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**Note from the Editor**  
*Anna G. Goforth*

Our second year of publishing our newsletter shows promise of more growth and an increased genealogy collection in the *Root Cellar*. We are grateful for the response to our request for family histories; we have a good start in collecting these most valuable additions to our library. If you have not sent in your family history, please do so. Your detailed family history, family group sheets, or ancestor charts are appreciated.

If you are in the area, please visit our library and make use of the new books, newspapers, and other genealogical tools which can help you with your research. The copier is available for your use, it's a lot easier than writing down all that information! Please note the recent acquisitions; we thank all those who provided them.

Please continue to send your articles and queries for future issues. Our newsletter is a big success thanks to your generous written contributions.

### President's Message

Spring is almost here and we have Spring Fever at the Grundy County Historical Society. We have been painting, cleaning and making plans for a great year. We are looking forward to meeting visitors of the *Root Cellar* and helping them with their research. Thanks to all who have sent research material, family records and books; it has made the *Root Cellar* a better library.

June is membership renewal time for the 1997-98 year. We look forward to having you as a member again this year. We hope you continue to find *The Pathfinder* enjoyable and helpful.

*Catherine Flury*

### Recent Acquisitions

*The History of Absolom Brown, Joyce Green, Mary Jane Green and Their Descendants*, compiled by Dan Willis Brown, from Jacine Denton.

*The Swiss Colony Cemetery, Gruetli, Tennessee*, from Dola Tylor.

*Woodlee Family*, 2 pages, from Dola Tylor.

*Grundy County Tennessee Marriages, 1921 - 1936*, from Dola Tylor.

*Grundy County Tennessee Marriages, 1880 - 1900*, from Dola Tylor.

*1925 Mountain Laurel*, from Louie Henley.

*Henley Genealogy*, from Louie Henley.

*Head of Collins River Church*, from Jacine Denton.

*Upper Collins River Church*, from Jacine Denton.

*Tarlton Church and Cemetery*, from Dorothy Hobbs Irvin.

*Sims and Metcalfe Genealogy*, from Maude R. Melton.

*11th Civil District, June 1880, List of prisoners working the Grundy County coke ovens*, Inez Winton.

*Grundy County History*, from Inez Winton.

*Coppinger, Smartt, Hobbs Genealogy and Family Root Sheets*, from Jacine Denton.

*New bookends and files*, purchased by the G.C.H.S.

For all the above we are deeply grateful. We have started a Family History section in the Root Cellar, and are indexing the acquisitions. We ask that you continue to send in Family Histories, including ancestor charts, group sheets, memoirs, quotes, traditions, pictures, etc. Your active support assures the success of the Grundy County Historical Society.

**Interesting Facts About Grundy County*****Grundy County Judges***  
**1917 - 1996**

John Gallagher	1917 - 1934	Charles Smith	1934 - 1942
J. I. Rollings	1942 - 1958	Malcolm Fults	1958 - 1965
W.C. Hixon	1965 - 1966	Roy E. Partin	1966 - 1982
Riley Anderson, Jr.	1982 - 1993	Michael Partin	1993 - 1996

***Grundy County Trustees***  
**1882 - 1996**

Jacob Fehr	1882 - 1890	W.A. Spencer	1890 - 1900
W.C. Barnes	1900 - 1902	A.A. Bradshaw	1902 - 1904
J.B. Nunley	1904 - 1908	J.V. Walker	1908 - 1912
J.C. Henley	1912 - 1922	E.C. Shelton	1922 - 1934
Nelson Jones	1934 - 1943	W.N. Paris	1943 - 1948
Paul Sanders	1948 - 1982	Keith McBee	1982 - 1996

"Due to county changes in the early years, Gentile Brawley lived in five counties, even though he lived in the same house and never moved, to wit: White, Warren, Franklin, Coffee, and Grundy."

Source: *Marion County, Tennessee, History and Keepsake Memories*, by Nonie Webb

**Directors elected for Grundy County Wildlife Conservation Club.**

The Club met at the High School to hear the reports of the nominating committee and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The following officers were elected to serve for one year from Wednesday, March 23, 1949. President - Herman Baggenstoss; Vice-President - Leonard Meeks; Secretary - Victor Gross; Treasurer - Oscar Lockhart. One director was elected to serve from each civil district of Grundy County. They are: Paul Bailey, 1st Dist.; Lee Tate, 2nd Dist.; Homer White, 3rd Dist.; Charles Caldwell, 4th Dist.; Malone Brown, 5th Dist.; Alvin Winton, 6th Dist.; Marvin Rhea, 7th Dist.; Grady Scruggs, 8th Dist.

*The Cumberland Sun, March 31, 1949.*

### ***Mayors of Tracy City, Tennessee***

by William Ray Turner, Grundy County Historian

- Jesse Hoosier - Appointed Mayor by Private Act of the State Legislature that passed and signed into Law creating the incorporation of the Town of Tracy City on February 13, 1945. Mr. Hoosier was elected by the people again in 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1958, and 1960. Mr. Hoosier died in office December 15, 1960.
- Kenneth Jones - Elected February, 1961 to hold office until February, 1962. Re-elected in February, 1962. Mr. Jones died in office July, 1962.
- Fritz Flury - Elected September, 1962. Re-elected March, 1964; February, 1966; March, 1968; February, 1970.
- Carl Crisp - Elected in March 1972.
- Mike Jordan - Elected March, 1974. Re-elected in March, 1976; March, 1978.
- Carl Crisp - Elected March, 1980, (Resigned on November 9, 1980.)
- Glenn Mayes - Appointed in November, 1980 by the City Council to finish Crisp's term.
- Mike Price - Elected March, 1982. Re-elected April, 1984; February, 1986.
- Dr. Charles Littell - Elected April, 1988. Killed in an accident August 27, 1988.
- Earl Geary, Jr. - Appointed by Aldermen in September, 1988.
- Mike Price - Elected April, 1990.
- Charles Fults - Elected April, 1992.

**Women of Grundy County:  
Martha Elizabeth Crouch Carden**

*by Inez Winton*

Martha Elizabeth ("Matt") Crouch was born July 21, 1873. Her parents were Easter Mosley and Elizabeth Catherine White Crouch. They had nine children and were a farm family living in Pelham Valley.

On December 2, 1900, Matt Crouch married Lynn Adolphus Carden, M.D., a widower with two small children, Tressie (age 6) and Wayne (age 2-1/2 years). Dr. Carden was a country doctor who traveled on horseback or by buggy to his patients. In later years, he traveled by car, driven by his grandsons. Mama Carden acted as his nurse when patients came to his office (in the yard) with cuts and breaks.

On September 7, 1902, Matt and Lynn had a son, Lynn Abbott. Along with mothering three children, tending a house, gardening, canning and milking, Mother Carden opened a boarding house. There were no restaurants or motels in rural areas in those days, so she did a healthy business. She set a long table for family and boarders alike. For breakfast, she served big platters of country ham or homemade sausage, red-eye gravy, scrambled eggs, grits and hot biscuits. My grandfather liked scalded hoe cake for breakfast, so a dish of it always sat near his place. She had tall preserve stands of homemade jellies and jams, along with plenty of homemade molded butter.

For the noon meal, Mama Carden served fried chicken or ham with dressing or dumplings. She had big bowls of all kinds of vegetables and jars of homemade pickles and relishes. Her desserts weren't fancy--fruit cobbler, bread pudding, or rice pudding, mostly. On Christmas, Mama Carden made boiled custard, which she kept in big crock bowls on her screened-in porch, not in pitchers as I do today.

After the children were grown and married, Papa Carden wanted to adopt a child, but Mama Carden refused. She said, "If the Lord wants us to have children, He will send them to us."

This statement was answered in an unexpected way. Tressie had married Ben Wilson in 1914, and they had five children. In the midst of the Great Depression of the 1930's, Tressie contracted pneumonia and died. My Uncle Ben took two of the children and went to live in his mother's home. The Carden's took the other three children, all boys.

Soon after this, my brother and I were born, eleven months apart. My mother, Gladys, became an invalid. My parents divorced when I was three, and my dad, Lynn Abbott, moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to teach school. The Carden's took my brother Billy, and my mother and I went to live with my maternal grandparents. The Carden house was once again filled with children, and the boarding house existed no more.

**Women of Grundy County: Martha Elizabeth Crouch Carden (con't)**

On Sunday, the Carden place was a bustle of activity. My Mama Carden prepared Sunday dinner before attending church and Sunday School at the nearby Methodist Episcopal Church, South. All of Mama Carden's family gathered for Sunday dinner, along with Ben Wilson and his other children. Those who came were Matt's brother and sister-in-law with their six children, Matt's sister and brother-in-law and their four children, and two other sisters and their husbands. I'll never know how she cooked for so many on an old wood cook stove, and still got to Sunday School at 10 a.m., but she did.

Mama Carden was very active in the Methodist Church and other community organizations. She always saw that flowers were planted around the church. There is still a crepe myrtle bush there at the church, planted by Mama Carden when I was a teenager.

Papa Carden died on December 22, 1937. Two of Mama Carden's sisters were widowed and moved in with her. One by one the grandchildren married and moved away. Mama Carden wanted suitable mates for her grandchildren, and in her eyes, they seldom were "just right". She would say, "It will never work--you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," but none of her grandchildren were ever divorced and most of them celebrated fifty or more years of marriage.

Mama Carden grieved when her "boys" had to leave in W.W. II. Her grandsons Pascal, Carden, Kenneth, and Dale Wilson, and Billy Carden all served overseas at one time. Fortunately, all returned safely.

Once Mama Carden visited her son, Abbott, in Philadelphia. She wanted to attend church on Sunday, and so asked for the location of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her son explained that in the North, there was no Southern church, so she refused to go to any church there.

When great-grandchildren came along, Mama Carden loved for them to visit. She would keep my cousin's and my children when we had to go places. If one baby bottle was empty and the other had milk, she fed them both from the same bottle. After all, they were her babies and they would not have germs to spread!

Mama Carden was in her eighties when my father had a stroke. She had always said she would never fly in a plane, so I got a train schedule to plan our trip to Philadelphia. When I showed it to her, she said, "Lord, child, why don't we fly!"

We arrived in Chattanooga at daybreak the next day. At that time, the planes were small and made lots of stops. The ticket agent told us our first stop would be in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Mama Carden looked the agent square in the eye and said, "We ain't got time to stop in Bowling Green, Abbott is sick." You could see the agent's eyes twinkle, but she didn't say a word.

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When we arrived in Philadelphia, we learned that my father had been pronounced dead the night before and was in the morgue. In fact, he was alive, but could not move or speak. The next morning, an intern came through and remarked, "I believe that stiff moved his eyelid!"

On examination, they found a pulse. My father lived eleven more years, and taught for ten. He loved to tell this story; he said the intern's words were the sweetest music he ever heard. He died on December 17, 1963.

When she was 86, Mama Carden had to have gall bladder surgery. After a few days, she told me to bring her snuff and her black shawl, which she wore all the time. When the doctor came in, she was propped up in bed wearing her black shawl, with a dip of snuff in her lower lip. The doctor said, "Mrs. Matt, you shouldn't have that snuff. And don't you have any shawl other than a black one?"

She replied, "Son, I was dipping snuff before you were born. I'll probably be dipping when you die. And as for the shawl, I have a drawer full, but I like *this* one, and I *will* wear it." That ended the discussion.

Mama Carden celebrated her ninety-first birthday with friends and relatives from all the surrounding counties and several states. She outlived all her children, and one grandchild. She died on October 11, 1966 at age 93. She lived from the days of the horse and buggy to the space age, yet nothing changed her from the country woman she was.

#### **Family of Martha Elizabeth Crouch**

Martha Elizabeth Crouch, b. 21 June 1873; d. 11 October 1966.

m. on 2 December 1900 to Lynn Adolphus Carden (b. 10 Nov. 1860; d. 22 Dec. 1937).

#### **Children:**

Tressie, b. 12 August 1894; d. 27 February 1928

m. on 1 March 1914 to Ben F. Wilson.

ch.: David Carden, b. 16 May 1915; d. 7 April 1989.

James Pascal, b. 3 September 1917.

Wayne Kenneth, b. 14 September 1919.

Bonnie Dale, b. 10 January 1922; d. 18 December 1953.

Cleora, b. 14 July 1924.

Roy Wayne, b. 11 April 1898; d. 11 October 1962

m. on 8 December 1923 to Thelma Blassengame.

ch.: Stephen Lynn, b. 27 December 1925.

Roy Wayne, Jr. . b. 15 September 1927.

Bettye Margaret, b. 14 April 1932.

Lynn Abbott, b. 7 September 1902; d. 17 December 1963

m. on 5 September 1923 to Gladys Alma Conry

ch.: Billy Abbott, b. 4 June 1925.

Sarah Inez, b. 6 May 1926.



**David W. Eller, A Confederate Officer***by Maude Roddy Melton*

DAVID W. ELLER was a First Lieutenant in the Confederate forces in the War of Northern Aggression. One record indicates he may have been a Captain. He was my great-grandfather, born 1836, died 1909, and is buried in the Tracy City Cemetery.

His daughter, Alice Eller, married my grandfather, John W. Berry, in 1884, and their children were:

Bessie (Elizabeth) L. (Mrs. E.W.) Cheek  
Barney Lawrence Berry  
Maude Beatrice (Mrs. Burge S.) Roddy  
Norma Leatrice Berry (twin of Maude, died in infancy)  
Florence Alma Berry (Mrs. E.B.) Wiesener

David W. Eller enlisted in the Confederate forces on May 23, 1861, at age 25 at Jefferson, Ashe County, N.C., into the 9th Regiment N.C. State Troops. It was the first calvary regiment from the State of North Carolina. David's service record (from the National Archives, Washington, D.C.) indicates he was absent from active service in March, 1862 "on recruiting service". He had returned to his home in North Carolina, and it is interesting to note that two of his recruited soldiers were his younger brothers, John Harrison, age 20, and Jesse, age 25. Just how long David remained absent from the Regiment on recruiting duty is not known, but the next "Company Muster Roll" in which he is recorded "present" is for November and December, 1862. We can assume, however, that he returned to duty before that time, for he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant by election of members of his Company on June 23, 1862.

During the month of May, the Regiment marched/rode 400 miles to reach the Roanoke River, Virginia, to defend against the enemy ascending that river. After engaging in several battles where losses were great, on July 28, 1862, the 1st N.C. Cavalry was assigned to Wade Hampton's Brigade and remained with it the remainder of the war. The company muster roll shows that David was "absent, sick" some in September, October, November and December. Several facts in the record would indicate that he was present, even though the company muster roll is missing, for the Battle of Antietam on September 17 and 18, 1862. David's brother, Jesse, joined the regiment at Urbana, Maryland, while the Southern troopers were on their way to that great battle which has the distinction of being known as "the bloodiest day of the Civil War". So it is believed that David Eller was present for that battle, as well as participating in J.E.B. Stuart's famous "horse raid" into Pennsylvania starting October 9, 1862.

David's "Soldier's Application for Pension", dated August 26, 1908, states that he was "wounded in the foot at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania", showing he was on that raid when immense stocks of army stores were destroyed, and serious damage was done to train and telegraph lines. It is entirely conceivable that even though this was not a serious

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wound, when he returned into Virginia he went on the sick list, and appears on a weekly report of sick and wounded at General Hospital #1, Lynchburg, Va., dated November 21, 1862, and did not return to the Regiment until February, 1863. His Regiment was then encamped in Rockingham County, Virginia.

In May, 1863, the great battle of Chancellorsville was fought and his cavalry unit experienced sharp clashes with the Union cavalry at Kelly's Ford and Kellysville. On June 8, 1863, General R.E. Lee had a grand review of all his cavalry on a large open plain near Brandy Station, Virginia. At early dawn on the ninth, Federal cavalry crossed the Rappahannock River and fell upon the Rebel cavalry while they were still at breakfast. There ensued the largest cavalry battle to be fought on U.S. soil during the Civil War or at any time in U.S. history.

Again from David's pension application of August 26, 1908, we learn he was wounded in the shoulder in this battle of Brandy Station. Another paper says "wound of the right chest wall over middle of clavicle bone". The wound, however, was not of a severe nature.

Following several clashes led by J.E.B. Stuart, several promotions were effected in the North Carolina Brigade and among them was the promotion of David W. Eller from 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant. From October 17, 1863 and for the next five months, he would sign the Company muster roll as "commanding the Company".

Several brisk cavalry clashes took place after the return of the N.C. Brigade to Lee's Army. June 28 to July 27 was a period of rest for the cavalry and David's service record states he was absent from his Regiment, "sick", as of July 23, 1864. He was granted leave, dated August 13, 1864, but was listed present for September/October. In October and November, the Regiment crossed and re-crossed the James River several times, skirmishing along the way in numerous places, some major encounters, others being brushes with the Yankee cavalry along the lines of fortification to the southwest of Petersburg. Early in December, the North Carolina Cavalry Brigade went into winter quarters near Belfield, Virginia, at the same time guarding General R.E. Lee's extreme right.

On December 2, 1864, David tendered his resignation and went home. On his pension Application, August 26, 1908, in answer to the question "How did you get out of the army, where and when?" he told the pension board, "I resigned at Gordonville, Virginia, and went home, and stayed until the close of the war". Immediately questions arise as to why he resigned, and why at Gordonville, Virginia. One cannot be sure. The 1st N.C. Cavalry saw very hard service, being in one combat after another. It took its toll! From the Roster of Officers appearing in CLARK; Vol. I, P. 484, we learn that of the seven Lieutenants serving in Company A during the war, one was killed, one wounded and

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four resigned, so David was not alone. The attrition rate among the officers was horrendous.

The question of why the resignation took place at Gordonville, Virginia is a difficult one, also. Gordonville is located northwest of Richmond, and the Regiment was in winter quarters at Belfield, which was no doubt on the Confederate line facing the Yankees, southwest of Petersburg. So the question goes unanswered.

Company records indicate some disagreement about whether he resigned, and that his resignation was not acknowledged nor accepted and therefore he was regarded as a deserter. His applications for pensions made as late as 1908 and 1909 were denied, probably on this basis of poor record-keeping of the Company. He did not take the Oath of Allegiance to the U.S. Government until after he moved to Tennessee in 1866. He married Ellen Colvard, according to his pension papers, and they had three daughters and two sons. At that time, in 1908, he was living with his son, Wiley Eller. His cemetery stone in Tracy City Cemetery indicates he died in 1909.

From a book, George Michael Eller and Descendants of His in America, we learn that George, born 1723, died August 25, 1778, apparently came from the Palatinate of Germany in the first part of the 18th Century. He was the father of David W. Eller as well as several other children. The book, compiled in 1957 by James W. Hook, is in certain libraries but is now out of print. On page 78, the book states:

"David W. Eller, b. 1836, Capt. in the Confederate Army, married Ellen Colvard. Family lived near Tracy City, Tennessee. He probably was the David Eller shown in the 1860 census of Ashe City, N.C., age 24, with wife, Ellen, age 27, and children Alice Eller, age 2, and Albina Eller, age 3 mos. Living in the same family was Elizabeth Eller, age 22, his sister probably."

There is an Elizabeth Eller buried in the Tracy City Cemetery. Her gravestone only shows "1905", which would likely be the year of her death.

Much of this information I have obtained from the research of Jim Harley, Byron Eller, and the late Carl Hartman, Jr., and possibly others of whom I do not know. It is heartening to know that we have such ancestors in the Tracy City Cemetery as valiant as David W. Eller. The hardships and endurance of Confederate soldiers like him can be surmised through all the copy here of his war-time experiences to defend the South. Can we do less than continue to honor him and others like him? I placed a small Confederate flag on his grave on Confederate Flag Day a few months ago. I am glad I am of the lineage of David W. Eller.

## The Family of David W. Eller

David W. Eller (1836 - 1909)

m. Ellen Colvard (1832 - 1892)

ch.: Albina "Bina" Eller

m. James N. Harley

ch.:

Mildred Alder

m. Dr. George B. Alder

ch.: George B. Alder, Jr.

James Alder

Jessie Argo

m. Rev. B.F. Argo

Margaret Hazelhurst

m.

Oscar Harley

Edgar Harley

Pearl Humphrey

m.

Lou Ellen Hartman

m. Carl Hartman

Randall Harley

Garrett Harley

Mary Jane Eller Hennessee

m. Will Hennessee

no children

Fannie Belle Eller Robertson

m. W.E. ("Ed") Robertson

ch.:

Edward

Helen (died, infant)

Tom Eller

ch.:

Alice

Earl

Dorothy

Wiley Eller

m. Matty McCurdy

ch.:

Foster

Mary (Welborn)

Wiley (1906 - 07)

Ellen Eller (died young)

Alice Eller

m. John W. Berry

ch.:

Bessie (Elizabeth L.) Berry

m. Earnest Whitney Cheek (1902)

ch: John Wilson Cheek

m. Sally Martin

ch.:

Mary Sue Cheek McElroy

Rachel Berry Cheek Smith

Ernest Martin Cheek

James Ernest Cheek

m. Helen Flanagan

ch.:

James Walter Cheek (Jimmy)

Carl &amp; Catherine Cheek (twins, d. 1907)

Maude Beatrice Berry

m. Burge S. Roddy, Sr.

ch.: Alma Irene Roddy Harper

Maude Laurel Roddy Melton

Burge S. Roddy, Jr.

Helen Beryl Roddy

Norma Leatrice Berry (twin of Maude, died in infancy)

Florence Alma Berry

m. Erich Bernard Walter Wiesener

ch.: Erich, Jr.

Alice Elizabeth Veyhl

Carl Vernon Wiesener

Barney Lawrence Berry

**Grundy County Tennessee Marriages****1850 - 1874***Transcribed by John E. Sweeton*

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<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; by Whom Solomized</u>
June 19, 1858	Jacob Sanders Caty Haskins	June 19, 1858 C.P. Cope, J.P.
June 21, 1858	Francis M. Tate Sarah Killian	June 22, 1858 Enoch Woodlee, J.P.
July 26, 1858	J.A. Braley Harriet Fletcher	July 27, 1858 Wm. Campbell, J.P.
July 24, 1858	Samuel Walker Mary Coggin	July 25, 1858 H.T. Campbell, J.P.
July 26, 1858	Thomas Rhea Elizabetha Fletcher	July 29, 1858 Wm. Campbell, J.P.
August 10, 1858	Allen N. Hanilanzter Sarah Layne	August 10, 1858 Jazial Tate, J.P.
August 14, 1858	Stephen Cope Elizabeth Tipps	not given
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August 16, 1858	Charles Kilgore Malinda Meeks	August 16, 1858 Richard Bradford, J.P.
September 25, 1858	B.F. Gilliam Catherine Goodman	October 7, 1858 Wm. G. Guinn
October 7, 1858	Isaac Smith Julia Spring	October 7, 1858 Broomfield Ridge, J.P.
October 6, 1858	Jerone Powell Mary Gilly	October 6, 1858 Jonathan Tipton, J.P.
October 8, 1858	John Heard Mary Jane Lewis	October 11, 1858 Jezeal Tate, J.P.
October 9, 1858	James A. Hills Margaret Pearson	October ---, 1858 not given
October 13, 1858	John L. Tate Elizabeth Lockhart	October 16, 1858 Charles Huffman, J.P.

<i><u>Date License Issued</u></i>	<i><u>Couple Married</u></i>	<i><u>Date &amp; by Whom Solomized</u></i>
Page 34 October 16, 1858	Phelix Markin Mary Braly	not given
October 23, 1858	Russel Rodgers Polly Bast	October 24, 1858 Benjamin Christian, J.P.
October 26, 1858	John Cunningham Elizabeth Northcut	October 29, 1858 Samuel T. Christian, J.P.
March 10, 1858	Michel Flyn Eliza Reader	not given
November 27, 1858	Adam Moffett Polly Ann Coppinger	November 28, 1858 Enoch Woodlee, J.P.
January 8, 1859	Jeremiah Nunley Letty Johnson	January 9, 1859 John Burrows, J.P.
January 11, 1859	Griffin Myers Mary Jane Anderson	January 15, 1859 H.A. Campbell, J.P.
Page 35 October 14, 1858	Wesley M. Sanders Polly Meeks	October 14, 1858 C.P. Cope, J.P.
December 8, 1858	Wm. Campbell Elizabeth Lawson	December 9, 1858 C.P. Cope, J.P.
January 17, 1859	Joseph Russel Mary E. Sutherland	January 25, 1859 Wm. G. Guinn
January 29, 1859	William Patrick Margaret Warnermaker	January 30, 1859 Enoch Woodlee, J.P.
February 12, 1859	A. J. Smith Julia Ann Brown	February 13, 1859 Elijah Walker, J.P.
February 15, 1859	W.N. Kell Sarah Walker	February 15, 1859 Enoch Woodlee, J.P.
February 23, 1859	Stephen Layne Nancy E. Kilgore	February 23, 1859 Jezeal Tate, J.P.
March 7, 1859	John W. Walker Nancy Park	March 10, 1859 Jesse G. Price, M.G.
March 5, 1859	Carrol E. Nunley Mary Sweeton	March 6, 1859 John Burrows, J.P.

*Queries*

38/97 MASSENGALE. Joseph and Mary. What is Mary's maiden name? They are listed in the 1850 Marion Co. census and moved to Grundy Co. by 1860. Had daughter, Mary, who married John Calvin Brown and raised a large family in Marion Co.

Marilyn Burnett Garner, 206 Palisades Dr., Signal Mtn., TN 37377-3084.

39/97 BROWN/ROSS. Seeking parents of Nancy Brown, b. abt. 1840, buried on Ross Mtn., Grundy, TN; m. John Edward "Ed" Ross, b. abt. 1830. Had ch.: 1.) James, "Jim", 2.) John Harrison, 3.) Sarah M., 4.) Mary Jane, 5.) Nancy Delaware, 6.) William or Will Leroy, 7.) Anna George, 8.) George, 9.) Samuel, 10.) Jobe, 11.) Gemima.

Mary Tate Brooks, HCR 77, Box 81, Coalmont, TN 37313.

40/97 CRABTREE. Sarah Rebecca Jane, b. 4-12-1841; d. 3-10-25; m. Richard M. James. Had 2 ch.: Wm. Eli and Pheobe Meeks Knight. Father: Wm. Walter; Mother: ?; Brothers: Thomas B., Jonathan N., Wm. Iley, Albert M., Jerome Wilson, Francis M., Henry Simpson, & James; Sisters: Mary Elizabeth Taylor Sanders & Pheoba Ann Counts. Ruth Ann Fults, P.O. Box 147, Altamont, TN 37301. (615) 692-2054.

41/97 JAMES. Richard M. "Dickie", b. ?; d. ?; m. Rebecca Crabtree. They had 2 ch: Wm. Eli James and Pheobe. He had 1 ch. (prior marriage) Columbus "Lum" James. Any info. Ruth Ann Fults, P.O. Box 147, Altamont, TN 37301. (615) 692-2054.

42/97 MARTIN/DOUGLAS. Seeking parents of Nancy E. Douglas, b. 17 April 1837, TN; d. 4 March 1917, Wartrace, Bedford Co., TN.; m. Thomas Martin - b. abt. 1830, Warren, TN.; ch: Thomas Arthur "Bud" Martin.

Mary Tate Brooks, HCR 77, Box 81, Coalmont, TN 37313.

43/97 GRAHAM/STEINBACK. Seeking parents of Simon Graham, b. VA; d. before 1900; and of wife Martha Steinback (sp.?), b. March 1842, VA. Their ch: 1.) Charles, 2.) Laura, 3.) Walter, 4.) Julia, 5.) George, 6.) Susan, 7.) Florence, 8.) Lu (female).

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44/97 NUNLEY/SWEETON. Seeking parents of Hiram Nunley, b. 1824, Grundy, TN; and spouse Anna Sweeton, b. about 1824, Grundy; d. abt. 1862, Grundy, TN. Their ch: 1.) William, 2.) Amanda E., 3.) Chris C., 4.) Henderson Monroe, 5.) Margaret, 6.) Green Nunley.

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45/97 REED/CANNON. Seeking parents of Jane Reed, b. abt. 1810; m. John A. Cannon. Ch: 1.) John Alexander Cannon, Jr., 2.) Joel B., 3.) James "Jim", 4.) Benjamin J., 5.) George W., 6.) Rhoda Ann, 7.) Sarah, 8.) Mary, 9.) Susan, 10.) Minerva, 11.) Lafayette, 12.) I. Houston, 13.) Anderson, 14.) Ellick.

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Note from the Editor

*Anna G. Goforth*

Our thanks to all who contributed to *The Pathfinder* this past year. Articles to be published have come in from many members, enough to provide a variety from which to choose. In every issue, we feature regular articles such as *Women of Grundy County*, *Early Marriage Records*, and *Queries*. Future editions will include *Books for Sale* and *Grundy County Census Records* in addition to family histories and other information that may be of interest and help to you in your research. We need your input! This is your newsletter, and we want to publish articles of interest to you. Please let us hear from you!

June is Membership Renewal Month. Your membership dollars help to maintain and improve the geneological records at the *Root Cellar*, publish *The Pathfinder*, and provide assistance with your personal geneology research. We sincerely hope you will renew your membership for 1997-98.



### President's Message

During the summer months is a great opportunity to do family research while on vacation or going to family reunions. We hope this summer will be very successful for all the genealogy seekers. We are looking forward to seeing some of you here at the Root Cellar.

HAVE FUN!!  
Catherine Flury

### Recent Acquisitions

*The Eastern Star Cemetery at Sewanee, Tennessee*, from Frances Beakley.  
Franklin County Historical Society *Tidings*, from Frances Beakley.  
Family Work Sheets on Greens and related families, from Kirby B. Green, Jr.  
Old Record Book, Halls Church Story, from Kirby B. Green, Jr.  
Copied sheets from *Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaire*, from Kirby B. Green, Jr.  
*The Hargis Cemetery*, from Nancy Parmley.  
*The White Cemetery*, from Nancy Parmley.  
Two Court Docket Books (1928), from Carlton and Nancy Parmley.  
Dykes, Vaughn and related families, from Linda Hubbard.  
2 sheets Descending Charts Thomas Cannon, from Mary Tate Brooks.  
6 sheets Descending Charts John Tate, from Mary Tate Brooks.

### Books for Sale

Book descriptions for review and sale should include a summary, publication price, and name and address of the seller. We ask that a copy of the book be donated to our Genealogy Collection, based in the *Root Cellar* at the Tracy City Library, Grundy County Historical Society, Box 1422, Tracy City, TN 37387. We hope this new feature will be helpful.

*Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records, 1850-1880*. \$24.00 Postage Paid.  
Charles Sherrill, 1023 Water's Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.  
(Look for articles from this informative book in future issues of *The Pathfinder*.)

*Grundy County Earliest Deeds, 1850-1867*. \$24.00 Postage Paid.  
Charles (Chuck) Sherrill, 1023 Water's Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

*The Pathfinder, Vol. 1, No. 1-4, Vol. 2, No. 1*. \$3.00 each, Postage Paid. Grundy County Historical Society, Box 1422, Tracy City, TN 37387.

## GRUNDY COUNTY in 1850 as revealed by the special census schedules

This is the first of several articles based on a new book written by our member, Charles "Chuck" Sherrill.

Grundy County first appears in federal census records in 1850, having just been formed with lands taken from Warren and Coffee counties in 1844. According to published 1850 census data, Grundy County with its population of 2,773 souls was one of the smallest counties in Tennessee. Indeed, only Scott and VanBuren counties were smaller. Grundy was dwarfed by its neighboring counties of Franklin (13,768) Warren (10,179), Coffee (8,351) and Marion (6,314).<sup>i</sup>

As one might expect, most of the county's free citizens were white: there were 1,325 white males and 1,197 white females. However, there were 8 free colored males and 7 free colored females. The slave population included 115 males and 121 females. There are 439 family groups appearing on the census (not including slaves), which would mean that the average household included six people.

There are approximately 375 farms on the 1850 agricultural census. Obviously, nearly everyone lived on a farm. Of these, 105 (25%) did not report owning any acreage, probably because they were tenant farmers. This leaves 290 farmers who were landowners -- so, about two-thirds of the families in the county lived on their own land.

Much of the land in Grundy County then, as now, was unimproved mountain-side woodland. Of those farmers with "improved" acreage (this term includes pasture lands<sup>ii</sup>), the vast majority (82%) owned less than 100 acres. Thirty farms with 100 to 199 improved acres were reported.

Six farmers owned 200 acres or more: Solomon P. Goodman, Thomas Burrows and James Winton with 200 acres each; Alfred Braley and William Dugan with 225 acres each; William Mooney with 250 acres; Adrian Northcut with 350 acres; and Alexander E. Patton with 730 acres.

Patton's plantation, outstripping the others in cultivated land by a sizable margin, was also the most valuable farm reported, estimated at \$10,000. (This would be roughly equivalent to \$500,000 today.<sup>iii</sup>) This was twice the value of the next-highest farm, that of Adrian Northcut. Patton's land was located just north of Pelham in one of the few large and relatively flat valleys of the mountainous county. Patton owned 38 slaves, while Northcut managed his acres with only one family of seven slaves. In the language of ante-bellum economics, Patton's acreage and slave labor combined to establish him as both the wealthiest Grundy Countian and the one most able to produce additional wealth. Both Patton and Northcut had been Mexican War officers. Northcut was a local political leader, founder of the county seat at Altamont, and long-time member of the Tennessee state legislature.<sup>iv</sup>

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Other Grundy countians held large sections of mountain land which were not cultivated. Indeed, 28 individuals reported owning more than 1000 unimproved acres each. Chief among these were Daniel Layne, with 10,400 acres, and Jonathan Tipton, who owned 8,000 acres. Neither Layne nor Tipton was a large crop farmer, each having only 50 acres under cultivation. Their specialty, along with that of many other mountain-land owners, was livestock.

Adrian Northcut owned both mountain and valley lands. He was the only landowner who had large amounts of both types of land. He owned 5,000 unimproved acres in addition to his 350 acre plantation (the second-largest in the county). Northcut's Cove, which was the center of his holdings, still bears his name. Northcut was a self-made man, local official, and a member of the state legislature for 10 years. His farm was valued at \$5,000, second only to that of Alexander E. Patton who lived on the other side of the Cumberland mountain.

The following farmers held the #1 place in 1850 for the category listed:

**Livestock**

Cattle, Other	A. Patton (43), James Winton (30)
Horses	A. Northcut (14)
Milch Cows	A. Northcut and A. Patton (12 each)
Oxen	Harris Gilliam and Jacob Myers (8 each)
Sheep	Adam Fults (59), Alfred Braley (53)
Swine	A. Northcut and Jeremiah Nunley (250 each)
Value of livestock	A. Patton (\$4550), Alfred Braley (\$2086)
Animals slaughtered	Philip Roberts (\$408); William R. Nunley (\$350)

**Crops & Produce**

Beeswax & Honey	Stephen Cope, Thomas Warren, Samuel Savage (200 lbs. each)
Butter	Harris Gilliam, A. Patton, A. Northcut, Daniel Mosely (500 lbs. each)
Cheese	Daniel Layne and Preston Fletcher (300 lbs. each),
Flax	J. Bryant, Michael Hoover (100 lbs. each)
Flax Seed	John Gross, James Levan, Jeremiah Walker (3 lbs. each)
Indian corn	William Rea (10,500 bu.)
Irish potatoes	Thomas Burrows and A. Northcut (200 bu. each)
Maple Sugar	Adrian Northcut (200 gals.), James Levan and Archibald Dickerson
Oats	A. Northcut (1500 bu.), A. Patton (1200 bu.)
Peas & Beans	Adrian Northcut (100 bu.), Daniel Mosely (60 bu.)
Sweet potatoes	James Vickers, David Burrows, Harris Gilliam (150 bu. each)

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Wheat	Alfred Braley (170 bu.), Daniel Patterson (148 bu.)
Wool	S.P. Goodman (120 lbs.), Adrian Northcut (100 lbs.)

While most farmers were occupied with raising the standard crops of corn, wheat and potatoes, a few adventurous souls were experimenting with less-common farm products. A few farmers attempted growing rice; the largest producer was William Price who grew 75 pounds. Another wetland crop, flax was more rarely grown, but Michael Hoover and J. Bryant each produced 100 pounds of this raw material used in manufacturing linen. Thirty-one farmers in all produced flax. Flax seed, a separate crop which is used in producing linseed oil for paints and varnishes, was grown by 8 farmers in 1850.

Cotton, a main product in more fertile regions of the south, was only produced in small quantities by a handful of farmers, particularly those in the area where Tracy City later grew up. The largest cotton producer was William Nisbett, with six bales to his credit. Most of the other cotton farmers grew only enough cotton to make one or two bales.

Tobacco was grown in small quantities by more than 30 Grundy County farmers in 1850. The largest producers were John Crabtree and Harrison Tallman who each reported 300 pounds.

Apparently a man's wealth in this period was judged, in part, by the number and quality of his horses. Most Grundy County families owned only one or two horses. Only seven farms boasted 10 or more. Of those seven, Adrian Northcut had the largest number: 14. The use of mules for farm work was only beginning to become popular in Grundy County at this time. Alexander Patton, however, had apparently been convinced of the usefulness of mules, as he far outstripped his neighbors as the largest mule-holder, having 57 on his plantation. Alfred Braley and census-enumerator Michael Hoover, each with 16 mules, were the next-highest owners in this category. Fewer than half of those represented on the agricultural schedule for Grundy County owned an ox, and no one owned a large number of oxen. Jacob Myres and Harris Gillum each owned 8 oxen, more than anyone else.

Nearly every family on the schedule owned at least one milk cow. A.E. Patton and Adrian Northcut each owned 12, but no one else had even a modestly large dairy operation. In the category of "other cattle" 27 farms stocked ten or more of them. A.E. Patton led the way with 43. Only 16 households reported cheese production, but several of those produced 100 pounds or more annually. Patton and Northcut, despite their many cattle, were not among the cheese producers.

Large herds of sheep were more common than herds of cattle. Fourteen farms maintained at least 25 sheep. They were headed by Adam Fults, Alfred Braley and Sarah Lusk, who each owned more than 50 sheep. Wool production, however, was led by Solomon Goodman and Adrian Northcut, who each sheared more than 100 pounds. Fifteen other Grundy County farms, including that of Adam Fults, produced 50 pounds of wool or more. Although it seems odd,

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Alfred Braly produced only 10 pounds, and Sarah Lusk reported no wool production. Perhaps shearers were sold the right to "harvest" the wool crop.

Pork was the meat of preference in this period, probably because it could be cured and kept through the winter with better results than other meats. Twenty-six farmers owned 100 or more swine in 1850. Adrian Northcut again filled the top slot, joined by Jeremiah Nunley, each owning 250.

A.E. Patton estimated the total value of his livestock at \$4550, more than twice the amount estimated by the next-wealthiest stock owner, Alfred Braley. Although not the largest owner of any animal except mules, Patton's holdings were diverse and large in each category. With 730 improved acres, Patton had the space to house and pasture large herds, and his 38 slaves were available to care for them.

The mortality schedule for 1850 indicates that only 30 people died in the county in 1849-1850. It seems likely that this number is smaller than it should be, as it would have been difficult for the enumerators to remember to ask at every household whether someone in the family had died within the year. One-third of the reported deaths were infant deaths of children aged one year or less. The most common cause of death was typhoid fever, which claimed six lives. The oldest person listed on the schedule was Frances Benson, who died at the age of 92. The deaths of a Pelham area physician, Dr. George Cullender, and Chansey McMillan, a "pill pedlar" were both recorded. Considering the limitations of medical science in this period, it might be difficult to say which death was a greater loss to the county.

Slave ownership was not common among Grundy Countians. Although some surely abstained from the practice on moral grounds, it seems likely that most did not own slaves because they could not afford them, or because their farms were too small to require slave labor. There were 29 households reporting slave ownership, with a total 236 slaves in the county. This is contrasted with the adjoining flatland counties of Coffee and Franklin. More than 1,000 slaves lived in Coffee County, and more than 3,000 in Franklin. Even Marion County, mountainous and geographically more similar to Grundy County, had a slave population twice as large as Grundy's.<sup>v</sup> It is interesting to note that the county's largest slave-holder, Alexander Patton, lived on the edge of Grundy County adjoining Coffee County.<sup>vi</sup>

Of slave-owning households in Grundy County, half occupied farms of at least 100 improved acres. Many of the others owned only a single female slave, probably for household help. Alexander Patton's 38 slaves was extraordinary for the county: no one else owned more than ten. Thirteen owners of slaves had only one or two slaves in their family, a further reflection on the generally small size of farms and households in Grundy County. The oldest slaves listed were the couple belonging to Jacob Warnemaker [sic], the man aged 70 and the woman 60. Adrian Northcut also owned a 60-year-old male slave.

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The Industrial Revolution of the 1790s had not found its way to the backwoods of Grundy County by 1850. According to the Products of Industry schedules, there were only two manufacturing establishments in the county, and both of them were producing their materials by hand. The enumerators were instructed to list only those establishments where the production was valued at \$500 or more.<sup>vii</sup>

Nimrod B. Sain operated a blacksmith's forge and wood shop, producing wagons and plows. Sain, who is listed as a 33-year-old farmer on the population schedules, employed three men (probably including himself). These men do not appear in Sain's household on the population schedule, and may have only been occasional helpers. His listing on the population schedule as a farmer indicates that this business was a part-time occupation.<sup>viii</sup>

T.J. Wagoner's tannery processed 210 rawhides into 420 sides of leather in the census year. The population schedules show that Wagoner, too, was a young man (age 29) whose principal occupation was farming.<sup>ix</sup> Although the information is stricken out on the industrial schedule, Wagoner apparently made shoes and boots from the leather he tanned. Census enumerator Michael Hoover must have determined that that was a sideline apart from the tannery and not worthy of inclusion on the census.

The population schedules indicate a number of other establishments which, it would seem, might have been represented on the industrial census. Whether they were excluded in error, or whether their operations were too small to qualify is questionable. The Grundy Countians who listed occupations in some area of manufacturing in 1850 were: John Hall, tanner; James Burrell, saddler; Esquire Hunter, miller; J. Eledge, cooper; William Campbell, cabinet maker; Christian Smith, Henry Moffett and Tyre Smith, wheel wrights; A.E. Moffett, Cornelius Philips and Abram Jones, carpenters; Ambrose Killian, Ballard Wilson, Cleaveland Payne, Jacob Sanders, Wiley Sanders and John Fults, blacksmiths; Anthony Aylor and James Bell, chair makers; John Ware, John Layne, Nathaniel Turner, Joseph Bradshaw, James Brandon, William Stigall and Thomas & Joshua Warren, wagon makers.<sup>x</sup>

Footnotes:

<sup>i</sup> DeBow, J.D.B., Superintendent of the United States census. The seventh census of the United States: 1850. (Washington: Robert Armstrong, Public Printer, 1853). Pages 573-574

<sup>ii</sup> Tennessee State Planning Commission. Preliminary population report... (Nashville, 1935). Section IV-C, p. 1.

<sup>iii</sup> McCusker, John J. How much is that in real money? (Worcester: American Antiquarian Society, 1992). Page

<sup>iv</sup> Memorial and biographical record ... of the Cumberland region ... (Chicago: Geo. Ogle & Co., 1898; reprinted by Southern Historical Press, 1980). Pages 286, 351.

<sup>v</sup> Op cit., Debow, p. 573.

<sup>vi</sup> Sherrill, Charles. Tombstone inscriptions of Grundy County Tennessee (Cleveland: privately printed, 1977).

Page 24. The Patton family cemetery is located on the old Alexander Patton plantation site, near the Grundy/Coffee county line.

<sup>vii</sup> This information is given on each page of the Products of Industry schedule.

<sup>viii</sup> Schunk, John F., editor. 1850 U.S. Census, Grundy County, Tennessee. (S-K Publications, 1987). Page 340.

<sup>ix</sup> Ibid., p. 370.

<sup>x</sup> Ibid., various pages throughout.

**DOUGHBOYS CALLED UP**

Submitted by Sue Scott Schmidt

When the United States entered the battlefield of World War 1, men began to be called for armed forces duty.

The Grundy County Times edition of September 22, 1917 described the scene of Grundy County men headed for their military service in this new war.

"Sad, indeed, was the scene yesterday morning at the railroad station when twenty-one of our brave young men bade friends and loved ones good-bye and left for Camp Gordon at Atlanta, Ga., to train for military service in France.

But in spite of the sad parting, it must have cheered the hearts of our boys when they witnessed the great manifestation of sympathy and appreciation by the folks who are left behind, and they no doubt feel that their love and prayers follow them.

The friends and neighbors of these young heroes would gladly share the trying ordeal with them if they could, and they will feel proud of them and rejoice over whatever success and distinction may be theirs, and will sympathize with whatever misfortunes that may come upon them; and when this horrible war is over and future wars made unnecessary, they will receive a welcome home such as will make them glad it was theirs to live and have a part in this most momentous struggle of all history.

The large crowd that had assembled to bid these boys farewell was not alone made up by fathers and mothers of this noble band of selectmen, but Tracy City's best and most prominent citizens were there to lend encouragement by word and presence to the boys marching away to war.

As the train pulled out from the station there were but few dry eyes in the vast throng. Manly and strong as these young soldiers were, many of them could not keep back the unbidden tears as they spoke the farewell to loved ones.

The boys have gone to war to this day of their departing will live in memory. Some of them will come back to home and friends with honors won on the battlefields of a foreign land and some will fill unmarked graves on those fields. Yet in the years that come and go their memory will be cherished as heroes and patriots, not only around the fireside in their own homes, but in the home of every true American who loves his native land and stands for liberty and justice for all men and in all nations.

Following are the names of those who left yesterday:  
Will Bates, Howel Barker, John Wesley Partin, Charley Lawrence Jacobs, John Wilder Brown, Clyde Charles Newsome, Wiley Garnett Tate, Joe William McCreary, Dr. Wm. Thos. Roberts, Donald Smith, Horace Hamby, James Nunley, Willie Tate, Herbert Sartain, Eugene Bouldin, Gorden Franklin Brown, Carl Myers, Clarence G. Coppinger, Walter Johnson, John Lee Picket, and Will Brown.

The following list of registered men was certified by the

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service from this county and they will be called into service about October 5, when the second quota of forty percent will be sent to Atlanta.

MORRISON--Lonnie L. Anthony, Andy Morton, Midge Dorel Winton.

TRACY CITY--Corbett Street, Norris Cope, Stadden Myers, James Allin Summers, Stanlee Robbins Hampton, Burge S. Roddy, Isaac H. Roberts, Eli J. Brown, John Rose, William Graham Cline, Will Bates, Sherman Shrum, Taylor Layne, James Wilkes (colored), Will Payne and Jim Conry.

PÉLHAM--Vance Campbell, Loyd Bean, Harris Patton, Michael Emmett Conry, William Luther Green, Geo. Washington Thomas, Henry Grady Payne, and Robert Winton.

COALMONT--Carl Syler, Landy Y. Parmley, Morgan Crabtree, and Alfred Joyce.

TATESVILLE--Avery P. Henderson.

MONTEAGLE--Oliver D. Gregory, Edward Hampton Pirtle, and Barney Adams.

GRUETLI--Richard Fults.

MCMINNVILLE--Curg Creighton.

ALTAMONT--Clayborne Bess."

Of those listed above, there is one gentleman, Harris Patton, whose name is one of the five inscribed on the memorial marker in Altamont of the Grundy County servicemen killed in WW1.





**Women of Grundy County:  
Lou Hill Foster  
(1898 - 1974)**

*by Dorothy Foster Schaerer*

On March 4, 1898, George Lawson Hill and Icie Foster Ashburn Hill, of the Collins River Community, were presented with their first child, a daughter, whom they named Ida Louise in honor of Icie's twin sister Ida. By the end of 1903 Lou had been joined by Mary Rankin (Stone), Virgil Anderson, and Martha Emma (Nunley).

Lawson was a farmer whose principal acreage lay parallel to the Collins River. For many years he represented the Eighth District for the Grundy County Board of Education. He had taught school briefly after his graduation from Burritt College. Icie Hill had been orphaned at an early age, but she too had been a teacher before her marriage.

Probably as a result of their parents' former professions, all four children became teachers. Virgil abandoned the classroom, but the three daughters (and two granddaughters) gave over one hundred fifty years of service to the students of Tennessee, primarily in Grundy County.

Lou was educated in the school systems of the area, and by age eighteen found herself in the classroom as a teacher. She was assigned to Sweeton Hill School, where she had a one-teacher school with ninety students. Her most memorable moment that year was when one of the larger boys pulled a knife on her.

While Lou taught at Sweeton Hill, she boarded at a home in Coalmont. It was here that she met Robert Foster, grandson of Charles Foster for whom Foster Falls is named. Robert was the second of fourteen children of Robert and Margaret Albany Foster. Robert and Lou became engaged, but he was called to serve in World War I, along with three of his brothers and many other close kin. While Robert served in Europe, where he participated in several hard-fought battles, Lou continued to teach in Tennessee and briefly in Alabama.

After Robert returned from service, he and Lou married. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Haskell Dubose on May 25, 1919, at Lou's parents' home. Lou's mother had made her wedding dress and a small trousseau. Robert had delegated his older brother Charlie to bring along the bride's bouquet as he brought the preacher to the ceremony. When the flowers arrived, they clashed with the color of the wedding dress, so the bride had to choose an alternate dress in which to be married.

The young couple resided in the Collins River area for some time, and were joined by a daughter, Dorothy Louise, on July 31, 1921. They later moved to Coalmont and became parents of a son, Robert Hill Foster, on November 9, 1923.

Work was hard to find in the South, so in 1925 Robert and some of his brothers decided to seek employment in Chicago. After Robert found work, he sent for his family. Several relatives also made the trek to Chicago to find work, so Lou prepared meals for them and also took in a boarder to increase family income. About two years later, Robert took pneumonia and died April 9, 1928. Doctors felt that his death at such an early age was due to having been gassed in World War I. Lou returned to her parents' home in Tennessee, and Robert was laid to rest in Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery in Grundy County.

The first year after Robert's death, Lou lived in Pelham with her sisters, who were employed in Pelham School. Dorothy attended school there, but Robert Hill was a reluctant scholar who did not want to leave his mother yet.

During the 1931 school year, Lou left her children on the farm with her parents and went to Murfreesboro as a full-time student. The next year she was elected to Palmer School faculty, and remained there several years.

Palmer School was an outstanding school with the support of the entire community. The miners did not hesitate to give of their resources, and the PTA had many capable parents and teachers, among whom was Mrs. Perry Leah Roberts, who later became Tennessee State PTA President. In addition to the local PTA, Lou was also active in the Grundy County Council of PTA's.

The next few years became a pattern of moving to the farm in the summer, attending the summer session at MTSU (usually driving back and forth three days a week), canning about a thousand jars of food for winter consumption, and moving back to Palmer for the school year. The load for moving always contained a heavy upright piano and a cow. The pattern of obtaining college credits during the summer and teaching during the school year continued until Lou received a BS degree. She later received an MA from George Peabody College in Nashville.

After living in a Company rental house in Palmer for several years, an idea of home ownership emerged. At that time, land could not be purchased in Palmer, so when an affordable house became available in Tracy City, it was purchased, and Lou, Emma, Dorothy and Robert Hill moved to Tracy City in 1943. Robert Hill was called to service in World War II that Spring, and the women taught in various schools in the county.

In the fall of 1943, Lou was offered a teaching job in Frostproof, Florida, where she remained three years. She then moved to Stuart, Florida, to become supervisor of the school system of that county.

Lawson and Icie Hill sold the farm on the Collins River and moved to the home in Tracy City. Lawson died in his sleep May 7, 1947, a few days before he and his wife were planning to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Since Lou was the oldest child

she felt it was her duty to return to Tennessee to care for her mother. She came back to teach at Grundy County High School at exactly one-half the salary she was scheduled to receive in Florida.

The next year she made the race for Superintendent of Schools, running against Glenn Bonner and Frank Rollings. She was defeated in the race, but she worked hard and thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the people in the county. She visited one place so remote that a bear was seen near the home.

After the election, Mr. Bonner asked Lou to take the job of school supervisor, which she did. She remained until her retirement in 1968.

Lou was an excellent seamstress, making practically all the dresses, suits, and coats worn by the women in the family. Once, she purchased cotton print material, buttons and rick-rack trim for making a dress whose total cost she tabulated at eighty-three cents.

She was a hard worker, a very capable person in many areas. She was very hospitable, had a good sense of humor, a strong sense of family, was a strict disciplinarian at home as well as at school, possessed a strong will, compassion, common sense, and an optimistic attitude toward life. Whatever hard situation was encountered, she would counsel, "It will get better."

A college course in Home Nursing added to her skill at taking care of the sick. Her mother became bedfast, her sisters Mary and Emma at the same time became patients in her home. Lou turned her living room and dining room into bedrooms and for about two years took care of three bed-ridden patients. This was made possible by the faithful and loving help of Mrs. Georgie Thompson, who stayed with the family until the doctor ordered her own retirement. During these years Lou's mother, sister Mary and brother Virgil all died.

Lou was a member and past worthy matron of the Eastern Star, was a charter member of Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Xi State. She was a charter member of Grundy County Retired Teachers, and served as its first president. She was a charter member and first president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, an organization for working women in the United Methodist Church in which she was an active and faithful member. She was a partner with her daughter in the ownership of Foster's Flowers in Tracy City. She held membership and offices in various educational associations and was a Life Member of N.E.A.

Lou's death occurred February 17, 1974, as a result of heart trouble. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Philadelphia Cemetery on the Collins River.

Lou gave of herself to help maintain a good family relationship, to further the cause of education, to forward the work of the Kingdom of God. The world is richer and better because she passed this way.

**Women of Grundy County: Lou Hill Foster***by Dorothy Foster Schaerer*

George Lawson Hill, b. 8 Sept. 1873; d. 7 May 1947; m. (25 May 1897) to Icie Foster Ashburn Hill, b. 7 Dec. 1876; d. 11 Aug. 1868. Ch: I) Ida Louise, b. 4 March 1898; d. 17 Feb. 1974; II) Mary Rankin, b. 23 Oct. 1899; d. unk.; III) Virgil Anderson, b. 28 May 1901; d. 26 June 1969; IV) Martha Emma, b. 30 Dec. 1903; d. 18 Sept. 1989.

I.) Ida Louise m. 25 May 1919 to Robert Foster (b. 28 Dec. 1893?; d. 9 April 1928). Ch. 1) Dorothy Louise, b. 31 July 1921; m. 6 Nov. 1958 to Charles Bernard Schaerer (b. 23 June 1912; d. 20 June 1996). Had ch. Laura Foster Schaerer, b. 2 May 1961; m. 19 Dec. 1980 to Joseph Shelby Lay Jr. (b. 9 Feb. 1957), 1 child Laura Elizabeth Lay, b. 1 July 1992.

2) Robert Hill Foster, Sr., b. 9 Nov. 1923; d. 25 March 1982; m. 21 Dec. 1946 to Betty Jean Charles (b. 19 March 1926). Had ch. Robert Hill Foster Jr., b. 11 July 1951; m. 21 Dec. 1971 to Leda Denice Stark (b. 4 Aug. 1951), 2 children Robert Hill Foster III, b. 25 Feb. 1976; Holly Nicole, b. 18 June 1979.

II.) Mary Rankin m. ? to Chester Lee Stone (b. 6 March 1890; d. ?). Ch.

1) Mary Hill Stone, b. 29 April 1944; m. 23 Feb. 1974 to Nicholas Glennon Beehan, Jr. (b. 24 Nov. 1938). Had 3 children, Shannon Stone b. 4 Feb. 1975; Nicholas Glennon III b. 29 March 1976; Brendon Hill b. 29 March 1976.

III.) Virgil Anderson m. 11 July 1924 to Sarah Grace Clack (b. 3 March 1901; d. ?). Ch.

1) Harry Lawson, b. 13 July 1925; m. to Nancy Mason. Had 2 children, Nancy Lawson b. 8 Feb. 1953; Thomas Anderson b. 28 Jan. 1956.

2) Margaret, b. 31 March 1929; m. to Paul Lindsay. Had 3 children, John Wyatt b. 5 Feb. 1953 (deceased); Mark Peay b. 4 July 1954; Rebecca Jane b. 15 July 1955.

3) Mary Elinor, b. 3 Sept. 1934; m. 18 Dec. 1954 to William James Weaver, Sr. (b. 29 Aug. 1931; d. 2 July 1996). Had 3 children, William James Jr., b. 28 Sept. 1955; m. 5 Jan. 1982 to Grace Wood (b. 13 Sept. 1946). Angela Grace, b. 21 July 1957; m. 16 July 1994 to David John Peterson (b. 26 July 1953). Amanda Sue, b. 7 Sept. 1961; m. 24 Feb. 1990 to Ralph Glenmore Kinder, Jr. (b. 24 Oct. 1958).

IV.) Martha Emma m. to Hollis Honsley Nunley (b. 21 Dec. 1900; d. 5 May 1956).

*For more information about the Foster Family, please consult the "Foster Family History", compiled by Elaine Andrews, available at the Root Cellar.*

Clippings from newspapers of Grundy County from the 20's and the 30's.

Submitted by Catherine Flury

Mrs. Grundy  
September, 1926

Grundy County Herald  
July, 1936

Cumberland Outlook  
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Tracy City

Beersheba News

Mr and Mrs Harry Eiter of Tracy City motored here Sunday.

Mr and Mrs John Hunziker and two children of Chattanooga.

Mrs Bonnie Sweeton and Mrs Hurl Helton of Lauralburg are the guests of Mr Ernest Meeks and family.

George Simpson Jr., of Okla., is the guest of his uncle Luther Brown here.

Mrs John Menra gave a shower last Friday evening for Mr and Mrs Bryan Bouldin. The gifts were brought to a table, in the dining room, where the wedding cake had been placed. The gifts numbered about sixty. Cake was cut and passed by the bride, later music and dancing were enjoyed in the ballroom, and dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Louise Shultz and Leo Groeter motored here Sunday.

Born to Mr and Mrs Eugene Bohr on the 21th a boy.

Mrs Vina Vina McGovern has gone to Palmer.

Mr and Mrs E O Norvell and little daughter Ernestine of Tracy were here Sunday.

Misses Elsie and Bessie Tate, Carrie Lee Hill, Ethel Brown and Dennis Brown are attending school at Tracy City.

A party consisting of Mr and Mrs Claude Coppinger and family, Marvin Brown and family, Frank Smith and family, and Mrs Will Tate motored to Chattanooga Sunday.

Garden Club Holds  
Regular July Meeting

Club Goes to Altamont for  
Session.

The July meeting of the Mountain Beautiful Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Greeter at Altamont with Mrs. Henry Flury, of Tracy City, co-hostess. Mrs. Greeter presided over the business part of the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. A. C. Adamz, who is visiting in Albany, N. Y., and the first vice president, Mrs. Maggie Shook, who was absent on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Libbie Sherrill.

Mrs. Carl Kilby made a talk on "Winter Bouquets." Mrs. Susie Hembree read an article on the "Culture of Peonies," and also lead in timely suggestions. Mrs. Lewis Roddy and Mrs. Wallace Welch gave a musical selection. The first prize for potted plants went to Mrs Greeter and the prize on arrangements to Mrs. Henry Flury. During the social period a refreshing ice course was served.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. K A. Banholzer the first Tuesday in August.

Lost.

Baby's coat at the Dixie Theatre Tuesday night. Return to Herald and receive reward.

Mrs. Edward Hall of Chattanooga spent several days of last week with her grandfather, Mr. Tom Parsons and family.

Miss Margaret McCurdy was in Murfreesboro, Sunday.

Mr. Robert Cheek attended the funeral of Mr. Russ Brown at Palmer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Swann, of Palmer attended commencement here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shelton, of Coalmont, attended the play at High School, Friday night.

Misses Louise Quintrell and Blanch Parsons spent Wednesday night in Palmer.

Misses Louise Lynch and Anna Sly of St. Andrews visited Mrs. Jim Shook, Friday.

Mrs. Josephine Hines has been visiting her mother, Mrs. C. Cole in Decherd.

Miss Winona Arbuckle was the guest of Miss Emily Goodman in Pelham, Sunday.

Mrs. Murph Griswold spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. John Dykes at Coalmont.

Miss Viola Kelly  
Gives Gypsy Party

Miss Viola Kelly entertained a gypsy party Saturday night for Miss Jean White of Los Angeles. About forty young people in gypsy costumes made a colorful picture around the huge bonfire. The exciting treasure hunt was won by Miss Smith and Sam Marler.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Banholzer and Carl Weisner won the prizes for the best gypsy costumes. Prizes were also given Katherine Jones and Carl Sitz.

Out of town guests were Miss Smith, Murfreesboro, Miss Alice Weisner, Newark, New Jersey, Miss Spuders, Birmingham, and Miss Woodlee, Akron.

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Mrs. Grundy  
September, 1926  
John Wright, Publisher

## Social Happenings

Mrs. J. P. Northcutt, Editor.

J. Beecher Brown and family of Bridgeport, Ala., were the guest of relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mr and Mrs P D Hunziker of Ft Worth, Texas, are here on a visit to their parents, Mr and Mrs Fred Hunziker.

Miss Sarah Campbell has been added to the Palmer School faculty.

Mr and Mrs E I. Owen, Mr Bill Helton, Mr Fred Owen and Miss Eva Byrom are here on a short visit to Mrs Owen's parents, Mr and Mrs Hunziker.

Joe E Hembree has returned from a short visit to Carrollton, Ga., where he was the guest of Miss Tot Griffin.

Mrs Everett Roberts, Mrs Tom Roberts, Mrs Stone, Miss Pickett Miss Margaret Stone and Joe H Hembree motored to Chattanooga Monday evening and attended the Marion Talley Concert.

Mrs Geo Thorngood, Mrs J J Lasater and Mrs Jack Quarles of Cowan attended the funeral of Mrs Martin Marugg last Friday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Monday afternoon Music Study Club will be at the home of Mrs E O Norvell Sept. 20th at 8 p. m., Mesdames E B Roberts, J D Northcutt, and Miss Lois Nearn hostess.

Born to Mr and Mrs Horace Moore at the home of Mrs J D Northcutt Sept 18th a fine boy.

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## Coalmont

Mrs Edgar Kennedy of Tullahoma visited Mr and Mrs Pete Conly Sunday.

Mrs E. C. Shelton Jr. of Chattanooga visited Mrs J. W. Dykes this weekend.

Mr W. R. Crowe and son, Chas were in Tracy City one day last week on business.

Mr and Mrs Grady Scruggs of Farlton visited in Coamont Sunday.

Mrs C D. Brown of Tracy City visited Mrs I. S. Brown last week.

Mrs Bob Parmley and David Creighton were in Tracy City, Saturday.

Mr and Mrs S. H. Myers were in Pelham Sunday.

Miss Mildred Caldwell of Birmingham, Ala., is spending a month with her parents here.

Mrs Herbert Richetts and baby spent the weekend in Tracy City with Mr and Mrs Marshall Brookman.

Mr Marvin Tate of McMinnville spent the weekend with his family here.

Colleen Crabtree has been visiting her sister Mrs Alton Geary in Tracy City for the past week.

Jack Frese of Tracy City was in our town one day last week.

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## Pelham

Mrs. Lewis Reaves entertained the young people with a party Saturday evening.

Miss Jammie Gallagher was the guest of Miss Melrose Gilliam, Saturday night.

Funeral services were held here Sunday morning for Kenneth White, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White, of Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitman Taylor were here this week-end visiting homefolks.

Mr. Hagan Hamby and Miss Wlona Arbuckle attended the picture show, Saturday night.

Mrs. L. D. Ramsey is visiting Dr. U. B. Bowden.

Miss June Anderson was the guest of Miss Lenora Burnette, Tuesday night.

Misses Levona Hamby and Lucy Howard spent the week-end with homefolks.

Dr. U. B. Bowden went to Washington, D. C., attending the funeral of his mother.

## LAAGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rollins, of Pikeville, were the guests of Mrs. Sarah Morrison last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnette, of Palmer visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Sunday.

Those attended the funeral of Mr. Rust Brown were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nunley, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ross and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Smartt and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sweeton.

Old White, of Palmer visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Mrs. T. A. Martin was in Palmer, Monday.

Mrs. Leonard Suter and son, Joseph were in Palmer, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sweeton of Tracy City visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sweeton, Sunday.

Misses Eva and Avis Smartt are visiting their grandparents in Farlton.

## Grundy County Tennessee Marriages 1850 - 1874

*Transcribed by John E. Sweeton*

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<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; By Who Solemnized</u>
Page 36 March 12, 1859	Wm. Levan Barbary Layne	March 13, 1859 Jezeal Tate, J.P.
April 6, 1859	J.H. Chitchens Elizabeth Turner	April 7, 1859 Abraham Jones, J.P.
April 14, 1859	John Carr Eliza Smith	April 15, 1859 H. Gilliam
April 16, 1859	Levi Sitz Elizabeth P. Scott	April 17, 1859 Jezeal Tate, J.P.
April 23, 1859	G.W. Bouldin Sarah Walker	April 24, 1859 Enoch Woodlee, J.P.
May 10, 1859	Add Moffett Franky Sims	May 10, 1859 Abraham Jones, J.P.
May 13, 1859	Marion Thompson Nancy Bond	May 16, 1859 H.A. Campbell, J.P.
May 14, 1859	Gerrald J. Campbell Giney Meeks	May 5, 1859 Wm. G. Guinn
Page 37 April 2, 1859	David Patterson Sarah A. Bradshaw	April 14, 1859 Wm. G. Guinn
March 3, 1859	T.F. Sanders Louisa Christian	March 16, 1859 Not given
April 20, 1859	Benjamin Phipps Rebecca Smith	April 20, 1859 Not given
March 1, 1859	Preston Lain Marsha Thomas	March 2, 1859 J.P. Cope, J.P.
May 31, 1859	George Landay Catherine Biblers	May 31, 1859 I.W. Bryant, J.P.
June 1, 1859	John Meeks, Jr. Polly Cope	Not given

<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; By Who Solomnized</u>
June 15, 1859	Stephen Stegall Franky Cogins	June 16, 1859 Wm. C. Bryant, J.P.
June 25, 1859	Wm. Dyer Mary Simmons	June 26, 1859 J.P. Cope, J.P.
Page 38 July 22, 1859	Elbert Fults Isabella Carson	July 24, 1859 E.H. Smith, J.P.
July 28, 1859	Wm. Tate Alender Franklin	July 28, 1859 Jonathan Tipton, J.P.
August 3, 1859	Anderson Nale Thomas Rosey Webb	August 4, 1859 John Burrows, J.P.
August 8, 1859	John Charles Jane Burrows	August 14, 1859 Isaac C. Garretson, J.P.
August 16, 1859	William J. Fults Elizabeth Scott	August 18, 1859 G.J. Christian, J.P.
August 23, 1859	James J. Rhea Caroline Fults	August 24, 1859 G.J. Christian, J.P.
September 3, 1859	James Kilgore Sarah Timmons	Not given
September 17, 1859	Silas F. Burrows Nelly Perry	September 18, 1859 John Burrows, J.P.
September 19, 1859	Byrd Lusk Catherine Lusk	September 20, 1859 S.J. Christian, J.P.
September 27, 1859	Martin Gilliam Emaline G. Patton	Not given
October 14, 1859	James Rhea Mary Winton	November 7, 1859 S.J. Christian, J.P.
November 5, 1859	John Anglin Tabitha Levan	November 6, 1859 Jonathan Tipton, J.P.
December 15, 1859	James Jackson Nancy Kilgore	December 24, 1859 Wm. G. Guinn
Page 40 November 11, 1859	Chas. Killiam Mary Dykes	November 15, 1859 Abraham Jones, J.P.

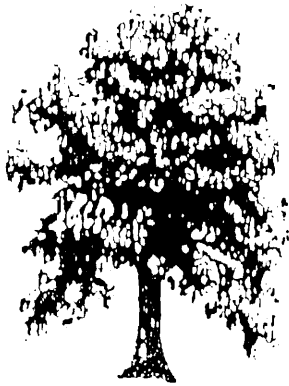


<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; By Who Solomnized</u>
November 26, 1859	Erwin Northcut Samanthy Wooten	November 27, 1859 S.J. Christian, J.P.
December 26, 1859	George S. Tipps Mary Parks	December 28, 1859 H.H. Hocker, M.G.
December 16, 1859	John Dykes Margaret Walker	December 22, 1859 Elijah Walker, J.P.
January 10, 1860	John Lusk Rhoda Lusk	January 10, 1860 S.J. Christian, J.P.
October 15, 1859	Bartly Copman Vickey Burrell	October 15, 1859 G.W. Park
January 16, 1860	John Wooten Sarah Lusk	Not given
January 19, 1860	Wm. Ingram Nancy Scott	January 22, 1860 S.J. Christian, J.P.
Page 41 January 28, 1860	Martin Dykes Sarah Tate	January 29, 1860 Elijah Walker, J.P.
February 18, 1860	Zebedee Campbell Jane Campbell	Not given
March 7, 1860	E.W. Bond Elizabeth Ann James	March 8, 1860 Elijah Walker, J.P.
February 4, 1860	James Lockhart Tennessee Massingale	February 4, 1860 Elijah Walker, J.P.
March 13, 1860	James C. Patrick Mary Fults	March 13, 1860 A. Northcut, J.P.
March 11, 1860	John Hobbs Prudy Brown	March 12, 1860 Jonathan Tipton, J.P.
October 15, 1859	Bartley Cofeman Vickey Burrell	Not given
Page 42 March 21, 1860	Joseph A. Patton Eurora Woodlee	March 21, 1860 I.W. Bryant, J.P.
October 15, 1860	Patrick Tray Elizabeth Bennet	Not given

<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; By Who Solomnized</u>
February 9, 1860	Patty Welch Nancy Meeks	Not given
April 28, 1860	John Brown Mary Ann Pearson	April 29, 1860 Richard Bradford, J.P.
May 11, 1860	Timothy Castleberry Rebecca A. Arnold	May 11, 1860 G.W. Parks, J.P.
June 19, 1860	Alexander Hobbs Sarah Jane Smartt	June 19, 1860 A. Northcut, J.P.
May 2, 1860	James L. Knight Martha J. Layne	May 2, 1860 A.E. Couston, J.P.
Page 43 September 3, 1860	Nathan Reeves Malinda Kilgore	September 4, 1860 T.W. Bryant, J.P.
September 19, 1860	A.J. Parker Eliza Street	September 20, 1860 John W. Hale, J.P.
September 26, 1860	John L. Winkler Margaret Parks	October 2, 1860 G. Price, M.G.
October 18, 1860	William H. Lusk Cynthia Warren	October 19, 1860 John Burrows, J.P.
October 24, 1860	Archibald Hobbs Martha Bone	October 24, 1860 H.A. Campbell, J.P.
December 27, 1860	John Oliver Thursey Turner	December 27, 1860 H.A. Campbell, J.P.
December 18, 1860	Willis Warren Anabell Powell	Not given
Page 44 December 8, 1860	Washington Ransome Cynthia Rodgers	December 9, 1860 L. Brown, J.P.
November 1, 1860	R.M. Campbell Mary Ann Burrows	Not given
January 22, 1861	Elisha Crouch Mary L. Lowe	January 24, 1861 S.D. Guinn, J.P.
January 26, 1861	James Hobbs Sarah Dykes	'return not executed'

## Queries

- 46/97 TABOR?ROSS: Seeking parents of Nancy Tabor b. about 1796, VA. Married John R. Ross b. abt. 1795, VA. Their ch. were : 1) Mary 2) Angelina 3) Delia 4) John 5)Edward 6)Leroy 7)Elizabeth 8)Martha. Lived and died in Grundy County. Mary Tate Brooks HCR 77. Box 81, Coalmont, TN. 37313
- 47/97 MYERS-COULSON-SHELTON; Wish help and happy to exchange on the family history of Thomas Jefferson Myers (MYRES) and Georgia Ann Shelton, md. Grundy County, 1878. His parents were Robert Soward Myres and Sarah Jane COULSON, of Coffee Co.  
Mrs. Dola S. Tylor 105 Wineberry Drive Winchester, VA. 22603-4251
- 48/97 HALE, Rachel: Seeking information , especially parents and siblings of Rachel Hale, Born: 1820. Married Commodore Nunley of Grundy Co. TN.  
WANAMAKER, Jacob Seeking info on parents and siblings of Jacob Wanamaker, Born ca. 1800 in S.C. Died Dec. 23, 1893 Grundy County, TN  
Jacine Wanamaker Denton 200 Wanamaker Lane McMinnville, TN 37110
- 49/97 PURDOM: Seeking information on William Purdom and his son, Wiley Purdom. William, born 1818, NC, died ? When and where? William married Lydia Fultz of Tracy City. William Purdom deserted Confederate Army, may have been executed for spying. Any help for family Chronicle in process is appreciated.  
Jim Pyatt P.O. Box 221 Wellington, NV 89444
- 50/97 STEPP, W.C. married Amanda ? Children: dau. Lucy Pearl; J.W.; F.M.; sons; Ardilyie md. J.C. Thompson; Dellia md. Andy Campbell; Nannie md. A.J. Cowan; and J.C. Stepp. W. C. Stepp was a partner in W. C. Stepp and Sons, Liverymen in Warren County, TN Any information appreciated.  
Ruth Ann Fults P.O. Box 147 Altamont, TN. 37301
- 51/97 TATE ; BROWN Who were the parents of Elizabeth Tate, born 7 March, 1846.. Elizabeth md. Russell Lasater Brown, he was born 1842. Need parents and siblings of this Elizabeth Tate. Any information appreciated.  
Mona G. Moreland Box 1031 Duncan, OK 73534
- 52/97 SARTAIN Looking for information on the families of Thomas Sartain, Lewis Sartain ,Edison Sartain, Edison md. Lydia Mae Fults, Louis (Lewis?) md. Bettie Jane Dickerson.  
Some members of this family are said to be buried in the Sartain Cemetery and the Bethel Cemetery. Who are the caretakers of these cemeteries?Where are they located? Thanks.  
Marie Mondragon 160 Wiseman Twin Falls, ID 83301



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*In consideration of being accepted as a member, and for the duration of membership in the Grundy County Historical Society, I pledge that:*

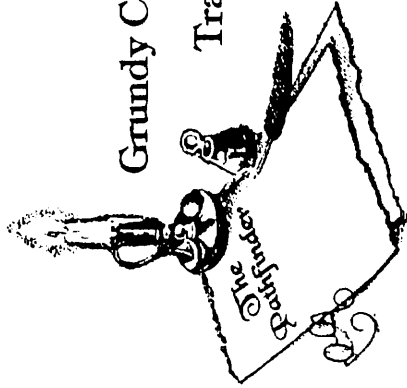
- 1. I will assist in locating and preserving public and private records and in making such records available to members of this society and to the general public.*
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- 3. I will support the programs and policies of this society.*

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**Note from the Editor***Anna G. Goforth*

This is our most ambitious issue yet! We have had a wonderful response from members sending in material for publication.

Our new feature *Neighbors in Grundy County in 1850* by *Dola S. Tylor* will be continued in future issues as will the *1850-1874 Marriages* by *John E. Sweeton*. We have two more articles of the *Special Census of Grundy County 1870 and 1880* by *Charles Sherrill*. We hope you are enjoying these continued features. *Letters between Sisters* by *Edgar H. Gross* gives us an insight in the lives of Grundy Countains in the early 1900's.

Please continue to send in your articles, your family histories and other material to be added to our collection in The Root Cellar.

**Memorials**

In memory of David Winfred Griswold  
 In memory of my teacher, Miss Lucille Murphy  
 In memory of RosaLee Flury McCormick

from Anna G. Goforth  
 from Maude R. Melton  
 from Anna G. Goforth

**President's Message***by Catherine Flury*

The year is almost gone and it has been a good year for the Grundy County Historical Society. Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds.

We have met many people visiting The Root Cellar this summer. We have added lots of new books, some we have purchased but a number have been donated that we appreciated. We are making plans to have a reader-printer in operation before too long.

We are looking forward to our present members going with us through this next year and adding new ones.

**Acquisitions**

"Mountain Laurel" issues 1944 and 1945 from Frances Fults  
 Copy of the original deed to the Moffatt house in Monteagle from Frances Fults  
 Ezeal Tate and descendents 4 pages from Dola S. Tylor  
 Laminated copies of the first five issues of "The Pathfinder" from Karl Moreland  
 Stationery of former Grundy County sheriff John Cline from Inez Winton  
 Swiss Colony 1869; a copy of the book translated from the German language from  
 Catherine Flury. (Wince and Dorothy Mayes had the book translated in to English.)  
 Palmer Garden Club Year Books for 1936, 1937, 1939 from Dorothy Schaefer  
 Mountain Beautiful Garden Club scrapbook for 1975-1979 from Margaret Pickett  
 Copy of a song "Ten Million Strong" written by John H. Marable from Fritz Flury  
 Tennessee School Register: September 2, 1929 through May 16, 1930 of the first grade  
 taught by Miss Franklin Abernathy at Shook School from Catherine Flury  
 Minutes of the Mt. Oak Primitive Baptist Church from 1870 to 1883 kept by Calvin  
 Calhoun Dykes from Virginia O'Brien  
 Descendants of Ada Alice Smith and Charles Marsee 6 pages and copy of their marriage  
 record from the family Bible from Tricia Northrup  
 Sam Tucker and Susana Warren and related families from Tricia Northrup

**Books for Sale**

Books for review and to sell should have a brief description of contents, price, name and address of seller. This information will be printed in four issues of *The Pathfinder*. We ask that a copy be donated to our Genealogy Collection, based in *The Root Cellar* at the Tracy City Library.

Back issues of *The Pathfinder* are \$3.00 each. Post Paid

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Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records 1850-1880 \$24.00 Post Paid

Charles Sherrill 1023 Waters Edge Circle Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Grundy County Earliest Deeds 1850-1867 \$24.00 Post Paid

Charles (Chuck) Sherrill 1023 Waters Edge Circle Mt. Juliet, TN 38122

**Grundy County in 1860**  
**As revealed by the special census schedules**  
*By Charles A. Sherrill*

Continued from Volume II, Number 2

On the eve of the Civil War, Grundy County was experiencing a prosperity boom. The population had grown about 10% since 1850, to 3,093. And Grundy's rank in the state had increased so that there were now three counties smaller than Grundy (Lawrence, Sequatchie and Union). The number of slaves in the county had increased at about the same rate as the white population, but the number of free blacks and mulattoes had actually decreased by one, perhaps because of a growing intolerance for free blacks in Southern communities.<sup>1</sup>

There are 276 farms represented on the agricultural schedules of 1860. Larger farms were more common in 1860 than in 1850, as the number of farmers with 200 or more "improved" acres had doubled to 13. The number of farms containing between 100 and 200 improved acres remained about the same as in 1850, at 32. Alexander Patton continued to have the largest number of acres under cultivation: 730 acres.

A total of 16,902 improved acres were reported, indicating that farmers had cleared and planted nearly 2,000 acres of "new ground" since the 1850 census. Many farmers continued to keep most of their land in pasture and woodland, however. Arthur Long, Jesse Wooten and Jourdin Sanders each had more than 5,000 acres of unimproved land under their control in 1860. Alexander Patton added more than 1,000 unimproved acres to his plantation during the decade, leaving him with a total of 2,873 acres in all when the 1860 census was taken.

Patton's farm still had the highest cash valuation in the county, listed at \$35,900 in 1860. Next in line were Solomon Goodman (\$22,000) and Isaac C. Garretson (\$21,700). Patton and Goodman were neighbors in the fertile Pelham valley, while Garretson lived in the first district, in the northwest corner of the county near Viola in Warren County. Although Adrian Northcut still retained large acreage both improved and unimproved, five others had farms with a total cash value greater than his by 1860.

Livestock had grown in value, and A.E. Patton's leading total of \$7841 was nearly double the amount he had reported in 1850. Although Patton had more farm animals in 1860, the value of each animal was also greater. Nine farmers reported the value of their livestock at more than \$2000, whereas in the previous decade only Patton and Alfred Braley had passed that mark. Likewise, the 1860 schedules show 35 farms with livestock valued at over \$1000, compared with only 11 in 1850.

In nearly every category of livestock, the persons having the largest number of that animal in 1860 had a great many more than the similar figure for 1850. For example, Adrian Northcut's record 14 horses in 1850 was far surpassed by Patton's 32 and William Dugan's 30 in 1860. In 1850 the highest number of oxen owned had been eight, but in 1860 Charles Green had 30 and Patton had 18. The other categories show similar increases, indicating that the wealthiest Grundy County farms in 1860 were considerably more prosperous than those of 1850.



**Grundy County in 1860**  
**As revealed by the special census schedules**  
*By Charles A. Sherrill*

Whereas fewer than half of the farmers in 1850 had owned an ox, more than 100 farms boasted a pair or more in 1860. Daniel Layne, who lived on a prosperous 100-acre farm, must have been a breeder or trader, as he reported owning 20 oxen. Only 25 farms did not report owning a horse in 1860, and 15 farms had 10 horses or more. Milk cows, providing milk and butter for even the smallest of households, were reported by all but six of the farms. The six cow-less people were probably living on property adjoining other family members who supplied them with milk and butter.

Adam Fults' sheep flocks, the county's largest in 1850, had declined slightly during the decade to number 45, but Alexander Patton had doubled his flock to the county's largest with 94, and Patton produced 90 lbs. of wool. As in 1850, about 15 other farms had sheep flocks amounting to 25 or more.

Significant changes in the quantity and types of crops grown in the county had also occurred since 1850. Farmers tended to grow larger quantities of the crops they chose to grow, and to diversify less. Production of marginal crops such as flax, cotton and rye began to die out in favor of "best sellers" like wheat and corn. Although increases in livestock certainly mandated that more feed crops be grown, at least some of this change can be attributed to improving transportation, which allowed the more prosperous Grundy County farmers greater opportunities for shipping surplus crops to markets outside the county.

Crop production in general, like livestock ownership, grew by leaps and bounds between 1850 and 1860. The largest producers of nearly every crop in 1860 had doubled the numbers over the 1850 record-holders. Indian corn saw the greatest increase: William Rhea's 10,500 bushels in 1850 was dwarfed by the production of Wiatt Humble and J.G. Willis in 1860, each of whom produced more than 25,000 bushels

The schedules show 38 farms reporting a tobacco crop in 1860. The largest producers were Joseph Green Willis, who grew 620 pounds of tobacco on an 85 acre farm, and Mahala Tucker, widow of William Tucker, who produced 500 pounds of tobacco on her 45 acres. Both of these farms were in the neighborhood of Pelham. It is interesting to note that the Tuckers had not even reported experimenting in tobacco in 1850.

Isaac Lane appears to have been the most eclectic farmer in Grundy County at this time. His farm of 45 improved acres could boast some of nearly every type of livestock and crop. He produced both Irish and sweet potatoes, butter, honey, rye, tobacco and flax seed. Remarkably, he also reported producing two pounds of silk cocoons. The difficult process of raising silkworms had been introduced in New England as early as 1810, but few in Tennessee had the courage to try it.<sup>ii</sup> Indeed, no one else in any of the counties surrounding Grundy reported any silk production in 1860. The population schedule shows that Lane was an illiterate 49-year old farmer born in Kentucky. His children had been born in Tennessee as early as 1842, but he was apparently not part of the large Layne clan of Grundy County.<sup>iii</sup>

**Grundy County in 1860**  
**As revealed by the special census schedules**  
*By Charles A. Sherrill*

The number of farms producing cotton dropped drastically in Grundy County between 1850 and 1860. In 1850 about a dozen Grundy County farmers were producing small quantities of cotton, but a decade later the number had shrunk to two. Jacob Sanders and A.E. Patton each produced two bales in 1860. In like manner, the production of flax and flax seed was discontinued on most farms as well. In 1860 only John Gross produced any flax and only Howel Baker and Isaac Lane produced flax seed. Another crop which saw reduced production was oats: in 1850 more than 20,00 bushels were grown in Grundy County, but in 1860 just under 5,000 bushels were reported.

The following farmers held the #1 place in 1860 for the category listed:

Land

Improved Acres	A.E. Patton (730), S.P. Goodman (700)
Unimproved Acres	Arthur Long (7960?), Jesse Wooten (7213)
Cash Value of Farm	A.E. Patton (\$35,900), S.P. Goodman (\$22,000)

Livestock

Animals slaughtered	William Rhea (\$2475), A.E. Patton (\$1000)
Horses	A.E. Patton (32), William Dugan (30)
Milch Cows	Charles Green (30), Adrian Northcut (20)
Mules	Charles Green (30), A.E. Patton (18)
Other Cattle	Adrian Northcut (35), John Mecks (27)
Oxen	Daniel Layne (20), Adrian Northcut and S.P. Goodman (12 each)
Sheep	A.E. Patton (94), Adam Fults (45)
Swine	I.C. Garretson (225), Jesse Wooten (140)

Crops & Produce

Beeswax (pounds)	Nathan Fultz (30), Isham Rust (18)
Butter (pounds)	S.P. Goodman (600), Harris Gilliam (500)
Flax (pounds)	John Gross (75)
Flax Seed (pounds)	Howel Barker, Isaac Lane (200 each)
Grass Seed (pounds)	Wiatt Humble and William Smith (50 each)
Hay (tons)	Adrian Northcut (30), James Woodlee (20)
Honey (pounds)	Nathan Fultz (1100), John Warren (500)
Indian Corn (bushels)	Wiatt Humble (27,270), J.G. Willis (25,330)
Irish Potatoes (bushels)	Joseph Sweeton (125), Allen Myres and Emanuel Nunley (110 each)
Maple Sugar (pounds)	Adrian Northcut (200), H.A. Campbell and John Barret (100 each)
Oats (bushels)	Wiatt Humble (1378), Lucinda Mooney (500)
Peas & Beans (bushels)	S.P. Goodman (100), Campbell Henley (50)
Rye (bushels)	Adrian Northcut (200), A.E. Patton (115)
Sweet Potatoes (bushels)	Harris Gilliam (400), S.P. Goodman (350)
Tobacco (pounds)	J.G. Willis (620), Mahala Tucker (500)
Wheat (bushels)	A.E. Patton (1250), S.P. Goodman (600)
Wool (pounds)	Wiatt Humble (912), J.G. Willis (578)

**Grundy County in 1860**  
**As revealed by the special census schedules**  
*By Charles A. Sherrill*

The mortality schedule for 1860 reported 52 deaths during the census year. Of these, 22 were infants of one year or less. The reporting does not appear to have been very complete, with many listings showing only "disease unknown" for the cause of death. Three slave deaths were included, but only the first name of the slave is given, with no indication of who the owner may have been. The oldest person shown on this list of deaths was James Walker, farmer and minister, who died at the age of 88.

The 1860 slave census schedules, like those of 1850, stimulate more questions than answers. The schedule shows 63 households owning slaves, with 266 slaves distributed among them. Half of those households owned only one or two slaves. Alexander Patton again tops the list with 34 slaves, four fewer than he reported in 1850. John Armfield, owner of the resort hotel at Beersheba Springs, reported 32 slaves. Most of Armfield's slaves were very young, and his slave family included seven 5-year-old girls. No one else in the county other than Patton and Armfield owned more than fifteen slaves.

The oldest slave in the county was an 83-year-old female in the household of William Hince Willis. The addition of a column for reporting the number of slave houses on each farm in this census year provides a glimpse into the social life of the period. A remarkable 42 out of 60 slave-owning households did not maintain a separate residence for the slaves. This indicates that slaves and masters were living in the same house in most cases, even at the home of wealthy planter Adrian Northcut who reported nine slaves as part of his household.

Although the original Products of Industry schedules for Grundy County have apparently been lost, the published summary of census data shows that 13 manufacturing establishments were enumerated in 1860. These businesses employed 32 male workers (no females) and produced an estimated \$43,000 in goods. The 13 businesses were: 3 blacksmithing; 1 boots & shoes; 2 flour & meal; 1 leather; 1 planed lumber; 4 sawed lumber; 1 saddlery & harness.<sup>iv</sup>

Of these operations, the largest was a lumber mill producing planed (as opposed to sawed) lumber. This mill employed only two people but produced some \$12,000 worth of lumber in the census year. This was one of only four such mills in Tennessee at the time. In the entire state of Tennessee in 1860, only 12,528 workers were employed in manufacturing businesses (including one- or two-man operations such as blacksmith shops and mills). In Grundy County and in Tennessee statewide, only 1% of the population was so employed.<sup>v</sup>

Footnotes:

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<sup>i</sup> Population of the United States in 1860... (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1864). Page 466.

<sup>ii</sup> World Book Encyclopedia. (Chicago: World Book Inc., 1987). Volume 17, page 462.

<sup>iii</sup> Population schedules of the eighth census of the United States (Washington: National Archives, 1967). Microfilm roll 1252, Grundy County, Tennessee, Civil District 5, page 26.

<sup>iv</sup> Manufactures of the United States in 1860... (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1865). Page 565

<sup>v</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 565.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Altamont, Tennessee**

*Submitted by Mary Tate Brooks*

The residents of Grundy County and also Warren County were first introduced to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or the "Mormons" in the latter part of the 1800's.

Missionaries from Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and Utah, serving the Southern States Mission with headquarters in Chattanooga, came to Tracy City, Tennessee by train, then they walked to Altamont, then down the mountain to Northcutt's Cove, (called Larsen at that time) and on to McMinnville in Warren County.

Each Elder carried their luggage, or grips as they were called, and an umbrella. Their grips usually contained a Bible, Book of Mormon, Tracts, shoe brush and blacking, razor and soap, paper and pen, and an extra change of clothing.

The missionaries carried no money and thus depended on the good will of the people who lived on the route they followed for food and shelter.

After the first missionaries came thru the area and visited in the homes of friendly persons, they would tell the ones who came later where they could get food and a nights lodging.

Several families in Northcutt's Cove were receptive to the message of the restored gospel and some of them were baptized in 1896.

In the years that followed they held their meetings in the homes of the members, but as the membership grew, there was a great need for a building where they could hold their church service.

Plans were made to build a chapel. A building committee was organized as follows: John Tipton, Bill Tanner, Rueben Smartt, Henry Smartt, and Beecher Smartt. John Tipton and wife, Belle, donated the land for the building site.

Many members and nonmembers donated material and labor for construction. After many months the building was erected and Henry Smartt and Albert Fults made the wooden benches for the seating.

The white frame building sheathed with its original weather boards, has a rectangular sanctuary, with a vestibule in the base of the Bell Tower. It was completed and dedicated in 1909. this chapel is the oldest "Mormon" church in Tennessee and one of the oldest in the Southeastern United States.

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Altamont , Tennessee**

Today this chapel stands in the Northcutts Cove, North of Altamont, as a monument to the faith and hard work of the early members of the church in this area,

A cemetery is located to the east of the chapel which primarily contains graves of early members of the congregation. It is still used for occasional burials of local "Mormon" families.

One day two missionaries came by, on their way to the cove and stopped at the Hiram Fults ' home and asked for a drink of water. After a short rest and a cool drink of water, they discussed their mission for the church with some family members. They left some pamphlets then continued on their way to the cove.

After reading the literature and discussing the message the Elders had brought to them, they were so impressed that one of the daughters walked approximately one mile to the home of her brother, Lewis Fults, to share the message with him and his family. They were very interested and as the missionaries continued to come through the area they would stay several days and nights with the Fults family.

On August 11, 1914, Lewis F. Fults and wife, Elizabeth, were baptized into the church by Elder Sprague. They continued to live in the Hurrican community until 1920, then moved to Altamont. For several years they were the only "Mormon" family living in Altamont, but as time passed others joined the church and some members from the Cove moved to Altamont.

As the missionaries continued to visit the area there was still no chapel to have their meetings in, so they continued to hold services in the homes of members until 1943. Lewis Fults got permission to have Sunday School and the Conferences in the Grundy County Court House. During this time the dream was finally becoming a reality. The building of a chapel had begun.

A lot on the North side of the Court had been purchased from the Alto Lodge No. 478 F&AM on September 14, 1939.

For several years Brother Fults had been impressed with the beauty of a church building in Monteagle, Tennessee. It was rock veneered and had a bell tower at the entrance, so he proceeded to design the Altamont Chapel in a similar manner.

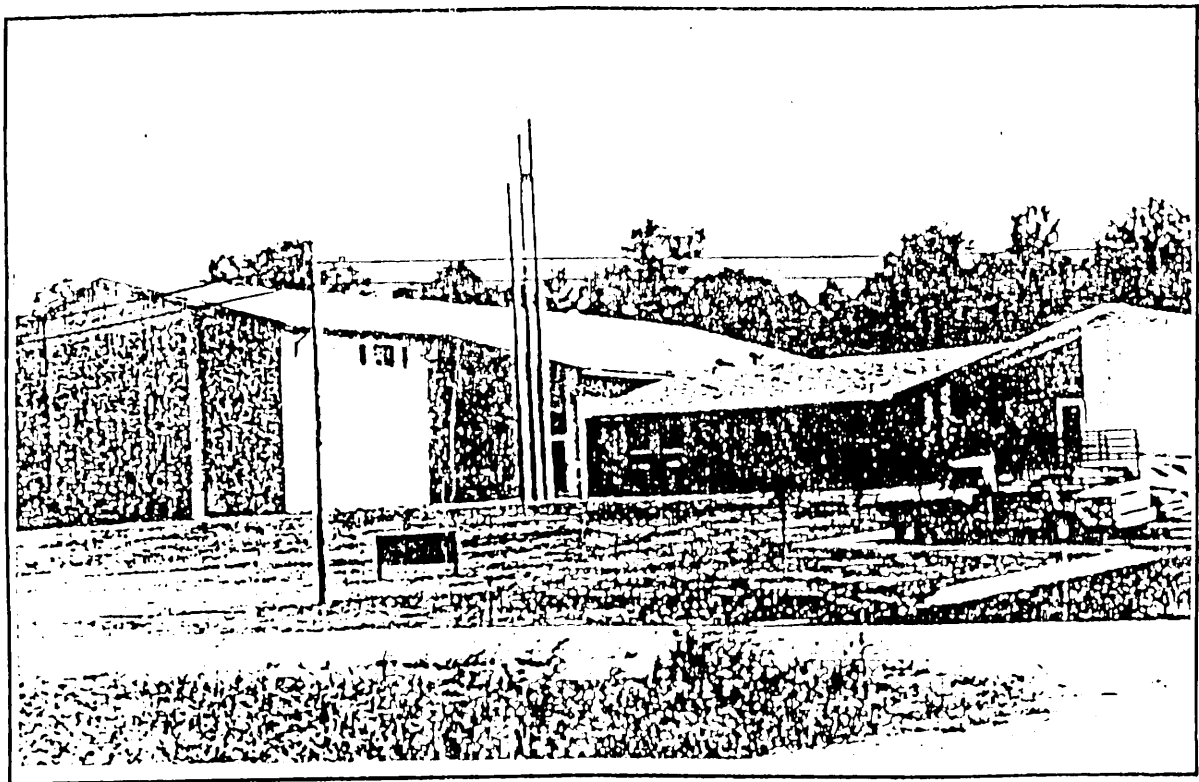
With money and labor donated mostly by members and several "working missionaries" sent here by the church, the chapel was built. The native stone for the veneer was gathered from the nearby creek beds.

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Altamont, Tennessee**

The chapel was dedicated in 1947 by Elder Henry D. Moyle. Services were held in this building from 1946 until 1981. As the membership increased to approximately 250 members, it was evident that a larger chapel would have to be built to accommodate the large numbers. At this time they were considered to be a Ward.

In 1980, the ground was broken for a new chapel to be built about one mile West of the old chapel on Highway 108, now known as the Chester Fults Highway. With a lot of hard work and sacrifice, the first two phases were finished and moved into in the Spring of 1981. The third phase was completed in December of 1981.

Upon moving into the new building in December of 1981, the organization of the Ward was as follows: Bishop Earl David Campbell; First Counselor Gary D. Miller; Second Counselor Jerry Killian; Ward Clerk Arthur D. Killian; Secretary Ronnie Jones; Relief Society President Linda Stone; First Counselor Karlene Barrett; Second Counselor Evelyn Presley and Debbie Richardson; and secretary Jeweldine Whitman.



### **New Altamont LDS Chapel**

The ground breaking took place in 1980. The building was completed in the spring of 1981. The 3rd phase was completed in December of 1981. The Chapel was dedicated in 1982.

**Women of Grundy County: Lillie Mae Smith Gross***By Edgar H. Gross*

This issue of *Women of Grundy County* is a series of letters to Lillie Smith Gross; one from her mother and the others from her sisters. These letters reflect the love and devotion the sisters felt for each other and their struggles in the hardships of the times. Their visits were infrequent but they kept in touch by letters. In those days it took a day to travel from Beersheba Springs to Tracy City, now we go in a matter of minutes.

**Letter from Sarah Scruggs Smith (Mrs. John Calvin Smith) to her daughter, Lillie Mae (Mrs Floyd Lawson Gross)**

**Beersheba Springs**

**May the 4 1893**

**Lillie and Floyd I sit down this morning to drop you a fine line to let you all know how we are getting along. We are all well as can expect except your Pa. I think he is a lot better. That is he dont sufer as bad as he did. Lillie I want you to see Mrs. Fitch any sent just any thing coffe or anything you can get we are needing it bad . Well Lillie what is little Bright Eyes doing this morning bless his little heart I wish I could see you all this morning. Lillie how is Mrs. Hill getting along Tell Laura whenever you see her that I will right to her in a few days Tell her that Mr. Brown is here He says to right they are all well Well Lillie I am in a hurry I haft to go to Beersheba I will close Right me a long letter I want to here from you all. Frank say tell you come see me and bring \_\_\_?\_\_baby. Lillie read this if you can I will try and do better next time**

**Good by for this time**

**rite soon**

**(signed) S S Smith**

**to floyd Lillie and  
the baby**

Note: The baby (Bright Eyes) is Edgar Harrison Gross, born October 25, 1892

Post card from Ida Coppinger to her sister Lillie Gross

Post marked Beersheba Springs, Tenn.

dated April 3, 1915

Dear Lillie - Was indeed glad to get your card. We are all quite well. Hope yoy all are still well. You must come over as soon as you can. I am going to see Ethel in a few days. Wishing you all a joyful Easter.

Your sister  
Ida C.

**Women of Grundy County: Lillie Mae Smith Gross***by Edgar H. Gross*

Letter from Mrs. Ernest Meeks (Nora) to her sister Mrs. Floyd Gross (Lillie Mae)

Beersheba Tenn.

Feb. 9 '03

Dear Lillie and family

I thought I would write you a few lines in ans to your letter and send by Luther. I was glad to get your letter and glad you are all well. This leaves us all very well. Pa is not much well either. He has had the colic for several days but this morning he was better and he went to Beersheba and he hasent come home yet. Lillie I hope this will find you all well and enjoying life. I would love awful well to see you it seems so long since I last saw you. I was glad the children has good health out there. Lillie you take good care of your sweet self and dont take cold. Lillie last night Mr. Vick Tate's baby got burned to death. Oh I cant hardly stand to think a bout it and it was such a sweet little thing. Mrs. Tate was gone to milk and left the children in the house. Well the largest girl wasent at home and Martha was with the baby and it set down in front of the fire place and it said it wanted to warm its feet and its dress caught on fire and the little girl was scared and tryed to put out the fire and when she called for her mama it was too late. Mr. and Mrs Tate will almost go crazy. Lillie mind Clyde good and all the dear children and dont let the play a bout the fire for it is so dangerous.

Well it is getting late and I must close and get ready and go out there. Ida is fixing to bake light bread and Mattie is down here today she is fixing to wash some this eve. I washed this morning. Lillie I want to see you all so bad you said you was a little homesick. You must come for we are all wanting to see you awful bad.

Frank said he was most crazy to go out there You must let Edgar come over and stay a while with Frank. I am coming out the very first chance Ida said she would send you some papers by Luther and would send some more after a while Well Lillie excuse bad wrighting and write real soon.

from your ittle Sisie  
to Lillie Floyd & children

You ought to see little Tootsy. She is as sweet as ever.

Write soon

good bye

Nora

Pa just came back from B. and he said Mrs Tate in trying to put out the fire burned her hands awful bad (it is too bad)



**Women of Grundy County: Lillie Mae Smith Gross***By Edgar H. Gross*

Tarlton, Tenn.

April 13 '03

Mrs. Lillie Gross and all

My Precious Sister

I take great pleasure in answering your most kind and welcome letter which I received several days ago and was truly glad to hear from you and glad that you are all well. This leaves us all well as common except myself I have not been feeling well for some time I just feel weak and you know I all ways look bad in the spring and dont eat much. Lillie I would just give anything if I could see you all. I am sure going to come out there this summer if it is so I possibly can. I would rather get started to your house than any wher. Well Lillie I dont know of anything new to write to you that would be worth reading. Well Lillie I commenced writing last night but the baby waked up and I had to quit So I will try and finish this morning. Lillie you ought to be over here today with me. I have just put on a pot of peas for dinner. Yes Lillie if you was here I would cook you all the eggs you could eat but I couldnt promise you anything else. I have been getting a heap of eggs but not so many now. I havent got but five young chickens but will have more in a few days I have got three hens setting now I am going to rais all the chickens that I can this spring. You ought to see the baby now He is the best little thing you ever saw and grows like a pig We have not named hin yet I recond we will just let him name himself. You must send me another name Morgan and Mabel has growed lots since you left they talk nearly all the time about your children Dochia said to tell Ethel she wanted her to come over and stay a while with her. Pa and Frank came down yesterday and stayed nearly all day with us. Pa is not much well now he is down in his back. He said Eddy was not very well he has been having his spells. Lillie you ought to be over and help me quilt I have got one up and got it a bout half done and have two more I want to quilt just as soon as I can. I dont get much time to quilt I have too much else to do. I have planted nearly all of my garden I havent planted any beans yet the grown stays so cold and wet but I am going to plant them just as soon as the grown gets try enough I have got some onions and peas. We went down to Mr. Hill's Sat and stayed till sunday eve they are all well but Marion he got his leg broke about two weeks ago but he is getting along very well now. Laura's folks are well except the baby it has been puny for a day or two. Well Lilly it is getting about dinner time and I will have to quit and get dinner so I guess I had better bring this fine letter to a close I dont know whether you can read it or not Mr Isic Walker is here an him and Ben is talking as hard as they can clatter and I dont know what I have wrote. So write me a long letter in answ & excuse all mistakes.

as ever yours Lou Hill

## Women of Grundy County: Lillie Mae Smith Gross

*by Edgar H. Gross*

Second letter from Lou Hill to her sister Lillie Gross

Tarlton, Tenn.

Feb. 6, 1905

Dear Lillie and Floyd

My dear sister I will try and answer your letter which was received yesterday. Was truly glad to here from you all and glad that you are all well this leaves us all well at present Morgan and Mabel has not been well but the have got a bout well again and they are about as mean as they ever was. Well Lillie you dont know now I couldnt tell you how bad I want to see you all. it Seams like it has been a year since I saw you. Lillie dont put off till next fall to com for you know that we cant wait that long to see you all. Well Lillie we are getting along very well. I am busy nearly all the time but cant see that I prosper any thing at all. I am employed most of the time tending to "kids". We havent named the "gal" yet. I like the name you gave and would call it that but Ben dont like the Arnold but he says the Hase(?) will do. You know how Ben is he just talks any way. I will put something else to Hase(?). Lillie you ought to see Laura's boy it is the sweetest little thing you ever saw it looks like a doll it has got such a head of hair. Tell Edgar Ethel Claude and Clyde that Dacha and Morgan and Mabel Said that they ought to be here and help them play they have awful times they have got them all a doll a peice Morgan calls his Pete and Mabel calls hers Diner they are now just having all kinds of monkey shines with them. Lillie I would love to come out there and stay a bout a month with you all but I dont know when I will get to come. Pa came down and stayed all day with us yesterday he said they was all well. Well Lillie I dont know of any thing new to write to you. I never could write a letter no way that's worth reading. We are having some very bad disagreeable weather now. the river has been full for several days. Tell Ethel that Dachia said tell her to write to her and she would answer her letter. She will send her a peice of her new dress and see how she likes it and I will send her little pen that I have had so long and another one as well. Lillie as it is getting late I guess I had better bring this fine letter yo close. The kids is making so much noyse that I dont hardly know what I am writing So if you will excuse all mistakes I will remain as ever your sister

Lou Hill

Write soon and a long letter

**Women of Grundy County: Lillie Mae Smith Gross***by Edgar H. Gross*

Beersheba Springs

Sept 3, 1905

Dear Lillie and family

I thought I would write you a few words to night to let you here from us we are all very well at present and trust this will find you all well and in the very best of health. Well Lillie I guess you thank that I dont care any thing a bout you allby not writing some but no my precious sister that is not it there is not a day nor hardly an hour but what I thank of you all. I just hate to write a letter so bad and just keep putting it off. and you know that I never could write a letter no way so you must not think hard of me this time. Well Lillie I havent much news to write to you that would worth reading. Lillie you just dont know how bad I want to see you all. What is the children doing do they go to school? Dochie and Morgan is going ever day Morgan hasint missed but 1/2 day he likes to go. Tell Clyde and /claude that he has got a little slate and a new book and thanks there is nothing like them. they have got a nice young man for a teacher. I can here him Ida and Della now singing up at Sterling's he seems to be a good religious boy his name is Marvin Green his home is at Pelham I think. Well Lillie you just ought to see my boy he is the finest thing you ever saw. he grows like a little pig and is a good baby. we havent decided on his name yet. we may call him Marshall I think that is a rite pretty name and it suits the other children more. Ben wants to call him Bennie and I told him it would be called little Ben I think Ben is a pretty name but I dont like the name of Bennie. Lillie youought to see Tim's baby it is a site it is so fat it looks like it was six months old insted of three. she named him Raymond they came over fryday and went back today. they stayed with us one night. Well Lillie I guess I had better close for this time as it is getting bed time and the flees is just about to eat me up 'more or less' so you must not get mad at me for not writing sooner. say Lillie ant you going to come over before long I do hope and trust that you will for I want to see you so bad and it looks like I cant never get the chance to come out there. do come Lillie how is Laura and her boy getting along. I have been swerving her like I have you. I have been aiming to write to her for some time and havent done it yet but tell her I will write in a few days. so Lillie write soon and come when you can. Ben has gon down in Beersheba and the kids are all asleep and I am a little bit lonesome so I will quit and go to bed. Now write soon and a greast big long letter. Pa's folks are all well as common. Tell Ethel that Dachie just got her letter today and she will answer it before long. So good by. Your loving sister

Lou Hill

Women of Grundy County: Lillie Mae Smith Gross

by Edgar H. Gross

Beersheba Springs

July 30, 1906

Dear Lilly and all

I thought I would write a few words to let you hear from us. This leaves us all well but me I am not much well. I have been nearly down with my kidney and something like drink chills but I am feeling lots better now than I did. I am taking Swamp Root medicine and I think I will get all wright. Well lillie how are you getting along now I do hope and pray you are getting stout again do you cough yet. if you do lillie you get you some old Dr. Bell's pine tar honey. I believe that will help you and dont you do no more than you can possibly help. I know how you are you will go and do when you ought to be in bed you must take care of yourself. Well Lillie the letter you wrote the 14 I just got it night before last I believe it was Ben took it out of the office and carried it in his pocket all this time he forgot to give it to me. I was so anxious to here from you I was a fraid you wasent able to write. Lillie have you caned any more berries. I filled 34 cans but some of them are spoiling. I have lost 7 cans. Well I recon the meeting in the valley broke up last night I think they had a very good meeting I didnt get to go any. Well Lillie I dont know any thing new to write to you that you would care to read Pa's folks are well. I think Ida is going home with Tim she aims to go home tomorrow. Marvin phoned her to day that he was sick and wanted her to come home. I think Raymond is some better than he was when they came over. he has got the thrash now looks like the little thing has had a hard time he dont hardly favor the same child he has fell away so much. Well Lillie as I am making an awful out trying to write I guess I had better quit for I know that you cant half read what I have wrote. So if you will excuse such a sham letter I wiii close hoping to here from you in a short time. So take good care of yourself and come when you can.

As ever your sister

Lou Hill

Well Lillie as I didnt get to mail my letter I will scratch a few more words this morning which leaves us all very well. do hope this will find you all well. Well Lillie they didnt beary Uncle Allin yesterday it was so bad they will beary him this morning. Pa staid with us last night he went back down there this morning Ben and Pa never got back last night till a bout 9 oclock they waited down there till nearly dark thinking they would come but got word they would not bury him till this morning. Well Lillie I wish you were over here to day with me we would make the tad juice fly wouldent we thoe? 'ha ha' No-I have not quit it yet you know. Lillie Pa had their pictures made the other day I have got one of them and they are nicer than ours is he is going to send you and Laura Mat and Tim one. Well Lillie I hope the next time I write to you I will have enough of paper to write on. I have not wrote half as much as I want to but I will haft to quit. Fred and Bob Overturf left here while ago. Fred is as funny as he ever was you know how he used to be. Now Lillie write me a great big long letter and tell me all you know. I will haft to quit as my eye is hurting so bad. Read what you can.

Yours Lou

**Women of Grundy County: Lillie Mae Smith Gross***by Edgar H. Gross***The Smith Family**

John Calvin Smith - Sarah Scruggs	John Calvin Smith, a veteran of the Union Forces in the Civil War, came to Grundy County about 1865 and married Sarah Scruggs, daughter of Carter Scruggs and Lucinda Kilgore, in 1867
b. 1846	b. 1846
d. 1932	d. 1898

John and Sarah became the parents of 11 children:

1. Lillie Mae Smith m. Floyd Lawson Gross
2. Laura m. Luther Brown
3. Winnie Jane (b. 1872, d. 1906) did not marry.
4. Martha (Mattie) m. William M. Tate
5. Lou m. Benjamin Hill
6. John E. (b. 1877, d. 1903) did not marry.
7. Nora m. Ernest Meeks
8. Tim m. Marvin Brown
9. Ida m. Claude Coppinger
10. Della m. Willie V. Tate
11. Frank m. Nellie Tate

Lillie Mae Smith - Floyd Lawson Gross	Floyd and Lillie became the parents of six children. They are buried in the Hobbs Hill Cemetery near Tracy City, TN.
b. 6/22/1869	b. 1/31/1870
d. 1/4/1933	d. 3/4/1919

The six children of Floyd and Lillie are:

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| 1. Edgar Harrison Gross m. Ruby Willis Tate                         | They were married on 12/26/1917 and are buried in Plainview Cemetery in Tracy City, TN |
| b. 10/25/1892   | b. 2/20/1899   |
| d. 2/27/1972  | d. 4/23/1965   |
| 2. Ethel Almetta (b. 1894) m. Joseph Tate                           |  |
| 3. Claude Hershel (b. 1897) m. Thursa Graham                        |  |
| 4. Clyde Enoch (b. 1900) m. (1) Sarah Anderson and (2) Grace Dotson |  |
| 5. Clinton Smith (b. 1903) did not marry                            |  |
| 6. Della Mae (b. 1906) m. Leonard Shrum                             |  |

## Neighbors in Grundy County, TN 1850

by: *Dola S. Tylor*

Based on the official census records which began in District #1, on the 23rd day of August, 1850, Michael Hoover, Ass't Marshal. Figures on the left are Dwelling/Family numbers. Places of birth are Tennessee unless otherwise noted.

- 1/1 William S. MOONY, 53, farmer, b. VA; Lucinda, 39; Willbern, 20, Meth. Clergyman, b. VA; Waynefield, 18, b. Ala; William M., 16, b. VA; Virginia T., 13; Laisa A., 7; Louvenia Vann, 5; Sarah J. WILLSON, 15; Charles B. WILLSON, 10.
- (William Smith MOONEY, 14 Sep 1795/26 Nov 1864, was son of Nicholas and Jemima (RIVES) MOONEY, of VA. His 1st wife was Emily KINCHELOE, died Grundy County, 1839. He married 2nd Lucinda (COULSON) WILLSON, 26 Apr 1842, daughter of David and Sarah (COX) COULSON and widow of William WILLSON. Lucinda is buried Hillsboro, Mar 4, 1811/Sep 18, 1902. Her known children: Sarah Jane and Charles B. WILLSON, Louisa Ann, Lavinia Vann, and Wayland Jo Carter MOONEY. Suspected children: Harrison and William WIL(L)SON.
- 2/2 Thomas MARTIN, 58, farmer, b. NC; Sarah, 45, b. NC; Joseph RICE, 18, b. Ala; Elizabeth WOOTAN, 18. (Grundy County, 1860: Thomas MARTIN, 69; Sarah, 58. Joseph RICE md Poleyxany COULSON, 12-21-1853, Coffee Co.)
- 3/3 Edmund MARTIN, 33, farmer; Louisa, 29; Elizabeth, 8; Sarah, 7; George W., 6; James C., 4; Thomas J., 2; M. M. (male), 1; Sarah DAVIS, 40, birthplace unknown.
- 4/4 James COULSON, 47, farmer, b. VA. (James was son of David and Sarah (COX) COULSON and is buried Sims Cemetery, Coffee County: Dec 30, 1802/Apr 11, 1893.)
- 5/5 David COULSON, 23, farmer; Mary J., 23; John A. B., 2; Sarah, 21; Bartlett, 7/12; E. A. (female), 7/12. (Is this the David who married Lydia L. CUNNINGHAM, 1-22-1859, Coffee County? In 1860, they have dau Mary, 7 months. Also in this family: John, 12; James, 9; Nancy, 6, possibly children of Mary J.)
- 6/6 Michael HOOVER, 43, farmer; Caroline A., 34; William, 15; James, 14; Doctor B., 12; Mary A., 11; Alexander W., 9; B., 5; Martha, 3; Rebecca E., 1; Ann B., 73, b. NC; Elizabeth, 32.
- (1860, Coffee County: M. HOOVER, 53; Caroline, 47; William, 26; James, 24; Doctor, 23; Mary, 21; Alexandria, 20; Jefferson, 18; Martha, 13; Poindexter, 9; Teletha, 5. Wesley Chapel Cemetery: Michael HOOVER, Oct 11, 1806/Oct 24, 1891; Caroline, Feb 15, 1815/Sep 1, 1882; Poindexter, 1852/1921; Martha, Oct 17, 1847/Feb 11, 1916; Talitha C., Feb 28, 1855/May 5, 1915; Mary A., Nov 9, 1838/Jan 26, 1919; D. B., Jun 30, 1837/Aug 18, 1905.)
- 7/7 Preston FLETCHER, 26; Ann J., 29; Mary N., 10/12.

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- 8/8 Alfred BRALEY, 57, farmer, b. NC; Mary, 53, b. VA; Greek, 31; Zentite(?), 24, farmer; Eliza, 23; Atlanta, 20; Navigator, 17; Emery, 15; J. A., 13.
- (Marriages in this family: Greek - Martha An THAXTON, 9-18-1860, Warren County; Atlanta - Jefferson ENGLAND, 10-26-1871; Emery - Elizabeth WOOTEN, 8-16-1855; J. A. - Harret FLETCHER, 7-27-1858. In BRALEY cemetery, near Viola: Alfred, Feb 16, 1793/Jun 20, 1862; Mary, 1796/Feb 9, 1864; Eliza (Braley) RAMSEY, Apr 10, 1827/Nov 1, 1881; J. A., Nov 14, 1836/Feb 18, 1897; Harriet D. BRAWLEY, Sep 18, 1837/Oct 8, 1868; Atlanta, wife of T. J. ENGLAND, Jan 8, 1830/Jul 9, 1899; Navigator, Sep 15, 1832/May 5, 1862. Another son, Columbus died Coffee County, 12 Dec 1873; with "brother, Greek" executor of his will.)
- 9/9 John BRALY, 52, b. NC; E., 49; Mary, 18; Walter, 17; Jane E., 12.
- 10/10 Alfred F. BRALY, 32, farmer; Mary, 32; Wyath, 11; William, 4; D., 2, (female); Drucellar HITSON, 68, b. VA; Armstrong WOOTON, 36; Benjamin WOOTON, 9. (In Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History, Spring 1996, is "WOOTON Family Bible" with given names John Armstrong and Benjamin.)
- (1860 Coffee County: Fred BRAWLEY, 51; Mary, 45; Wielt, 21; William, 13; Drucilla, 12; Greek, 10; Nancy, 8; Fanny, 6; Mary, 4.)
- 11/11 Walter T. BRALY, 31, b. NC, farmer; Elizabeth A., 32; Sarah A., 10; James A., 8; M. J., 5 (f); John W. S., 2.
- 12/12 Samuel BRALY, 59, b. NC, farmer; Walter, 24; James, 23; Mary, 27.
- 13/13 Leroy BRALY, Jr., 31, farmer; Susan, 33; William L., 4; Margaret L., 2; Samuel N., 9/12.
- 14/14 John BRALY, 33, C.P. Clergyman; Sarah A., 30; Hershall C., 4; Mary E. A., 2.
- 15/15 Mordica PAXTON, 26, farmer, b. VA; Nancy A., 22; J. M., 7; W. J., 5; M. M., 3; M. B. W., 11/12. (Mordecia PAXTON m. Mary Sarah HAMMENS, 7-13-1854.)
- 16/16 Nimrod B. SAIN, 33, b. NC, farmer; Martha, 28, b. NC; George M., 4; H. A., 3; S. E., 11/12.
- (Nimrod SAIN m. Marthea SANFORD, 15 Oct 1844. In 1860 census, they had children: George M., 14; Anna M., 13; Elizabeth, 10; Thos. M., 9; Nancy J., 6; James G., 4; Mary T., 5/12; and Margaret SAIN, 94, b. PA. living with them. In 1870, they had son Jonathan, 4. In Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Coffee County: N. B. SAIN, Feb 22, 1817/Oct 4, 1902; M. W., wife of N. B. SAIN, Apr 30, 1822/Apr 24, 1904.)
- 17/17 Mary PURSELL, 46; E ME (female), 17; M. (male), 15; A. (male), 13.

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- 18/18 Brab PURSELL, 17; Elizabeth, 16.
- 19/19 Mary SAIN, 76, b. PA
- 20/20 William H. COULSON, 37, farmer; Elen M., 31; Oleanthus R., 8; Oragon A., 5; Wm. H., 3; Bartlet, 1.  
 (William Harrison COULSON, son of David and Sarah (COX) COULSON, and Ellen SIMS, daughter of Dr. Elisha SIMS, were married in Franklin Co., 4-30-1839. By 1860, this family is settled in Bastrop Co., Texas. In Oak Hill Cemetery: William H., 4-28-1813/8-12-1884; Eleaner M. B. (SIMS), 11-17-1818/6-28-1868; Oleanthus G., 1-10-1842/11-26-1911; Oregon Adelia, 11-9-1844/9-4-1903; William H., Jr., 12-29-1846/2-27-1917; E. Oneita, 1856/1945; Lavada Korcuisko, 4-2-1858/5-15-1881. After the death of Eleaner, William H. married Bell RANSOM and had one child, Isabella Algitha, mentioned in his will of 25 Apr 1884.)
- 21/21 James PARKS, 53, b. NC; Margaret, 50; John, 21; Ziller, 21; Jefferson, 19; Mary, 16; Caroline, 15; Jane, 14; Martha, 12; Nancy, 10; Sarah, 8; Sarah, 17; Peggy, 12.  
 (In 1860, James PARKS seems to be a widower and in 1870 has a wife named Rebecca. These PARKS marriages may be the children in this family: Mary - James D. PRIEST, 10-22-1850; Mary - George S. TIPPS, 12-28-1859; Caroline - John D. BRAWLEY, 8-2-1852; Jane - Samuel J. HARRIS, 1-10-1867; Mattie - J. C. GARRETSON, 6-3-1872; Nancy - John W. WALKUP, 3-10-1859; Sarah - A. L. McCAMPBELL, 10-15-1868; Sarah - Samuel PARTIN, 8-1-1870; Margaret - John L. WINKLER, 10-2-1860; Eliza - Seborn IKARD, 10-22-1850.)
- 22/22 Washington PARKS, 25; Jane, 23; Peggy, 3; Nancy, 1/12.
- 23/23 Leroy BRALY, Sen., 61, b. NC; Sarah, 62; Prudence, 34; John D., 24; James P., 20.  
 (In "Early Tennessee Tax Lists", Walter BRALEY is in Wilson County, 1804. By 1820, Walter BRALEY, Alfred, Leroy, and Samuel BRAWLEY are in Warren County. This is probably the Leroy BRAWLEY who married Sally McSPEDDEN, 3-14-1810, Wilson County. John D. married Caroline PARKS, 8-2-1852.)
- 24/24 Joseph BRALY, 23, farmer; Nancy, 22; Mary P., 3; Betsey A., 2; Leroy N., 6/12.
- 25/25 Mary MARTIN, 39, b. NC; James, 18; Evan, 16; Thos., 14; Mary, 12; Jessee, 11; Ana, 9; William S., 6; Elizabeth, 4; John W., 3.  
 (By 1860, this family enumerated in Coffee County: Thomas, 23, head of household; Mary, 45; Jessy, 21; William, 17; John, 13. In 1870, Mary, 55, is living with son William T. who married Malissa C. CLENDENON, 10-1-1868. Ann married Martin V. HARPOLE, 11-22-1864.)



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- 26/26 Joseph PURSELL, 20; Mary, 14.
- 27/27 James WINTON, 47; Malinda, 23; John, 22; Mary E., 17; Stephen, 21; Anderson, 19; James, 17; Nancy, 16; Jessee, 14; Mary, 12.  
(Possible marriages in this family: Jesse - Caroline NORTH CUT, 1-17-1856; Anderson - Mary Ann MESSICKS, 8-22-1852; Stephen - Elizabeth CUNNINGHAM, 3-6-1855.)
- 28/28 Jessee WOOTAN, 59, farmer, b. NC; Sarah, 55; Nancy, 23; Jonathan, 19; Sarah, 15; Elizabeth, 12; (In 1860, Jessee is 70 and Sarah 66. In 1870, Jessee is 80 and Sarah is 77.)
- 29/29 Hale C. MEADOWS, 32, farmer; Elizabeth, 32; William C., 12; Sarah, 9; James N., 4; Martha J., 1. (In 1860, Coffee County, this family includes Sarah, 19, and Lenny, 3. By 1880, Hale C., 62, and Elizabeth, 63.)
- 30/30 Benjamin B. CUNNINGHAM, 29, farmer; Drucilla, 20; John A., 1; Mary MORE, 70, birthplace unknown; Elizabeth CUNNINGHAM, 15. (In "Wills and Estates" by Sherrill: Inventory and sale of estate of Benjamin B. CUNNINGHAM was held 18 Dec 1852.)
- 31/31 William GUEST, 47, farmer; Nancy, 30; Chatam, 6; Ann, 5; Frances, 4; Oregon, 6/12. (In 1860 the children are: Chatham, 16; Lilly A., 14; Francinia, 13; Oregon, 10; Joseph, 7. Oregon married Wm. T. SHELTON, 9-23-1869. In 1870, T. F. SHELTON, 20, with Arizon, 19, and Robert Lee, 3 mos, are next door to Nancy GUEST, with Fransina and Joseph. In Coffee County Court Loose Papers #661, 7 Feb 1876, Nancy & William GUEST are deceased and heirs are Oregon SHELTON, Joseph A. J. GUEST, Fransinia GUEST, and L. A. FULTS. In Loose Papers #1620, heirs are given as L. A. FULTZ, Oregon CARROLL, J.A.J. and Francisco GUEST.)
- 32/32 Margaret INGRAM, 40; William C., 12; John, 9; Frances, 6; James E., 6; Georg, 4; Alexander, 2. (William married Mareny SCOTT, 1-22-1860. 1860 census are next door to Margarite, 42, with children: John, James, George, and Alexander.)
- 33/33 James WOOTON, 36, farmer; Susanah, 28, b. NC; Samantha, 14; John H., 12; Rhoda, 10; William J., 8; James J., 6; Stephen, 2. (In 1860, James is a widower with additional children: Jonathan 7, Nancy 5, Emery E. 2, Geo. W. ?/12. In Tennessee Mortality Schedules: Susannah WOOTTEN, 39, born NC, died Feb 1860 of "child bearing". In "Death Records of Grundy Co." by Sherrill: George WOOTON, 56, died 1-9-1917, parents: James & Susan (BERRY) WOOTON; Rhoda WOOTON, 76, 6-21-1841/11-1-1917, parents: James & Susie (BERRY) WOOTON. Surmanthy married Erwin NORTH CUTT, 11-27-1859.)

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- 34/34 Moses GUEST, 83, b. NC; Darcus, 78, b. PA; Mary A. MESSEX, 19; James LOONEY, 14. (In "Early TN Tax Lists" by Sistler, a Moses GUEST is in Hawkins County-1799 and Warren County-1812. In 1830, Warren County has a Moses GUEST, 60-70 yrs old and another, 20-30 yrs old. Will of Moses GUEST, of Coffee County, dated 17 Mar 1843, filed in Grundy County, gives wife as Dorcas and children: Polly LOWRY, John, William, and Moses GUEST, Elizabeth WOODS, Lilly Ann HUBBARD, Dorcas MESSICK, Sarah LUSK.)
- 35/35 Sarah LUSK, 36; Byrd, 18; Andrew C., 15; James, 13; Darcus A., 11; Martha, 9; William H., 8; Rosanah, 6; George CUNNINGHAM, 16. (Dec 1856, in "Grundy County Wills & Estates" by Sherrill: Sarah LUSK is guardian for James, Dorcas, William H., and Rhoda, minor orphans of William LUSK, dec'd. By 1870, Sarah, 60, lives next door to Anderson who married Louisa Ann CUNNINGHAM, 7-19-1857. William H. was married to
- 35/35 cont'd Cintha Langana WARREN, 10-19-1860. Bird married Catharine LUSK, 9-20-1859 and in 1896 he is admr. of estate of Sarah, dec'd. In Wesley's Chapel Cemetery: Sallie, wd of Wm. LUSK, 2-22-1814/11-30-1894; W. Harrison, 12-27-1841/9-6-1927; S. Leugania, 1-15-1843/10-13-1889; A. C., 8-22-1834/9-3-1912; Lucy A., 1-16-1835/5-25-1916.)
- 36/36 Langston CUNNINGHAM, 22; Rebecca, 19; William, 4/12. (1860 census: Lang, 31; Rebecca, 29; Wm. B., 10; Sarah Ann, 8; Joseph L., 6; James B., 5; Martha E., 4; John, 3; Jefferson, 2; Luticia, 1/12. In Coffee County Court Loose Papers #1096, mentions Rebecca (LUSK) CUNNINGHAM, dau of William LUSK, and children: William, Joseph, Jefferson, James, George, Sarah, Martha, Letitia.)
- 37/37 John LUSK, 74, birthplace unknown; Rebecca, 55. (Grundy County Will Book 1, the following received cash from the estate of John LUSK: William GUEST; sons, James and John LUSK; Sabbath and Samuel J. CHRISTIAN; Richard C. GAYLE(?); Martha and Joseph CUNNINGHAM; Anderson C. and Byrd LUSK; and Rebecca and James CUNNINGHAM. Date was 5 Nov 1855. Rebecca's will dated 18 Aug 1854 indicates husband already interred. Mentions daughter, Sabbath CHRISTIAN and her children, Squire and Rebecca.)
- 38/38 James LUSK, 34, farmer; Mariann, 30; John, 11; Salina C., 9; Sarah A., 7; Susannah, 7 mos. (1860 added children: Mariah A., James M., Rebecca. John WOOTEN, 27, is living in this family, and maybe is the John WOOTEN who got a marriage license, 16 Jan 1860, to marry Sarah LUSK. John LUSK married Rhoda LUSK, 9-20-1859, and may be living next door to the parents in 1860.)
- 39/39 Samuel J. CHRISTIAN, 30, farmer, born VA; Sebatha, 24; Squier M. T., 8; Rebeca, 6; Susan L., 4; Hopkins, 3. (1860-70 added children: Julie V., Martha, Marchbanks, Colyar, Spurlock, Josephine, and Parlee. In Grundy County Wills, Sabbath CHRISTIAN and husband, Samuel J., received cash from the estate of John LUSK. Buried Wesley's Chapel Cemetery: Sabbath CHRISTIAN, 1827-1881; S. J. CHRISTIAN, 1822-1891.)

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- 40/40 William RHEA, 56, farmer, born VA; Mary, 54, born NC; Elizabeth, 19; James, 17; Thomas, 15; John, 13; Caroline HAMPTON, 19. (By 1870 census, William is 82 and Mary 75. In Coffee County Court Loose Papers No. 1298, 4 Oct 1875, William RHEA is deceased and Mary is widow. Elizabeth married Johnathan WOOTON, 4 Jul 1853 and by 1860 had Malissa E., James W., and Jesse. James married Mary WINTON, 11-7-1859. Thomas married Elizabeth FLETCHER. In Grundy County Death Notices, Thomas RAY, 89, died 11-9-1923, parents William and Polly. In Wesley's Chapel Cemetery: Tom RHEA, 1841-1923; Bettie RHEA, 1843-1923.)
- 41/41 Joseph RHEA, farmer, 43; James, 13; William, 11; Byram, 9; Frank, 7; Martha, 5. (In Grundy County Wills, 27 Nov 1850, Inventory and Sale of the estate of Joseph RHEA. One year's provisions made for unnamed children of the deceased. On 8-24-1859, James J. RHEA married Eveline FULTS and 1860: James J., 23; Eveline, 21; William Jr., 21; Martha, 16; Polly FULTZ, 60. By RAY married Mary E. INGRAM, 2-10-1870, Coffee County.
- 42/42 Andrew STOTTS, 24, farmer; Orlena, 21; Mary, 4; Samuel, 2; William, 1. (1860-1870 added children: Jane, Nancy, Martha, Sarah, Thomas, Andrew, Jesse, and Jenetta. Andrew married Orlena REA, 5 Mar 1845. In Coffee County Court Loose Papers No. 1483, Feb 1909: Andrew STOTTS deceased about 5 Dec 1900, leaving heirs: Mary WOOTEN, Martha WOOTEN, J. S., W. M., Samuel, James, and Tom STOTTS, Nancy WOOTEN, Andrew STOTTS, dec'd, Sally STOTTS NARRY, dec'd, Nettie STOTTS CHARLES. CC Loose Papers No. 1484, Mar 1, 1909, D. E. WOOTEN, appointed admin. of estate of Orleana STOTTS, dec'd.)
- 43/43 Nancy SMITH, 31; Joseph C., 9. (In 1860, Nancy SMITH, 43, and Caldeen, 19, are living with Mary MOORE, 74)
- 44/44 David WAGANER, 32, farmer. (In Grundy County marriages, David WAGNER md. Elizabeth WOOTEN, 10-12-1854. In Grundy County Wills & Estates, David WAGNER was appointed admr. for Thos. MARTIN, dec'd, 1870.)
- 45/45 John S. GAINS, 30, laborer; Margaret, 26; James H., 9; Henry N., 8; Andrew, 6; Alexander, 2; William, 7 mos.
- 45/45 (Dwelling/Family Number repeated)  
John WOOTON, 29, farmer; Caroline, 29. (1860: John is 33 and Caroline is 32. In Coffee County Court Loose Papers No. 1264 is a long list of heirs suing the estate over 33 acres of land that had belonged to A. J. WOOTON, dec'd. "A. J. was known as Jack or Jackson and his wife's name was Caroline." Buried Wesley Chapel, Coffee County: Jack WOOTON, Oct 9, 1821/Nov 2, 1908; Caroline, Oct 3, 1820/Nov 19, 1905.)

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- 46/46 William P. LOWE, 22, farmer; F., 17; F. E., 5 mos. (Wm. P. LOWE md. Faithy SITZE, 12 Apr 1849. From family researcher, Helen MEWBOURNE: Faithie was dau. of William B. and Ellender B. SITZ. She was born 12 Apr 1834, died 1 Jan 1913. Children from census records may be: Fannie E., Delphia or Ellender, Martha A., Sarah, Levi, Elizabeth, J. Nelson, Causby, John Wesley, Mattie, and Mary A. In Grundy County Death Records: Mrs. Faith LOWE died 2 Jan 1913, age 87, had sons Jim and John, of Grundy County, and C. A. of Crump, Texas.)
- 47/47 William B. SITS, 48, farmer, born NC; E., 49; J., 20; J., 15; N., 12; G. W., 10; L., 8; W. J., 7; C., 4. (From family researcher, Helen MEWBOURNE, William B. and Elender B. had children: Mary md. Silas LANKFORD; Elizabeth md. Jos. W. LANE; Cosby; Sarah md. John VANDERGRIF: Faithie md. William P. LOWE; Nancy Caroline md. Andrew COGGIN; George W. md. Margaret LAYNE; Levi J. md. Elizabeth SCOTT; William J. md. Elizabeth DISHEROON; Cornelia md. John T. C. DISHEROON. Fall Creek Cemetery: William B. SITZ, 1802/17 Mar 1872; Elender B. SITZ, 1802/15 Jan 1866. )
- 48/48 Moses CAMPBELL, 21, farmer; Martha, 19. (Is this the same Martha CAMPBELL, in Altamont, 1860, with children: Sarah E., William L., Mary Ann, and George W.?)
- 49/49 Adrain HOBBS, 30; Deida, 29; D., 17; J., 14; M., 12; J., 10; William, 7; F., 4; H., 2. (Children named in 1860 are John, Minerva, James, William, Faithy, Joseph, and Louise. Daughter D., 17, in 1850 may be the Diadia HOBBS who married Jesse NUNLEY, 6 Jan 1857. Starling
- 49/49 cont'd KNIGHT md. Manervy HOBBS, 10 Jul 1863. They are in Sequatchie County, 1870, with children Elizabeth and Harris.)
- 50/50 Davidson TATE, 47, VA; Dorcas, 50, NC; James, 18; Pleasant H., 16, AL; Ladden Farrell, 14, AL; Martha, 9, AL; Davidson, 10/12; Jazeal, 21.  
(Davidson, born 27 Dec 1802, Russell Co., VA, died 23 Feb 1885 and is buried Fall Creek Cemetery, Grundy County. He was son of Major James and Ruth TATE, pioneers of Warren and Grundy Counties, and married Dorcas MYERS, born c1800 (birth date and state not certain). She is buried Layne Cemetery, Sequatchie County: died Apr 7, 1891. Known children: Elisha, born 1823, md. Frances Matilda WOOD; Jazeal, 3 Oct 1824/5 June 1914, md. 1st, Rebecca BRYANT, 2nd, Frances SITZ, 3rd, Mrs. Mattie LAYNE; James born c1832; Pleasant Huse, born c1834, md. Ellen Dorcas DYKES; Ladden Farrell, born c1838 md. Lousetta Missouri COLSTON; Martha, born c1841. The Davidson, 10 months old in 1850, is son of Jazeal and deceased wife, Rebecca Bryant.)
- 51/51 J. BRYANT, 67, born NC; P., 49, born NC; E., 18. (In 1860, John BRYANT, 77, is living with daughter, Anna, who married Daniel LAYNE.)

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March 5, 1861	James Lusk Catherine Sanders	Not given
December 15, 1860	Isaac Layne S.E. Thomas	Not given
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March 16, 1861	F.M. Walker Martha Smith	March 19, 1861 J. Brown, J.P.
May 23, 1861	Russell Hobbs Polly Rodgers	May 23, 1861 A. Northcutt
June 24, 1861	Thad Davis Arminta Kilgore	Not given
April 2, 1861	James Sanders Catherine Patrick	Not given
January 1, 1861	Houston Patrick Caroline Nunley	Jan. 1, 1861 T.S. Brown, Esq.
March 23, 1861	Archibald Campbell Harriet Fitch	March 27, 1861 A. Northcutt, J.P.
May 16, 1861	Patrick Henry Sarah Morton	May 16, 1861 G.M. Proffitt
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October 16, 1861	Christopher Myers Sophrony Brown	October 17, 1861 H.A. Campbell, J.P.
October 12, 1861	Calvin Dykes Ellan Coulston	October 18, 1861 I.W. Bryant, J.P.
April 25, 1861	Matthew Sanders Rebecca E. Christian	April 25, 1861 I.W. Bryant, J.P.
September 4, 1861	Jefferson Vaughn Nancy Jennings	Not given
Feb. 3, 1862	Enoch Campbell Almira Meeks	February 10, 1862 John Burrows, J.P.
February 22, 1862	G. W. Layne Rebecca Barker	February 27, 1862 Jezeal Tate, J.P.

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<u>Page 47</u> February 27, 1862	Henry Vaughn M.E. Payne	February 27, 1862 S. Cope, J.P.
March 11, 1862	John Adams Nancy Thomas	Not given
March 29, 1862	George Myers Clemetine Stotts	March 29, 1862 H. A.. Campbell, J.P.
July 26, 1862	H.A. Northcutt Fanny McCraw	July 26, 1862 Jonathan Tipton, J.P.
July 12, 1862	William Campbell Sophia Campbell	July 15, 1862 H.W. Campbell, J.P.
August 14, 1862	A. J. Northcutt Martha Jane Sweeton	August 14, 1862 Richard Bradford, J.P.
<u>Page 48</u> September 12, 1862	Adam Talent Mary Wooten	September 14, 1862 Richard Bradford, J.P.
September 6, 1862	Alfred Smith Martha Smith	September 21, 1862 E. H. Smith, J.P.
September 6, 1862	Henry Fults Sarah Campbell	September 6, 1862 H. A. Campbell, J.P.
September 27, 1862	Daniel Fults Franky Nunley	September 27, 1862 H. A. Campbell, J.P.
September 27, 1862	W. H. Hampton M. E. Freeman	September 28, 1862 I. W. Bryant, J.P.
October 1, 1862	M. Cope Mandy Smart	October 1, 1862 I. W. Bryant, J.P.
<u>Page 49</u> October 16, 1862	James M. Lockhart Lincha Anglin	October 16, 1862 J. Tipton, J.P.
November 12, 1862	J. R. Sanders Rosey Cope	November 12, 1862 John Burrows, J.P.
November 1, 1862	J. W. Arnold Sousan Tucker	'Returned not executed'

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October 20, 1862	Isaac L. Thompson Sousan E. Smith	October 20, 1862 Parson L. Brown
November 15, 1852	Alexander Hobbs Elizabeth Nunley	Not given
November 16, 1862	John Scott Sarah Smart	Not given
November 22, 1862	Wm. Young Elizabeth Tate	November 23, 1862 Elijah Walker, J.P.
Page 50 November 18, 1862	James C. Walker Mahala Tucker	November 19, 1862 John Winton, Esq.
december 13, 1862	James Hobbs Sarah Nunley	December 14, 1862 E. H. Smith, J.P.
December 17, 1862	James Still Lucinda Hobbs	Not given
December 20, 1862	James J. Woodlee Almira Dykes	Not given
December 31, 1862	John Cox Nancy Summons	December 31, 1862 Richard Bradford, J.P.
January 3, 1863	John J. Nung Mary Ann Lockhart	January 6, 1863 Parson L. Brown
Page 51 January 10, 1863	William Coppinger Abagal Boat	January 10, 1863 Elijah Walker, J.P.
March 17, 1863	Ezekel Smart F. Cope	Not given
March 17, 1863	Jonathan Anfin Rachel Tomer	March 18, 1863 Elijah Walker
March 17, 1863	T. A. Neale Evalira Meeks	Not given
March 21, 1863	I. C. Payne Louisa J. Price	Not given

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March 21, 1863	David Thomas Manurey C. Sanders	Not given
Page 52 January 3, 1863	P. A. Grantam Sary J. Meeks	January 4, 1863 Richard Bradford, J. P.
February 7, 1863	James Hobbs Sarah Dykes	February 7, 1863 Elijah Walker, J.P.
february 25, 1863	Martin Fipps Ally Sanders	Not given
April 23, 1863	Tyra Myers Samantha Lumbas	April 24, 1863 Richard Bradford, J.P.
May 9, 1863	Solomon Richardson Malinda Reebes	May 9, 1863 Richard Bradford, J.P.
May 16, 1863	James Dickerson S H. Campbell	May 18, 1863 Richard Bradford, J.P.
Page 55 May 16, 1863	Albert Christian Mary Campbell	Not given
May 23, 1863	James Levan Alviry Layne	May 23, 1863 W. H. Woody, M.G.
Maay 30, 1863	Louis A. Caldwell Mary Bryant	May 30, 1863 W. H. Woody, M.G.
June 22, 1863	Archibald Nunley Darcus Freence	June 28, 1863 Richard Bradford, J.P.
June 27, 1863	Andrew Smart Mary Nunley	Not given
July 7, 1863	Starling Wright Manerver Hobbs	Not given
Page 54 August 28, 1863	Wm Levan Louise Layne	Not given
July 20, 1863	Josiah Henegar Mary Stoth	Not given



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September 16, 1863	Alexander Campbell Sarah A. Stoth	September 16, 1863 Not given
September 21, 1863	Robert Thomas Louise Gogg	Not given
September 29, 1863	S. L. Tucker Sarah A. Payne	Not given
October 1, 1863	Albert Roddy Louise McFaden	October 1, 1863 Richard Bradford, J.P.
Page 55 October 26, 1863	Patrick Troy Daraus McDaniel	Not given
October 31, 1863	Semore Smith Mary Bennington	Not given
November 3, 1863	William A. Heath R. M. Cope	November 3, 1863 Richard Bradford, J.P.
November 4, 1853	Charles Coulter Mary Cloy	Not given
October 2, 1863	James N. Fritts Abigal Moser	Not given
October 26, 1863	Elijah Rodgers Frances C. Copeland	Not given
Page 56 November 8, 1863	Richard Kilgore Sarah Fitch	November 8, 1863 R. Bradford, J.P.
November 15, 1863	John Scott Sarah Smart	November 18, 1863 A. Northcut, J.P.
January 1, 1866	Abner Street Lucy A. Thompson	January 1, 1866 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
January 15, 1855	James Fults Sophrona Cope	January 15, 1866 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
January 4, 1866	James Wanamaker Liddy Bond	January 4, 1866 E. Walker, J. P.
September 6, 1865	Benjamin L. Gilly Elizabeth Cope	September 6, 1865 A. E. Coulson, J. P.

**Grundy County Tennessee Marriages 1850-1874**  
*Transcribed by John E. Sweeton*

<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; by Whom Solenmized</u>
February 21, 1866 Page 57	G. G. Brown Nancy thompson	February 22, 1866 L. Brown, M. G.
June 14, 1866	Lewis Parsons Mary Boland	June 14, 1866 J. P. Summers, J.P.
May 26 1866	Mordice Green Mary Campbell	May 27, 1866 Larence Tate, J.P.
May 18, 1866	Elias P. Tate Jane Thompson	May 22, 1866 I. I. Morton, J.P.
June 27, 1866	Bur Newell Mrs. Barnes	Not given
July 16, 1866	Samuel Scott Elizabeth Milligan	Not given
July 26, 1866 Page 58	R. Tate Mary Lockhart	Not given
August 9, 1865	W. H. Smith Martha Tate	August 20, 1865 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
January 6, 1866	Martin J. Walker Lucindy Fults	January 6, 1866 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
January 13, 1866	Elisha Douglagg Sarah Putnam	January 14, 1866 H. A. Campbell, J.P.
December 27, 1866	T. C. Abernathy Mary E. Walker	December 29, 1866 Rev. L. Brown, M.G.
May 18, 1866	Elias P. Tate ____Thompson	Not given
May 2, 1866	H. P. Haynes T. E. Patton	Not given
May 21, 1866	Anderson Mabry -----Guinn	Not given
April 6, 1866 Page 59 (Blank) Page 60	I. G. Stubblefield Jane Fults	April 8, 1866 E. H. Smith, J.P.
May 21, 1866	Anderson Mabry Lettia Guinn	Not given Parson Ben Morton

## Queries

53/97 FULTS: Dan md. Annie Wooten. Had ch.: Dan b. 1842, md. Franky Nunley; Jessie b. 1838; George b. 1841; James K.P. b. 1845; Rosanah b. 1847; Smith, Mary E., John and Sarah. Any information appreciated.

Ruth Ann Fults P.O. Box 147 Altamont, TN 37301 Ph. 615-692-2054 or 888-692-4054

54/97 FULTS: John Jr. md. Sarah Brown daughter Sophia b. 9-1885 md. Sam Fults born 7-20-1878 and died 1946. Need help with this family.

Ruth Ann Fults Box 147 Altamont, TN 37301

55/97 CHURCH of CHRIST: Need any information on the Church of Christ located in Tracy City Tennessee. Material for a Church History is being collected , any information you have would be most helpful.

Michael Partin P.O. Box 125 Tracy City, TN. 37387

56/97 BURROWS, BURNETT, GOODMAN: Would appreciate help on this family history:

Minerva BURROWS, born Jan. 12, 1835, daughter of John and Malinda BURROWS, married William BURNETT, 20 Jan. 1854. They had 2 children: Malinda and John H.S. In 1870 Census, Nerva BURNETT is head of household with the two children. What happened to William? In 1880 census. Minerva GOODMAN is head of the household with her two children: John N. BURNETT , Evalina and Francis P. GOODMAN. Was her husband Solomen GOODMAN? In 1900 and 1910 censuses; Minerva is living with Francis P. GOODMAN (who married Nannie HENLEY, 4 Nov. 1903.) She died 19 Oct, 1921 and is buried in Red Hill Cemetery. Changes/corrections are welcome.

Mrs. Dola S. Tylor 105 Wineberry Drive Winchester, VA 22603

57/97 DYKES, MOFFITT: Need information on Nellie Evelyn Dykes b. 16 Feb. 1868, died 13 August, 1932. She was a dau. of Isham Dykes, Jr. and Elizabeth Tate Dykes. Md. 4 April, 1889 in Warren County, TN to William (Billy) Moffitt. When was he born? Died? Mona G. Moreland P.O.Box 1031 Duncan, OK 73534

58/97 GREEN, Johnnie : b. about 1802 in S.C., died after 1880. Warren County. Who were his parents? He first md. \_\_\_Brown, dau. of Absolom Brown and Joyce Green? Had ch. Hannibal b. 1829; H. Joiner b. 1832; William Kelly b. abt. 1835, Pamela J. b. 1839, Martha Minerva b. abt. 1841, Mary E. b. abt. 1844, died before 1850. Johnnie Green md second Sarah Webb? Any information appreciated.

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Quote of the day:

"Before most people start boasting about their family tree, they usually do a good pruning job." O.A. Battista



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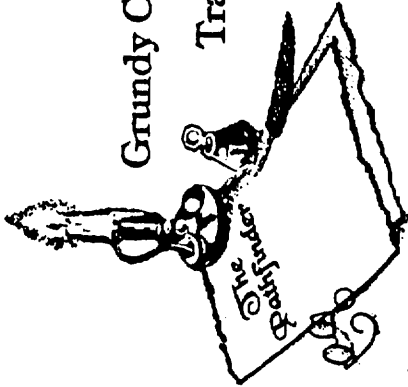
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### Note from the Editor

*by Anna G. Goforth*

My thanks to those who contributed articles for this last issue of 1997. *Women of Grundy County* by Joyce Shrum, the *1870 Special Census* from Charles Sherrill, *Early Marriages* from John Sweeton, and *Neighbors in 1850* by Dola Tylor are informative articles which will add much to your personal collection of early Grundy County histories.

We are pleased to announce the election of Ruth Ann Fults as Secretary of the Grundy County Historical Society. Mrs. Fults has many innovative plans for improving the services available to genealogists and historians, including the development of a Web Page for the Grundy County Historical Society.

The Grundy County Historical Society is now featured in the Tennessee Genealogy Project Web Page, created by Charles A. Sherrill. You can access this Website at <http://www.usit.net/tngenweb/grundy/#Libraries>.

*Happy New Year!*

### President's Message

**Season's Greetings and may your New Year be filled with Peace and Joy.**

This year has been a good one for the Grundy County Historical Society. We have reached some of our goals, and are working on others. We hope each member enjoyed our year together, and we look forward to another year of sharing and growing as we research our family histories.

Catherine Flury

## Acquisitions

*1957 Grundy County High School Reunion* material, from Ronnie Fults.  
Elizabeth Sanders' *Graduation from Shook School, 1909*, document from Dusty Caldwell.

## Publications Purchased for *The Root Cellar*

*Franklin County Census, 1820, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900.*  
*Grundy County Marriages, 1850-1874.*  
*Grundy County WPA Records.*  
*Coffee County 1880 Census.*  
*Marion and Sequatchie County Censuses 1830 and 1840.*  
*Abstracts of Ocoee District Early Land Records - Entries.*  
*Warren County Census 1840, 1900 and 1910.*  
*Warren County Deed Book A 1808-1818.*  
*Warren County Will Books 1-3, Vol. 1, 1827-1858.*

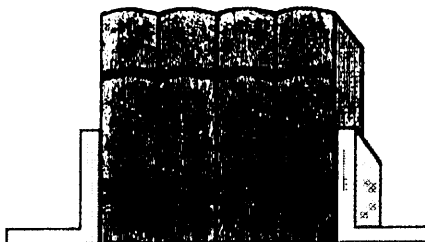
## Books for Sale

Books for review and sale should have a brief description of contents, price, name and address of seller. This information will be printed in four issues of *The Pathfinder*. We ask that a copy be donated to our Genealogy Collection housed in *The Root Cellar* at the Tracy City Library.

*The Pathfinder*. \$3.00 each, postage paid. Available are Vol. 1, No. 1-4; and Vol. 2, No. 1-4. Write: Grundy County Historical Society, Box 1422, Tracy City, TN 37387.

*Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records 1850-1880*. \$24.00, postage paid. Write: Charles Sherrill, 1023 Waters Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

*Grundy County Earliest Deeds 1850 - 1867*. \$24.00, postage paid. Write: Charles Sherrill, 1023 Waters Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.



## **Women of Grundy County: Oma Dell Lankford Brewer**

*By Joyce Brewer Shrum*

My mother, Oma Dell Lankford Brewer, was born May 23, 1905 in Tracy City, Grundy County, Tennessee to Jacob and Martha Cansada (Dugan) Lankford. She was the youngest of five children. Two of the children, Lulabell and Hollis, died young. They are buried in the Tracy City Cemetery along with their parents and older brother Douglas Lankford.

My mother spent her early school days at Shook School and graduated in 1924. She entered M.T.S.U., and after one year there started her teaching career in the Palmer Elementary School. While boarding with her sister Lela's family, she met James Brewer. They married in December 1925.

My mom and dad built a small house in Tatesville, where they started their family. My mom put her teaching position on hold to raise three children, a son James Douglas and two daughters Rosa Nell and Anna Joyce. When my Grandpa Brewer died, mom and dad sold their home and moved in with my Grandma Brewer. This was early in the depression days; families raised their own food, so they had plenty to eat but very little money. Despite hard times, my mother had a lot of pride and taught her children the same. My mother was very efficient in her house and her garden. She also worked in a sewing room at Palmer making boys' overalls. Nothing was too hard for her. She left us with a good heritage to do our best, fear God and respect older people. She always said, "Hold your head high and keep trying. Be somebody."

I have many happy childhood memories. We would play house, play with dolls and mud pies, and wade in the creek. In those days there were very few chemicals to spray or dust on food crops, so we would go "buggin'" beans and potatoes in the garden to help out. In spite of all the hard times, there were still birthday parties, Easter baskets, very good Christmases, and good times at Sunday School and church.

After the two oldest children married and Joyce entered the seventh grade, my mom returned to teaching. She had her rules in school, and anyone who broke them received "paddlin's"--even me while in the seventh grade! Once a student who was brought up for discipline said, "Miss Oma Dell, you can't paddle me. I have heart trouble."

She replied softly, "So do I. Now, bend over!"

Collins School was my mom's second school in which to teach. It was a small one-room school located on a hill in a field above Mr. Norman Meeks' home. At one time, mom spoke about the hogs sleeping under the school building! This little school was later moved over near the main Highway 108 and consolidated with Tatesville School and Barker School, and it was here that my mom spent her last years as a teacher. The school grew to house five or six classrooms with a large cafeteria, an auditorium, and a library. We had a good P.T.A. and raised money for playground equipment and cafeteria supplies by selling home-cooked meals at P.T.A. dinners.

My mom's school day did not end at 3:00. She would work at home most nights until midnight grading papers and preparing class outlines and tests for the next day.



Mom also regularly attended workshops and some on-campus classes, but sickness hindered her from earning a degree in education. Nevertheless, she taught school about 30 years before retiring in 1970.

Mom's teaching career never hindered her from doing other jobs. She taught Sunday School and vacation Bible school and served on the Board for her church as Secretary or Treasurer. She was a good mother and grandmother. She was never too busy to listen to our problems. I'm sure we disappointed her at times, but she never disappointed us.

My dad passed away in 1953 at the age of 54. At 47, my mom was a young widow, but she was never interested in remarrying. She was happy with who she was and lived for her church, school and family.

The death of my brother in 1980 was a shock from which my mom never recovered. She had a stroke in late 1980 and things went downhill from there, but in 1981 she still managed to walk out of a nursing home after months of therapy. Things were pretty good for a couple of years but then mom had more problems and was not able to live in her home alone. She chose to go to the Haven of Rest to stay. During her stay there, she was hardly idle. She held Bible study classes for residents who were more disabled than she. She was instrumental in getting a flag and pole installed at the Haven of Rest. This was the way my mom was. She liked to help get things done that meant something. She was the greatest mom in the world. We still miss her so much.

## "Why I Am Taking This Course"

Written by Oma Dell Lankford Brewer

As our instructor you have asked each of us to give our reasons for attending the English Workshop.

First of all, I need the credits as I am working off my two years college.

Next, as I am a teacher of the intermediate grades I need a general review or refreshing of my English work.

Last, but not least I know I will enjoy the course as English has always been one of my preferred subjects through my school years.

Now that I have given my reasons for taking this course I shall tell you something of my life.

I was born on May 23, 1905, in Tracy City, and attended elementary and high school here. In the Fall after I finished high school I began teaching. I taught three terms of school, attending Middle Tennessee State College in the summer.

In 1925 I married and decided to give up my teaching and make a home for my husband. Three children blessed our home and we were very happy, but all the time there was a strong desire to take up my teaching again. As I lived near a school, I was called on very often to substitute in the absence of a teacher, which kindled the flame more and more to teach again.

Every time I would mention going to school and preparing to teach again, my husband bitterly opposed my leaving the children. I finally gave up the idea completely and settled down to my home life and made my children's school days as happy as I possibly could for I practically lived mine over through them.

When the war started and defense work and large salaries called so many teachers from the school rooms, and there was such a demand for teachers, I was given a school close to my home.

Since then I have continued my teaching and as I couldn't leave my family to go to college, I have attended the workshops and have derived much good from them. They have been a blessing to me and an answer to my great desire to get some more college work.

### The Family of James and Oma Dell Brewer

James Brewer, born 1898, died July 13, 1953. Married Oma Dell Lankford Brewer, born May 23, 1905, died March 14, 1988.

Their children:

- 1) James Douglas Brewer, born May 15, 1927, died 1980. Married Mary Elizabeth Meeks. Had children Wanda Gail, Kathy Sue, Deborah Kay, Gary Steven.
- 2) Rosa Nell Brewer, born March 28, 1929. Married Dan Coffelt. Had children Bruce Edward, Sheila Dell, Sherry Lynn, Danny Joel, LeBron, Shasta Ann.
- 3) Anna Joyce, born March 14, 1931. Married James Shrum. Had children Mark Allen, Michael Evan.

#### Tidbit

Report Card of Lillie Smith, from Altamont Academy

Altamont Academy	
March 1883.	
Lillie Smith's Report for Feb. 1883.	
Average grade on Spelling	7
" " " Fourth Reader	9½
" " " Dictionary	7
" " " Friday Evening Exercises	8
" " " Literary Exercises	8
" " " Deportment	10
10 is a perfect grade.	
A. H. Woodlee, Teacher	
Linn Northcutt, Teacher	

## Neighbors in Grundy County, 1850

By Dola S. Tylor

*Continued from Volume II, number 3:*

- 52/52 Daniel LAYNE, 35; Anna, 39; J., 17; A., 15; George W., 13; F. M., 13; Alexander, 11; Harrison W., 9; Mattison, 7; Henry M., 4; Mary S., 2; Barbara, 65; R. A. CAMPBELL, 21. ("Sequatchie Valley Bible Records" by Douthat: Daniel LAYNE descended from John LAYNE, from Ireland c1785, and Barbara (HOGUE). He md. Annie BRYANT and they had: John B., 1833-1883, md. Mattie BRYANT and Manda PANKEY; Abraham md. Celia PICKETT; Alexander md. Mary BRYANT; Mary, 1849-1914; Madison md. Harriet ROGERS and Sallie GOTT; George md. Rebecca BARKER; Marion md. Flora PANKEY; Henry md. Martha PICKETT; Martha, born Jan 21, 1847. There may have been Mary who md. Davidson TATE. F. M. died 1876, buried Stone Cemetery, Sequatchie County.)
- 53/53 Alfred CALTRAN, 42, farmer, born NC; P., 40; W. C., 21; J., 19; L., 16; E. J., 15; L., 11; J., 9; G., 7; M., 5; N. T., 2.
- 54/54 Jessee CROUCH, 58, farmer, born Georgia; J., 50, born NC; J. ELEDGE, 60, cooper, born NC. In "Grundy County Wills & Estates": 29 Oct 1855, "one year's provisions laid off for Judith, widow of Jesse CROUCH." 16 Oct 1856 in Insolvent Estate Settlements, Jesse CROUCH's estate.)
- 55/55 William WALTERS, 33, farmer; J., 34; M. J., 9. (1860, Hamilton County, William WALTERS, 43; Janees, 44. Daughter, M. J., may be the Mary Jane WALTERS md. John D. BLACKFORD, 1858, Hamilton County and in 1860, John D., 44; Mary Jane, 20; Thos. E., 16; Josephine E., 11/12.)
- 56/56 James BERRY, 22, laborer; S., 20; W. B., 1; Jonathan SUTAN, 5.
- 57/57 James STRINGER, 38, farmer; A. L., 36. (1860, Franklin County, James STRINGER, 46; Lavina, 46; Margaret E., 11; Louisa F., 8; William E., 3; James B., 2, may be the same family.)
- 58/58 James W. TATE, 27, farmer; L., 21; E., 4; M. E., 2. ("Tate Families of the Southern States", by Updike: James W. was born 22 Sep 1822, in Beersheba Springs, son of Robert H. and Sarah (LOCKHART) TATE. He md. Lucinda SAVAGE, dau. of Sterling and Martha (POPE) SAVAGE and had children, Elias P., Martha Elizabeth, Sarah, Frances J., Robert Huston, Prudence, and Joseph. James W. died 1902, Paducah, KY).
- 59/59 James W. REILLY, 39, farmer, born VA; E. M., 21; J. B., 13, born KY; Burgoine, 11, born KY. (Elizabeth TATE, born 17 May 1828, daughter of Robert H. and Sarah LOCKHART TATE, was 2nd wife of James W. REILLY. In 1860, she and son named Calvin are living with her parents. She married L. W. CARLTON, 17 Oct 1865, in Sequatchie County and they had 3 sons, Robert, James and Thomas. Calvin always used the TATE surname but was believed to be the son of Elizabeth and L. W. CARLTON. In 1860, James M. RILEY, 49, is in Marion County.)
- 60/60 James J. JACK, 24, farmer. (Is this the James JACK married Elizabeth H. FOUST, 11-8-1858, Hamilton County, and in 1860: James, 31; Elizabeth H., 32?)

## Neighbors in Grundy County, Tennessee 1850

by Dola S. Tylor

- 61/61 Stephen MARLAR, 55, farmer, born SC; S., 49, born NC; J. L., 16; B., 13; G., 11; H., 8. (1860: Stephen, 64; Sarah, 59; Michael, 21; Howel, 18. In Tennessee Mortality Schedules: Stephen MARLER, 84, widower, born SC, died Jan 1880. This may be son, Howell: in Tracy City Cemetery, H. B. MARLER, 25 May 1841/1 Apr 1908; Martha Ann, 11 May 1846/10 Mar 1916.)
- 62/62 Gillum MARLER, 24; L., 20. (In 1880, Warren County: Gilliam, born c1826, has wife, Elizabeth, and children, William and Della. In Warren County cemetery records: Gilliam B., 1826/1911, husband of Elizabeth JONES, 1835/1911, married 2 Nov 1854.)
- 63/63 William MARLER, 26, farmer; T., 21; S., 5; M., 4; M., 1. (In 1860, Sequatchie County: William, 36; Teresa, 34; Sarah, 14; Martha, 11; Elijah, 10; Gilliam, 2. This may be the same family, in Grundy County, 1870: William, 46; Margaret, 26; Elijah, 19; Martha, 21; Gillem, 12; James, 9; Birney, 5/12.)
- 64/64 James SMITH, 27, farmer, born KY; M., 26; M., 18.
- 65/65 Martha NIGHT, 40, born Georgia; D. L., 20; S., 18; M., 16; S., 13. (1860: Martha KNIGHT, 57, born GA, living alone, next door to daughter, Sarah, who married Thomas (or Starling) DUGAN, 1 Jan 1852. From "Beersheba Springs, A History": The first KNIGHT in the Beersheba Springs area was William, who married Martha SAVAGE, born 1809, the daughter of Sterling and Martha POPE SAVAGE. This history says daughter Sarah married \_\_\_\_\_ SAVAGE, not a DUGAN.)
- 66/66 Sterlin SAVAGE, 70, born NC; Martha, 59, born GA; Jessee, 38, born GA; Brittana, 25; Franke, 19; Thomas DUGAN, 15. (1860, Sequatchie County: Jesse SAVAGE, 54; Martha, 70; Britana, 40; Warren, 50; Preston BRYANT, 8. ("Tennessee Wills & Administrations" by Sistler: Starling
- 66/66 cont'd SAVAGE will, 1854, Grundy County Will Book #22. In "Tate Families of The South": by Updike: Sterling SAVAGE, born c1780, from Edgecombe County, NC, married Martha POPE and settled, c1820, in Savage Gulf area, now Sequatchie County. He died c1854 and Martha c1878. Their eight children: Martha, Warren, Jesse, Simeon, Samuel Pope, Brittanne, Lucinda, and Frances.)
- 67/67 Jacob CAGLE, 75, farmer, born NC; M., 72, born NC; J. L. SMITH, 25. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": Jacob and Charles CAGLE were in Warren County by 1820.)
- 68/68 William P. BARNES, 37, farmer; Martha, 25; H. OVERTURFF, 13; P. W. HILL, 24. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": William BARNES, born NC 1780, died Warren County, married Charity PHILLIPS. One of their 8 children was William P., born 1812, married Martha HILL. In 1860, William P. BARNES, 47; Martha, 37; Nannie W. STAMP, 10; William STAMP, 7; Elizabeth SLOWER, 27; John Wm. GILLERLAND, 22, school teacher. Henry OVERTURFF married Nancy SCRUGGS, 1 Jan 1857, and in 1860, they have Lutitia, 1.)

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- 69/69 Samuel TAYLOR, 28, farmer; Sarah, 21; F., 6; J., 3; M., 1/12.
- 70/70 George NIGHT, 48, laborer, born unk; Taletha CAGLE, 27, born SC; H. E. CAGLE, 5; D. M. CAGLE, 2.
- 71/71 Wiley BESS, 25, farmer; S., 23; S., 4; B., 3; N., 1. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": BESS family from NC had 4 boys, Basil, John, Eli, and Wiley who went to Texas.)
- 72/72 Payton CHRISTIAN, 39, farmer; M., 35; A. I., 17; J. A., 14; T. A., 12; M. B., 11; J. A., 7; J. P., 4; M. L., 1. (1860, Warren County: Payton, 50; Margaret, 47; John, 25; William, 20; Julia, 17; James, 14; Samuel, 12; Mathew, 10; Martha, 8. Warren County Cemetery Book 2: Isaac HILL, Sr., married 3rd Margaret PACE CHRISTIAN, widow of Payton CHRISTIAN, on 23 Aug 1871. He died 16 Oct 1871.)
- 73/73 John PERRY, 34, farmer; M., 31; M., 12; J., 9; H., 7; J., 5; J., 3. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": John PERRY, born 1816, son of Alexander and Elizabeth WOODLEE PERRY, married Malinda DYKES. Their children: Euphemia, Isham, James, John Houston, Sarah, Henry Stokes, Mary, Taylor, Isaiah, and Isaac. John PERRY, 15 Feb 1816/14 Sep 1884, buried Hill's Creek Cemetery, Warren County.)
- 74/74 Thomas KING, 24, farmer; R., 31; J. L., 7; J., 5; C. E., 4; W. C., 2. (1860, Sequatchie County: Thomas 35; Rachel, 42; John, 17; Jacob, 15; Celia E., 14; William C., 12; Henry, 9; James R., 7; Marion, 4. In "Beersheba Springs - A History": Thomas was son of Stokes and Frances BROWN KING and married Rachel PERRY, daughter of Benjamin.)
- 75/75 George CAGLE, 31, farmer, born unk; C., 26; Isabella, 8; M. A., 6; M., 4; W., 1. (1860, Warren County: Catherine CAGLE, 40; Issabella, 18; Martha, 16; Malinda, 14; George, 11; Ben, 7; William, 5; Elizabeth, 3.)
- 76/76 Benjamin PERY, 61, farmer, born NC; D., 56; N., 22; M. H., 19; L. J., 12. (1860, Sequatchie County: Benjamin PERRY, 71; Delila, 60; Louisa, 21.)
- 77/77 John CAGLE, 50, laborer, born unk; B., 50, born unk. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": John D. CAGLE, born 1800 NC, married Mary (Polly) CARTER, born 1801. Children: Harvey McCoy, Benjamin Silas, Preston Alexander, Emmaline, Permelia, Louise, Barthenia, Loucinda, and John Elwood. In 1860, Warren County: J. B. CAGLE, 60; Mary, 60; Barthena, 21; John, 19; Lenora, 10; Calvin, 8.)
- 78/78 Stokes KING, 50, farmer, born NC; T., 45, born unk; M., 20; W. C., 18; C., 15; K. J., 11; M. E., 8; M. S., 6; T. L., 4; Thomas BROWN, 82; Jane BROWN, 35. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": Stokes KING married Frances BROWN, daughter of Thomas. Children: Thomas H., Lovelace, Elizabeth, William, John, Celia, Andrew, Dock, La Vica. Sequatchie County, 1860: Stokes, 58; Frances, 50; Kizziah J., 20; Mary E., 18; Morel Stokes, 17; Frankey Larcea, 13. By 1880, mother Frances, 75, and sister Kezziah J., 42, are living with M. S. KING, 36.)

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- 79/79 Andrew L. KING, 23, laborer; L., 20; J. W., 1; W. S., 10/12. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": Andrew, son of Stokes and Frances KING, married Lucy RUSSELL. Sequatchie County, 1860: Andrew C. KING, 31; Lucy, 31; John 12; Stephen, 9; Thomas, 6; Starlin, 5; Andrew, 3; Daniel, 1.)
- 80/80 James B. SMITH, 57, born NC; Rebecca, 57, born SC; M., 38; W., 16; J., 15.
- 81/81 John RICKETT, 30, farmer; M., 31; Thomas, 7; L. M., 3; J. W., 5 mos; Jane PRICE, 55; Barzillar RICKETT, 57. (Sequatchie County, 1860: John C. RICKET, 41; Martha, 43; Thomas S., 17; Lydia M., 13; Mary A., 6; J. H., 5; Elizabeth, 2. Marion County, 1860: Jane PRICE, 66; Lurinda RICKET, 33; Martilda RICKET, 13.)
- 82/82 John WILKERSON, 25, farmer, born unk; S. T., 24; W. H., 3; Sam'l., 1.
- 83/83 William RICKETT, 29, born unk; Louvinda, 24; M., 3; E. B., 1. (Is this the same family, in Marion County, 1860: Lurinda RICKET, 33; Martilda, 13?)
- 84/84 Richard SHOCKLEY, 90, farmer, born VA; C., 27, born NC; M. E. SINGLETON, 4; W. F. SINGLETON, 1. (Richard SHOCKLEY, 80 years old, with a female 80 years old are in Marion County, 1840.)
- 85/85 William DAVIS, 63, farmer, born NC; M., 63, born NC. (No William DAVIS, about 73 years old, is found in 1860 TN census. Perhaps he's the William DAVIS in Grundy County Will Book #21, with estate sale 23 Apr 1853, Wm. PURDOM, admr.)
- 86/86 William PURDOM, 32, farmer, born NC; Lydia, 25; E. T., 9; S. J., 6; W. B., 4; M. A. S., 1; Phereba E., 2/12. (1860: Wilson (?) PURDOM, 42; Lydia, 35; Sarah J., 16; Wiley, 14; Pheriba, 11; Emaline, 9; Mary, 8; David W., 7; Martha, 6; William F., 5; Burril; 4; Clementine, 2. By 1870, Lydia, 45, is head of household and additional children are Millard W., 10; Lydia C., 9; William Albert, 7; also Mary Peret REES, 3 mos. In Grundy County Will Book #1, 24 Dec 1860, Lydia PURDOM recd cash from estate of her father, Daniel FULTS. In Altamont Cemetery: Lydia PURDOM, Jan 27, 1825/Apr 16, 1877.)
- 87/87 Daniel FULTS, 58, farmer, born VA; Philadelphia, 49, born NC. (In 1860: Philadelphia FULTZ, 59; Pheriba E. PURDOM, 10; Philadelphia WILLIAMS, 91. "Beersheba Springs - A History": Daniel FULTS and Philadelphia had one daughter, Lydia, who married William PURDOM. Grundy County Will Book #8, 1860, Daniel FULTS.)
- 88/88 Judiah SPRING, 49; E. C., 16.

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- 89/89 Gideon GILLEY, 61, farmer, born VA; Edy, 45, born NC; M. I., 7; Benjamin, 3. (Grundy County: Will of Gideon GILLEY, dated 6 Dec 1859. Wife, Edy, land and personal property. Youngest son, Benjamin L., land after wife's death, plus 400 acres. Sons, William and Isaac, 100 acres each. Daus. Mary POWELL, Susan DYKS, Edy ATKINSON, Cicy GILLY, 100 acres each. S. P. TIPTON, exec. Benjamin L. GILLEY married Elizabeth COPE, 6 Sep 1865 and in 1870, have children: Sarah, LaVerna, Billy and Eda Jane.)
- 90/90 William THOMPSON, 50, laborer, born KY; Preston S., 12, born TN; George W., 10, born KY. (Not found in TN, 1860).
- 91/91 Lazerus ADAMS, 43, born unk; E., 39, born LA?; R. A., 19; F. C., 15; D., 14; J. F., 11; F. B., 9; S. W., 6; Philadelphia, 2; P., 8 mos.
- 92/92 Robert TATE, 52, farmer, born VA; Sally, 50, born SC; P., 15; C. C., 17; P., 13; James, 10; Thomas SCOTT, 24, student; Elizabeth WALKER, 15. ("Tate Families of the Southern States" by Updike: Robert was born 9 Jan 1799, Russell County, VA, son of Major James and Ruth TATE. He married Sarah LOCKHART. Children: James W., John J., William Holeman, Francis Marion, Elizabeth, Humphrey P., Calvin G. S., Prudence, and Joseph H. Sarah died c1860. In 1880, Robert moved to Livingston County, KY, with daughter, Prudence, and her husband, Vance LOCKHART.)
- 93/93 John H. WARE, 36, wagonmaker, born VA; Mary A., 36, born VA; F. M., 8; R. A., 4; J. M., 2.
- 94/94 Elisha TATE, 23, farmer; Matilda, 18. (1860: Elisha and Matilda are living next door to his parents, Davidson and Dorcas (MYERS) TATE. Family history by Karen PICKETT: Elisha, 1 Feb 1824/25 Aug 1912, married Frances Matilda WOOD or WOODLEE. Children: Jeseal, Mary Louise, Jezial, Lucinda, Snow, Sarah J., Martha Eudora, Amanda Caroline, Lenora Leander. Elisha and Frances Matilda are buried Condra Cemetery, Marion County.)
- 95/95 Josiah ARGO, 59, carpenter, born NC; Sally, 59, born VA; T. A., 22; N. J. E., 20; C. M., 18. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": Josiah ARGO married \_\_\_\_\_ SMITH and had 6 children: Mary, Wilifred, Adam, John J., Lucinda, and Laura. In Grundy County Loose Estate Papers, Josiah ARGO, dec'd, 1869. E. H. SMITH, Admr. In 1860: Josiah, 67; Sarah, 70; Nancy J. E., 27; William C. HILL, 42; Elizabeth FULTZ, 10. In 1870 and 1880, Nancy is living alone.)
- 96/96 Carter SCRUGGS, 39, laborer; Lucinda, 30; M., 11; M. N., 9; J., 6; S. A., 4; J. E., 1. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": Carter, son of John SCRUGGS II, married Lucinda KILCORE. 1860: Carter, 49; Lucinda, 40; Milly, 21; John, 16; Sarah, 14; James E., 12; William M., 10; Thomas, 6; Martha, 1. In Altamont Cemetery: Carter SCRUGGS, 2-7-1810/1-2-1866. Lucinda SCRUGGS married Greenberry BROWN, 13 Sep 1872. By 1880, Greenberry is 74; Lucinda, 60; William SCRUGGS, 16, step-son is in this family.)

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- 97/97 Isaac BRYANT, 22, no occupation; P. A., 23; J., 4; M., 1. (1860: Isaac W., 33; Polly A., 32; John, 13; Mary, 11; Sarah, 9; William T., 7; Elizabeth, 3; Martha, 2/12. Sequatchie County, 1870: John BRYANT, 23, is living with David and Mary TATE and William BRYANT, 17, is living with John and Amanda LAYNE. "Sequatchie Valley Bible Records" by Douthat shows Isaac W. BRYANT married Mary Ann LAYNE and had children: John A., Mary, William F., Elizabeth, Marthey, Annie, and Sarah.)
- 98/98 David P. RICHEY, 42, C. P. Clergyman, born NC; Catherine, 35; J. R., 19; M., 18; S. C., 16; G., 1; L. J. HALL, 21. (In 1860, Cannon County, D. P. RICHIE, 52; Catherine, 44; George, 11; Matilda MITCHELL, 32.)
- 99/99 Henry MOFFATT, 51, Mill Rite, born NC; A. E., 48, born NC; George STROUD, 15, student; A. E. Mofitt, 35, carpenter, born NC; Randolph MYRCE, 21, student.
- 100/100 William CLAY, 26, carpenter; M. C., 19; Lucinda PERRY, 21; William T. PERRY, 8. (1860, Coffee County: William CLAY, 32, Martha C., 32; Alice L., 7; Lucinda PERRY, 34.)
- 101/101 James VICKARS, 34, farmer; Jamima, 33; John, 11; Mary, 8; Pleasant, 7; Manierva, 5; William, 4; Floid, 1.
- 102/102 Michael STUMP, 51, Sheriff, born VA; Susannah, 21; Zachary T., 2; Nancy, 1/12; R. B. ROBERTS, 27, C. H. Clerk, born Ala; John BARNES, 19, student. (1860: Zachariah T. STUMP, 12, in the family of Philip ROBERTS. R. B. ROBERTS, 37, in same family)
- 103/103 John HOBBS, 32, laborer; L. A., 20. (Maybe the same family is 1860: John HOBBS, 42, Angilne, 32; S. H. NORTH CUTT, 28; and in 1870: John HOBBS, Sr., 52; Angeline L., 41; William A. SMART, 18.)
- 104/104 Stephen GRISWOLD, 49, born CT; Sarah, 44, born NC; N., 19; M. E., 15; L. A., 15; W. E., 16; S. I., 13; L. E., 12; D. W., 8; S.I. I., 6; G. G., 3; D. M., 3. (1860: S. M. GRISWOLD, 59; Sarah, 53; Dewitt, 17; Isabella, 14; George B., 12; David M., 12; Ethan FREEMAN, 23, lawyer, born OH; Sarah PURDOM, 18. In "Compendium of Biography" by Ogle: Stephen grew up in Connecticut and came to Tennessee as a traveling salesman, selling clocks. He married Sarah PURDOM, in Coffee County, and they had 13 children. Ten mentioned here are: William A.; Mary; Nancy; Lucy; Sophia Jane; David; George; Wiley P.; S. V.; DeWitt. In Altamont Cemetery: Sarah GRISWOLD, 1806/1883; Stephen, 1800/1878.)
- 105/105 Davidson GREEN, 22, farmer; P. A., 22; William, 4; A. J., 2; M. E., 4/12. (In Grundy County Wills & Estates, Loose Estate Papers: 1856, Heirs of Daniel Green, dec'd, had Davison GREEN, of Marion County.)
- 106/106 Mariah LYNN, 45, farmer, born unk; Francis, 18; Jane, 14; John, 11; George, 9; Nancy, 7; Reuben, 2.



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- 107/107 Joseph SMARTT, 45, farmer, born unk; Jane, 35; John, 19; Adran, 17; Nancy G.; Ezekiel, 14; Mancy, 9; Andrew, 7; Joseph, 5; Wiley, 10 mos; Mary A., 10 mos. (1860: Jane SMARTT, 48; Ezekial, 23; Andy, 17; Joseph, 13; Wiley, 10; Mary A. S., 10; William A. SMITH, 8; Sarah J. MYRES, 6; William MYRES, 4.)
- 108/108 James R. CAMPBELL, 27, farmer; M. A., 32; W. C., 17; M. A., 14; D., 12; H. J., 6; H. F., 2. (1860: James R. CAMPBELL, 38; Malinda, 42; Harrison J., 17; Henry F., 11; Arch, 9; David FULTZ, 21.)
- 109/109 Hardy CAMPBELL, 26, farmer; Elizabeth, 22; Alexander, 3; N. E., 2; Deli, 6/12; G. P. MYRES, 12; Holland MYRES, 21. (1860: H. A., 35; Elizabeth, 33; Alexander, 12; Elizabeth, 11; Talitha, 10; Mary J., 8; Burthena, 7; Lynchia C., 5; H. A., 3; Enoch R., 9/12. Family researcher, Wanda GANT: Hardy Albert Byrd CAMPBELL married Martha Elizabeth MYERS. c1844. Griffin MYRES married Mary Jane ANDERSON, 15 Jun 1859 and Holland MYRES married Martha Jane HENSON, 24 Apr 1852. Holland is deceased, 1867, and Martha, widow, is admr.)
- 110/110 Washington SMITH, 35, farmer, born NC; E., 45; E., 14; S., 11; A., 10; S., 8; M., 6.
- 111/111 William CROUCH, 42, farmer, born NC; S., 37, born unk; Isaac, 15; W. K., 14; John, 12; M., 9; P., 7; N., 5; S., 3; G. R., 4/12. (1860: William CROUCH, 52; Sarah, 50; Isaac, 22; Elisha, 21; E. M., 18; Feriby, 16; Smith, 11; George R., 9. In Coffee County Loose Papers No. 1711, Sept 1886, William has died intestate, and his descendants are scattered to many counties and states.)
- 112/112 Margaret NORTHCUTT, 35, born unk; J., 15; J., 14; C., 12; E., 10; C., 8.
- 113/113 Mary FULTS, 45, born VA; E., 11.
- 114/114 Andrew QUALLS, 33, farmer; E., 25; W., 9; S., 5; N., 2. (1860: Andrew, 34; Elizabeth, 32; William, 19; Sarah, 14; Nancy, 12; James T., 4. Andrew QUALLS married Elizabeth HAWK, 8-22-1845.)
- 115/115 William ARMSTRON, 78, County Surveyor, born VA; Sally, 55, born NC; M. V., 17; Landon K., 14; A. J., 12; C., 31.
- 116/116 Mary PEERSON, 23, born NC; James, 1.
- 117/117 John BRYANT, 52, farmer, born VA; Sarah E., 27; W. J. PEERSON, 3. (1860: John H. BRYANT, 63; Sarah E., 40; Richard J., 7; Sarah J., 6; in Rhea County.)
- 118/118 James GIBBS, 53, farmer, born NC; Hannah, 48; Louisa, 19; John, 17; W. T., 14; Nancy, 11; Polly, 12; James, 25. (1860: James, 62; Hannah, 57; Lousana, 29; Nancy, 23; Mary, 20. William married M. E. MARTIN, 8-5-1859 and, in 1860: William T., 26; Mary Ellen, 22. 1880: Hanner, 77, widow; James, 12, grandson.)

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- 119/119 Jeremiah NUNLEY, 76, farmer, born VA; Jane, 60, born NC; Jane, 24; Matison C., 18; Carroll, 17; Jeremiah GOWEN, 3; M. J. GOWEN, 1. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": Jeremiah NUNLEY, born "soon after 1774", was in Warren County, 1820. The 3 children of Jeremiah and Jane were: Jane, Matison and Carroll. In 1860: Jerry, Sr., 88, born VA; Jane, 70, born SC. Carroll married Mary SWEETON, 3-6-1859 and in 1860, they have son, Francis M., 5 mos. Parents also living with this family. Daughter Jane may be the one who married Thomas JOHNSON, Jr., 8-6-1851.)
- 120/120 Archilaus NUNLEY, 25, farmer; Margaret A., 22, born unk; Ann J., 2; James M. M., 2/12. (1860: Arch, 40; Anna J., 12; James M., 10; Cintha E., 8; Mosouri A., 6.)
- 121/121 William R. NUNLEY, 42, farmer, born NC; Nancy, 41, born VA; Delila TURNER, 19. ("Beersheba Springs - A History": William Riley NUNLEY, born NC, 1808, married 1st Nancy STEPP, dau of Frederick. Their children: Mary Lou, Taylor, Lucinda, Robert, Jane, Madison, Cynthia, and Adeline. He married 2nd Susan BOULDIN. In 1860: William R., 59; Nancy, 52; Mary Lou, 15; Taylor, 14; Lucinda, 11; Robert, 9; Jane, 13; Madison, 10, Cynthia, 8; Adeline, 7; James PARSONS, 12. Delila TURNER married James MEEKS, 14 Jul 1853, and in 1860 they have children: William, 5; Nancy, 3; Britten, 5/12.)
- 122/122 David NUNLEY, 30, farmer; Sarah, 33; Jeremiah, 11; Cely, 9; M. A., 8; James M., 6; Pheriba, 6; John L., 4; Delhiha, 3; Fry C., 2; Tennessee, 5/12. (1860 adds children: Carroll L. D., 9; Sarah T., 8; Davis, 7; George H., 3; Ester C., 2. Is son, Jeremiah, the one who married Letty JOHNSON, daughter of neighbor, Thomas and Elizabeth JONSON, 9 Jan 1859? In 1860, Warren County: Jerry, 21, Lelly, 20, Martha, 9 mos.)
- 123/123 John W. NUNLEY, 38, farmer, born NC; Elender, 37, born GA; William R., 15; Nancy J., 13; Jeremiah, 11; Charlotte, 9; Mary D., 6; George W., 3; Marvan G., 1.
- 124/124 Thomas JONSON, 50, farmer; Elizabeth, 55, born NC; Elizabeth, 29; Aley, 23; Thomas, 19; Lettey, 17; Retty, 14. (1860: Thomas JOHNSON, Sr., 60; Elizabeth, 64, born NC; Writta, 23; Ranson B. ELISON, 16; H. P. JOHNSON, 36. Next door is Alex MEEKS who married Ona JOHNSON, 11 Dec 1856, and have Henry A., 9, and H. P., 2. Second house is Thomas JOHNSON, Jr., who married Jane NUNLEY, 6 Aug 1851, and have William R., 7, F. M., 5, Martha, 3, and David, 1.)
- 125/125 James C. ADAMS, 23, farmer, born NC; Prissilla, 27; Martha G., 3; Carna, 17. (James ADAMS married Priscilla DIKES, 9-30-1844.)

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- 126/126 Jacob SANDERS, 40, farmer; Marth, 35; Mary, 18; James, 14; Andrew J., 13; Aylar, 12; Alexander, 10; John, 6; George, 3; Joseph C., 1. (1860: Jacob, 56; Martha, 49; Alice, 22; Alexander, 18; John, 17; Joel, 12; Adaline, 7; Caldonia, 4. Andrew J. married Louisa COPE, 10-27-1853 and, in 1860: Andrew, 22; Louisa, 24; Stephen, 1. In "Death Records of Grundy County": Andy J. SANDERS, age 108, widower, died Aug 26/27, 1921, father: J. K. SANDERS. Buried Clouse Hill.)
- 127/127 Laravitza D. TUCKER, 45, farmer; Jane, 44, born NC; Samuel, 17; Nancy, 15; Isaac, 13; Silas, 11; Margaret L., 8; Ransom B. SCOTT, 4; Fry CARPENTER, 40, no profession, born KY. (1860: L. D., 55; Jane, 55; Rachel BURROWS, 12; Iley CRABTREE, 39; Mary C. CRABTREE, 33; L. D. CRABTREE, 13; Silas R. CRABTREE, 10; Margaret E. CRABTREE, 5; Mary Bell CRABTREE, 1. By 1900, Mary C. CRABTREE, 73, mother-in-law, widow, is living with John WINTON, who married Nancy CRABTREE 29 Nov 1888. Silas R. CRABTREE married Dorcas E. WINTON, 11 Sep 1870. They are buried Bethel Cemetery: S. R., Feb 13, 1848/Jun 18, 1913; Dorcuse E., Sep 5, 1856/May 7, 1930. Samuel TUCKER married Susannah WARREN, 2-4-1855 and children, in 1880: Isaac, Ciska, Dulia, Mary L., Jasper, T. D., Nancy, Jackson S., Polk.)
- 128/128 Vincen GIBBS, 25, laborer.
- 129/129 Anthony AYLAR, 60, chairmaker, born unk. (1860: Anthony, 68, is living alone.
- 130/130 Joshua PHIP, 59, farmer; Susannah, 49, born SC; Elizabeth C., 17; Clarinda, 15; Rachael, 13, born Ala.; Sarah J., 11, born Ala.; Samuel, 10; Solomon P., 7; Joshua, 2; Levi W., 21. (Not found in Tennessee, 1860.)
- 131/131 William KILLGORE, 50, laborer, born VA; Mary, 37; Levi M., 1. (1860: William, 60; Polly, 45; Marion, 11; Sarah A., 6; John, 4; Arminda, 2. Did William, the father, marry Ona MEEKS, 4-8-1869, and Levi M. marry Nancy E. CAMPBELL, 2-28-1869? By 1880, William, 79, and Ana, 59, are living next door to Marion, 30, and wife Nancy E., 31, with children: Lilly A. and Fanny B.)
- 132/132 Robert KILLGORE, 34, laborer; Britanna, 30; James, 12; Charles, 10; Elizabeth, 8; Richard, 7; Malinda, 5; Samuel N., 3; Gordon, 2/12. (1860: Robert, 44; Britanna, 42; Richard, 17; Malinda B., 15; Samuel H., 12; Goodman M., 10; Giles H., 5; Andrew H., 5. Probable marriages in this family: (a) James - Sarah TIMMONS, 9-3-1859, and in 1860, David W. TIMMONS, 6, lives with them; (b) Charles - Malinda MEEKS, 8-16-1858, and in 1860, have daughter, Anna E., 8 mos; (c) Elizabeth - Samuel SCOTT, 7-14-1865. They aren't found in Grundy County until 1880: Samuel 70, Elizabeth 40, Malinda 14, James 12, Ida Bell 5, Robert 1. George GRISWOLD, 32, school teacher, lives with them.)

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- 133/133 Reben HAMPTON, 22, farmer; Elizabeth, 39; William, 8, born AL. (1860: Elizabeth, 49; William A., 17; Harriet, 9. Reuben married Sarah C. RITCHEY, 10-12-1851, and in 1870, they have children: Bunvista, Annie S., Lizzy, Mattie, Mollie, Jeff P., and Larra. William H. married Sarah SMITH, 11-3-1866, and, in 1870, have Smart L., Minnie E., Harriet. That year Elizabeth HAMPTON, 60, is living with daughter, Harriet BURROWS who has married Jesse M GIVENS, 9-12-1868. In 1880: Elizabeth, 71, widow; Harriet, daughter, divorced; Dosa, granddaughter.)
- 134/134 missed number.
- 135/135 Stewart COWEN, 76, born NC; Mary A., 65, born SC; Elizabeth, 37; Griffin W. MYRES, 29; Sarah R., 26; Francis M., 6; Stewart, 2; William H., 7/12. (Griffin MYRES married Sary Rocksana COWLIN (COWEN), 16 Nov 1848.)
- 136/136 Martha HOWARD, 33; Nelson M., 14; Virginia S., 11; Mary M., 13; James P., 9; Philip A., 7; Henry C., 5; William M., 3; Pleasant MYRES, 23, farmer. (Nelson M. married Caroline TOWNSEN, 1-9-1855, Coffee County, and in 1860, have Jasper N., 3, and Martha, 2. Mary M. married Casper MYRES, 22 May 1852. Pleasant MYRES married Lyda M. McPHERSON, 18 Sep 1851, and in 1860, have children: Peggy 7, George 5, Susanah 3.)
- 137/137 Robert MYRES, 35, farmer; Casper, 21; Griffin M., 13; Anthony BURROWS, 37; Marth, 26; James, 8. (Robert S. MYRES married Sarah Jane COULSON, daughter of David and Sarah COX COULSON, 22 Apr 1852. 1860: R. S. MYRES, 43; Sarah, 34; William E., 6; Thomas J., 5; Mary A., 3. Casper married Mary M. HOWARD, 22 May 1852. Griffin married Mary Jane ANDERSON, 15 Jan 1859. Anthony BURROWS married Martha Dickerson, 8 May 1845, and in 1860 have James, 19. In "Grundy County Wills & Estates" by Sherrill: Will of Anthony BURROWS and wife, Martha, 25 Mar 1880, leave property to nephew, Solomon DICKERSON.)
- 138/138 Solomon MEEK, 47, farmer, born KY; Malinda, 46, born NC; James, 14; Malinda, 12; Bytha, 9; Jane, 7; Martha, 5; Hannah, 2; Reuben, 11/12. (1860: Soloman, 62; Bytha, 20; Martha, 16; Hannah, 14; Reuben, 11. By 1880, Solomon, 89, widower; John, 17; Angeline, 13; Elizabeth, 10; Hannah P., 5; Elizabeth DICKERSON, 47, widow, and probably a daughter of Soloman, lives with them.)
- 139/139 William DICKERSON, 25, farmer; Elizabeth, 20; Soloman, 2. (1860: William B., 33; Elizabeth, 29; Solomon, 12; Wade H., 2. Solomon married Amanda TIMMONS, 20 Mar 1876, and, in 1880, children: Rosetta, 6; Wade, 1. In "Grundy County Wills & Estates", 7 Mar 1887, Heirs of Solomon MEEKS are Sol DICKERSON, Matthew SANDERS and wife, John MEEKS and wife, Press MEEKS, Mrs. L. J. CAMPBELL. The Elizabeth, 29 in 1860, may be the Elizabeth DICKERSON, 47, widow, living with Solomon MEEKS family, in 1880.)

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- 140/140      Josiah BURROWS, 28, farmer; Mary A., 30; Fergerni, 1.
- 141/141      John G. BURROWS, 33, farmer; Rosannah, 34; Samuel, 12; Abigail, 10; James, 9; George, 8; John, 7; Thomas L., 5; James C. SCOTT, 14. (1860: John G., 43; Rosannah, 44; Samuel, 22; James, 19; George, 18; John, 17; Thomas L., 15; Robert S., 9. Abigail married Benjamin MEEKS, 19 Jul 1855, and in 1870, children: John Jr., Miles, Rosa, George B., Tolitha E., and Nathan.)
- 142/142      Richard BRADFORD, 49, farmer; Margaret, 48; Generagle, 11; Wm., 4. (1860: Richard, 60; Peggy, 58; William, 13; Mary FITCH, 12. (In 1870, Peggy BRADFORD, 66, is with Abraham and Elender LAYNE.)
- 143/143      William PARTAIN, 51, farmer, born NC; Hannah, 48, born NC; John, 20; Richard, 16; Fanny, 13; George W., 7;
- 144/144      Moses PHIPS, 24, laborer; Anny, 23; Susannah, 4; John, 2.
- 145/145      Rachael McINTOSH, 43; Elizabeth BURROWS, 72, born SC; Caldeen MURRY, 19, farmer, born Ala; Elizabeth A. MURRY, 17; Elijah McINTOSH, 13, born Ala; John W. McINTOSH, 10, born Ala. (Caldean G. MURRY married Elizabeth Ann McINTOSH, 6-30-1850.)
- 146/146      Benjamin F. PAYNE, 46, farmer, born GA; Elizabeth, 25; Zebadiah C., 7, born MO; Thomas B., 6, born MO; Lucinda, J., 3; Ann E., 8/12. (1860: B. F., 56; Elizabeth, 35; Z. C., 18; Thomas, 16; Lucinda J., 13; Ann E., 11; George C., 9; Minerva E., 7; Jesse P., 4. By 1870, Thomas B. has wife, Susan, and children: Nancy E., Anna L., and Lucy. L. J. PAYNE, female, 24, lives alone. Z. C. PAYNE got a license to marry Louisa J. PRICE, 3-21-1863. In "Grundy County Death Records" by Sherrill: Susan PAYNE, 73, died Apr 17, 1919, father: James MEEKS, mother: Nancy SMITH. Informant: T. B. PAYNE. Red Hill Cemetery: S. R. PAYNE, Jun 6, 1846/Apr 17, 1919; T. B. PAYNE, May 20, 1844/Aug 5, 1926.)
- 147/147      Thomas BURROWS, 44, farmer, born SC; Jane, 45; Martha J., 13; Anna E., 12. (Probable marriages: (a) Martha J. - Poindexter BURROWS, 2-25-1853. In 1860: Poindexter, 29; Martha J., 23; Emelitta, 6; Florence A., 4. (b) Ann E. - James CUNNINGHAM, 10-30-1853. In 1860, Coffee County: James, 28; Ann E., 20; Victoria B., 5. In Coffee County Wills, 9 Aug 1861, J. M. CUNNINGHAM, of Manassas Junction, VA, wrote will giving to his wife Ann E. and daughter, Victory B. Mentions land in Grundy County. In Coffee County Court Loose Papers #137, Nov 1, 1889, Mrs. A. B. LUSK, formerly Mrs. Annie CUNNINGHAM, says her first husband, James M. CUNNINGHAM, died in 1862, Danville, VA.)

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- 148/148 Elizabeth BURROWS, 30; Mary A., 14; James M., 12; Silass T., 10; George R., 8; Russel, 4; Rachael E., 1. (In "Grundy County Wills & Estates" by Sherrill: 6 Oct 1860, John G. BURROWS, guardian for George, Russell, Silas and James BURROWS, received cash from estate of Elizabeth BURROWS. In 1860, Rachel BURROWS, 12, is in the family of L. D. and June TUCKER. Rachel married Willis WARREN, 1-31-1867. He was son of John and Sarah WARREN. Silas BURROWS married Nelly PERRY, 18 Sep 1859 and, in 1860, they have son, William H., 5 mos.)
- 149/149 Joseph MATTHEWS, 32, farmer; Malinda, 21; John J., 6; Anna D., 4; Mary, 1.
- 150/150 Allen BRATCHER, 31, farmer; Carolin, 28; Lyia H., 9; Amos J., 8; Elijah, 5; Martha M., 3; Chelley W., 1; Joshua HARTON, 60, laborer, born unk; Richard A. PARSON, 18, farmer. (In Grundy County Wills and Estates, 1856: inventory and sale of Joshua HORTON's estate by John M. HORTON, admr.)
- 151/151 George W. PAYNE, 32, farmer; Susan, 30, born VA; Sarah A., 9; Archibald E., 7, born MO; Samuel, 5, born MO; Martha J., 2; Anna, 65, born NC. (1860: George W., 42; Susan, 38; Sarah A., 19; Arch, 17; Samuel W., 15; Martha, 13; Salina, 7; Louisa M., 3. In 1870, Louisa M. is called Laura M. and Thomas F. 10 is in the family. Also living with them is James S. TUCKER, 4. Sarah A. married Samuel TUCKER, 29 Sep 1863. They are not found in 1870 TN census, but in 1880 Sarah A. TUCKER, 39, widow; James S., 14; Mary A., 4 seem to be this family. Samuel W. married Mary C. FOSTER, 12-26-1872. By 1880, they have children: William, 6; Leonard, 5; Myra, 4; Buehla, 2; George S., 1 and 1900 adds Margaret F., 19; and Blanch F., 10.)
- 152/152 David BURROWS, 39, farmer; Elizabeth, 39; William M., 14(?); Harriet, 11; Mary A., 9; John, 8; Elijah M., 6; Henderson, 4; Sela, 2; Thomas A., 6/12. (Grundy County Wills & Estates, 1862, mentions David BURROWS as being "of Texas".)
- 153/153 Thomas P. PARTAIN, 27, farmer; Nancy M., 24; William A., 5; Jessee, 4; Mary J., 2.
- 154/154 Samuel PHIPS, 32, farmer; Lavisia, 25; Mary E., 8; James T. M., 6; Louisa, 4, born AL; John, 1.
- 155/155 Sela BURNET, 35; John, 19, farmer; William, 17, farmer; Stephen, 16, farmer; Jefferson, 11; Phelix J., 6; James W., 2. (John married Martha Jane RUST, 24 Aug 1854, and in 1860 they have William L., 3; Isaac N., 2; Margaret M. C., 8/12; Martha J., Jr., 7. By 1870, they have added: Margaret M., 8, and John, 6. Buried Warren Cemetery, Grundy County: John BURNETT, Apr 26, 1830/Nov 10, 1903; Martha J. RUST BURNETT, Nov 4, 1837/May 27, 1880. Sela's son, William, married Minerva BURROWS, 20 Jan 1854, and in 1860, they have children: Malinda, 4, and John H. S., 1. In 1870: Nerva BURNETT, 33; Linda, 15; John, 12. They are living with John H. and Linda BURROWS. By 1880, Minerva seems to have the surname GOODMAN and in Grundy County Death Records, Manerva GOODMAN, age 90, died 25 Oct 1921, father was \_\_\_\_\_ BURROWS.)

## Neighbors in Grundy County, TN 1850

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- 156/156 Ezikiel PHIPS, 25, farmer; Nancy, 24; Mary E., 3; John J., 2; James B., 1.
- 157/157 Marella THOMAS, 40, born SC; Rosanna, 14.
- 158/158 Elizabeth CRABTREE, 73, born NC; Pheba, 48, born NC; Elizabeth, 48, born NC; Anny, 37, born NC.
- 159/159 Cornelius PHILIPS, 29, carpenter; Sally, 29, born NC; Mary E., 1. (Grundy County issued marriage license to Cornealis F. T. PHILLIPP and Sary PRICE, Oct 1846.)
- 160/160 Jackson PHIPS, 29, farmer; Sarah, 27; Elizabeth, 9; Martha, 7; James, 5; Louisa, 3; Selina, 4/12. (1860: Jackson, 45; Sarah, 35; Martha, 16; J. K. Polk, 14; Sarah Jr., 12; Emeline, 10; John, 8; Mary, 6. This family not found in 1870 but in 1880 are in Grundy County and have added children, William and Nancy. Parents are buried Pelham cemetery: Jackson PHIPPS, born 1820, died 1899; Wife, Sallie, born 1822, died Aug 23, 1907. In Grundy County Death Records, daughter Martha died 4 Jan 1917, parents: Jackson and Sallie SMITH PHIPPS. Did daughter, Elizabeth, marry Stephen COPE, Jr., 14 Aug 1858? Stephen had married Lydia PHIPPS, 18 Feb 1852. In 1860 census: Stephen COPE, Jr., 31; Elizabeth, 19; William E., 8; Mary L., 11/12.)
- 161/161 Isaac MORE, 48, farmer, born GA; Rebecca, 55, born GA; Ormund, 22. (1860: Rebecca MOORE, 66, born GA; Arminda, 35.)
- 162/162 Moses PHIPS, 50, farmer, born KY; Tyma, 24; Lyia, 17; David, 16, born Ala; Benjamin, 13; Jackson, 11; Martin, 7; Mary E., 2. (1860: Moses, 54; Fratimy, 33; Jackson, 19; Martin V., 19; Mary E., 12; William BRADFORD, 10; John BRADFORD, 5; Anna BRADFORD, 2. In Grundy County Wills & Estates: 1 May 1866, Moses PHIPPS is dec'd. David PHIPPS is Admr.)
- 163/163 Newbern W. GINN, 29, farmer; Elizabeth H., 24; Sarah C., 5; William, 4; Harva H., 3; Malissa J., 7/12. (Newborn W. GUINN married Elizabeth H. BARNES, 4-6-1842, Franklin County.)
- 164/164 Anderson S. GOODMAN, 41, farmer, born NC; Evaline, 46, born GA; Henry M., 16, born GA; Solomon P., 14, born GA; Mary C., 12, born GA; Selina E., 7, born GA; George S., 5, born GA. (1860: A. S., 51, born NC; Evelina, 58, born GA; George S., 14. Is this son, Solomon, living next door to his parents: S. P., Jr., 24; Louisa M., 24; Mary E., 1? Son Henry married Margaret ROBERTS, 19 Aug 1855. 1860: Henry, 26; Margaret, 20. By 1880, they have Jesse D., Mary E., Houston, Anna S., Arminda E., Edward, and Martha B. Henry GOODMAN married Minerva E. PATTERSON, 23 Sep 1889 and, by 1900, they have Batavia, 8; Elbert, 6; Allie, 1. In Warren Cemetery: Minerva E. PATTON PATTERSON GOODMAN, 1864/1932.)

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- 165/165 Richard PEERSON, 36, farmer, born NC; Elizabeth, 34, born unk; Arsenetha, 15; George W., 14; William H., 9; Catherine, 8; Charles M., 6; Richard C., 5; Martha A., 2; Mary E., 1. (1860: Richard, 49; Elizabeth, 48; Catherine, 18; Charles M., 16; Richard C., 14; Martha A., 12; Mary E., 10; John W., 7; Virginia P., 5; Silas N., 2; Benjamin F., 5/12. By 1870, one more child is Nancy, and Benjamin BRACHER, 39, born PA, is living with this family. Daughter, Arsenetha, married Phillip ROBERTS, 6-21-1857, and in 1870, they have: Alex, 11; R. Bradford, 9; Susan, 8; Ann, 5; William, 1.)
- 166/166 Jonsan CRABTREE, 55, farmer, born NC; Martha, 48, born NC; Thomas, 14, born NC; John, 13, born NC (idiotic); James, 11; Carnila A., 9. (1860: Johnson, 65; Martha, 58; Phebe, 59; William, 23. Can this be the same family?)
- 167/167 George W. EDGIN, 29, farmer; Mary, 22; Silas M., 11/12.
- 168/168 Silas T. ROBERTS, 31, farmer; Elizabeth L., 28; Lyvanna, 3; Semantha, 1. (Silas T. married Elizabeth Lovina MCGOWIN, 10 Feb 1846. S. T. ROBERTS was buyer of estate of Isaac ROBERTS and widow, both dec'd by 7 Mar 1853.)
- 169/169 Benton C. STONESTREET, 30, farmer, born NC; Susan, 24; Elizabeth, 8; Matilda, 6; Abner, 4; Martha, 3; Benjamin T., 1. (In 1840 census, Benton C., 20 to 30 yrs old, is in Coffee County. Near him is Elisha STONESTREET, 70 to 80 yrs old and probably his father. In "Thomas Stonestreet" by Warren SKIDMORE, Elisha was born c1783, son of Edward and Margery (WRIGHT) Stonestreet, in Rowan County, NC. He was in Roane County, TN, by 1810. 1860: Benton C., 52; Susanah, 33; Mary, 20; Eliza, 18; Matilda, 16; Abner, 14; Taylor, 12; Thorton, 10; James, 12; Emeline, 6; Margaret, 8/12.)
- 170/170 David CLEVELIN, 19; farmer; Hariett, 21, born NC. (1860: David CLEVELAND, 29; Mary E., 31; Lucian P. M., 9; Sarah V., 6; William H., 4; Mary S., 3; Anay F., 1.)
- 171/171 Rebecca JACKSON, 34; Andrew, 14; William, 12; James, 9; Margaret, 5; Thomas B., 5.
- 172/172 William PEERSON, 43, farmer, born NC; Cintha, 34; Charles H., 14; Arminda L., 12; Richard B., 11; Ann L., 5; Cansada C., 2; Martha E. T., 8/12. (Charles H. married Catherine HARRISON, 20 Sep 1855, and in 1860: C. H. PIERSON, 25; Catherine, 22; Thomas A., 1. Cansada C. married Thomas J. BOGGS, 7-13-1865, Lincoln County.)
- 173/173 Iley CRABTREE, 29, farmer, born NC; Mary C., 22; Larena D., 3; Reuben S., 1. (1860, living with L. D. and June TUCKER: Iley, 39; Mary C., 33; L. D., 13; Silas R., 10; Margaret, 5; Mary Bell, 1. Margaret married J. B. BOULDIN, 10-29-1876. Silas R. married Darcus WINTON, 9-11-1879.)



## GRUNDY COUNTY in 1870 as revealed by the special census schedules

This is the third of four articles based on a new book written by our member,  
Charles "Chuck" Sherrill.

The book is titled *Grundy County Tennessee Special Census Records 1850-1880*,

With the end of the Civil War only five years behind, Grundy County was still suffering the effects of war, military occupation, and reconstruction economics in 1870. The population of the county had again seen only small growth, to a total of 3,250, during this decade. This figure represents a growth of about 5%, much lower than the 13% statewide average.<sup>i</sup>

Slavery had been eradicated, but most of those freed slaves left the county before 1870. The population of free blacks and slaves in 1860 had been 280, but in 1870 there were only 137 black persons in the county (no mulattoes were listed as such). This represents a loss of nearly half of that part of the population.

The 1870 census was the first to identify population by towns and settlements, and the numbers are shown on the following chart.<sup>ii</sup> It is interesting to note that the largest concentration of black residents lived in the Hubbard's Cove area, or civil district 1. Their surnames on the population schedules indicate that most of them were descendants of the Wooten, Winton and Guest slaves who populated that area in 1850 and 1860.<sup>iii</sup>

The published results of the census also provide some information about the place of birth of those who resided in Grundy County in 1870. The Swiss settlement at Gruetli had just been formed, but Switzerland was not one of the countries represented in the published table. It is interesting to note that of Grundy Countians born in other states of the U.S., the largest number had come from Alabama.<sup>iv</sup>

**POPULATION OF GRUNDY COUNTY COMMUNITIES, 1870**

Community	Total	Native	Foreign	White	Colored
Hubbard's Cove	343	343	--	291	52
Meyers' or Fult's Cove	87	87	--	81	6
Northcut's Cove	195	195	--	195	--
Collins's River	373	373	--	373	--
Tate	231	110	121	231	--

**POPULATION OF GRUNDY COUNTY COMMUNITIES, 1870 (cont.)**

**Grundy County in 1870**  
As revealed by the special census schedules

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Community	Total	Native	Foreign	White	Colored
Johnson's	141	139	2	141	--
Levan's	369	364	5	356	13
Burrow's Cove	270	270	--	168	2
Pelham	374	373	1	341	33
Altamont	217	188	29	207	10
[Other]	650	599	51	629	21

**PLACE OF BIRTH OF GRUNDY COUNTY RESIDENTS, 1870**

<b>Total Native-Born</b>	3,041		<b>Total Foreign-Born</b>	209
<b>Born in TN</b>	2,678		<b>British Am.</b>	0
<b>NC</b>	55		<b>England/Wales</b>	34
<b>VA/WVA</b>	29		<b>Ireland</b>	19
<b>AL</b>	70		<b>Scotland</b>	13
<b>KY</b>	12		<b>Germany</b>	0
<b>GA</b>	77		<b>France</b>	0
			<b>Sweden/Norway</b>	1

The devastating impact of the Civil War on the economy is shown with clarity by a comparison of the reports of 1860 and 1870. In every category, Grundy County's 300 farms were far less prosperous at the end of that decade. Alexander Patton, prior to the war the wealthiest man and the largest slave-owner in the county, raised his own company for the 1st Tennessee Infantry.<sup>v</sup> Patton lost his slaves to emancipation, while his livestock was decimated and his land holdings drastically reduced as a result of the war. Prior to the conflict he had 730 improved acres, but in 1870 (even after having five years to recover from the effects of war) Patton farmed a mere 75 acres. He managed to retain 2,000 unimproved acres in 1870, but at his death in 1879 was still in reduced circumstances.<sup>vi</sup> Coincidentally, Patton's neighbor Solomon P. Goodman, whose farm in 1870 had had a cash value second only to Patton's own, also died in 1879 leaving more debts than assets in his estate.<sup>vii</sup>

No one in 1870 could approach the level of farming practiced by Patton, Goodman and other prosperous farmers of 1860. Adrian Northcut's family, who avoided the worst depredations of the foraging armies because their location in Northcut's Cove was off the beaten path, still lost 100 improved acres and 1,000 unimproved acres in the decade of the Civil War. The Northcut sons fought for the Confederacy, and one died. Adrian Northcut himself died in 1869, leaving his sons Lawson and Polk in custody of his homeplace.<sup>viii</sup>

Both livestock and crop production were greatly reduced by 1870. Horses, a farmer's prized possession, present the contrast markedly. In 1860 there were 15 farms which could boast 10 or

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more horses, and Alexander Patton was foremost among them with 32. In 1870 no farm had more than eight horses; Patton himself had seven. Production of corn dropped by an astonishing amount. While in 1860 two farms had produced more than 25,000 bushels each, in 1870 the largest producers generated only 1,500 bushels each. Virtually every other category of livestock and crops showed similar drastic decreases. Although Harrison Bell and Green Berry both owned more oxen in 1870 than the highest figure for 1860, the total number of oxen in the county had dropped nearly 50% in 1870, from 622 to 344.

Interestingly, cotton was the only crop to have a resurgence after the Civil War. Cotton had been produced by about a dozen farms in 1850 but only two in 1860. But in 1870, there were 22 cotton-producing farms in Grundy County. Preeminent among these was John Meeks, whose 14 bales far exceeded any farm's production in either 1850 or 1860. Tobacco, produced on 38 Grundy County farms in 1860, also grew in popularity. In 1870, 53 farmers were growing tobacco. However, total production of tobacco was down by nearly 30% in 1870, as each farm produced a relatively small crop.

In addition to the changes in production levels of farms, a comparison of the names of the highest-producing farmers from 1860 with those of 1870 shows a number of new names. Richard Clark, William Rogers, Mary Woodlee and others did not appear in the list of wealthier farmers in 1860. Although a certain amount of change can be attributed to deaths and the coming-of-age of new farmers, the social upheaval of the Civil War had also brought residents to the county by 1870. In addition, it may be surmised that families who were there before 1860 but were not part of the local elite had found opportunities to advance themselves during the changing times of war and reconstruction.

The following farmers held the #1 place in 1870 for the category listed:

## Land

Improved Acres	L.H. Northcut, Jesse Nunly and Mary Woodlee (300 each)
Unimproved Acres	William Rogers (5000), L.H. Northcut (4000)
Cash Value of Farm (\$15,000 each)	Richard Clark (\$20,000), L.H. Northcut and Jesse Nunly

## Livestock

Animals Slaughtered	Mary Woodlee (\$4000), Eli Smith (\$2000)
Asses and Mules each)	Alexander Patton (6), Emery Braly and Jordan Sanders (5
Horses	S.J. Christian, Charles White, John Northcut and Harrison
Lusk (8 each)	
Milch Cows	S.P. Goodman (12), Harrison Bell (7)
Other Cattle	Mikel Gollahar and Harris Gilliam (17 each)
Oxen	Harrison Bell (27), Green Berry (21)
Sheep	S.P. Goodman (50), Harrison Bell and E.M. Haynes (40 each)
Swine	Wm. H. Hampton (200), six farms had 100 each
Value of Livestock	Mikel Gollahar (\$7000), S.J. Christian (\$2000)

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## Crops &amp; Produce

Beeswax (pounds)	B.S. Cagle (50), Harrison Lusk (25)
Butter (pounds)	Sarah Northcut (90), H.A. Campbell (85)
Cotton (bales)	John Meeks (14), Samuel Gilliam (4)
Honey (pounds)	Harrison Lusk and Thomas Levan (400 each)
Indian Corn (bushels)	Harrison Bell, Mary Woodlee (1500 each)
Irish Potatoes (bushels)	Davidson Tate (330), R.S. Myers (300)
Molasses (gallons)	Green Berry, Charles White, Joseph Clay (80 each)
Oats (bushels)	Jesse Nunly and John Northcut (900 each)
Orchard Produce	F.M. Walker (\$1000), H.B. Northcut (\$900)
Peas & Beans (bushels)	S.P. Goodman, Harrison Bell, J.W. Lockhart, Thomas Levan (8 each)
Rye (bushels)	James Winton (57), James Sartain (26)
Sweet Potatoes (bushels)	William H. Smith (160), Harrison Bell (100)
Tobacco (pounds)	John Meeks (200), Malinda Hendley and Thomas Levan (150 each)
Winter Wheat (bushels)	Isaac Garretson (1225), Alexander Patton (475)
Wool (pounds)	E.M. Haynes (120), S.P. Goodman (100)
Value of All Produce	Mary Woodlee and John Meeks (\$4000 each)
Value of Home Manufactures	William Green (\$300), John Meeks and Samuel Walker (\$200 each)

In the published statistics of manufacturing, Grundy County reported 13 establishments, as it had in 1860. Employment, however, had more than doubled since 1860 and totaled 81. These employees included 61 males above age 16, and 20 youths. A sawed lumber mill, with 26 workers, accounted for much of this increase. The mill paid \$9750 in wages during the census year, nearly three-fourths of the entire payroll of the county's 13 manufacturers. Total production of these businesses was valued at \$47,250, not much of an increase from the previous census.<sup>ix</sup>

Only ten businesses are actually shown on the Products of Industry schedules in 1870. Five of these were grist and/or saw mills, two were distilleries, two were blacksmith shops and one was a railroad. The Tennessee Coal and Railroad Company had resumed its project to build a railroad through the Cumberland mountain. The road had been started a few years before the war, but much of the early work had been destroyed by raiding armies.<sup>x</sup> The TCR quickly became the county's largest employer. The railroad itself employed 40 men in the production of cross-ties, iron rails, spikes and coal. In its separate saw mill operation, the TCR employed another 16 men and 10 children in producing lumber, shingles, and even corn meal to supply the road and its employees. Two locomotives and 90 cars constituted the rolling stock of the firm.

Jesse Nunley's distillery was the second-largest employer in Grundy County. With 18 men and 9 children on the workforce, the operation produced 1,800 gallons of apple brandy in the census year 1869-70, a whopping \$5000 worth. The distillery was only in operation about four months out of the year, however.

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Isaac Garretson had been one of the county's most prosperous farmers in 1860, with a farm valued at more than \$20,000 and a herd of 225 pigs. Although he still operated a large farm in 1870 (his wheat crop of over 1,000 bushels was the largest in the county), he had also diversified into manufacturing. He operated two mills, one a steam saw and grist mill on Hickory Creek which employed eight men and produced 1,550 bushels of corn meal and 300 bushels of wheat flour.<sup>xi</sup> In addition, Garretson's steam saw mill employed four men and produced 40,000 feet of lumber in the census year.<sup>xii</sup>

Why more of the small shops in Grundy County are not listed in the 1870 census is unclear, as is the discrepancy between the published and manuscript records. Certainly the population census schedules show more blacksmiths, wagon makers and tanners who may have had substantial businesses. Instructions to the enumerators made it clear that the schedules should be inclusive: "The smallest shop must not be omitted, provided the production reached \$500 annually, including the cost of the materials. It is believed that but few shops, which employ the entire labor of one able-bodied artisan, fall short of this limit.... Assistant marshals will take pains to reach all the productive establishments, large and small, within their subdivisions."<sup>xiii</sup> However, only these 10 businesses were included in the Products of Industry schedule for 1870. It seems likely that some business owners resisted being listed, in fear of having to pay extra taxes or come under government scrutiny in some other way.

### Footnotes:

- <sup>i</sup> Walker, Francis A. A compendium of the ninth census.... (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1872), p. 90.
- <sup>ii</sup> *Ibid.*, p.332.
- <sup>iii</sup> Population schedules of the ninth census of the United States (Washington: National Archives, 1965). Microfilm roll 1532, Grundy County, Tennessee, Civil District 1, pages 1-8.
- <sup>iv</sup> *Op cit.*, Walker, p. 434.
- <sup>v</sup> Nicholson, James L. Grundy County. (Memphis: Memphis State University Press, 1982). Page 41.
- <sup>vi</sup> *Op cit.*, Sherrill, page 24.
- <sup>vii</sup> Sherrill, Charles A. Grundy County Tennessee wills and estates 1844-1900. (Chattanooga: privately printed, 1986). Page 45.
- <sup>viii</sup> *Op cit.*, Memorial and biographical record ... Pages 351-2.
- <sup>ix</sup> Walker, Francis A. The statistics of the wealth and industry of the United States ... 1870. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1872). Page 569.
- <sup>x</sup> *Op cit.*, Nicholson, page 66.
- <sup>xi</sup> Sherrill, Charles A. Grundy County Tennessee earliest deeds 1852-1857. (Mt. Juliet: privately printed, 1996.) The location of the steam mill on Hickory Creek is given in several of Garretson's deeds. Page 44.
- <sup>xii</sup> Tennesseans in the Civil War (Nashville: Civil War Centennial Commission, 1864). Garrison is not listed in the Confederate or Union roster.
- <sup>xiii</sup> Wright, Carroll D. The history and growth of the United States Census. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1900), page 162.

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<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; by Whom Solemnized</u>
July 14, 1866	Samuel Scott Elizabeth Bodroner	July 15, 1866 Robert Sweeton, J.P.
July 13, 1866	Samuel E. Caldwell Sophronia Givens	July 13, 1866 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
July 17, 1866	Franklin Brooks Louise Caldwell	July 17, 1866 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
September 7, 1866	Carroll King Malinda T. Perry	September 7, 1866 William Woodlee, J.P.
September 21, 1866	W. T. Parker M. C. Berry	September 21, 1866 Jesse G. Rice, M.G.
May 30, 1866	Moses Shrum Eliza Meeks	May 31, 1866 I. P. Summers, J.P.
September 29, 1866	James Jones Rachael -----?	September 30, 1866 William T. Bond, J.P.
Page 61 October 27, 1866	Harrison Campbell Laura McGraw	October 27, 1866 W. Woodlee, J.P.
November 3, 1866	W. H. Hampton Miss L. E. Smith	November 3, 1866 W. Woodlee, J.P.
November 28, 1866	John O. Charles M. A. Laines	November 29, 1866 Wm. Qualls, M.G.
March 10, 1866	James Welliford Ann Amanda Morgan	March 15, 1866 Jesse G. Rice, M.G.
November 24, 1866	B. F. Parks Angelina Hanley	Not given
November 1, 1866	Samuel Lusk Mary Ann Dykes	November 1, 1866 Wm. Woodlee, J.P.

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Page 62 October 10, 1866	E. M. Crouch Elizabeth C. White	October 22, 1866 George A. Guinn, M.G.
January 19, 1866	G. M. Thomas Anne Pearson	January 20, 1866 George A. Guinn, M.G.
August 13, 1866	William Adams Talitha E. Thomas	August 13, 1866 George D. Guinn, M.G.
September 10, 1866	Henderson Goodman Thera Southerland	September 12, 1866 H. Gilliam, J.P.
June 27, 1866	Benjamin Nevils Mrs. Barnes	September 20, 1866 Thomas Warren, J.P.
January 4, 1867	John Caldwell Eveline McCraw	January 6, 1867 Wm. Woodlee, J.P.
November 3, 1865	I. B. Southerland Sarah Cornelison	November 8, 1865 Wm. G. Quinn
October 20, 1865	John W. Goodman Eliza Gilliam	October 22, 1865 Wm. G. Quinn
Page 63 October 20, 1865	P. H. Barnes E. A. Goodman	October 22, 1865 Wm. G. Quinn
January 9, 1867	Samuel L. Harris Jane Parks	Not given
January 16, 1867	George Hawk Susannah Scott	January 24, 1867 Jonathon Tipton, J.P.
December 31, 1866	Joseph Smart Mary Lynn	January 3, 1867 Jonathan Tipton, J.P.
January 24, 1867	John Scruggs Minnie T. Walker	January 24, 1867 Wm. T. Bond, J.P.

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February 2, 1867	Stephen B. Tipton Elizabeth Myers	February 5, 1867 E. H. Smith, J.P.
March 3, 1867	Hiram Bevins Rebecca Palmer	March 3, 1867 Jazeal Tate, J.P.
December 21, 1866	Reason Ritts Susan Layne	December 28, 1866 Jazeal Tate, J.P.
Page 64 February 16, 1867	S. C. Dykes A. E. Brown	February 17, 1867 Wm. Woodlee, J.P.
March 1, 1867	John Lockstone Betsy Southerland	March 2, 1867 Wm. Woodlee, J.P.
February 23, 1867	Wm. Bruce Angeline Keith	February 24, 1867 Thomas Warren
May 2, 1867	James L. Savage Talitha Killyon	May 3, 1867 Wm. T. Bond, J.P.
January 30, 1867	Daniel Fults Elizabeth Campbell	February 24, 1867 James H. Hobbs, J.P.
June 1, 1867	Samuel Owen Angelina Tate	June 2, 1867 E. N. Smith, J.P.
May 18, 1867	Benjamin Davis Emile Sweeton	May 19, 1867 W. P. Northcut, J.P.
Page 65 June 1, 1867	George Tullman Sarah Jane Nunley	June 2, 1867 E. H. Smith, J.P.
April 17, 1867	J. C. Levan Calma Roberts	April 18, 1867 I. P. Summers, J.P.
April 22, 1867	Samuel Goodman Catharine Goodman	April 24, 1867 J. P. Simmons, J.P.



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April 5, 1867	S. H. Stotts Mary E. Gordon	April 6, 1867 Isaac C. Carritson, J.P.
April 11, 1867	William S. Wooten Mary Stotts	April 14, 1867 Wm. Qualls, M.G.
April 27, 1867	James Tate Caroline Smith	April 28, 1867 A. E. Coulson, J.P.
April 27, 1867	William Tate Elizabeth C. Wharoon	not given
April 27, 1867	Matthew Sanders Hannah Meeks	April 27, 1867 John Burrows, J.P.
Page 66 January 30, 1867	Willie Warren Rachel Burrows	January 31, 1867 John Burrows, J.P.
February 28, 1867	Jackson Sanders Mary Countiss	February 28, 1867 John Burrows, J.P.
September 20, 1867	Frank Sartin Susan Charles	not given
September 16, 1867	William B. Nunley Margaret Ark	September 16, 1867 H. A. Campbell, J.P.
October 18, 1867	Davidson Tate Mary Lane	October 20, 1867 A. B. Coulson, J.P.
September 3, 1867	M. M. Tourdin Mary Martin	September 3, 1867 T. C. Garretson, J.P.
August 31, 1867	Alexander England Mary Purcell	September 1, 1867 Wm. Qualls, M.G.
June 24, 1867	James W. Bond Latena A. Bost	June 24, 1867 Wm. T. Bond, J.P.

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by John E. Sweeton

<u>Date License Issued</u>	<u>Couple Married</u>	<u>Date &amp; By Whom Solemnized</u>
July 29, 1867	A. A. Bradshaw Judy C. Laxton	not given C. Guinn, M.G.
July 28, 1867	John P. Henley Margaret T. Bell	not given C. D. Guinn, M.G.
December 20, 1867	Wm. L. Parks Sarah A. Southerland	December 20, 1867 G. D. Guinn, M.G.
December 2, 1867	W. R. Green Martha J. Myers	December 4, 1867 Enoch Woodlee, M.G.
October 26, 1867	Alfred Land Susan Christian	October 27, 1867 J. C. Garritson, J.P.
January 4, 1868	Hiram Fults Mary Smart	January 5, 1868 James Hobbs, J.P.
Page 68 January 18, 1868	John Willson Rosannah Termantine Philips	January 21, 1868 Robert Sweeton, J.P.
January 25, 1868	John L. Bost Martha Savage	January 26, 1868 Wm. T. Bond, J.P.
January 14, 1868	H. L. Stills Phirabee Nunly	January 16, 1868 Robert Sweeton, J.P.
March 14, 1868	Adam Wilcox Tennessee Nunley	March 14, 1868 Robert Sweeton, J.P.
February 15, 1868	B. T. Adams Mary Stonestreet	February 16, 1868 A. B. Northcut, J.P.
August 26, 1868	Alexander Johnstone Mary Ann Layne	August 28, 1868 James P. Summers, J.P.
February 8, 1868	Jonathan Thomas Mary Moran	February 8, 1868 J. P. Summers, J.P.

Queries

**59/97** HAMPTON, Charles Russell: Any information on this family appreciated. Had children Lois, Shrygly Hall, Ralph, Baxter, Charles, Mary, Ernest Lee (b. 1913), Tyler. New researcher needs help!

Scott Hampton 9609 Wendhurst Drive Glen Allen VA 23060.

**60/97** FAULKNER, Ben and Ida Sims: Lived in McMinnville, TN for many years. Ida was a sister to my grandmother, Lottie Sims Roddy of Tracy City. Any information. Maude Melton POB 1064 Chattanooga TN 37401.

**61/97** STRAHLE (STROEHLE), Leo: 22 years old in 1880. When did he come to Tracy City?

Ed Tanksley 1107 Glamis Circle Signal Mountain TN 37377. phone (423) 886-3625.

**62/97** TURNEY, Peter: Governor of Tennessee, Supreme Court Judge and Colonel in Confederate Infantry. Any information on his descendents, particularly Sims of Pelham Valley.

Maude R. Melton POB 1064 Chattanooga TN 37401.

**63/97** TURNEY, Peter: of Jasper, TN and Winchester, TN. Practiced law. B. 9/22/1827, Colonel Infantry in Confederate Army, Supreme Court Judge in TN, Governor of TN for 2 terms 1892-96. His daughter Charlotte married William Sims of Warren Co. Their son James Turney Sims was the father of my grandmother Lottie Sims Roddy Tracy. Any information on Turney and Sims families.

Maude R. Melton POB 1064 Chattanooga TN 37401.

**64/97** NUNLEY, William E.: Born 1855, died 1935, buried in Hobbs Hill Cemetery. Married approx. 1874 to Martha A. Tate (1857-1927). Had ch. (1910 Grundy Co. Census) Henry, Clarence, Luther, Hilder. Marriage listed him as W.E.Nembely. Any information on this family needed.

Mona G. Moreland POB 1031 Duncan OK 73534.

**65/97** TATE, Martha A.: Born 1857, died 1927, buried in Hobbs Hill Cemetery. Married approx. 1874 to William E. Nunley (1855-1935). Had ch. (1910 Grundy Co. Census) Henry, Clarence, Luther, Hilder. Possibly the daughter of John Goolman Tate and Permelia Brown Tate. Any information on this family needed.

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**66/97** SHADRICK. Any information on the origin of the name for Shadrick Hill located on or near the Grundy County/Marion County line. Also, information needed on any Shadricks from this area (possibly Jasper).

Mrs. Irene Shadrick POB 108 Banning CA 92220-0108.



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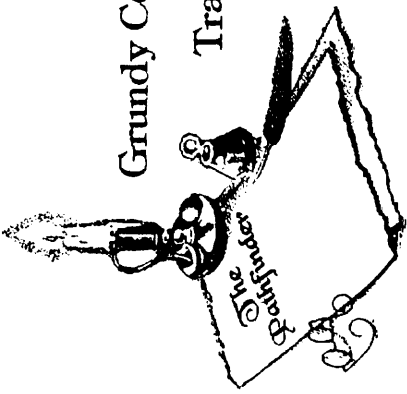
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