		
Oterville	38	26	White Oak	24	27
Oxford	15	19	Wolf Pen	27	25
Pebble Hill	36	33			
Pegram	8	9			
Piney	15	17			
Pleasant Site	48	56			
Pleasant Grove	33	28			
Plunks (Iola)	21	4			
Poplar Springs	9	18			
Price (Carter)					

**HENRY, THE SLAVE
various court cases
STATE OF TENNESSEE
MCNAIRY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
JULY TERM 1860**

Note: spelling is the same as in the documents
Transcribed by Nancy Wardlow Kennedy

Monday, July 9th, 1860
State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that a circuit court was began and held at the court house in the Town of Purdy for the County of McNairy and state aforesaid on the second Monday being the 9th day of July 1860 and in the 85th year of American Independence present and presiding the Honorable

Elijah Walker, Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit of said state. W. D. Jopling, sheriff and M. H. Johnson, clerk in attendance.

This day W. D. Jopling, sheriff of McNairy County and state aforesaid entered into court the states wit of Vinisa Facial to him-----, executed upon the following persons all good and lawful men to wit: J. W. Wilmouth, Jesse Gooch, T. H. Bell, John M. Russom, R. M. Thompson, James Davidson, Wm Cason, Allen Wade, G. W. Chenault, Z. T. Tate, Thomas McAlpin, Josiah Jeans, W. A. Halbrooks, Wm Scirrat, John Kerby, Daniel Hysmith, G. W. Babb, D. S. Michie, Andrew McKenzie, B. G. East, E B. Sewell, J. C. Landarth, Iverson Smith, Dock Parker, John Latta, R. B. Ray, Elizen Burkhead, Eli Tisdell, Calvin Wilson, Wm Brumley, George Plunk, David Massengill of whom the court proceeded according to law to elect and impanel a grand jury when the following gentlemen win election to wit: John Kerby, Wm Brumley, R. M. Thompson, Elizen Burkhead, William Scirratt, E. B. Sewell, Daniel Hysmith, George Plunk, Z. T. Tate, John Latta, Calvin Wilson, Iverson Smith and John Russom of whom the court appointed R. M. Thompson foreman who together with the balance of the Grand Jurors having been sworn and charged and returned under the care of Arther Harris a constable of McNairy County who was sworn to attend them.

Wednesday July 11, 1860

This day came the Grand Jury into court under the care of their officer, and brought with them the following bills of indictment: one against Henry, a slave, for murder ----- a True Bill. R. M. Thompson foreman of the Grand Jury, John P. Erwin, Prosecutor, Nancy D. Jill, John P. Erwin, Thomas R. Beck, Harvy Roberts and J. C. McConnel, sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by M. H. Johnson, clerk. Note: apparently the above mentioned were witnesses to the Grand Jury.) Which bill of indictment in the words and ----- following to wit:

State of Tennessee)

County of McNairy)

Circuit Court, July Term, the year of our Lord, one thousand, eighty hundred and sixty:

The Grand Jurors of the State of Tennessee duly elected ----- sworn and charged to inquire for the body of the County of McNairy, aforesaid, upon this oath present that Henry, a slave, the property of John P. Erwin, on the twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, with force and arms in the County of McNairy aforesaid and the state aforesaid, in and upon Diana Erwin, a free white woman, in the ----- of God and said state, there and then being ----- did unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, malicious by pre-meditately, feloniously and of his malice aforethought did make an assault, and the said Henry, a slave, as aforesaid, a certain bellet of wood, which said bellet of wood, he the said Henry, a slave, as aforesaid, in both his hands there and then had and held at, against and upon her, the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid, there and then unlawfully, deliberately, maliciously, premeditately, feloniously and of his malice aforethought did strike giving to the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid, in and upon the head of her, the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid, two mortal wounds of which said two mortal wounds, the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid, on the day and year last aforesaid, at to wit, the county and state aforesaid, did and to the grand jurors aforesaid, who upon their oaths aforesaid do say that the said Henry, a slave, as aforesaid, his ? the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as

aforesaid, in manner and form aforesaid, unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, malicious by pre-meditatedly feloniously and of his malice afore though did kill and murder in the first degree to the evil example of all others in like case offending contrary to the forms of the statutes in such case make and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state, and the Grand Jurors aforesaid upon their oath afore said, on the day and year last aforesaid mentioned at to wit the county aforesaid with force and ---- in the county of McNairy, aforesaid, in and upon Diana Erwin, a free white woman, in the peace of God and said state, then and there being unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, maliciously, premediatedly , feloniously and of his malice aforethought, did make an assault, and that the said Henry, a slave, as aforesaid, a certain axe which said axe, the said, Henry, a slave, as aforesaid, in both his hands there and then had and held at against and upon her the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, then and there, unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, maliciously, premediatedly , feloniously and of his malice aforethought, did strike giving to the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid, in and upon the head of her, the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid, one mortal wound of which said moral wound, the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid on the day and year last aforesaid at to with: the county and state aforesaid did so the Grand Jurors aforesaid upon their oath, aforesaid, do say that the said Henry, a slave, as aforesaid, — the said Diana Erwin, a free white woman, as aforesaid in manner and form, aforesaid, unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, maliciously, premediatedly , feloniously and of his malice aforethought did kill and murder in the first degree to the evil example of all others in like case offending contrary to the form of the statutes in such case, made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state. William S. Maxwell, Attorney General

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
 VS)
 HENRY, A SLAVE)

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1860
 INDICTMENT FOR MURDER

This day came the Attorney General on the part of the state and the defendant being conducted to the ---- of the Court in custody of the sheriff and thereupon the said defendant being arraigned and charged on the Bill of Indictment, pleas thereto that he is not guilty and for his trial puts himself upon the county and Attorney General doth the like and thereupon the sheriff of McNairy ----- to the Attorney General and the defendant’s council approval of jurors to try said cause and said panel having been exhausted and two jurors selected to wit: Shadrick Maness and John Connors and the sheriff exporting that no other panels can be obtained this evening the jurors selected as aforesaid are placed under the care of John Wardlow, one of the constables of said county, who was charged by the court to keep them separate and apart from the balance of the community and permit them to have no intercourse with any other person until tomorrow morning 8 o’clock.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
 VS)
 HENRY, A SLAVE)

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1860
 INDICTMENT FOR MURDER

This day came again the Attorney General on the part of the state and said defendant being conducted to the bar of the court in custody of the sheriff and therein to try said cause, ten other jurors were selected to wit: W. W. Vesten, Samuel James (or Irwin) Benjamin New, E. S. Boyington, B. F. Young, G. W. Pruitt, John C. Goodman, F. F. Carroll, Joseph Roanke and John Murdah, all good and lawful men who after being sworn, will and truly to try the issues of ---- between the state and said defendant and a true verdict to render according to evidence after hearing the evidence in the cause and the charge of the court the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths do say that they find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree as charged in the Bill of Indictment. Ordered by the court that defendant be ----- to jail. Court then adjourned until tomorrow morning, 8 o'clock. E. Walker

STATE OF TENNESSEE
TO P. H. & W. H. BRADEN

To boarding jury in case of the State vs Henry, a slave, on a charge of murder, 2 days \$15.00.
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 18th July, 1860. M. H. Johnson Clerk.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
TO W. D. JOPLING, SHERIFF & JAILOR

To keeping Henry, a slave, in McNairy County Jail on a charge of murder from 22nd April to 9 Sept 1860. \$54.00 - 11 turn keys at .50 total \$59.50
Sworn to and subscribed in open court 18th July 1860. W. D. Jopling, M. H. Johnson, clerk

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1860
STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS
HENRY, A SLAVE

This day came again the Attorney General on the part of the state, and the defendant being conducted to the bar of the court in custody of the sheriff and it being demanded of him if he or his council hath any thing further to urge why the court should not proceed to judgment in presence of the verdict of the jury and said defendant and his council saying nothing further than what they have heretofore said in his behalf. It is therefore considered by the court that said defendant be ----- to the jail of McNairy County and there confined until the first Friday, being the 7th day of September , next, when he will be taken out of the jail by the sheriff of McNairy County and carried to some place within one mile of the Town of Purdy and between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon hanged by the neck until he is dead. It is further considered by the court that the State of Tennessee pay the cost of this prosecution and that a bill of costs be certified for allowance. Ordered by the court that the Grand Jury be discharged. Court then adjourned. E. Walker

Ramer Baptist Church
75 Years in Christian Service
1911-1986

Beginning: The Church had its beginning in a revival service held in 1911 near the Thompson Springs School. The revival was conducted by an evangelist, perhaps Stuart H. B. Mays of near Pinson, Tennessee (some sources say Reverend Mays and others say an evangelist from Memphis). The spirit moved some of those in attendance to join together as a church family and they began meeting in the Thompson springs Schoolhouse in September, 1911, under the leadership of Reverend Stuart H. B. Mays.

Charter Members: were Dr. L. H. Robertson, Sr. and wife, Fannie Robertson, Mrs. Mollie Blasingame and two daughters, Miss Nettie Blasingame and Miss Dora Blasingame; Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Jernigan, Mr. John R. Swain, Mr. J. Alec Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelton, Mrs. Cora Blasingame.

Construction of Mays Chapel: Reverend John Jones Smith served as pastor from mid-1914 through the end of 1916. During his pastorate, plans were made for the construction of a one room house of worship. Mr. Jim Teague donated an acre of land on the Ramer-Selmer Road, approximately one mile north of Ramer, and a church building was built there, with Reverend Smith and Mr. Alec Dillon doing most of the carpentry. The building was named Mays Chapel in honor of Reverend Stuart H. B. Mays, the minister who led the people in organizing the church and who served as the new church's first pastor.

Mays Chapel: Mays Chapel was a one room building with double front doors and no porch. The building was probably unpainted until 1935. Inside, there were wide pews in the middle of the building and narrower pews on the sides. The building was heated by a wood burning stove and later by a coal burning stove. Lighting for evening services was provided by kerosene lamps attached to the walls.

Preaching services were only held one weekend each month. The preacher usually served four churches and would preach at each church on a specific weekend each month. He might preach at Mays Chapel each first Sunday, Olive Hill the second Sunday, Butler's Chapel each third Sunday and Chewalla each fourth Sunday, for example. The preacher would arrive by wagon, horse or train on Saturday afternoon. the church would hold a Saturday night preaching service and the preacher would stay with one of the church families overnight. The church would hold a Sunday morning preaching service the next day and the preacher would return home on Sunday afternoon. When the church was without a regular minister, the one weekend per month services were conducted by Union University ministerial students who came from Jackson to Ramer by train. Except for the one weekend each month that a preacher was there, church services consisted of Sunday morning Bible study directly from the Scriptures and later from Sunday School literature, and regular revivals which were well attended. Church membership records show:
17 members in 1911 35 members in 1917 40 members in 1919 64 members in 1924

79 members in 1925 82 members in 1926 51 members in 1931
(Ministers during that period were paid an average of \$10.00 per month.)

Mays Chapel Ministers:

Stuart H. B. Mays	1911-12	Walter Edward	1913-14	John J. Smith	1914-16
Jodie G. Gooch	1917-18	J. D. Harris	1919-21	A. M. Overton	1922-23
N. B. Howard	1924-25	W. C. Nevil	1926	J. E. Bolding	1927
N. B. Howard	1928				

Other pastors who served - dates are uncertain:

Foy Huckabee 1928-29; A. L. Bishop; J. A. Woods; Carl Barrett; Foy Huckabee (served twice)
J. E. Bolding 1945 when the church was moved.

Mays Chapel Deacons:

R. N. Shelton, 1912 until death 1936; W. B. Johnson 1917 (moved); John R. Swain 1914 (moved); F. D. Tedford 1922 (moved); W. M. Rhodes, 1922 until death 1952; Earl W. Tanner until death 1977; John Tee Teague, until death 1966, Oran Blasingame, moved (then accidental death.)

Church Moved to Ramer: Mays Chapel was located on an unimproved, dirt road. When there were no paved roads and transportation was primarily by wagon, horseback and train, being located on a dirt road was not a disadvantage. However, by the mid 1940's cars had become a form of transportation and Highway 57 had been completed through Ramer. Since the road by Mays Chapel became impassable to automobiles during the wettest part of the winter, many people in the church felt that the church would not grow until the building was moved to the highway because the church could not compete successfully with more accessible churches. Also, Pickwick Electric Cooperative had run electric power line down Highway 57 through Ramer and electricity was available along the highway, but electricity was not yet available along the Ramer-Selmer Road. The Church therefore voted at its October 1, 1944 business meeting to dismantle the building and move it to a site closer to Ramer. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Teague donated an acre of land on Highway 57 and the Church building was dismantled and moved to its present location. At the time designated to begin dismantling and moving the building, the men were all working in the fields and the women of the Church dismantled and moved the first few wagon loads by themselves. The new building was very similar to the previous building except that the interior was divided into an auditorium, a choir, and six classroom areas, rather than one large room. The construction was finished enough by August, 1945 that Pickwick electric Cooperative began supplying electricity on August 8, 1945 and the summer revival was held later that month.

Pastors at Ramer:

J. E. Bolding	1946	Harry Winters	1946-47	Marvin Hines	1948-53
Lindell Lawless	1953-54	Gilbert Daniel	1954-55	Noel Edwards	1955-58
Joe Don Allen	1958-60	Donald Hopper	1960-61	James Smith	1961-66
Noel Edwards	1966-69	Tom Blankenship	1969-70	Billy Copeland	1970-74

Mike Ridgely 1974-75 Jetta Forsythe 1976-80 Tommy Wilder 1980-84

Deacons at Ramer:

W. M. Thodes, until death; Earl Tanner until death in 1976, Oran Blasingame, moved, Tee Teague, until death in 1966, S. T. Haddon 1946 until death 1976, E. J. Shelton 1946 until death 1968, Nolan Simms, moved; Hudie Barnes 1946 moved, died 1966, Wilford McMahan 1953 until death 1976; Buel McMahan 1953 active * Eugene Cardwell 1953, active; H. J. Massengill 1953, active; J. C. Teague 1968, active; Dale Locke 1968, active; James C. Stanfield 1968, active; Dan Burton 1978, active; Johnny Blakely 1976, active; Randolph Hamm 1976, active; Jerry Teague 1986, active; Douglas McMahan 1986, active. *Active at the time written which was probably about 1986.

J.W. SUTTON

On a recent visit in the eastern part of the county, the writer had the pleasure of seeing an old friend in the person of W. J. Sutton, who lives on his plantation in the northern part of the 9th district of this county. He was 90 years old, 2 months and 10 days of age on the 19th of July, 1925. Having being born on the 9th day of May 1835, in the county of Jackson, Alabama. His father and mother were Roland D and Margaret Sutton.

With him on the afternoon of our visit were his daughters, Mrs. Blanche Matthews and son, Will Matthews, and Miss Maggie Sutton. He has two other daughters Mrs. Opnelia Hays of New Mexico and Mrs. Edgar Kivee of Corinth. His son Edgar Sutton died in 1917.

Despite his years, Mr. Sutton is a wonderfully well preserved and can read without glasses as easily as he did 40 years ago. He goes about his place and takes a lively interest in the happenings in the neighborhood and county and in current events reading the daily paper every day.

He has been a part of this county's history for a long, long time and has witnessed the many changes that have taken place all along the line his contemporaries John H. Meeks, Alex Erwin, Solomon Perkins, Baz East, Andy and Dave McKenzie, Bob Michie, Thos Beck, David Horn, John Wardlow, Jimmie Johnson, Lindsay and Aaron Sanders, James Warren, George Michie, John S. Atkins, Samuel Chambers, Peyton Atkins and others of the old school have long since gone to their reward. Mr. Sutton talks in an interesting way of the old times and delights to review the happenings of the days that are gone.

When he was born Purdy was only 10 years old and was 10 years before Benjamin Wright made his journey to the Mexican war. It was 20 years before Appomattox and nearly 25 years before the Mobile and Ohio railroad was built.

In the evening of his life, this good old man sits amid the scenes of an old home and children with much love and affection attend to his every want. He has three sisters Mesdames Lucinda Perkins, Elizabeth Wardlow and Maggie Farris. We are glad we were permitted again to see this venerable citizen and wish that he may be spared to see the end of at least 100 years of living. Independent Appeal August 7, 1925

**Lonesome Letter from Walter, Oklahoma
To Thomas Price from Herman Price**

Note: spelling is the same as written

Dear Daddy,

Sept the 5 -1930

Recd your letter today. Was glad to har from you all - glad that you all was well. This leaves us well as common. Well Dad. You know Sat is my birth-day Sept 6th. I'll be 37. Cant tell you how glad I would be if I could be with you all-but I will pull boles if nothing happens. Oh Dady 30 years ago seams only a few days to me. When we children were all together I can't help but greave back after childhood days. I have been away from you all so long.

Sometimes it seams to me that all my people has gone away. Except what few is here with me - we didnt even know cousin Henry was sick - it look like you all could wright us more about whats going on back there than what you do. Dont you all know that we think of you all every Day and everbody in that contry. Even the old finces and branches - roads - ever tree and mudhole. Ever foot of land that we ever stood upon all of these sacred things and places. Not once in a while but every Day we live. You all ought not to expect us to right as you all should right to us. About all that we can right to you is how we are getting along. But if we could do such a thing - as to forget - all the things I have mentioned in this letter why it would Deprive us of the most sacred values of our lives. The membrence of these things are precious to us and will be til the day we leave this world. Wheather we ever see our choicest spot of this world or not anymore. Yes we no lots of people here and they are good to us as long as we can help our selves. But when we get in a shape like we are now most all them are strangers to us.

Dad we have went through some pretty hard times. But we got by Without bothering you all. But we are in one now I dont see any chance to get out off. Our crops burnt neart up and that hail come on the Dark of the moon and our cotton has gone back on us. Even the young boles have dried and cracked open. We are tird. For two hundred dollars. And we will make maby nine bales of pulled cotton off of 145 acres of ground. Was supposed to make 70 bales. We had 20 acres of feed. Dont guess it will make one tenth of a crop. No cows no hogs. We raised 7 turkies. We have no cars except an old wreck Grady has worth about \$5.00. Dad the Bank and the man on my note expects us to put ever cent of our cotton on our note. I dont believe our half will pay the \$200.00.

We had to pull bales at 50 cents a hundred to get half enough sacks. Some are paying 35 cents a hundred for pulling and 50 cents for picking. Now if we live we have got to pull our crops and stop a day or too at the time and pull bales at 50 cents and get something to eat - it is high out here. Grady is a good hand. He made 87 cents the other day. If we was to quit our crop and pull boles by the hundred the rest of the fall I dont believe we could make enough to winter on much less a pair shoes a piece. These bollie are bring 30 to 35 dollars a bale. So I have put of asking all to help us as long as I can. Without koing what else to do- if you cant. If we dont gather this crop and pay the bank we cant never get anymore help here and if you can you send us a hundred dollars. We dont care if you have to tie your land up for it. We will make it good as soon as we can. Lots of people here are offering to work for their board. We have to drag over from 10 to 25 acres to get one bale and only 35 to 50 cents per h. at that. So you see about this if you was to send it you get a money order . So I will close for this time. from us all Herman

Where is coy Bonnie - tell her hello for us. You send me Jim Price address. Homer you

tell Mr. Jim Night I said hello.

We haven't named our babies yet. Dont think I would tell anyone about us asking for money. You no some people talks so much. Send me Jim Prices address. By By.

(From the papers of Thomas W. Price, Michie, Tennessee. Courtesy of Linda Burks. Herman did leave Oklahoma and come back to McNairy County, Tennessee.)

County School Board of Education 1921

Bethel Springs	-	J. L. Harris
Adamsville	-	E. S. Crowe
Finger	-	W. F. Maness
Cypress	-	J. M. Crocker
Michie	-	J. W. Wood
Selmer	-	Boss McCullar
Ramer	-	J. R. Hamm

Voting Precincts in 1902

Precinct	District
Camden	2
Nethery	1
Ramer	4
Guys	14
Gravel Hill	5
Caffey	5
Acton	9
John Carroll's	9
Dave Carroll's	9
Stantonville	10
Garrett	13
Adamsville	15
Leapwood	11
Milledgeville	12
Mt Zion	12
Johnson's Mill	16
O'neal Store	16
McNairy	17
Purdy	7
Kerby's	3
Bethel Springs	19
Cypress Tank	18

McNairy County Independent-Apr 21, 1922

Friday's Election- The election held last Friday to elect Selmer town officials resulted in the following new officials being elected:

H. C. Gooch, Mayor; J. A. Gooch, Marshal; W. M. Brown, Recorder; Albert Gillespie, J. C. Houston, Jno R. Swaim, Dr W. W. Wallace and A. S. Robinson, Aldermen.

All the men elected are good citizens and will make efficient officials. No great amount of interest was manifested and no unusual number of voter were polled. The new officials will resume their respective duties the first Friday in May.



Disagreeable at home? Lots of men and women who are agreeable at home, get "cranky" at home. It's not your disposition, it's the liver. If you find in yourself that you feel cross around the house, little things worry you, just buy a bottle of Ballard's Herbine and put your liver in shape. You and everybody around will feel better for it. Price 50 cents. Sold by B L Browder. McNairy Independent 1910.

From Tippah County, Miss court records: James W. Carter married Sophia Carter in McNairy County, Tenn Aug 1820. They moved to Tippah County, Miss in 1840. Divorced in 1852 in Tippah County, Miss. Thanks to Nancy McClain for this information.

DID YOU KNOW.... When researching ancestors in England it will be handy to know that a "Hamlet" has no Episcopal church; a "Village" has a church; a "Town" has a royal charter to hold markets and a "City" has an Anglican bishop. Copied from the Family Tree.

Texas has lived under six different flags; France, Spain, Mexico, Republic of Texas, The Confederacy and the USA.

McNairy Independent - August 1902 - from District Two

Mr. Headly Jernigan and Miss Julia Jernigan have fever. The Debating Club at Leadford's Chapel is doing well. The schools in these diggins are hopping on at a lively rate. Good teachers and hustling patrons make a good show. Dr J. A. Boatman and J. R. Mitchell are said to have the best farms in these diggins. Jacob Gibson also has a brag farm. Their crops exceed anything your servant has peeped at.

The fifth Sunday meeting at Crainesville was attended by a large number of our folks. Baptist protracted meeting closed there last Thursday and the M.E. Church began it's protracted meeting at Sandy Flatt this week. It's time everybody was praising God for the blessings .

Dr B.L. Moore and his amiable little wife are happy - new baby. M.H. Jernigan and wife of Fruit-land, Gibson Co, are visiting their son Lee Jernigan in these diggins. They will probably be here a few weeks. Mr. Ed Earnest moved to Middleton on July 28th. Better stayed in old No 2, Ed. We have the finest spot of ground anywhere.

Mrs. Mary Langton's baby died on Aug 4 and was buried at Moore's School House.

The Weekly Corinthian, Dec. 6, 1923: WAS THE END OF A PERFECT DAY FOR CONFEDERATE VETERANS.. meeting of the Confederate Veterans and the dinner at the Waldron Hotel with Hugh E. Ray as the host of the splendid occasion. Those who know Mr. Ray know him as a big man who does things in a big way, and sometimes doing things in a big way means the simplest manner possible. Preparations were made by Mrs. Sam Sharp, whose direction of such matters is always of superior character. The following delightful menu was served: Oyster stew, Roast young turkey, Dressing, Cream potatoes, Asparagus tips on toast, Fruit salad, Coconut pie, Coffee, Celery, Pickles, Olives, Saltines. The veterans who sat down to this feast were T. K. Young, J. A. Price, J. M. Lindsey, W. M. Brown, John Potts, J. T. Martin, C. W. McCord, J. T. Harris, H. G. Kimmons, T. B. Dalton, D. L. Cogdell, A. B. Hamm, William Gann, J. H. Collins, I. E. Cornelius, L. J. Burnett, G. W. Tatum, M. Byrnes, A. M. Hooker, E. T. Vanderford, W. T. Armistead, M. A. Powell, T. D. Duncan. Their ages ranged from 82 to 90. Other guests were Dr. T. W. Young, J. E. Gift, Paul T. Jones, John Goosman, Mrs. Maggie B. Johns, Mrs. T. D. Duncan, Mrs. H. E. Ray. Dr Young was the principal speaker, extracts from his talk having appeared in the Corinthian on Saturday. Others who were heard were Capt. T. D. Duncan, W. T. Armistead and J. E. Gift. The latter was a special guest being the only federal soldier at the festal board. He told of how he had lived and associated with his enemies in war and friends in peace and closed by says that he knew he loved none others better and he believed that feeling was reciprocated by those around him.

EIGHT STATES WERE NAMED FOR FAMOUS MEN:

1. Delaware - for the British governor of Virginia Thomas West, Baron De La Warr
2. Georgia - George II of England
3. Louisiana - Louis XIV of France
4. New York - for England's James, Duke of York and Albany
5. North & South Carolina - for England's Charles I
6. Pennsylvania - Admiral Sir William Penn
8. Washington - George Washington

CENTER HILL SCHOOL WALKING DOWN MEMORY LANE by Roy O'Neal

I shall now write about the Center Hill School where my public education began in 1926. This was a large, one room schoolhouse that had its beginning in the early 1890's and continued as a public school until 1952. Several generations of children who grew up in this community received all or part of their education from this little school. At one time when my mother attended this school, as many as 75 - 80 children attended, all living within a two mile radius of the building.

There were no automobiles or school buses in those days, and those who attended this

school walked. Many outstanding young men and women have taught at this school and many students have done well who benefited from its limited learning facilities.

In the early part of this century, McNairy County and all rural areas abounded with schools like Center Hill, one in each community. I can remember when there were eight schools within five or six miles of where I now live.

Teachers were poorly paid and the school sessions were of short duration. There was a two month summer session and three or four months in the winter. Some of the sessions were subscription schools, meaning that the money was raised to pay the teacher by private subscription among the patrons of the community. Many times the teacher received as little as \$25.00 per month and they usually paid board out of that for a place to live in the community.

Several boarded with my grandfather Rankin, some in the home of Mr. Jim Bishop who lived near the school and who donated the land on which the building stood.

My mother and siblings attended this school. My father was nearly grown when it was built, however, he taught one school there and Mama was one of his students.

I found no records dated back farther than 1922. I had hoped to find a record of all who had taught there since its beginning in 1893. I did find the teachers and students from 1922 until 1952 when the school was terminated for consolidation.

The names of all students who attended in 1922: Mars Godwin, Earlie Massengill, Velton McNeil, Woodrow Couch, Brady Tacker, Hazel Maness, Jennie Lott, Opal Lott, J.H. O'Neal, Sherman Maness, Eula Boswell, Mildred Godwin, Inez Maness, Cratus Massengill, Claude Manness, Catherine Lott, Georgia Tacker, Kenneth Massengill, Reba Burrow, Reta Burrow, Effie McNeil, Hazel Lott, Vera Mae Couch, Marvin Lott, Bonnie Maness, Exie O'Neal, Geneva Bailey, Edna Robinson, Ollie Massengill, Eula Mae Maness, Ethel O'Neal, Chester Couch, Loyd Bishop, Echard O'Neal, Ova Lott, Eva Robinson, Allie Robinson, Carl McCormick, Clyde Stanford.

Those who attended in 1933-34, the year I finished 8th grade: Roy Booker, James Crowe, J.L. McCombs, Edward Crowe, J. C. Lott, James Hudson, Edward Pitts, W. C. Hudson, Willie Burkeens, Earl Hardin, Earl Young, Millard Burkeens, Willard Tidwell, Roy Burrow, Mars Godwin, Hallie Hudson, Talmadge Hudson, Roy O'Neal, Mary Nell Lott, Wanna Mae Lott, Inetha Lott, Katherine Palmer, Ruth Palmer, Bertie Griffin, Joe Sharpe.

Center Hill teachers since 1922: Grady Droke 1922, Eura Robinson 1923, Cola Davidson 1924, John Malone 1925, Eber Henry 1926, D.R. Finger & Mildred Finger 1927, Parker Ellis 1928, Clyde Davidson 1930, Vera Plunk 1931, George Moore 1934, Willard Smith 1937, Elmer Lee Phillips 1941, Mary Nell Smith 1943, O.C. Harris 1945, Lester Causby 1952.

Others who taught before 1922: Terry Abernathy, Kelly Wade, LaVera Thompson, Ida Lee, Sula Bishop, George Poole, Homer O'Neal, Grover Robinson, Aulvey Bishop, Albert Plunk, Ola Beale, Richard Rankin, Fielding Maness, Rosie Poole, Harry Hodges, Maggie Hodges.

Public education has come a long way from the beginnings of these little one-room schools like the one at Center Hill. Many improvements have been made, not only in buildings and transportation but better way of teachings have been implemented and many new subjects being taught. After WWII, a school consolidation program began that eliminated all the one-teacher schools that once dotted the map of McNairy County. The building at Center Hill was removed after school was discontinued in 1952. May this story help to preserve one of MCNAIRY MEMORIES.

MARGARET MOORE

Sometime in 1856, a Negro slave and her four year old daughter were put on the auction block. The young daughter was four years old and the event quite possibly took place at Purdy. It happened that the new owner chose not to accept the four year old child and she was left an orphan. The Moore family lived at the Squire Moore home Place near the Needmore community. They stepped forth to claim the little girl and gave her a home that would last throughout her lifetime.

They named the little girl Margaret Moore and she became an important part of their life. Margaret lived in the family house with George and Josie Moore until they became too old to keep house. She then went to live in the Roscoe Mills home but returned to the Moore family, where she died in 1936 at the age of about 84. No records were kept by the family and accuracy of dates is questionable.

Margaret Moore returned to her first family when the infirmities of old age struck her down. She had previously lived in her own room upstairs but became too old to climb the stairs. A small house was made ready for her in the yard of the Moore family and they cared for her with loving hands as she was bed ridden in her final days.

Henry Clay Moore, the noted big game hunter and world traveler, whose wild game specimens are in the Smithsonian Institute, gave each of his relatives an inheritance sum. "It was about \$500, I believe," noted Clifford Moore. "He gave Margaret the same inheritance as everyone else in the family. She was highly thought of and well respected in the Moore family. She was a part of the family," he said.

The ladies of the community came forth when Margaret Moore died. At the time, most funeral work was done by friends of the deceased, as funeral home services were not commonly used by a lot of people.

"They dressed and prepared her for the funeral," Moore said. "Someone went to Troy Hurley's store at Tulu and bought a casket...it cost \$24 which was considered to be a tidy sum back in 1936."

Jimmy Asbill was the local Methodist minister. He held services and rendered an appropriate sermon for the black lady, who had meant so much to so many people in the Michie Community.

She is buried deep in the woods of Sanders Cemetery near Michie and the Moore family has marked the grave. by Bill Wagoner

BETHEL SPRINGS 1880 BILL WAGONER'S WAGON SPOKES

The following information has been gleaned from the census records of Bethel. Presumably it was known as Bethel Springs at the time with the original name being Bethel Station as it was located on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. In this census information taken June 19, 1880, it is

referred to as a "village in McNairy County."

At the time of the census, R.C. Kernolde was a 27 year old dry goods merchant. His wife was listed as N.A. age 20. A one year old daughter was named Mable. Another dry goods merchant was listed as J.W. Wilson. His wife was Cordelia and their daughter was Minnie, age 4.

James P. Epps was another dry goods merchant in the Bethel Springs village. He was 34 years and his wife, S.J. was 17. S.C. Turner was the keeper of the saloon assisted by his wife. G.D. Wilson was a good reputable farmer in the community while L.L. Wilson was a carpenter. His wife was Jennie and their ages were 29 and 26 respectively.

B.F. Ammons was also listed as a carpenter and along with his wife, Sallie was enjoying the company of their two children, John 4 and D.C. age 1. Both Jack Brenan and John Lannue were listed as boarder and carpenters and no doubt were help of Mr. Ammons.

The community was well punctuated with Wilson's as G. Wilson, age 34, is listed as the village blacksmith. Also living in his household was his mother and daughter. Alonzo Sanders is listed as a boarder-carpenter in the Wilson household.

Alex McCalip was listed as an engineer. He probably worked for the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. Wilson Crump was another who served the town as a dry goods merchant. He was assisted by his 23 year old wife, Mary.

At the time of the census, Mac Turner was 46 years of age and had no occupation. His son Robert was a 19 year old farmer and another son named Charlie was a dry goods clerk. Enpshie and Cora, both girls, were listed without occupation.

Forty-five year old J.L. Fletcher was the town's saddle maker and L.H. Sanders was the local liveryman. He was 34 years old. J.B. Henson and W. W. Stovall were physicians. Dan Allen was the Section Master on the Railroad and Caroline Smith, age 60, was a washwoman. Adeline Davis at the time was keeping house and 39 year old Wm A. Loflin was one of the local farmers who had probably driven his team into town the same day the census taker was there.

Down at the Bethel Springs depot the schedule was handled by Depot Agent A. J. Stovall. Mary Stovall, age 30 and J.H. Kernodle (female) were housekeepers. The local school teacher was a man named A. Mayse. R D. Wilson was the hotel keeper. His profession was greatly appreciated by the drummers and to the traveling people who came to the tiny village on the railroad. F.S Lee at the age 46, was the silversmith.

Obviously the census was not well taken as not a single minister of the gospel is recorded in the pages. Two days later on June 21, 1880, the census taker was in the hamlet of Purdy to take census there. Purdy had suffered through the Civil War and the bitter struggle for removal of the county seat was looming on the horizon.

Calvin Shull was a local farmer in the Purdy area. Town physicians were James E. Duke, Job Bell, James D. Butler. J. D.C. Whitaker was a "dealer in family notions," and listed his birthplace as Arkansas. R.S. Hammell was a grocery store clerk while Mrs. M. J. Braden worked on sewing machines.

James H. Curry was the County Register and R.O. Bell was a clerk on a steamboat. J.P Prince was a dry goods merchant as was W.D. Swanson.

Edward E. Lee was the tailor and he came from Scotland. John R. Adams, age 38, was assistant to the County Court Clerk. George Dennie was a dry goods merchant while William Ruleman was a boarder and clerk in the store. B.S. McIntyre plied his trade as a dry goods merchant and E.R. Turner was the local druggist. A short ways down the street, W.H. Braden

dealt in furniture while 37 year old J.W. Purviance had come all the way from Illinois to be the local lawyer. Preaching' hell fire and brimstone were D.D. Butler and O.L. Sanders.

T.F. Dalby from Indiana was the Court Clerk and J.F. Huddleston had hung out his law shingle. J.W. Walsh, a 46 year old Englishman, was clerking in one of the stores while Robert E. McKinney was Clerk of Chancery Court.

Frank Sanders was busy with his farming operation while Daniel Barry, who seems to have been the census taker was actually one of the town physicians. C.D. Barry was a silversmith and Henry and Frank Barry were listed as the local printers. J.A. Allen was also a printer.

James W. Pace eagerly sought business for his law practice while Peaton Smith worked as a blacksmith. Sara Braden kept the (Kinciad?) Hotel and her son, T.J. practiced a little law. C.C. Lewter was a 25 year old printer and John Harris a "general trader." L.D. Williams was the mail contractor and Mary Randolph ran a boarding house. Spense Bobo was a "sewing machine agent" and Barry Miller was somebody's bookkeeper. Fielding Hurst was listed as a 70 year old lawyer and J. J. Tyler a teacher. John Riggs made shoes while R.M. Thompson served as Claims Agent. J.R. Stovall was sheriff and jailor. O.L. Sanders a preacher and J.W. Stumph a silversmith. (Shopper: 12-29-1983)

HONORED

James Monroe Huggins

The old Huggins Cemetery at Gravel Hill was the scene recently (summer 1994) of a grave marker for James Monroe Huggins, a veteran of the Civil War. Huggins enlisted, as private in Company A, 19th Newsom's Tennessee Calvary of the Confederate Army, on Dec 1, 1863. He saw action at Brices's Crossroads on Tishomingo Creek and at the Battle of Harrisburg. Huggins along with John B. Michie, Lee J. Howell, Will Hogan, Jeff Walker, H. C. Chambers, ----- Springer, G. B. McKenzie, T. H. Prather, J. S. Prather, Frederick Wagoner, S. S. Littlejohn, W. J. Littlejohn were part of the Nathan Bedford Forest Calvary. It has been said "they listened intently to Forrest's final farewell when he cut the pieces the precious Confederate flag." Pieces of the flag were given to each soldier who fought in the final months of the campaign on sheer blood and guts. A gentle rain fell on the grave of James Monroe Huggins and the other early settlers as taps were heard on the surrounding hillsides. The dedication read "Not for fame or fortune. Not for place of rank. Not lured by ambition, but in simple obedience to duty as they understood it: This man suffered all. Sacrificed all. Dared all and died." A Confederate flag was placed on the grave. (Taken from the Independent Appeal, summer of 1994, by Ellen Schumacher. Members of the Huggins family present: Jack and Fay Boutotte, Centerville, Texas; Samuel R. Burroughs, Buffalo, Texas; Don Huggins, Paul and Ellen (Huggins) Schumacher of McNairy County, Tn; Alta Huggins Pickering, Martha Huggins Coln (both granddaughters of James Monroe Huggins) and Kerry Sue Coln Street.

PETER MOORE - GRAVE

Hidden on Owl Creek near Pebble Hill in McNairy County is the family graves of the Peter Moore family. Descendants of Peter and Sarah Moore purchased and erected tombstones to mark the graves (summer 1994). The graves date back into the 1860 period.

Peter and Sarah were born in Virginia, he in 1790 and she in 1793. They had two sons, Baily, born 1818 and John born 1820. The family migrated, by way of Giles County, Tenn, to McNairy county by 1850. They settled in the fork of Owl Creek on the hump of Jolly Martin ridge.

Records show that Peter Moore purchased two tracts of land in 1849. He paid \$2,177.00 in silver dollars for the 887 acres of good Owl Creek bottom land.

Both sons took wives in McNairy County. One day, when Baily was a young man, he was riding along and saw a little girl playing in her yard. He said, " This little girl will be my wife." Some years later, probably about 15, Baily told his family, "I'm going to get my wife." He came home with the little girl, Nancy House, believed to be the daughter of George House. He was 19 years older than she was.

After Sarah's death Peter married Margaret (Maggie) Hill on Mar 30, 1862. Later Maggie had a child, but Peter said it was not his and he never claimed her. It is believed Peter Moore died around 1865.

The descendants of Peter Moore who were involved in purchasing, marking and erecting the tombstones were: Estel Ray Mills, E. D. Richard, Max Fulwood family, T. J. Fulwood family, Helen Fulwood Browder, O'Neal Fulwood, Favil and Racine Meek family, Thelma Richard Prather, Laura Richard Griffin, Tot Moore Taylor, Louise Crabtree, John Weeks, Norma Lawson, Mary Schallorn, Celia Hopkins, Lavade Philips, Aurila Cody, Aubrey Moore, Jane Russell, Brenda McIntyre, Joe Billy and Louise Fulwood. (Taken from Aug 25, 1994 Community News and Yarns of the Cloth by E. D. Richard.)

letters.....

Dear Nancy:

I've debated for some time in sending this because I'm not sure it is what your interested in. In the 1860 McNairy Co census I have found an error which may be of some help to others. The listing is as follows:

PLUNK, John 60, Elizabeth 62, Maclin C. 23, Mire E 16, John W 11, Adaline 8,
Nancy E 6, Aaron GAGE 36.

The last three children listed are children of Aaron Gage. Aaron was married to Catherine, daughter of John and Elizabeth Plunk. Catherine passed away in October 1855.

The daughter of Aaron and Catherine Gage, Adaline, married John Thomas Purvis in Arkansas 1869. Cora B. Purvis, daughter of Adaline and John Thomas Purvis, lives now in Texas and celebrated her 104th birthday in September.

I am interested in locating the cemetery that Catherine Gage and daughter Elizabeth, age 2 in 1850 census, are buried. (This was written about 1994, to Back Trackers)

Freida Purvis, Phoenix,

Dear Nancy

I made my 1st trip to McNairy Co last summer (ca 1994) to do research and attend a Littlejohn Family Reunion. I met Pat Jones at your library and she mailed me a copy of BACK TRACKERS. Your article caught my interest as I am also doing research on our family cemetery.

I would like you to include my g g grandmother, Elizabeth Littlejohn, b 4 Jan 1808 m Presley Garrett 22 Dec 1825 in Lauderdale Co, Ala. They moved to Gravel Hill area and their son (my g grandfather) Jesse Garrett was b 19 June 1840.

Elizabeth Littlejohn Garrett died after the birth of her last child, 19 Aug 1849 and before McNairy Co 1850 census (maybe childbirth?) Before the 1860 census Presley Garrett and his children had removed to Texas. He died 1885 in Kaufman Co, Texas, still a widower.

Her sons Silas and Jesse (my grandfather) joined the 9th Texas Calvary. They fought in the Corinth battle. Jesse was listed as severely wounded there. Silas was later killed on a raid at Thompson Station, Tenn. The legend passed down that they visited their Littlejohn relatives and went to the mother's grave. Capt. Jesse Garrett returned to Texas, married and raised his family and died 11 Apr 1919. he is buried in Raines Co Texas at the cemetery I am researching. Fortunately his grave has a marker.

The Littlejohn family took us to the old home place at Gravel Hill. There was not time for us to go to the "lost cemetery" but they assure me they know the exact location. The family is trying to raise money to put up a marker. We also met a family friend, Mr. E. D. Richard the can remember the cemetery when he was a child.

Barbara Garrett Moon, Point Texas Note: The cemetery is located just off Hwy 57 E, approximately 1 mile from Hwy 45.

Last Will of Reuben Atkins, Deceased Recorded McNairy County Willbook 1, page 38

I, Reuben Atkins, of the county of McNairy and State of Tennessee being in sound and disposing mind and memory make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all former wills by myself hereto or made.

First: I direct that my burial expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon as possible and in the manner hereinafter mention by my executor.

Second: I will and bequeath to R L and J C, adopted sons of W C Meeks and children of my son James T Atkins, dec'd, the sum of five hundred dollars, each to be paid by my executor in manner and form as hereinafter named. This in addition to advances already made to Jas T Atkins, dec'd, making him equal with my other children.

Third: I will and bequeath to Rebecca Jane, wife of H C Meeks; and to Mary L, wife of Joseph Bracking; and to Martha L Chambers; and to Zelda L, wife of Isaac Durham; and Arid Ann, wife of Andrew Hays; children of my daughter Francis, dec'd, former wife of C L Chambers, the sum of five hundred dollars each. This in addition to advances already made to my

daughter Francis, making her as I consider equal with my other children.

Fourth: I will and divide to my son A B Atkins a tract of land that I bought of T M D Coln known as the White House Tract and deeded to me on the 21st day of June 1860 for further description of said land reference is made to said and also thirty five acres off of the west side of my home tract which contains two hundred acres; and also forty one acres off of the east side of a tract of land which I bought at Chancery sale and which was conveyed to me by T R Beck, C&M (Clerk and Master of Chancery Court) which is known as the Driver land, to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs forever.

Fifth: I will and devise to my daughter Aria A, wife of W W Castleberry, that portion of land contained in my home tract including in the following boundary: the east line of A B Atkins' thirty five acre tract above mentioned, to be her west boundary line and beginning at the south boundary line of said home tract 24 pole east to A B Atkins' southeast corner and running thence north to the north boundary line of said home tract to a point 78 poles east of A B Atkins' north east corner to be the east boundary line, and the south and north boundaries to be line of said home tract, running west to the north east and south east corner respectfully of A B Atkins' thirty five acre tract. Containing 80 acres to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever.

I also will and bequeath to the said Aria A, wife of W W Castleberry, my glass noffed (?) Bureau.

Sixth: I will and devise to my daughter Nancy Atkins, 60 acres off of my home tract lying east of Aria A's tract, above described, and the east boundary line of said sixty acres to run from the south boundary line of said home tract to the north boundary line of the same and to be so laid off as not to approach nearer than one hundred yards west from my house where I now live. Making the south end of her tract narrow and the north end wide as the case requires. To have and to hold the said land to her and her heirs forever.

Seventh: I will and devise to my daughter Elda L, wife of G L Ijames, all of the tract of land which I bough at chancery sale and which was conveyed to me by T R Beck, C&M, and which is known as the Driver's land, except the 41 acres above devised to my son A B Atkins, which is on the east side of said Driver land to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever.

I also will and devise to my daughter Elda L, wife of G L Ijames my cherry bureau, the only one left after willing the one above to my daughter Aria A, and also my book case and cane seated rocking chair.

Eighth: I will and bequeath to my daughter S A, wife of C L Chambers, one hundred dollars to be paid by my executor in manner and form hereinafter mentioned.

Ninth: I will and devise to my son J P Atkins, 30 acres of land, the balance of the 200 acres in my home tract. The same to included my house building where I now live. In the said 30 acres is included the 5 acres which I added to the original home tract by swap with Isaac Castleberry. I also will and devise to the said J P Atkins my 110 acre tract (less 5 acres which I swapped to Isaac Castleberry) lying south and south east of my home tract and which was granted to me on the 6th day of October 1840. For further description of which reference is herein made to said grant and also a one hundred and sixty acre tract lying on the waters of the south fork of Chambers Creek. Five acres of said original tract having been sold to G D M Coln, a tract granted to me on the 6th day of October 1840 and for further description of which land reference is herein made to said grant to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs forever.

I also will and bequeath to the said J P Atkins all my house hold and kitchen furniture except as above specifics and all my farming tools and implements and one of my wagons known as my big four house wagon and all my stock horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

But the aid J P Atkins is to pay out of what is willed to him a good horse to my daughter Nancy and one to Aria A and he is further more to keep and provide for me while living and when I die to defray all expenses incident to my death and burial and out of his part he is to pay the money shares above specified in the will

I hereby empower my executor with full authority to carry out the provisions of this will.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son, J P Atkins, my executor to this my last will and testament, requesting that he be not required to give any bond as such executor.

In witness whereof, I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the first day of April 1879. Signed Reuben Atkins.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we hereunto affix our names as subscribing witnesses in the presence and at the request of the testators, this the 1st day of April, 1879. Signed H H Meeks, C L (X) Williams.

DICKERSON

Interview Robert Dickerson

On the cold windy day of Feb 5, 1998, I went to Saltillo, Mississippi where Robert Dickerson is a resident of a retirement home.

I had been working on the Tate family history and had decided there was one more Tate daughter I had not accounted for and she had possibly married a Dickerson. I asked Pete Jones about it and he said the person to tell me was Robert Dickerson.

The next Wednesday, I went to the Memphis Library and found that all Robert Dickerson had told me was correct.

Mr. Dickerson was born May 26, 1910 in Tippah County, Mississippi, near Hatchie River. His father was Frank Dickerson. Frank married (1) Florence Evans and they had Robert and Frances Nunley, Frances had one son. Frank married (2) Pauline Rogers and a daughter Louise, who married a Lancaster. Louise was killed in Corinth, Ms. Frank married (3) Avis Pirckle and they had one son, Joe who made a career of the Navy and afterwards worked for the FBI.

Frank's father was Dr. David Dickerson, who was born in Georgia and came to Tennessee as a young man. David studied medicine at Chattanooga David was the son of Robert Dickerson, and they lived in LaFayette, Ga. He had two brothers, Robert and Mark and at least one sister, Florence.

David was too young to go to the Civil War, but his older brother Robert did. After the war, Robert was about 20 years old and wanted to run for public office. There was a riot or fight between the blacks and whites. Robert got shot but was ok. He was elected and served for many years. David was afraid he would be accused of killing so he left and went to McNairy County because he had relatives there. (Aunt Mary Pittman, Aunt Sarah Spears and his cousin James Haynes.) He got off the train at Cypress Tank. He later married his cousin, Sarah Pittman.

David and Sarah Dickerson settled in the Ramer community. Although he was a doctor,

he didn't advertise that he was one. If anyone wanted him to treat them he would do so. He was still afraid he would be accused of killing someone in the riot in LaFayette. The Hamm's owned the big store in Ramer. Mr. Hamm had a son-in-law that was a doctor and he told Dr David Dickerson Ramer wasn't big enough for two and David would have to leave or he (Mr. Hamm) would turn him in to the Georgia authorities.

(Note: I checked and David was in McNairy County in 1894, because he paid the property and poll tax that year.)

David's sister owned a little farm in Tippah County, Ms, which she gave to David and he moved there after he was sixty years old. He had a little store and sold furniture too.

David had three sons: Frank, Ramer and Walter.

David and Sarah Dickerson are buried in Shiloh Cemetery in Tippah County, Ms.

David's sister, Florence, wanted to be a doctor but her father would not permit it. He said two in the family was enough. She saw an advertisement to study undertaking by correspondence, which she did and became rich. She also owned a large furniture store. She married a Jackson.

David's father was Robert Dickerson. He was married twice. The second time to a Dickson. Mark (David's brother went to Texas.

The Tate's allowed the Southern Railroad to go through their land but they had problems over receiving payment and there was a lawsuit.

We figured it up: Robert Dicker son's great, great grandfather was James Tate and my great, great, great grandfather was James Tate, so that makes us upteenth cousin or whatever.

It is amazing that Mr. Dicker son's memory was so good and he remembered all of this.

On my way home I went by the Tippah county library and found the Shiloh cemetery records:

David E. Dickerson, husband of M E, Nov 30, 1852 - Dec 29, 1914

Sally Tate July 6, 1830 - Nov 9, 1927

Ramer A. Dickerson May 5, 1886 - Sept 1, 1967

Leona Brock Dickerson Oct 3, 1890 -

Columbus Tate died Aug 9, 1974, age 61 yrs, 4 mo 18 days

BLACK TEACHERS IN 1906

P. L. Adams	L. A. Avery	Ike Baldrige	Josie Bennett
F. Boyle	J. B. Combs	Cevland Damron	George Damron
Ora Damron	Delia Davis	W. T. England	Mrs. E. F. Floyd
Miss A. L. Floyd	W. T. Gibson	C. A. Hodges	L. C. Ingram
P. J. Ingram	P. L. Lock	J. B. C. Luttrell	C. A. McConner
W. A. E. Pharr	A. I. Rhinehart	L. V. Rhinehart	John Robbins
Mrs. B. E. Smith	Maggie Spencer	Josie Usher	Nora Ward
George Willis			

